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FIGURING OVERDRAFTS AS A MUNICIPAL ASSET!

We wonder if that is the trouble with our federal government? Figuring its debts as resources?

The thought is brought to mind by a letter written to the City of Coquille by some minor U. S. treasury official who sought to get the city to invest some of its surplus funds in War Savings Stamps, and which was read at the council session Monday evening.

From the city's financial statement, as the official read it, there is a balance in the Improvement Bond Sinking Fund of \$7,064.14; in the Fire Equipment Sinking Fund of \$2,030.50; in the general fund of \$626.42, and in the cash and securities fund of \$12,097.80.

But Treasurer C. G. Caughell, showing the typewritten financial statement, pointed out that the first three above mentioned were all overdrafts, totalling around \$9,725, and that only the \$12,097.80 cash and securities were assets.

It would be wonderful if the huge U. S. debt could be figured as an asset—and get away with it!

The council referred the request that Coquille invest in war savings bonds to the finance committee to investigate the desirability of investing water department funds in the bonds against future water bond maturities.

PRODUCE — AND ATTACK

United States troops (soldiers, sailors, and marines) are now fighting or stationed in 31 foreign countries or territories. Small wonder, then that industry may go full force, for it takes a tremendous amount of war implements to equip these men.

Rallying to the cause, baby-carriage manufacturers have converted to food carts for field hospitals. Producers of lipstick cases have converted to bomb fuses, outboard motors to gun carriages, business machines to shells, hair clippers to projectiles, beer cans to hand grenades, mouse traps to tripod mounts, adding machines to automatic pistols, vacuum cleaners to gas mask parts, motor cars to tank and airplane engines, radios to flying instruments, typewriters to shell-casings, and common pins probably to almost any other munition that can be named!

The job of conversion has been accomplished but there are still two major jobs to be done, one on the home front and one on the battlefield. Our fighting men cannot do the job until we civilians—all of us at home—do ours. That job is production, uninterrupted production, the most amazing production job the world has ever known.

This war is a race against time. The ships, planes, tanks and guns produced and delivered to our many battlefronts on time can decide our fate. If we hold the Axis hordes on the present fronts, while our strength gathers, it is possible that we can look forward to a not-too-far-distant victory.

We face the supreme test. We have adopted the only strategy that can win victory for the Allied Nations. For all we cherish, for ourselves and for those who follow us, in a land we love and revere, we will produce whatever we need and attack with everything we've got.

Scrap iron and steel were not important raw materials in Civil War days. The open hearth furnace, which today uses 90 per cent of the scrap consumed by the steel industry, was not operated in this country until 1868.

Scrap iron and steel represent half the weight of a battleship, a tank or an anti-aircraft gun. Slap the Japs with scrap.

A MESSAGE TO EVERY DRIVER

You can save rubber and help win the war if you will do these things:

1. Drive only when absolutely necessary.
2. Keep under 35 miles an hour.
3. Keep your tires properly inflated.
4. Have them inspected regularly.
5. Share your car with others.

WILLIAM M. JEFFERS
Rubber Director

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, October 6, 1922)

Following a major operation at the Coquille Hospital, Mrs. Hugh J. Lawhorn, of McKinley, passed away Tuesday evening.

E. D. Webb has sold his residence on east Second street and expects next week to leave with his family for southern California where he will engage in business. He will locate at Santa Ana.

Don't be discouraged by a few rains. The Scandia people think that with a couple of weeks more of fine weather they can finish gravelling the highway from here to Myrtle Point.

The Coquille High School football team goes over to Marshfield tomorrow for the first game of the interscholastic schedule. The following is the probable line-up: Veloris Call, Ralph Harry, Zed Finley, Allen Young, Ted Bennett, Robert Trigg, Vincent Swinney, Don Pierce, Cyril McCurdy, Layton Nosler, Earl Rice. The rest of the squad are Walter Paulson, Lester Wilson, Ed Filteroff, Warren Brandon, Lyle Beyers and Harry Varney.

A very quiet wedding was solemnized at Bandon Tuesday evening

Fragments of Fact and Fancy

Last Sunday Hermann Goering blared out over the radio that there would be no starvation among the German people this coming winter, that the reich would be well fed even though all other people of Europe starved and food had to be taken at the point of the bayonet from conquered territories.

This announced policy shows up the nazi leaders and the German people to be what they are. The gulf between their inhumanity and Christian charity is as wide as that between heaven and hell and a people who need assurance that others will starve that they may eat have sold their souls to the devil.

