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The most senseless nuisance proposed at Coos Bay for a long time is the suggestion that Coos county go on the so-called daylight saving schedule, which has prevailed in the east every summer for some years. We do not know who first made the suggestion but it was probably some one who thought he saw a benefit for himself, no matter how much inconvenience it caused everyone else. If Coos Bay wants it that's her privilege, but lay off the rest of the county.

BUREAUCRATS EXPENSIVE TO COQUILLE TAXPAYERS

Those receiving their real property tax statements in Coquille this week are aroused anew over last year's bringing in of surveyors from the bureaucrats in Salem to raise the lower rates—5 mills less—we know of one building on which the taxes for 1941 payment have jumped \$64 over last year's tax figure, a raise of 17 per cent.

This writer favors the bill now before the legislature to abolish the state tax commission. It has been a constant source of increased expenses ever since it was organized.

OREGON NOT PROUD OF RUFUS HOLMAN'S STAND

It is time the people of this United States came to a realization of what England's defeat by that arch fiend, Hitler, would mean and enter wholeheartedly into the program for aid to Britain in every way possible, with tanks, planes, equipment and ammunition—and men if they are needed.

The Sentinel has never been a supporter of President Roosevelt and his new deal policies but in his stand on foreign affairs we believe his position is the only one the head of this great nation should take.

These thoughts were brought more forcibly to mind by the hysterical radio broadcasts Monday evening when pro-Nazi, or cravens—at least they were appeasers—were trying to stampede a mass attack on congress in opposition to the lend-lease bill. One lady described their diatribes as "something like a lot of hysterical old women."

Norway, Sweden and some of the other European countries tried appeasement of that foul devil who dominates continental Europe and the status of the people in those countries is just as deplorable as those in France who were subdued by force of arms.

All hail to senators like Oregon's McNary who has let it be known that he does support the lease-land bill. Thank God, such politicians as Taft and Wheeler were defeated in their last year's campaigns to secure the presidency.

Oregon's junior senator, Holman, is one of the nazi lovers of the U. S. senate lined up with Wheeler, Nye, Clark et al.

DEFENSE—A TWOFOLD CONCEPT

The defense of this country and of the American way of life is certainly the first and the whole concern of all of us at the present time.

But it may not be commonly realized that this defense has wider implications than the single cold word all by itself might convey. Defense actually is twofold in its nature:

First, American industry, aided by the other groups in our economy, is going "all out" to produce the materials and equipment necessary for national defense. From the smallest machine shop owned and operated by one man right up to the largest factories in the land, wholehearted patriotic co-operation is being given to the defense effort.

That is preparedness for today. But in the race to "make America strong," we must not neglect preparedness for tomorrow. For we are striving, through all of this defense effort, to preserve our American way of life and our American institutions. And we can accomplish this goal only if we prepare ourselves to go forward to a higher standard of living when this crisis is over. Just as we obtain airplanes and tanks today only by production, so will better living for everyone in the future come only as all of us produce more and more through the working of our system of private enterprise.

That is the twofold concept of America's defense.

Fragments of Fact and Fancy

"The day is cold, and dark, and dreary;
It rains, and the wind is never weary;
Be still, sad heart! and cease repining;
Behind the clouds is the sun still shining." —Longfellow

At the start let us say, we like Oregon weather. That means, of course, we like our rain. There is no question about the sunshine and the resort weather of our summer. We almost said everyone always likes sunshine, which would be true if referring to Coos county sunshine but quite a different matter is you think of the brazen sun of Kansas summers.

But to return to the rain: we like its restfulness, the freshness of the air and the gray days which accompany it. Our favorite rain is that which can hardly be so called but is rather suspended moisture in the air. Then there is mist or a gentle drizzle, which comes second. The really rainy days which call for umbrellas and galoshes by the gentler sex are also pleasing ones to the those initiated into the delight of Oregon weather.

Lastly come the windstorms when the whole of the Pacific ocean seems to have been lifted into the sky and to be pouring down in sheets and gales upon a rain-soaked, flooded country. Though the house may shake and the river rise, our worst storms are mere gentle zephyrs compared to the cyclones and hail storms we've seen in the middle west.

