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## THE AMERICAN WAY

Never before has the need been so great for the American Red Cross. This year it will reach into the battle fronts and into the countries where the sick and suffering lie helpless. To operate this great institution through the coming year \$125,000,000 will be required, a small amount compared with the huge sums invested in the tools of war.

Let us be thankful that we have such an organization, for while it is necessary that the forces of evil be put down, the purpose of the Red Cross is to relieve the unfortunate and to spread the doctrine of a human democracy throughout the world without regard to race, color, or religious belief.

## THE 'MAGINOT LINE' OF SECURITY

In a recent speech on the nation's post-war economic problems, Assistant Attorney General Thurman Arnold said:

"For the past ten or twenty years we have been obsessed with the economics of security. We have been thinking of stabilizing profits, keeping a fool from losing his money, social security, ironing out depressions, creating a situation where anybody who remained sober and didn't run off with somebody else's wife was assured of a comfortable old age."

"I am not opposed to any of these methods of social security or humanitarian measures. I only say that if your whole thinking is obsessed with the idea of security, the same thing will happen to your industrial structure that happened to the French Army that was obsessed with the idea of the Maginot Line. We must get back to the old economics of opportunity, of taking a chance, which made America great, and I think this war is going to do it for us."

## Fragments of Fact and Fancy

Today we often look back upon the odd notions our grandfathers had about many things. Just to name a couple of them: a few generations ago night air was considered injurious in a sleeping room and tomatoes were thought to be poisonous. It is well, however, to keep in mind Alexander Pope's couplet: "We think our fathers fools so wise we grow; Our wiser sons will doubtless think us so."

Thus in remembering some of the fallacies of the past we are not so sure about all of the maxims expounded today. Especially do we have in mind the one about left-handed people suffering nervous disorders when forced to use some right-handed practices.

The theory is that one-half our brain dominates the other half and that a "sinistral" or southpaw is governed by the larger, stronger right side of the brain, while the right-hand person receives his main guidance from the left side of the brain. This may be entirely correct but anyone who has done much manual labor knows that it is training and habit which makes the hand do the task set by the brain. Take pianists or typists, for instance, both hands are equally busy and adept. There are so many other trades where both hands need to be deft that the hands should be considered a pair of workers rather than a dominant right hand and a weaker sinistral follower or vice versa.

Instead of favoring left-handed or right-handed tendencies to the exclusion of the other hand, the better educated and versatile person would seem to be the one most nearly ambidexterous.

Just when we decide the Japanese are the most diabolical of foes, Germany comes forward with new acts of calculated cruelty that make her the arch fiend of all time. The seizure of the men and women of France by the Nazi soldiers is bringing a new reign of terror to that country which will make the outrages of 1793 pale by comparison.

Also the threat of the Germans to kill all British and American prisoners if the air raids on the continent are not stopped rather proves the ef-

# TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, March 16, 1923)

Carl Oscar Wideborg, a Swede, and a prisoner in the county jail, committed suicide Tuesday morning by hanging himself. Wideborg had been shot in the heel and captured by Marshal Smith at North Bend on Friday night while attempting to rob the Woolen Mills Store there.

The Baby Welfare Exhibit at the Set-a-spell here Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon was not only entirely novel but both interesting and instructive. It was also well attended by fully a hundred mothers. The exhibit was under the auspices of the Coquille Health Association, consisting of the following ladies: Mesdames C. A. Gage, Helen Sperry, Edwin Ellingsen, A. A. Selander and H. E. Russell, assisted by Mrs. H. W. Irwin, wife of the county health officer.

Station Agent W. E. Bosserman received notice this morning that Southern Pacific trains would not cross the bridges between Myrtle Point and Powers until further notice.

Effectiveness of these raids, as well as demonstrating the sniveling cowardice at the heart of the third reich. The levelling of Coventry was a grand victory for the luftwaffe but the English are criminals when they return in kind with attacks on the sacred cities of Germany.

Another evident result of allied bombing of Berlin is that it has driven Hitler into hiding. The English planes appeared just when Goering started to make a radio speech recently and he was compelled to dash to a shelter. Since then Hitler has not been seen nor heard and he will probably make no more scheduled addresses, fearing a visit from the R. A. F. if he opens his mouth.

The OPA has predicted the rationing of clothing if the excessive buying of clothes does not cease. That threat would tend to increase rather than decrease the fears of rationing by the public. After reading of some of the samples of the selfish me-first buyers, we could see no immediate need for a damper on sales. One woman, with more money than brains, bought sixteen dresses, we believe it was, none of which cost less than \$68 each. It is when the \$4.98 dresses begin to be gobbled up that the OPA will need to burn the midnight oil to evolve a plan to stop panic buying by thoughtless or unpatriotic people.

If some labor unions would spend less time in denouncing Rickenbacker and more in cleaning house, everyone would be benefited, the laboring men to the greatest extent. Captain Eddie is not attacking labor but rather the abuses which are retarding our war effort and the racketeering which is injuring the honest worker. The crook and law-breaker is not sacrosanct because he is an union official, though he will wall loudly when his fat pickings are threatened by legislative justice.