Civilization has developed and man has ascended from savagery only when his nobler instincts have been predominate. A crust of bread shared with another less fortunate will feed not only the body but the soul of the giver.

How much more patriotic are the boys who have been collecting keys for scrap metal than are those who raid the scrap iron piles and pilfer the junk which appeals to them!

Patriotism is not monopolized by the younger generation. More than one octogenarian in town has found his niche in the economic life here and is holding down a job to help relieve the shortage in man power.

If ever you are tempted to complain about the new meat rationing and insinuate that this country is overflowing with food, it would be well to remember a couple of facts. The first is that this cut in home consumption of meat would never have been taken if not vitally necessary and the other is that the Italians, allies of Hitler, do not have in a year the amount of our weekly ration of meat. The need for us to feed the people of other countries associated with us in winning the war should be evident. England has formerly depended upon Argentina for much of her meat but now there are not ships left to bring meat from there and to carry the munitions of war all over the globe. Also trade with Argentina now is of indirect benefit to the axis countries. Some meat can be brought from Australia as ballast in the ships that carry supplies to the down under continent but that amount is not sufficient to maintain our past standard of consumption and send the supply abroad which is essential to the continuance of Britain and Russia in the war. Also it is imperative to feed our own soldiers well.

There is a rumor tracer committee, originated in Boston, where many a harmful story has been run to earth and found to be axis propaganda. Such a shifting of fact and fiction will be a help on this coast, too. A couple of stories that have appeared in print recently do not increase our faith in the workers who are supplying the sinews of war for our fighting forces. Coddled beyond belief by pleasant working conditions and with fat pay checks including extra rate of pay for time over forty hours, these workers are said to be very erratic about sticking to their jobs, often being absent on the hunt for better paid work, thus disrupting essential war production.

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when Miss Geneva Clair Robinson, of this city, became the bride of Otto Celestin Shindler, of that city.

Bradley & Neal are going into the poultry business on a large scale at their Fairview ranch, having 350 birds now and one of the best yards in the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nosler and two sons, James and Fritz, left Wednesday afternoon in their car for San Diego, Calif., where they are going to spend the winter.

A. T. Morrison says that the crop of potatoes he is now harvesting in the bottom land of his place on the highway is a fine one, some of them yielding at the rate of 300 bushels per acre.

Miss Eva Lennox, of Roseburg, came in by stage yesterday to assist for a month in the county clerk's office, writing up the poll books and handling matters pertaining to the coming election.

George Chaney, Coquille timber owner and logging operator, had a miraculous escape in an auto collision with Wm. Myers of Marshfield, at Gravel Ford, Chaney's car going over a sixty-foot embankment and rolling over three or four times.

Some people have been so bold as to suggest that at least one million of these federal employees engaged with innumerable new deal emergency agencies could be dispensed with and permitted to take work in factories, but this suggestion falls upon deaf ears. On the other hand, women will be importuned to heed the industrial call to the tune of about six million. Whether this is a gallant course, according to old standards of chivalry, has not been made the subject of congressional debate.

Farm workers are the most critically needed in all the labor fields. Reports are pouring in that perishable crops in many sections of the county were partly lost due to lack of labor for harvesting. One report from the northwest is to the effect that out of a crop of 60 tons of cherries only 20 tons were saved. Some farmers, too old to operate except with the aid of modern machinery and whose boys have been taken by army or navy, frankly state that they will be unable to make the farm produce as it should. While processions of farm labor have gone to shipyards and war industry factories, leaving the farms inadequately manned, farm wages are climbing rapidly, and in some cases soaring toward shipyard levels.

After the scholastics and economists and politicians have finished planning and debating it is possible that some hard-headed type of individual will come forward with a rational and effective program for balancing the labor situation. It is, without doubt, one of the big problems of the day and will become more serious each week.

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Grain growers and other shipping interests are already worrying about moving the 1943 wheat crop. Sherman county, largely agricultural, has produced more than two and a half million bushels annually for the past 20 years. Whether it will be possible to move this crop to market on trucks in 1943 is a moot question, with no one apparently in position to guarantee that equipment will be available. By 1944 synthetic rubber production should have advanced far enough to ease the rubber crisis.