Can you imagine two and one-half inches of rain falling in thirty minutes. We felt it happen in Nebraska once; so when it takes a week of rainy weather in Oregon to give us a couple of inches we are thankful it didn't all come in half an hour.

Yes, we like the rain, the softness of it, the pattering of the drops, the swaying of the myrtle trees in the mist, the diamonds which cling, then fall in silver drops from the bare limbs of the cherry tree.

The children muffled in sweaters and caps thrive on it, responding to it like the green shoots in the garden pushing through the ground to meet it.

While we share our rain with the whole of Oregon, Coquille valley is blessed with a most unique custom on the part of Nature. If it occurs elsewhere we have not seen nor heard about it. In our valley a dark day so often ends in a burst of splendor. The rain will fall, off and on all day; the sky will be overcast, the clouds pressing down upon the tree-tops; then at sunset there is a break on the western horizon and the horizontal rays of the sun flood the valley with a brief golden light.

Last week the setting sun threw a rainbow in the eastern sky, its colors robbing in the green firs of the wooded hills. Two little patches of trees at either end of the bow were set off in contrasting shade of green and over us all, the town, the valley and the hills was the unearthly sunlight, casting strange shadows.

WOULD BE POOR SYSTEM OF SPEED CONTROL

Two hundred forty-two separate governmental agencies will have the power to raise or lower designated driving speeds in Oregon if the senate bill now before the state house of representatives is passed without amendment, E. B. McDaniel, president of the Oregon State Motor association, says.

A motor association survey of these agencies revealed that the power to regulate designated speeds would be placed in the hands of the councils or commissions of 204 incorporated towns and cities, of 36 county courts, of the state highway commission and of a newly-created state speed control board.

"This is a step backward," McDaniel declared. "It would doubtless result in the designation of a wide variety of speeds from county to county and from city to city, and might also result in the reappearance of speed traps, which the Motor association has always opposed. Certainly, the motorists of this state do not want this, and, assuredly, the legislature will amend this bill to provide for uniform speed regulations throughout Oregon."

Dr. McDaniel pointed out that the bill as it stands unamended would authorize the various agencies to set their own zone speeds as follows:

Cities and towns, as to streets not on the state highway system.
Counties, as to county roads not on the state system.
The highway commission, as to

state highways outside of cities.

The speed control board, as to city streets and county roads that are also state highways.

This new board would consist of the secretary of state, the chairman of the highway commission and the superintendent of state police.

The new law in addition to providing for speed zoning would establish the prima facie principle, which shifts the burden of proof from the arresting officer to the motorist in cases of speeds above those designated.

Speeds designated are 55 miles on the open highway, 25 miles in residential and 20 miles in business districts.

Mankind Has Failed God

By George Peck

The charge has been made that the world writhes in agony of war because religion has failed mankind. This charge is false. We offer the counter-charge that mankind has failed religion.

The world has followed after gods which are not gods. It has tried to exalt intellect and science to a divine position, with a false confidence that a scientifically and technically efficient world would automatically be a good and moral world. The gods of totalitarianism are the answer to our vaingloriousness.

These gods now threaten to destroy man who so unwisely created them. Only a revival of sound ethical religion can bring about an enduring world peace.

And pray, what is sound ethical religion? Our definition is that it is any code of principles and rules of conduct based on man's recognition of God as the Supreme Being, the Author of Life and Creator of all things—of God to whom we are accountable for the constructive use or destructive abuse we make of our lives—of God with whom we finally hope to be united in eternity as a reward for making the proper use of our lives—of God from whom we may be forever separated as punishment for failure to exploit our opportunities.

Jews, Protestants and Catholics, irrespective of how they may differ as to ritual and dogma, can hardly disagree with this definition of religion.

If the conduct of the overwhelming majority here in America could be guided by such a religion, we could expect this majority to see that good laws are enacted and enforced. As an honest, God-fearing and God-loving people—a people of courage and internal good-will—this nation externally would act with good-will toward other nations. We would set such a shining example that other nations would be influenced thereby.

But today the youth of America is developing in an irreverent and irreligious atmosphere. Our children are not being taught the Golden Rule. We cannot expect them to inherit a love of God, especially when parents neglect their own religious duties.

