

The Sentinel

A GOOD PAPER IN A GOOD TOWN

H. A. YOUNG and M. D. GRIMES
Publishers
H. A. YOUNG, Editor
Subscription Rates
One Year \$3.00
Six Months 1.50
Three Months .80
No subscription taken unless paid for in advance. This rule is imperative.

Entered at the Coquille Postoffice as Second Class Matter.

Office Corner W. First and Willard St.

OREGON NEWS PAPER PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION

Fragments of Fact and Fancy

On next Wednesday we celebrate the birth of Christ. Nineteen hundred and forty years ago a baby was born across the seas. This babe, the coming Messiah, came into a poor and lowly home, to a people then under a Roman dictator and to a country which had been laid waste time and again by conquering armies. The members of his race have borne more suffering than any other people and, as civilization enters into a new Dark Age, again are they the ones to be slain, tortured and crushed by the Caesars of today. The land of his nativity possibly has seen more bloodshed than any other spot on earth. The Christ, our Saviour, thus chose to come into the world at a time much like the present, when man's cruelty to man was the force which built and held together a temporal power, selfish, domineering, brutal and arrogant. Thus if Christ started his work in a world torn by strife, we should take heart and carry on his work at a time when all nations need the inspiration of his teachings as never before.

Force can not settle any question. The strength of men lie in their ideals. If the spirits of men are dedicated to love, that love will manifest itself in unselfishness, in justice, in liberty. We hear much of morale among the people ravaged by war. A high morale comes if those suffering deprivation, loss and death, are sustained by the belief that their sacrifices are not in vain. If by giving all, the evil, the tyranny, the cruelty of the war-makers are broken, then man may be released from the mass control, liberated from slavery and again acknowledged as a free individual.

This emancipation of man is the goal toward which civilization has been moving through countless centuries. The rise of despotic power is not to be compared to a wave of revolution which all must embrace, neither can it be called a just redistribution of wealth, benefitting the have-nots at the expense of the haves. Rather it is the old, old lust of murder, envy, robbery and plunder.

If the present war is considered a holy crusade, those waging it or preparing for defense should search their souls as they ask for God's help to victory. They must be forgetful of self and with humility strive to be true to the Christian ideal of the brotherhood of man and pray for peace on earth and good-will toward man.

As the old world approaches another Christmas, we try to visualize the many Christmases of the past. Originally it was the mass of Christ and was a religious celebration only. Saint Nicholas, from which the words Santa Claus are derived, added the giving of presents to the holy observance. A legendary figure of about the fourth century, he was noted for his good deeds and his festival was originally held on December 6.

The many traditions now associated with the day go so far back in history that they are lost in the dimness of forgotten days. The yule log and evergreen decorations have been used by the English for centuries, as well as the mistletoe, which formerly was considered sacred and came from the Druid worship.

America's contribution to the holiday's custom has been the adoption of turkey as the foundation of the day's feast. A boar's head has been more universal in England, while many a family on this side of the water has a treasured recipe for plum pudding which came from an English grandmother.

Christmas is so much more than feasting and exchange of gifts. The carols sung, the fraternal aid given to the needy, the candles in the homes and churches, all emphasize the deeper meaning of the day.

One of John Milton's earliest poems was the religious significance of Christmas day. The following is the first verse of his "On the Morning of Christ's Nativity":
"This is the month, and this the happy morn,
Wherein the Son of Heaven's eternal King,
Of wedded maid and Virgin Mother

born,
Our great redemption from above did bring;
For so the holy sages once did sing,
That he our deadly forfeit should release,
And with his Father, work us a perpetual peace.

WHY THE VULTURE PLANT STRIKE ENDED QUICKLY

Few people may know it, but eleven not-so humble congressmen meeting behind closed doors in Washington were responsible for settlement of the Vulture airplane strike 2,500 miles away.

It's an interesting story which discloses what congress can do for defense while it remains in session even though it isn't passing a bill every day. This is the story:
As the Vulture strike dragged on, this band of eleven members of the House Judiciary committee got more perturbed at the interference with national defense. Finally they decided that if the strike was not settled promptly they would submit to the house a brief two-paragraph resolution.

