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## A SUGGESTION TO THE CITY'S BUDGET COMMITTEE

There is one matter to which the city's budget committee, which is to meet next Monday evening, should give attention. That is the matter of a sewage disposal plant for Coquille.

The state board of health has made an order forbidding the running of sewage into the streams of the state, and while it is not yet rigidly enforced, the plan is to compel all towns and cities to stop using the rivers for disposing of sewage.

The statement which is about to be made has not been referred to W. L. Kistner and he does not know the Sentinel is suggesting it, but his ranch, or the high part of it on the point, is an ideal place for a disposal plant as the city's larger sewer line runs close to it.

Mr. Kistner has reached the age when he wants to quit active ranch work and, we are informed, his around-100 acre ranch is for sale.

If that is correct it is an opportune time for the city council to make an investigation and possibly arrange a deal to assure that a location for disposal plant is available and to satisfy the state board of health that the city is figuring on the construction of such a plant.

There are other possible sites but none as close to the large sewer pipe line as this one is, and it is up to this council to begin preparations for a disposal plant.

## Fragments of Fact and Fancy

The sight of soldiers in battle dress and with armored equipment on the streets of Coquille is a spine-tingling experience. Well do we remember another occasion, seven years ago next October, when we first glimpsed the regulation army uniform on soldiers who came in with the Forest Service to build up fire-breaks and take over the protection of our town during the weeks when the smell of burned forests and a pall of smoke hung over our city. It was with deep gratitude and relief that we realized we no longer stood alone but that the United States army was there ready to help us in our peril.

Today the feeling is similar. We bless the young men who are on the alert for an enemy attack by air or an invasion by land. Again we know we are a part of our mother country and will have its protection in time of danger. No income tax payment, no amount of money spent for bonds is sufficient to pay for the security of which our flag is an emblem.

The office of war information, which started out so bravely last year as the co-ordinator for all news from the various war departments, boards and bureaus in Washington, D. C., is rapidly losing the confidence of the public. Elmer Davis, as its head, was previously a favorite voice on the radio but now he is enmeshed in the politics at the nation's capital. He has chosen, or possibly the choice was forced upon him, for his assistants a group of advertising specialists wise in propaganda, and he has lost his staff of trained reporters who looked for and gave out authentic news. Also some of the hot air from his office is backfiring; for example Rubber Czar Wm. Jeffers flatly contradicts some of the reports from the office of war information.

The American people resent any tampering with the truth of news releases. They want nothing that faintly resembles Goebbels and his propaganda machine.

The rain this week has been a lucky break for the gardener, in more ways than one. Many gardens, with the young plants just sprouting from the ground, were rather dry but the greatest benefit the rain accomplished just at this time was the death of millions of spittle bugs. Still in the larva stage they were washed from the host plants and left to drown, starve or shrivel, whatever it is that kills these pests when they can no longer froth up plant juice for a protective covering.

It was with poor grace that the

# TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, April 20, 1923)

L. W. Peare, convicted last month of murder in the first degree, was sentenced this morning by Judge John C. Kendall to hang, the date of the execution being set for June 2.

The county oratorical and declamatory contest will be held at Myrtle Point this evening, the five larger high schools participating. Coquille will be represented by Louis Donaldson in the oratorical and Theresa Clinton in the declamatory contest.

At a meeting of the fire company Monday evening the department was re-organized by the election of J. W. Richardson, chief; Tracy A. Leach, assistant chief; Keith Leslie, president; M. C. Tozier, vice president; A. A. Selander, secretary; Walter F. Oerding, treasurer.

A preliminary meeting looking to the organization of a Girls' Scout troop was held at the Setaspell Monday evening. Mrs. Geo. Chaney is conducting the organization.

J. S. Lawrence, the secretary of Coquille Lodge, No. 53, I. O. O. F., was the recipient last Friday evening of a veteran's 50-year jewel, presented to him by the lodge.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Hanson, of Marshfield, on Sunday, April 15, an eight pound boy. Mrs. Hanson was formerly Miss Kate Willoughby.

president allowed the act raising the debt limitation to become law without his signature just because it contained a rider which nullified one of his unconstitutional acts in usurping legislative power. A salary limit of \$25,000 which the congress had discussed and refused to enact was made the law of the land by executive decree and later the congress, by a majority vote, set the president's order aside. The constitution provides that the legislative branch of government be the law-making body, ipso facto—which should be self-evident.

One of the popular weekly picture magazines last week carried illustrations to show how the human body is made and the structure and functions of its microscopic cells. It is very educational and fascinating for most people but for others it is like peering too closely into the secrets of Nature.

