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OREGON MANUFACTURERS SHOW GREATER GAIN THAN DO "PUBLIC OWNERSHIP" STATES

The following, clipped from the Oregon Voter, again proves the benefits this state enjoys as a result of not following the myth of "power at cost" which the majority of the voters frown upon whenever it comes to a vote:

Oregon is the only Pacific Coast state to show a gain in volume of manufacturers, comparing 1939 with 1937. California dropped 3 1/2%, Washington fell 6%, and Oregon went up 1%. The United States as a whole showed a loss of 7%. Oregon was one of the few states which showed a gain. These percentages of gain or loss are computed from the preliminary report of the 1939 Census of Manufacturers, just issued by the U. S. Census Bureau.

California and Washington have public ownership of large electric utilities; Oregon sticks obstinately to private enterprise. California and Washington have democratic United States senators; Oregon still retains two republicans in the upper house. California and Washington have a democratic majority of representatives in Congress; Oregon has a republican majority. California and Washington elected radical left-wing irresponsible legislatures; Oregon's legislature has remained sane and conservative. California and Washington elected demagogic politicians to the governorship; Oregon elected Sprague. These electoral results express on the whole the comparative attitudes of the people.

The statistics of finance and economics have vindicated Oregon as having made greater economic gains, a better economic recovery, with less than her neighbor states. There relatively are fewer rich people in Oregon. We are more evenly balanced, and what prosperity there is spread widely among the people,—a bit thinner than if it were concentrated among the few, but with more wholesome results and more happiness and health for all.

Our manufacturers have had no special favor in Oregon, yet they have shared in the benefits of the fairer and more sensible legislative and taxation policies which the state has pursued for many years. Because of these conditions, Oregon is a better state for new industries; there is a stability in Oregon that more than counteracts the glamor which impoverishes while it thrills. There is one major economic situation which cries for correction in Oregon, and that is the tax burden on real estate; progress is being made in governmental economy, but that slow process does not supply the immediate answer. Yet, with really values adjusted as they now are in Oregon, to an established high-tax rate, we find there really is more stability in those values than is found elsewhere on the coast.

Fragments of Fact and Fancy

"As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master. This expresses my idea of democracy. Whatever differs from this, to the extent of the difference, is no democracy." —A. Lincoln.

Yesterday marked the anniversary of the birth of America's greatest son. Abraham Lincoln was born 132 years ago in a log cabin in the backwoods of Kentucky. He was born to poverty and privation and sorrow came to him early in life with the death of his mother.

He was a self-made man in its nobler sense. With his native intelligence and a few books, so few they could be counted on the fingers of one hand, he educated himself. He early learned to toil. His whole life seemed to forge his character and shape his talents for the great mission he was to carry to success. As one writer phrased it:

"Standing as we do today, we can not realize the desperate condition our country was in at the time of President Lincoln's inauguration and for the few weeks following. He was nearly alone in the work of uniting the loyal people that, if he had

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, February 11, 1921)

The council met in regular session last Monday evening. An important program was started that evening by which it is hoped to see all the streets on this side of the gulch paved or planked this summer and possibly some of the streets in the north end of town.

The fire alarm sounded about 5:30 Wednesday afternoon and the department made a quick up-hill run to the Marshall Way house just south of the Adventist church which was a mass of flames.

Half of that \$33,000,000 to save the starving children of Europe has been raised and the American people are going strong on the rest.

Frank Smallwood and Roy Smith from over at the bay have purchased the Logan Cafe and reopened it yesterday.

England is really in earnest in asking that the United States wipe out the slate the ten billions of dollars Europe owes us. Her statesmen say that is the only way in which the peoples of that continent will ever be able to get on their feet again. That will certainly be much better than to have another world war, if that is the

not succeeded beyond what any other man or leader had done, secession, with its continuing evils, would have been inevitable.

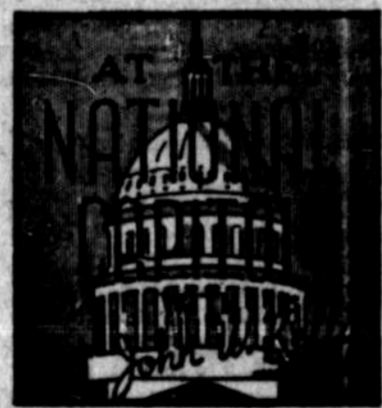
Many books have been written about Lincoln and the story of his life is familiar to all. His Gettysburg address has become a classic for all the school children of this country. Not only that but, engraved in bronze, it hangs in the halls of Oxford, or is it Cambridge, as the most perfect example of English prose.