The first paragraph would have forbidden strikes or lockouts in industries found by the War or Navy Departments or National Defense Advisory Commission to be essential for national defense. The second would have levied stiff prison term and fine penalties on those responsible.

Information as to these plans was conveyed to administration officials. They promptly informed Federal conciliators on the scene in California. These conciliators in turn told union leaders. A presidential conference to discuss the matter was called. And within eight hours after the eleven Judiciary Committeemen reached their decision, the strike was settled.

Consequently, when the presidential conference assembled, and when the Judiciary committee met the following day, the strike was over.

These eleven legislators are going to remain on guard. Unless agitators use discretion in calling strikes in national defense plants, the proposed resolution can still be passed. And the privilege of striking will be taken away not only from the agitators but from all other workers in national defense plants as well.

George H. Jenkins returned Sunday from a week's trip to Corvallis, where he attended a county agent's convention.



Washington, D. C., Dec. 19. Two organizations are pulling at congress and the tug-of-war will become acrimonious within a few months. Up to now one of these organizations, Defend America by Aiding the Allies, has had matters pretty much its own way—it promoted the trade of destroyers, the sale of planes (British fliers belittle the airplanes), is now advocating repeal of the neutrality act and use of American merchant ships to carry goods to England with American warships as guards. Comes now the America First organization, intended to build up national defense before sharing planes, tanks and similar munitions with the British.

Headman of America First is a graduate of West Point, a veteran of World War No. 1, Gen. Robert E. Wood, top man of Sears-Roebuck. The general has from time to time held important positions in the new deal at \$1 a year. A former secretary of navy Charles Francis Adams; a former undersecretary of state, William Castle; Eddie Rickenbacker, war ace; Louis Tabor, head of the National Grange; Mrs. Burton K. Wheeler, wife of the Montana senator; Mrs. Bennett Clark, wife of the Missouri senator—these are a few of the people who believe that America comes first.

Defend America By Aiding the Allies has among its leaders men who are advocating that the United States get into the war, and they are over the military age, therefore exempt. America First also is headed by men over-age, but opposed to war. Each outfit has finances and is grooming for a battle royal when the new congress meets. America First is not anti-British but insists that the United States be safeguarded before becoming big hearted.

Of \$40,000,000 given Civil Aeronautics Authority for improving flying fields throughout the country practically 10 percent has been allocated to Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Ten fields in Oregon received \$1,512,500; eight fields in Washington received

\$1,392,000, and four fields in Idaho \$440,440. These fields (all municipal) fit into the program of the army air corps as the fields will be capable of handling heavy bombers as well as large commercial transports. Later, navy will be requested to establish fields on the coast to service flying squadrons from the Tongue Point base.

Because of delay in completing housing facilities at Fort Lewis the high command has decided not to send troops from Wyoming, California and Minnesota there until sometime in February. Meanwhile there is such a rush of mechanics to the navy yard at Bellingham that the government is arranging to construct hundreds of dwelling units for the workers. It is estimated that more than 1,000 have gone from Oregon to Bellingham yard.

Illness of Oregon's Senator McNary who has been for weeks in a Salem hospital, has delayed assignment of committees to new members of the senate who were elected last month as republicans. The task of making committee appointments on the republican side rests with the Oregon senator as leader of the minority. McNary is being advocated by new dealers as an ideal selection for secretary of agriculture, an idea which meets with favor from President Roosevelt, who has a warm personal regard for the leader of the "loyal opposition." Senator McNary would not accept.

With the new congress, Rufus Holman, Oregon, may reintroduce his legislation to curb immigration, based on the scramble of refugees anxious to enter the United States. Senator Wallgren, Washington, newly elected, is arranging to shift from the house office building to the senate office building as he takes his place in "the most deliberative body in the world."

President Roosevelt, who has been pallid, ashy-gray, after two weeks at sea inspecting bases in the Caribbean, returned with a coat of tan. Although absent from the national capital, he carried on his "paper work" and was in constant touch with the White House. Secret service operatives, who constantly guard the president, killed time fishing from the cruiser.

Next move is to guard the Pacific coast by enabling American warships to use the Singapore base. Negotiations are in progress.