Washington, D. C., March 17 — Housing situation is becoming so tight at the Clatsop navy air base that dwellings for 200 families and 40 couples are being arranged for. At Tongue Point the naval development has expanded so that 40 family dwellings and accommodations for 20 couples have been listed for construction. These will be paid for by the government. Additional dwelling units for war workers in the Portland area have been approved to shelter employees of Commercial Iron Works, which is building boats for the navy. There is a housing shortage in every community in the Willamette valley and Rogue river valley and in several towns in eastern Oregon. Government has already spent millions of dollars on units for war workers in Oregon.

Oregon cheese factories, producing cheddar cheese, will have a market for every pound they can produce in 1943. More than 50 per cent of all the cheddar cheese in the United States will be bought for the armed forces and the Allies. Later, when ex-Governor Lehman, of New York, has his relief machine organized to feed more than 300,000,000 people, the drain on domestic factories will be

Geo. Lorenz, who has been down with typhoid for several weeks, has so far improved that he is able to sit up a part of the time.

Mrs. Roy E. Nichols, who last month resigned her position in the sheriff's office and has been ill at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wittenman, of Norway, for three weeks, passed away on Friday night.

Mrs. Mark H. Windle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Custer of this city, died at Mercy Hospital last Saturday morning.

D. C. Krantz has recently purchased the J. J. Lamb residence from the heirs for \$2500. Mr. Krantz, whose home is farther north near the west end of Second street, does not intend to occupy the place but purchased it for an investment.

Last Saturday evening Mrs. Gottlieb Mehl passed away at the home of her son, William G. Mehl, on Sherwood Heights at the age of 82 years, 11 months and 10 days.

heavy, as most of the people of Europe are cheese eaters. Special types of cheese, such as Swiss, Italian, blue and brick, will not be rationed, although cheddar will be to civilian consumers of this country.

One reason there is a shortage of farm help is that farm wages last year, according to the department of agriculture, averaged \$56.07 a month while in war industries workers drew down that much per week. Of course, this average wage for farm workers does not include the wages paid harvest hands, for many farmers paid as high as the shipyards to save as much of their crop as possible.

"Dry" champions in Oregon have been writing to congress asking for national prohibition as a cure for absenteeism, otherwise called "Monday sickness," prevalent in war industries. An official of civilian supply division of war emergency board has made a report proposing that the sale of alcoholic drinks can be reduced to one per cent and he lists alcohol as a non-essential. Another alternative is the suggestion that limits be placed on the amount of liquor that may be purchased at state liquor stores—a form of limitation now adopted by the Oregon liquor board. Whiskey is not being distilled at present, all distilleries being used for the production of industrial alcohol required for smokeless powder and high explosives. The warehouses, however, are said to have a stock sufficient for three years.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur has pabled a southwest state that he will return to the Philippines and release the national guardsmen who were captured on Bataan and Corregidor as soon as he can muster the military force. If MacArthur does this he will also release a large number of Oregon troops who were captured by the Japanese. The story current in the national capital is that MacArthur only was persuaded to flee from the Philippines on the assurance that he would receive reinforcements and supplies in Australia and could then return to the islands.

Lend-lease in 1942 shipped more eggs to England and Russia than all the eggs produced in Oregon last year—in fact, there were exported ten times as many dozen eggs as Oregon hens laid. Oregon's production was in excess of 40,000,000 dozen. The figures on export came from Edward R. Stettinius, and from the department of agriculture on what the Oregon hens laid.

Fear of housewives that they will not be able to buy rubber bands for preserving vegetables and fruit this year appears to be without foundation. Present indications are that 1943 will be the all-time record for home canning because of the shortage of canned goods and the point system, and the necessity of housewives having to depend upon their own endeavors to keep their larder supplied. Glass jars and tops will also be available.

It looks as though after June the federal income tax will be paid on the installment plan. This is the proposal of the house committee on ways and means, and if the bill is passed by house and senate it will be easier to pay this tax than trying to meet it in a lump sum. Anything can happen before June, however, and the installment paying plan may be kicked out of the window.

Grade III War Tires. We have lots of them. Southwestern Motor Home Supply Store.

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State House, Salem, March 12—A week has passed since the president of the senate banged down his gavel, the night of March 10, at 11:30, announcing the senate had adjourned sine die. The chief clerk of the senate personally delivered the notification to the chief clerk of the house, and 12 minutes later, at 11:42, the speaker adjourned the house sine die, which wound up the 42nd regular legislative assembly. The lawmakers just missed going into the 60th day by 18 minutes, and the final days was a mighty long one for all concerned—over 14 hours.

It didn't take the lawmakers long to clear out their desks and hightail it for home. Last Thursday night saw but few around the corridors of the capitol; the place looked deserted. Quite a contrast to the hustle and bustle of only the day before. A few remaining members stayed over to see the governor on political matters. Several have ambitions to be appointed to high ranking jobs. From now on, the governor will have one grand headache. Many are called, but few are chosen. It has been suggested that a "wailing wall" be erected for the disappointed pie counter boys, because the walls will be long and loud when some of the faithful are left at the post, which is bound to happen. Then it will be time to orange the hatchet squad, and the slogan of said squad will be, "If it hadn't been for me, with my political influence and hard work, he wouldn't have been elected; just you wait and see."