It reminds us that the planting of bulbs in the dark earth and their later resurrection with green foliage and many-hued petals was once a more enchanting experience. After having seen a few bulbs sprout in a dark basement without benefit of soil some of the mystery of the growth of those underground was lost.

Of course, we are wrong in making a plea for ignorance. We would still be ruled by black magic and bound by superstition if man had not been curious about the growth of his body. And we need not fear that he will learn too much. He can never touch life itself and after he has exhausted all explanations of the physical being he must stand in awe of the God who made us what we are. Neither will his microscope nor his chemical test tube give an understanding of the soul of man or of the Eternal Spirit which ruleth the universe.

## Oregon Motor Vehicle Responsibility Law Has Teeth

Oregon, by adopting the new Oregon Motor Vehicle Responsibility Act of 1943, has given its former financial responsibility law teeth that are sharp and powerful.

The law now makes Auto Liability insurance practically an absolute necessity to the automobile operator. Oregon is one of the 30 states of our nation which has financial responsibility laws in the interests of combating auto accidents and resultant personal and economic loss. The law is expected to alleviate much individual loss and suffering in the state.

Contrary to public opinion mileage rationing and wartime driving restrictions have not solved the problem of motoring accidents according to Ernie Smith, local representative for the Farmers Automobile Inter-Insurance Exchange.

During 1942, Mr. Smith states over 27,800 lives were lost in traffic accidents and \$1,500,000,000 of damage sustained by America's motorists.

Women's Club Annual May Day Dance, Saturday, May 1, in Coquille Community Building. Come and see the queen crowned at 9:00 p. m. Admission 55 cents per person. 1313

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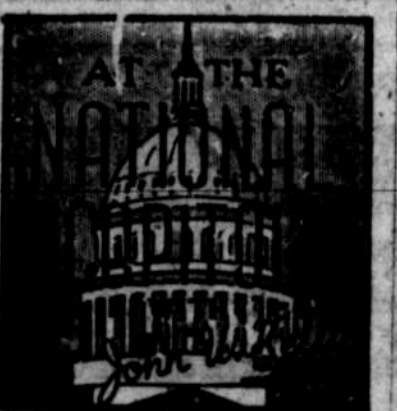
Gus Bender has given up the idea of leaving Coquille and when Lans Leneve's resignation takes effect May 1, he will again be on duty at the local postoffice.

O. C. Sanford left last Friday morning for Ashland for a short visit with his parents. He returned Tuesday morning. E. D. Webb assisted in the bank during his absence.

Hugh Harlocker was the first one to feel the full force of the marshal's notice concerning dogs running at large and he contributed a dollar to the city's funds yesterday morning for his neglect in observing the ordinance. He was later seen heading for home with a chain and collar.

"The Vagabonds" last Friday evening brought out the largest attendance the Liberty Theatre has ever had, and the S. R. O. sign was hung out before the curtain went up. The amateur performers in the cast were: J. P. Beyers, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Leslie, Kenneth Kistner, Mrs. Geo. R. Johnson, Aaron Wilson, Mrs. Susie Folsom, Art Selander and Mrs. Ula Leach.

The first baseball game of the season will be played at Athletic Park here Sunday afternoon, starting at 2:30. The game is advertised as being between the Coos Bay All-Stars and the Coquille Outlaws, both teams being a pick-up from ball players residing at the two places.



Washington, D. C., April 21—Probably one of the most surprising propositions that the war department has ever received was the suggestion that work on the "mystery" plant between Richland and Priest Rapids, on the Columbia river, be postponed until after the harvest. Reason for the suggestion was that there will be an estimated 20,000 men in the plant and most of this crowd will be drawn from the surrounding territory where there is already need of 40,000 men and women to take care of the crop. The suggestion was passed to General Marshal, chief of staff, by Sen. Rufus Holman. The idea originated with C. C. Yates of Umatilla county.

In the area affected the crops are estimated at \$150,000,000, of which Umatilla county will produce \$30,000,000, but unless workers are available a large percentage of the crops (fruits and vegetables) will go to waste. In Umatilla county alone there are 38,000 acres of canning peas, with a value of \$6,400,000; about 22,000 acres of prunes valued at \$2,000,000; 21,000 acres of dried peas, estimated at \$2,100,000. There are 18 crops in this one county where formerly wheat growing was the backbone of agriculture, and in the current year canning peas will bring in more money than the wheat fields. Where the canneries and farmers will find the 8,500 men and women to harvest and process the crops is a leading question, which is why Mr. Yates asks the war department (if it does not interfere with war plans) to hold back construction on the powder plant until after crop time.