Argument to be used in requesting a beginning on the reclamation end of the Grand Coulee project is that the reclamation project acre now in cultivation yield \$37.06 an acre, and

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, December 17, 1920)

Last Monday morning J. L. Smith, bank agriculturist, had a scow load of purebreds at the Bay to distribute among the ranchers at that end of the county for the scrubs they were to be exchanged for.

The wedding of John W. Miller and Miss Edith P. Willey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. L. Willey of this city, took place at the bride's home on Knowlton Heights last Wednesday afternoon, the ceremony being solemnized by Rev. W. E. Couper of the Episcopal church.

The county organization for the Hoover movement to save the 3,500,000 starving children in Europe was perfected Monday. The national committee plans to raise \$33,000,000; Oregon's quota being \$250,000 and Coquille's is \$650.

In next year's county budget, printed in this issue of the Sentinel, we learn that the appropriations for

charitable purposes reach \$33,000.

Miss Ines F. Bunch, county clerk-elect, has tendered R. R. Watson, former county clerk, the position of bookkeeper in that office, which he has accepted.

The Coquille Club held a very pleasant smoker in the club rooms last evening, cards and billiards being the diversions of the evening.

The Laurel will be put out by the Senior class. The editorial staff is as follows: Gertrude Butler, editor; Helen Sherwood, Alice Barker, Audrey Staninger, Erma Morey, Myrtle Newton, Wayne Woodward, Laurence Moon, Odie Beckham, Irving Lamb, Adrienne Hazard, Loren Schroeder, Flossie Radabaugh. — High School Notes.

Chas. H. Mansell and family returned last Saturday from a few weeks' vacation in Oakland, California.

the 1,200,000 acres at Grand Coulee would furnish homes for migrants from the dust bowl. Head of navy department complains that defense productions is handicapped by Walsh-Healy bill, which specifies wage-hour provisions in all government contracts. Congress discusses legislation preventing non-union men from

working on defense orders.

Mrs. Margaret Hoffman of St. Helens, and her small granddaughter, Sharon Lee Larson, will arrive at the Irving Larson home Sunday. Mrs. Hoffman, who is Mrs. Larson's mother, plans to spend the Christmas holidays here.

What finer whiskey for holiday cheer than

OLD SUNNY BROOK

Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey

"CHEERFUL AS ITS NAME"

\$1.10
PINT
\$2.10 QT.

For those cheerful days just ahead, order the whiskey that's "Cheerful as its Name"—order mellow, fine-tasting OLD SUNNY BROOK!

This whiskey is 4 YEARS OLD
93 Proof
National Distillers Prod. Corp., N. Y.

Wrap up a *THRILL* in this Year's Holly Wreath!

*Buick SPECIAL Sedan, \$1052. White sidewall tires extra.**

SUPPOSE, come Christmas morning, you took your wife to the front door, pointed out through the holly wreath — and there let her see a brand-new Buick standing at the curb!

A thrill? You bet — for the whole family!

Out of the question? Not at all. Look: We're not suggesting that you add the cost of a new Buick to your Christmas budget. But you probably will be buying a new car soon and we are simply proposing that you buy it now, a few months ahead of time — and make this holiday long to be remembered.

time like the present to get back of that big FIREBALL Eight — no time like right now to start piling up gasoline mileage economies that run as high as 10% or 15%.

There's no time like holiday time to dress up yourself (and family) in smart, fresh Buick aerodynamic styling, or to introduce your brood to the roomy comfort of this Buicoll-cradled traveler.

You can do that—if you act promptly. A trial ride to give you a hint as to what

Buick can do — a little figuring on your present car's worth (at today's trade-in values, not next spring's)—a little working out of convenient terms — and you'll have a FIREBALL to celebrate this Christmas!

How about it? It's one thing your wife would never expect — and just about the finest gift any man could give his family!

"Best Buick Yet"

EXEMPLAR OF ORIGINAL MOTOR VALUE

BUICK PRICES BEGIN AT \$935
for the Business Coupe

*delivered at Flint, Mich. State tax, optional equipment and accessories — extra. Price subject to change without notice.

SOUTHWESTERN MOTOR COMPANY, 484 1st Street, Coquille, Ore.
SOUTHWESTERN MOTOR COMPANY, 7th & Spruce, Myrtle Point, Ore.
WHEN BETTER AUTOMOBILES ARE BUILT BUICK WILL BUILD THEM.