The house introduced a total of 418 bills, and the senate 312, which totals do not include the numerous resolutions and memorials introduced by both houses. Rep. J. D. Perry of Columbia county was top man for house bills introduced, with 22 to his credit; while Irving Rand, joint senator for Columbia, Clackamas and Multnomah counties, captured top place in the upper house, with 24. President Steiwer introduced but one bill, which is the low score for the senate. Representatives Moore of Coos, Himelwright of Willowa and Pearson of Multnomah each dropped in but one bill, the low score for the house. In the house 49 bills were substituted for a like number which previously had been introduced and the same number were withdrawn. The house defeated or indefinitely postponed 45 house bills and nine senate measures. The senate introduced ten substitute bills and withdrew but eight of the total dropped into the hopper. The senate defeated or indefinitely postponed ten senate bills and three house bills. However, a

flock of house and senate bills died in committee.

Taking into consideration that close to one-half of the house membership were serving their first term, freshmen so to speak, all in all they did a good job. Very conservative, in fact too conservative on several important bills, especially tax matters, this legislature had but few crackpots, according to the views of veteran observers. Several made outstanding records, especially John Hall and Phil Brady, who proved themselves excellent lawmakers; both are veterans, while Fred Himelwright and Ralph T. Moore were among the freshmen members who were rated tops. Even the anti-labor crowd respect and admire Phil Brady, who has been actively identified with organized labor for close to 40 years. Reasonable in his labor views and rated a man who will always keep his word, but always battling for the working stiff, the ex-blacksmith has a host of loyal friends among the top flight employers of the state.

Some of the real cheers I get out of a legislative session are the committee meetings, and especially some of the people who put in an appearance to argue for or against some particular measure. When Senator Strayer introduced Senate Bill No. 1, relating to the Old Oregon Trail centennial, a flock of buxom dowagers descended upon Salem to urge passage of the measure. All of these fine old ladies came from antecedents who crossed the plains in '49 or thereabouts, so they said—real pioneers. When they had finished talking about their forefathers, etc., it made the rest of us natives feel like a bunch of foreigners. Purred one old girl, my great Grandfather was "this" and my grandfather "that," and her father something else. All of which is fine—to come from such splendid pioneer stock. But it seemed to us the lady was working the argument overtime. In our opinion, she should remember that her connection with this well known pioneer name was strictly a biological accident, and that's all. There are thousands of others in Oregon who come from such pioneer stock, but they don't spend all their time trying to get by on that argument.

Well, folks, this column is the last "With the Lawmakers at Salem." We hope you have enjoyed reading these weekly articles, and trust we have given you some news concerning the lawmakers you would not have received otherwise. Anyway, we got home in time to make out our federal income tax; and remember all of us have a state income tax to file by April 1. Here's hoping we'll be writing for your paper against real soon. So long, everybody.

## F. S. A. Will Buy Calves Next Week

The Dairy Animal Conservation program, which is being handled through the Farm Security office in Coquille, is a program for conservation of dairy stock as well as improvement in areas of low production and shortage of dairy stock. The purchase price of calves will

be \$10.00 for calves from stock of 350 pound butterfat, or better, and \$8.00 for calves for stock of 250 pound to 350 pound butterfat and are of good dairy breeding. Heifer calves purchased will be of recognized dairy type or may be a cross between a Jersey and Holstein or other dairy crosses. Calves sired by beef bulls will not be acceptable. Acceptable calves must be at least ten days old and bucket broke and in good physical condition. The receiving point will be in Coquille and this date is tentatively set for the week of March 22.

In order to encourage farmers to save calves that reach two weeks of age before the shipping date, they will be reimbursed at the rate of 40c a day for every day they hold the calf, over the first 14 days, until it is purchased. This emergency measure will apply only until purchasing begins, around the 22nd.

It will be well to contact the manager of your cheese factory or the local Farm Security office in Coquille for particulars.

Dairymen are urged to co-operate with each other in the delivery of these calves to us, as soon after ten days of age as possible, and also to conserve their tires, rubber and gasoline.

## Bock Beer Is Out For The Duration, Says Acme President

"No Bock Beer will usher in springtime according to the accustomed tradition," states Karl F. Schuster, president of Acme Breweries. "The special materials and manpower required are being conserved so as to produce the large amount of beer required for the increased population of the far West. All of the frills are out for the duration," stated Schuster—"our problem as a business is to help satiate thirst with an enjoyable, mild beverage and to maintain morale."

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## THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...



"How do you feel about this idea of stopping 'em from selling liquor anywhere near army camps, Judge?"

"I was just talking about that with Will down at the barber shop about ten minutes ago. Tell you what I told him, Ned. I say it's up to the Army to decide. Why should we walk in and tell the Army how to do its job

... any more than I should tell you how to go about putting out a fire? And here's something that strikes me funny. All this worrying seems to be about the boys' conduct around the camps here in this country. You never hear a word of worrying about them drinking when they go abroad. Kind of queer, isn't it, Ned?"