The 130 conscientious objectors at Wickiup, on the Deschutes project, will be continued there until further orders. These conscripts are working on the reservoir site, clearing the area of trees. Announcement is made that these objectors will be maintained on the project at the authorized strength. They are working for the bureau of reclamation and are carrying on the work formerly performed by CCC boys until that organization was liquidated.

Reedsport wants something, wants several things. It asks for an air base for army or navy planes, and it wants a turning basin in Winchester bay for ships. Sen. Rufus C. Holman is placing these requests before the proper departments.

Myrthus Evans will be the new superintendent at the Indian school at Chemawa. Mr. Evans has been principal of the high school for Navajo Indians in the southwest, reports the bureau of Indian affairs. Harold I. Ickes secretary of the interior department, came to Washington when President Roosevelt was preparing to throw out the Republican appointees of President Hoover and wanted

the job as Indian commissioner. After talking with Mr. Roosevelt, Ickes was offered the top place in interior and now the Indian bureau is one of his many agencies.

Despite the sale of many dairy herds in Oregon as dairymen, unable to retain help, have auctioned off their cows, the department of agriculture states that there is an increase of cows in Oregon of four per cent over the cow population of 1942. The department has an idea that while small and large dairies have folded up, other dairymen have bought the milkers and there is as much milk now in that area as there ever was.

House appropriations committee has been requested to include an item of \$500,000 for the newly located electro- development laboratory which has acquired the Albany college campus. The original appropriation was partly used in purchase of the college plant and additional funds are required by the bureau of mines for installation of equipment and maintenance. Nothing has been approved yet by the bureau of budget in any of the current appropriation measures. The staff is now being selected for operating the laboratory and eventually about 300 scientists will be engaged on experiments. There was a struggle among half a dozen cities for the laboratory, but all the western delegations are now backing Albany. As the president wrote to Sen. Charles L. McNary, Albany was the best place. Washington wanted it, but so many towns were contesting in that state that Oregon's delegation was united.

War department is arranging to send a contingent of WAACS for the cantonment at Camp Adair. There will be 144 dormitory units built for the girls in uniform at Corvallis. The WAACS are to replace soldiers and permit the latter to join combat troops. They will attend to the paper work.

## HOW CAN GOVERNMENT GIVE WITHOUT TAKING?

There is much for Mr. Average Citizen and Taxpayer to ponder in the following by Boake Carter, commentator, which appeared in the daily press recently under the copyrighted date line of the Public Ledger in Philadelphia:

One of the curses that bedevils us is the false use of words. When the Government starts talking about "giving" things to people stop and think a moment. A Government must take from the people before it can give to the people. Thus the giving is the product of an original act of force—because if a citizen denounces about giving up to the Government, the politicians use force to take it from him. Remember that when thinking of all this social legislation that the White House is talking about for future years of American life.

What is Social Security? It is a false title. Actually it is a lollypop. And on that account the populace likes it. The same populace wouldn't like vinegar. Is there any reason why Social Security should not be called by its right name—State forced insurance? Ah, that's vinegar! It doesn't taste as good as the lollypop, does it?

There is something that puzzles me. Official Washington seems willing to give the shirt off the back of every American to the rest of the world but is afraid to give anything to the American taxpayer. If we can give (which should be the true word for lend-lease) billions to the rest of the world, it is quite fantastic that the same political manager balks at giving to American citizens a fractional advantage (in time for payment) with regard to taxes as proposed in the Ruml plan.

If the United States taxpayer were to be put on a pay as you go basis by July 1, he would be given a break of six months on 1942 taxes. That would be immoral and unpatriotic! But it is a noble deed when the same politicians just about loot this country to give it away to foreigners.

We are told we are short of man power. The British and the Canadians are our allies, aren't they? More than that, they are among the English speaking nations of the world. Their government and our government is based on the same broad principles. Is it therefore impossible for an executive order to be issued removing restrictions against Canadian and British aliens working in defense plants of the United States?

There are several hundred thousand such Anglo-Saxon aliens in West Coast area. We see British and American political delegates working together in Washington to win the war. Why cannot British and American workmen work together in the factories to help win the war? Mark this one down for later reference. No housewife can buy the equipment to do canning. Yet the Government is urging housewives

to can as much as possible. The canning season is just around the corner. You cannot even buy a wash boiler to convert into a cold packer. This will prevent many thousands of Americans from doing their own food for the future. When the canning season comes on us, listen to the hullabaloo among the politicians and listen to how they scramble to

pass off the blame to some one else.

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