It is, however, from his Second Inaugural Address we wish to quote as being peculiarly applicable at the present time:

"The Almighty has His own purposes. 'Woe unto the world because of offenses! for it must needs be that offenses come; but woe to that man by whom the offense cometh.' Fondly do we hope—fervently do we pray—that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away. As was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said: 'The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.'"

Then comes the final paragraph and by changing "the nation's wounds," to "the wounds of the world," it is also relevant in these days of darkness and stress:

"With malice toward none; with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan—to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves, and with all nations."



Washington, D. C., Feb. 12—People of the northwest cannot understand the feeling in the east regarding the war and the various steps the United States is taking. The northwest has a different viewpoint and is not excited about the situation. What the northwest wants is its share of the national defense contracts.

A former member of the Washington legislature, a resident of Spokane, expressed astonishment at the atmosphere he has found in the national capital.

"What is it all about?" he inquired. "Here I have met substantial business men who are afraid the United States will be invaded by German troops within a couple of months. It looks to me like planned hysteria. Secretary of War Stimson goes before congressional committees and paints a picture of invasion. Secretary of Navy Knox does the same thing. The president was told a submarine was off our shore, but it proved to be a whale and the first statement of the president has never been recalled. Anyone who questions that the United States will be invaded is regarded as a fifth columnist or as a plain fool. Eastern newspapers do not attempt to soothe the public; the movies are filled with propaganda. When I re-

turn to Spokane and tell of my observations here and the hysteria no one will believe me." "Out our way," he continued, "the people are less excited. There is a definite sentiment against the United States becoming involved in the war overseas. They are favorable, the majority, to giving reasonable aid to the British, but even if England should be invaded we do not expect the Germans to come over and attack us, at least not immediately, if at all. It is strange to me that eastern people are so gassed up with the war talk. I heard one New York judge tell the senate committee that if we go into the foreign war we will have a civil war at home, and he explained the feeling there is in the big city among the different racial groups. Perhaps one reason the eastern people are frightened is the publicity the eastern papers give to statements emanating from Washington. Our western papers print very little about these, or none at all."

A Portland fireman has been for six weeks in a school in the capital receiving instructions on fire-fighting in the event of invasion. Among his teachers were New York firemen who were sent to London to learn how the British operate. The British are a brave people and are holding up well, he explains, but why shouldn't they? They are on a small island, they cannot leave it, and so they must suppress fires as best they can and "take it." The incendiaries dropped by the Germans may destroy as much as six miles square (more than half the area of Washington, D. C.) and when firemen are working on the conflagration enemy airplanes sweep through the streets shooting at the fire fighters with machine guns.

The president is now working on a list of public works to be used as a backlog when the defense program is over and a slack comes in employment again. In the list of projects are military highways, river and harbor improvement, buildings, schools, etc. The highway part of the program does not satisfy most of the members of congress, for they want action as soon as possible and not several years hence. Already men from Oregon and Washington are in the capital urging that something be done. The military highway issue promises to be a live topic before the 77th congress adjourns.

The second draft of the Columbia Valley Authority has been completed and is being studied by Washington's Senator Bone, but will not be introduced for the time being. A copy was sent to Bone several days ago for his consideration. Meanwhile, western governors have held a meeting in Colorado and have agreed to oppose an "authority" west of the Rocky mountains. Personally, Secretary of the Interior Ickes wants the power concentrated in his office, but not in a commission of three men. This is one of the controversies in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

War department changed its mind about awarding a contract for the air corps base at Pendleton later on and decided to dispose of it. The air corps wishes to have the work completed early in order to locate the various units there when planes are available. This will be the last of the air bases constructed under the present program. WPA will build the new airport at Coos Bay, which has been approved by the president. The amount for the job is estimated at \$350,000. The navy department estimates that Astoria will have an op-

portunity to build some small wooden boats. An authorization bill has been introduced by Senator Holman for \$500,000 for a laboratory to use electricity in testing formulas for ore deposits in the northwest.

Emma Goldman says she prefers an American jail to Soviet Russia. The Nashville Tennessean doesn't want her here again even if she is jail, but suggests that we ship her an American jail.