Oregon poultrymen will have a busy fall and winter if they do their share in producing the 200,000,000 extra chickens that Secretary of Agriculture Wickard has called for. Wickard has asked that these chickens be held from the market until they average three pounds in order that meat sup-



Washington, D. C., Oct. 7.—Director McNutt of war manpower board reveals that an additional 18,000,000 workers should be engaged in war productive work by the end of 1943.

Of this total he estimates that 11,000,000 must be semi-skilled, which means that they should, in most cases, receive considerable instruction and training before reporting for duty.

This is another of the labor problems which are developing apace. Whether the computation is accurately based upon productive requirements is not doubted, but the assumption comes that something must be done to reach these figures as to number of workers. No one in the federal service seems to be suggesting that out of the 3,400,000 civilian employees now on government payrolls there could be some reduction for the sake of industrial production. At the peak of the first world war civil employment by the government was slightly more than 900,000. Already, before the army has exceeded in numbers that of the first world war total, employment is up approximately 150 per cent above the employees needed at that time.

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plies might be increased by 800,000,000 pounds before the winter is over.

Since it has been requested that the 200,000,000 extra birds be produced with existing equipment it would seem that the Pacific coast states will be called upon to furnish a good share of the total increase, as many of the mid-west states are not equipped for cold weather production. Wheat and vegetable oil meals will be an important part of the feed required for the chickens, and the supply of the latter is by no means what it should be.

Must Have Auto Registration Cards For Gas Rationing

Motorists who have misplaced or lost their automobile registration cards were warned today by Richard G. Montgomery, state OPA director that these cards will be necessary to obtain gasoline rationing certificates when national gas rationing starts next month.

Duplicate auto registration cards to replace those lost or misplaced, may be obtained, Montgomery said, from the motor vehicle division of the secretary of state's office in Salem or Portland.

Calling cards, 50 for \$1.00.

Men, Women Over 40 Don't Be Weak, Old

Feel Peppy, Now, Years Younger
Take Outen. Contains general tonic stimulants, vitalizing 40-50 bottles including Pro. Calcium phosphate and Vitamin B. A 75-year-old doctor writes, "It did so much for patients, I took it myself. Results were fine." Special introductory 50c bottle. Taste! Tastes good, only 10c. Start feeling peppy and years younger, this very day.

For sale at all good drug stores everywhere—in Coquille, at Fuhrman's Pharmacy.

From where I sit...
by Joe Marsh

ED CAREY, our fire chief, came stompin' into the prinin' office last week, madder'n a hornet.

"Say!" he yells. "If I could get my hands on that fellow Goebels, I'd stick a fire hose in his mouth and turn on the pressure." Ed shouts, poundin' my desk. "Do you know what he's puttin' on the German short-wave propagandists to America NOW? He's tellin' folks that American army camps are full of drunkness! Can you beat it?"

"Calm yourself, Ed," says I. "Nobody's going to believe what Goebels tells 'em."

"But don't you see? He's puttin' this bare-faced lie on the air to stir up trouble."

"Pretty stupid propoganda, I'd say. Pretty silly, even for the Nazis," says I.

"How so?" says Ed. "There's people in this country that want beer taken out of the camps. That sure is going to hurt army morale. And this lie certainly is fuel for their fire."

"Not if I know Americans," I says. "And the Nazis don't know us. People realize that if Goebels wants beer taken away from our soldiers—there must be a reason. The enemy won't stop anything that's hurting our army. They'll try to stop whatever's helping it."

"Say! That's true, ain't it?" Ed began to grin.

"Of course it's true—and reasonable people can't help but see it. So instead of makin' trouble—like they hope—they're just confirmin' what the Secretary of War and the other Army leaders believe—that among the other good wholesome things a fighting man can get at the canteen in camp—America should include beer."

From where I sit—I can guess why Goebels wants beer out of the camps. The Nazis would a heap rather face an army that already lost its rights than one that was fighting for freedom it could touch and taste and feel every day... Wouldn't you?

Joe Marsh

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BUY WAR SAVINGS BONDS FOR VICTORY

SAY "AH!"

Don't Do Too Little TOO LATE!

FIX Your Appliances NOW MAKE THEM LAST!

The war has practically ended the manufacturing of appliances. The men who made them, and the materials they were made of, are needed today to make ships, guns, planes and tanks. So "carry on" with the things you now have. Take the best care possible of your appliances. Make 'em last.

If any of your appliances need repairs, do it now! The same is true of your appliance and extension cords... electric wire is also on the "critical" list.

If repairs are necessary, your local Appliance Retailer or appliance repair agencies will be glad to do any repair work necessary.

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