No! Religion hasn't failed us—we have failed religion—we have turned away from God. Let us start to fill our now half-empty churches, synagogues and other places of holy worship—let us get our children back into the Sunday schools—let us get back to the old-fashioned daily worship in the home. What we need more than any one other blessed thing is a renaissance of religion. Let us achieve that and all the other good things we desire to come to pass, will follow in its wake.

Drunk Driving Information

Driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor cost 959 Oregon drivers their operator's licenses during the year 1940, according to a report made by Earl Snell, secretary of state. This is an increase of 28 per cent over license revocations for this offense during the year 1939.

Revocation of driver's licenses for all offenses during the year totalled 1,043, compared to 828 in 1939, an increase of 25 per cent. Suspension for reckless driving in 1940 totalled 355, 85 licenses were suspended for failure to satisfy judgments arising from an automobile accident, 81 were suspended for violation of the basic speed rule and 60 for hit-and-run offenses. All suspensions during the year totalled 739.

Of the 959 drivers who lost their licenses as a result of conviction of driving while intoxicated, 653 were in Oregon courts and 106 were in out-of-state courts. According to law, when an Oregon-licensed operator is convicted on drunken driving charges in another state, his Oregon license is revoked upon filing of the record of conviction at the secretary of state's office at Salem.

When a driver's license is revoked following conviction of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, he may apply for reinstatement during the first year provided his application is accompanied by a

recommendation from the convicting magistrate and the applicant establishes proof of financial responsibility.

Failing to obtain the judge's recommendation, no application for reinstatement may be made till one year has elapsed. After one year, the application must be accompanied by proof of financial responsibility and without this proof, no reinstatement may be made for a period of three years after revocation. After this period, the applicant may be reinstated upon passing the required driver's examinations.

Proof of financial responsibility may be established by one of three methods, according to Snell. The applicant may show he has obtained liability insurance in the amount of \$11,000, he may execute a bond in this amount, or he may deposit with the state treasurer money or securities for this amount.

The difficulty of establishing proof of financial responsibility following conviction of drunk driving, is shown by figures compiled by the secretary of state showing that only about five per cent of drivers who lose their licenses for this offense are able to regain them before the three-year period expires.

License revocation following conviction for drunk driving is mandatory on the part of the secretary of state and is not discretionary with the convicting magistrate, it was emphasized.

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Bill passed by Oregon Senate says you must have P. L. and P. D. insurance on your car, or ELSE. For advice on same see F. R. Bull.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, March 4, 1921)

Fred Lafferty, the 15-year old son of S. L. Lafferty, had a very narrow escape from drowning last Monday afternoon, just opposite the city docks, when the canoe in which he was paddling on the river turned over with him. Eye witnesses state that he must have been in the water ten minutes before being rescued.

The arrival of R. E. Koon, consulting engineer of Portland, whom the city council requested to come down here, look over all possible sources of water supply and make recommendations, was delayed until Monday, but on Tuesday he and Mayor Hamilton, City Engineer Gould, Water Superintendent Epperson and several members of the council went out to Fairview and thence down the North Fork to the two Lost creeks, up over the mountain and down to the headwaters of Rink creek.

Dewey Walker, a younger brother of Archie Walker, has been visiting here the past two weeks. Many people remember him as a 15-year old boy who lived in Coquille some six years ago.

County Agent Farr was up at Portland the first of the week.

Deputy Sheriff Jeub was over at the Bay Tuesday on business.

We note that both loganberries and wild blackberries are in bloom here. Spring has certainly arrived on time this month.

In ordering a change in the address of the Sentinel sent him at Oakland, Calif., Kennett P. Lawrence, a son of Recorder J. S. Lawrence of this city, says: "I am moving into my own home and I would miss the weekly visit of the home town paper very much as it gives me the news of all my old friends and is like a letter from them."

This morning we found Lee Goodman behind the bars in the court house annex, where he is temporarily discharging the duties of turnkey.

It would be interesting but probably uncomfortable to be in Washington today and see the inaugural parade and the transfer of the government from a democratic to a republican administration.

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