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Fragments of Fact and Fancy

The republican contest for governor, just ended, gave us an example of utopian politics at their best. It was a battle at the polls where those who may have favored the losing candidate were well satisfied with the winner.

This cannot be said of some other contests in the state as a whole for the defeat of Senator McNary would have been a tragedy and the failure to return Justice Brand to the supreme bench would have resulted in a loss of confidence, not in the judge, but in the intelligence of the average voter.

In the county, however, there were rival candidates, either one of whom would have been very acceptable, "were the other dear charmer away."

Now that it is strawberry shortcake time again, we feel selfish in our enjoyment of it and all the other good things in which the palate delights. We are blessed with plenty of food in the United States, while our allies in Great Britain know the pinch of hunger and have the "food gleam" in their eyes as one writer puts it. In Greece they are dying of starvation.

There must be a reason for the favors showered upon us; great gifts mean great responsibilities. It must be that providence makes us strong in order that we may fulfill our destiny in this world.

For those who fear communism and think "we will have to fight Russia" some time, there should be a shred of comfort in the fact that few Russians are communists. That is to say the rank and file of those who are now defending their native land are not members of the political party which governs the state. Loyal sons and daughters are giving their lives for "Mother Russia" but this patriotic feat could never be kindled in a foreign war.

Southwestern Oregon is at its loveliest now. The roadsides are lined with green of every shade. The red-barked madrone trees have clusters of cream-colored tassels for bloom. The rhododendrons' clumps of fragile blossoms may be anywhere from light pink to dark rose in color. The fields of yellow furze, blue and violet lupin and the new red leaves of the huckleberry present a vast patchwork quilt which old Mother Nature designs on a huge scale. The evergreens run the gamut of shades from the yellow grass green of the tender new shoots to the sombre olive green of the old and weary branches. The pastures are sprinkled with gold for the waxy petals of the buttercup carpet the ground.

Such beauty is breath-taking and gives a feeling of unreality to all of man's achievements, good and bad alike. It brings a peace to the mind to realize that springtime with all its beauty will continue on this old earth long after wars and mad men who make wars are forgotten.

The following "Description of Spring" was written by Henry Howard, Earl of Surrey, in the sixteenth century:

"The soote season, that bud and bloom forth brings,
With green hath clad the hill, and eke the vale.
The nightingale with feathers new she sings.
The turtle to her make hath told her tale.
Summer is come, for every spray now springs,
The hart hath hung his old head on the pale;
The buck in brake his winter coat he slings;
The fishes flete with new repaired scale;
The rook aloweth ay the swallows fly,
The swift swallow pursueth the flies smale;
The busy bee her honey now she mings;
Winter is worn that was the flowers' bale.
And this I see among these pleasant things
Each care decays, and yet my sorrow springs!"

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Sentinel of Friday, May 19, 1922)

A special election to vote on the question of an additional issue of \$20,000 in bonds for enlarging the proposed water system was called by the city council last Monday evening.

The seniors will have their class day Friday, May 19. They will have a picnic in the morning at Norway. In the afternoon at 1:45 they will hold their Class Day program in the high school auditorium, with the following taking part: Gertrude Bogard, Teresa Willard, Jennie Price, Lorin Schroeder, Lois Smith, Myrtle Endicott, Ellen Roby. The Baccalaureate service will be held at the Methodist Church South Sunday evening, May 21, at eight o'clock. Rev. A. B. Pendleton will give the invocation and Rev. W. S. Smith will preach the sermon. The commencement exercises will be held in the high school auditorium, with an address by Professor Roy R. Hewitt, of Oregon Agricultural College.

The Memorial services will be held at the Liberty Theatre on Sunday, May 28th, at 11 o'clock a. m. Rev. M. Wesley Goss will deliver the sermon, assisted by Rev. A. B. Pendleton and Rev. W. S. Smith.

Due to growing taxes on real estate the number of taxpayers who were able to pay the first installment

of their 1921 taxes before April 5 without penalty is very much smaller than last year in this county.

The work done at the Masonic cemetery last week made a marked improvement in the appearance of that resting place. Two or three teams and a large crowd of men put in over two days cleaning it up.

Last Sunday afternoon a fire started in the roof of Councilman Geo. Davis' residence. It was discovered by one of the prisoners in the jail, who managed by vigorous shouting to raise the alarm.

Mrs. W. C. Laird, who arrived here from Honolulu last Friday, expects to remain for a two months' visit before starting back.

Club and church women are actively engaged in promoting the Bundles Day Campaign designed to collect and ship spare clothing to help clothe the near-naked of the Near East.

Archie O. Walker left Monday morning for San Francisco in response to a telegram that his mother, Mrs. Anna Walker, was not expected to live.

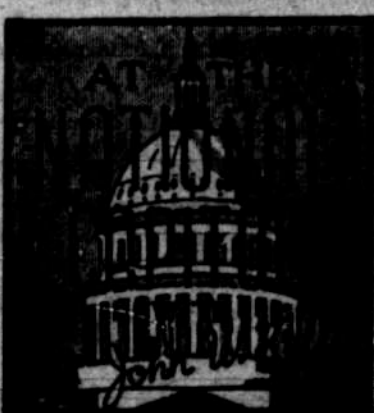
If the world owes Uncle Sam eighteen billions, as a Washington dispatch affirms, the world is, certainly bankrupt. It wouldn't sell for enough to pay the bill.

would be impossible for the machines to operate. From Curry to Clatsop counties detachments of horse cavalry will be spread supplementing existing forces.