Sheriff Ellingsen and Deputy Sheriff Malehorn were over at the Bay Tuesday and Wednesday investigating the Wilson murder case.

The Woman's Relief Corps, assisted by local talent, will give a program at the Liberty Theatre tomorrow evening, in honor of Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays. Those perfect in Spelling in third and fourth grades: Neta Rose Bunch, Lela Ocheltree, Gweneth Waters, Helen Wickham, Warden Ellis, David Smith, Henry Standliff, Primo Scalttritti, Donald Page, Grace Whittington, Clea Johnson, Gertrude Mehl, Eldon Gilman, Lendon Jenkins, Walter Dunham, Laura Pollary, Corrine Wheat, Helen Belloni, Dorothy Bunch, Flora May Johnson, Martha Jane Webb, Emma Fliccroft, Edward Dow, Murray Neely, Elva Hansen, Delores Lamson, Alice Jenkins, Bessie Abell, Barbara Richmond, Neil McGilvery, Gilbert Ice, Gerald Sandon, Edith Hurd, Blanche Gregory, Rosa McQuigg, Addie Wigant.

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Man's Struggle For Economic Security

PART 3
By George Peck

In the first two installments, we discussed the efforts of early man and some of the present day peoples to achieve economic security. Today we go to the Orient to see what has been going on there. This trouble spot centers around Japan and there-by hangs quite a tale.

Eighty years ago, the Japanese were a primitive people—one of the world's oldest and most peaceful. They still fought with bows and arrows. They were quite content with their lot and the only fault anyone could find with them, was that they wished to be left alone. But that couldn't be. England, France, Holland, yes, even America had, merchandise they wished to sell to the backward Japanese. The Japs, therefore, were given the choice of getting "civilized" or getting blown out of the water. They quite wisely chose to become "civilized," and as a result became good customers of the aforementioned nations.

Japan has never forgiven England, France, Holland and America for that deep humiliation. The day of reckoning may come.

At first the program worked out very satisfactorily for America and the other nations involved. Then it backfired with a violence that made all parties concerned wish they had never heard of Japan. Almost in a twinkling of history's eye, these amazing little pupils had learned all their masters' tricks and were flooding the world markets with goods of their own manufacture at prices their erstwhile masters had believed impossible. The new customer had jumped over the counter and become a vicious competitor.

But it didn't stop there. The Nipponese began to read history and soon discovered the old formula for empire. Having copied every other way of the white man, they quite naturally copied this one. They built an army and a navy and looked around for fields to conquer. The logical place to start was in the huge, rich, sprawling, undeveloped areas of China. It seemed perfectly in order to march in and "civilize" the Chinese, thereby, creating a controlled customer for Japanese goods and opening valuable sources of raw material.

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that the rules had been changed since the history books were written Japan agreed that maybe the rules should be changed but politely asked that the change be delayed until they had gotten their full share of the loot. So saying, they proceeded with characteristic thoroughness to conquer a large part of China. Russia had a go at trying to stop them but soon abandoned the project.

This placed the Western Powers in a very embarrassing position. It was difficult for them to drum up much righteous indignation when the jam of their own depredations was still on their fingers. They couldn't deny that all Japan knew had been learned from them. The net result was that they muttered a few sanctimonious reprovals, and continued to sell Japan the materials she needed with which to expedite the slaughter of the Chinese.

Next week in the final installment, we will attempt to summarize what all these things mean to America.

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Will Help On Tax Reports

Beginning on Saturday, Feb. 22, deputies from the internal revenue office in Portland will be in Coos county for ten days to assist anyone desiring help in preparing federal income tax statements. They will be in Coquille on that Washington's birthday date, at Marshfield from Feb. 24 to March 1, and at North Bend, March 3 and 4.

Because of the lowered exemption level this year—\$800 for a single person and \$2,000 for married persons—it is anticipated that the number of those filing federal returns in the United States will jump from last year's nine million to fifteen million, and J. W. Maloney, internal revenue collector in Portland, urges that those who must file should get their reports in to his office before the last minute which is midnight of March 15. The assistance service by the deputies is free of charge.

Deputies from the state tax commission office who will assist in preparation of state income tax reports, will be at the court house here on Saturday, March 1, from 8 a. m. until noon. The state exemption of \$800 for a single person or \$1500 for married persons is the same as it was last year.

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