Gold Beach, at the mouth of Rogue river, has asked for an army air base but for the present, at least, nothing will be done.

War production board is interested in the lime deposits of Wallawa and Baker counties (lime plays an important part in a number of materials needed for war). There is talk of locating a war industry in Grant county adjacent to the chromite deposits in the John Day country, and transporting lime to the site. Nothing definite as to this, but it is in the conversation stage.

If the powder plant discussed by the war department is located in the northwest it may be in the vicinity of Ontario or the Snake river, near Lewiston. There are only a few places where sufficient water is available, say the army men, and the best of all is at The Dalles. How-



Washington, D. C., May 20—Camp Adair, the new cantonment under construction in the Corvallis-Albany-Monmouth area, is far from satisfactory to 100 or more farmers whose lands are being taken by the war department. The farmers, who have been holding meetings and sending complaints to the national capital, explain that they are for anything that will win the war, but they protest at the way they are being treated by the war department. From these petitions it appears that the farmers are not being told what appraisal is made on their farms and that they are (or some of them) ordered to leave their land on a few days' notice, or immediately.

Many of the farms are in the finest farming section of Willamette valley and have been in cultivation almost a century. Farmers think they should know what the government intends paying, and when. Inasmuch as they must seek homes elsewhere, in strange surroundings, they must have money to purchase a place, or at least a down payment. Those who have cattle or sheep say they cannot pull up stakes and move away without sufficient time to make arrangements for their livestock. War department simply says the land is needed for the cantonment; that money will be paid in due time, but they refuse to promise any extended notice of when the land must be surrendered.

In late summer the 104th division will be organized and located at Camp Adair, according to announcement by the war department. Over the many thousand acres in the cantonment property troops will be trained in anticipation for overseas service.

Linn county is also registering a kick. War department plans acquiring a great acreage near Halsey which will embrace many fine farms and homes. The people in the region do not want to move. The area is to be used as a target range.

At Camp Adair the mail will be carried through Albany to Corvallis because, it is explained by the postal department, Corvallis has facilities and is a larger town. (Albany and Corvallis have practically the same population except when students are at State college). The postmaster will not gain at Corvallis; soldier mail is free and therefore no allowance is made for cancellations.

Army is in the market for hundreds of horses for the cavalry to be used on the Oregon coast. Contrary to popular impression, the horse has not been eliminated from the cavalry, which is not all mechanized. Cavalry is needed in the Oregon coast range, on cut-over timberlands and in the forests. Horses can maneuver in that country with greater expedition than tanks and trucks; they can go where it

Fewer Religions--- More Religion

By GEORGE PECK

What America and the world needs today is fewer religions and more religion; fewer tenets and dogmas and a bit more of the milk of human kindness.

Recently we had the pleasure of seeing "How Green Is My Valley?" the motion picture adjudged the best of 1941. It sets forth all misfortunes of mankind brought about by brutality, evil-mindedness and thoughtlessness. It emerges a great film, achieving dramatic power because the baser qualities of mankind are contrasted with the sweet and fine.

It made us realize once again just how unnecessary is most of the suffering we see about us. A little of it can be cured by Government regulation and legislation, but it goes deeper than that and becomes our responsibility—yours, dear reader, and ours.

Some of us are deluded with the idea that Government by itself can adjust the relationships of men. Others among us, believe that going to church or supporting the church ends our obligation to society. The former is futile, the latter false.

Only by being more patient, more thoughtful, more tolerant of others about us, can suffering really be alleviated. Sympathetic understanding and consideration of our neigh-

ever, they add, The Dalles is too close to the ocean and the policy is to push all new industries inland at least 200 miles, if possible. No powder plant will be built, however, unless WPB decides that existing plants are insufficient. One story is that the plants now operating have capacity to provide all the propellants required for a global war.

For several years growers of bent grass in Clatsop county have been urging an appropriation which would permit department of agriculture scientists to study grasses to determine which are best for certain localities. Always the request has been kicked out the window because bent grass is used on golf courses and was regarded as recreational. In the new appropriation a substantial sum is allowed for grass experimentation as a war measure. New diversion air fields require a grass that will stand up where runways are not paved. Bent grass will hold the soil from blowing and afford a cushion for landing planes. As airfields are scattered all over Oregon, different grasses are required, and to find out which is best for each climate the experiment will be made.

bors, our friends, yes, even of our enemies will enable us to overlook their supposed faults which so greatly annoy us. America is fighting a great war against cruelty and oppression—against the pagan doctrine that any people has the right to force its dictum on another people. So far the battle has gone against us. We fear the tide will not turn in our favor until we abandon our materialism and stop demanding rights which we neither have earned nor deserve.

Even if we defeat our military enemies, we can still lose the war if we do not as a nation experience a spiritual regeneration; if we do not substitute the words "sympathy, understanding and sacrifice" for "my rights and gimme."

There is too much of hatred, brutality and suffering running rampant in the world today. Let us resolve here and now, not to add to the world's woe by any harsh word or covert act of ours. Let us further resolve to be more cheerful, more kindly, more self-sacrificing to those about us, beginning with our own family and reaching out to all with whom we come in contact.

Self-sacrifice is the child of love

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