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Fragments of Fact
and Fancy

It would be interesting to know what the president's recent political swing through the none-too-solid south cost in dollars. We know it took the lives of four U. S. soldiers and two Mexican soldiers. Armed soldiers stood guard at all bridges and all along the four thousand-mile trip. Like a Prince in a fairy tale, Roosevelt likes to travel incognito and bask in the surprise his appearance causes but the cost is rather stupendous.

All the tricks are not in Germany's bag. Over the Ruhr valley some enemy bombers dropped counterfeit ration cards which utterly upset the carefully planned distribution of food there. Over-worked ration clerks had to prepare new food cards and schedules.

There is a silver lining to every cloud and when Nippon, the great imitator, rains bombs on the Pacific coast, let's hope a few ration books come floating down to us also. That would be like manna from heaven.

The American people need to change their thoughts about this war. There are too many advertisements extolling the new inventions and manufactured goods which will be offered to us "after the war." Indeed, "after the war" blessings are occupying our thoughts when greater attention should be given to winning it. Japan is planning for a one hundred year war and it is time for every citizen in this country to ask himself what can he do to aid in the vital efforts to defeat our enemies and not what he is going to do after it is over.

There is a hint that medical practices may be radically changed in the future, one noted scientist stating that it is possible that electronic rays may be used in treating disease, with a different wave length for each of the various maladies.

The raid on Tokyo a year ago has turned out to be another boner by an arm-chair strategist in Washington, D. C. It put Japan on the alert for future sustained attacks, resulted in the massacre of countless Chinese men, women and children over a vast area of China, and did comparatively small damage to Japanese military installations. Especially has the Shangri-La persiflage turned sour with Americans who were belatedly told that all the bombers were lost and some of the pilots fell into the enemy's hands. Quibbling with words, official announcements once gave the impression that all the men and machines were safe when none were downed over Japan proper.

Victory gardeners may be divided into two classes, those who use the hoe and those who do not. After sowing the seed, cultivation is the most important part of gardening. Of course, it kills the weeds but it also loosens the ground for aeration and it conserves moisture. A dust mulch thus formed forces the roots of the growing plants downward rather than to the surface where the heat of the sun would wither them. Keep the hoe well sharpened and in frequent use if you want to eat vegetables of your own raising.

It is to be hoped that John L. Lewis is digging the pit for his own destruction. He is not aiding the cause of unionism and the smoldering resentment of American patriots will result in legislation that will divest him of the power he now wields to the detriment of the public welfare. He had he can't be dropped on Japan or Germany since his actions make him their friend and ally.

"Hope springs eternal in the human breast; Man never is, but always to be blessed."

Tax reduction is always promised for next year. The state income tax is the biggest fraud, with hope deferred, as a huge surplus piles up

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, May 4, 1923)

Notwithstanding the early morning rain last Sunday, there were about eighteen cars in the caravan which came over from Roseburg for the gun club shoot, bringing about sixty ladies and men. The Roseburg team was a very much surprised bunch of sportsmen, when the two big events had been pulled, for their champion five-man team had fallen before the prowess of five of Coquille's crack shots, and their fifteen-man team had suffered a worse defeat. Those shooting for Coquille were: L. L. Thomas, Ira Johnson, J. W. Miller, Dr. Leep, Earl Graham, Pete Miller, M. J. Hartson, Ed Lorenz, Dr. S. C. Endicott, Geo. Lorenz, F. C. McNelly, Ray Dean, Frank Lacey, Alf Johnson, Hugh Harlecker.

The new Taylor-Ditto Battery Station is to be opened for business tomorrow, Saturday, morning.

J. L. Smith received a letter this morning from Lundin, the former horseshoe pitcher champion, and as soon as he returns from his trip to Albany will begin the organization of a horseshoe club here, under the national horseshoe pitchers' rules and regulations.

Dr. C. W. Endicott, of Marshfield, and formerly a Coquille citizen, was married Tuesday morning to Miss Clara Myren, of the same city.

The total of county real estate taxes for the current fifteen months has reached new heights and now the new federal income tax may forgive in theory but actually it will probably hit your wallet a harder wallop, with all rebates promised for "next year," which will be like the proverbial tomorrow that never arrives.

Isn't it just like Japan! With two sacks of sand underfoot the past year the enemy has changed chemicals on us and the sand is worthless—except for seed flats for the victory garden.



Washington, D. C., May 5—An estimated 10,000 troops will be established at Camp Abbott, a few miles from Bend. The disposal of sewage from such a city (it will be almost as large as Bend) presented a problem which the army engineers have solved to their satisfaction by giving the sewage a treatment and then pouring it into the Deschutes river. This does not please the stockmen and other settlers who depend upon the Deschutes river for their domestic water supply.

Scores of people have signed a petition of protest and forwarded it to Washington, D. C. Some of these petitioners assert that if the sewage from Camp Abbott is permitted to pollute the river there will be an epidemic; that the condition of the stream will be such that a number of farmers now engaged in raising potatoes and other vegetables will be compelled to abandon their ranches. Army engineers reply that there is sufficient flow in the Deschutes to dissipate the sewage and that actually there is 15 times more than is necessary. The engineers also explain that the plan has been approved by the state sanitary engineer of Oregon.

In the area of Bend and Redmond the sewage is disposed of by using the underground caverns of that region. The army engineers do not approve of this plan, explaining that the water in the caverns eventually makes its way into the river.

New fuel rationing regulations have been mimeographed and distributed to congressmen with the notation that they are "secret." The most important feature of these to-be-announced regulations is that whatever the solvent granted, the consumer should fill his oil tank in the summer months. Formula for rationing will be published almost any day now. A simple plan is devised for the small consumers, the people who are chiefly dependent on kerosene. These would be the ruralites who are not in position to illuminate their homes with electricity. The coupon system for fuel cards will be streamlined and generally stripped of red

E. J. Page and Dr. G. Earl Low, the committee which was soliciting subscriptions for this year's baseball team, report very satisfactory results yesterday, over \$600 having been subscribed.

L. W. Peare, Floras creek murderer, and sentenced to be hung on the second of June, attempted to commit suicide Tuesday afternoon about one o'clock by cutting his throat with a safety razor blade. Dr. Richmond was called and within fifteen minutes from the time of Peare's attempt, the doctor was stopping the flow of blood.

A class of six from Coquille leave this afternoon for Salem where they will tomorrow afternoon be initiated into the mysteries of the Shrine. The class includes J. S. Lawrence, L. H. Hazard, J. W. Laird, E. G. Opperman, Dr. W. V. Glaisyer and H. A. Young.

Complimenting Mrs. Elizabeth Perry and Miss May Perry, Mrs. H. W. Pierce and Miss Bess Maury entertained with a sewing party Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Maury.

The Sentinel received a call Monday from Mrs. Elizabeth Perry, of Port Dover, Ontario. She has taken the Sentinel for the past fifteen years, ever since she was a resident of Coos county and still finds it full of interest and replete with items about her old friends here. [Editor's Note: Mrs. Perry is still a subscriber, making it thirty-five years for her on the list.]

It is no military secret, however, that next year there will be an actual shortage of fuel oil and gasoline in the Pacific northwest, for by that time the war with the Japanese will be so intense that millions of gallons of high octane for fliers and fuel oil for the destroyers, cruisers, battleships, landing boats, escort vessels, etc., will be diverted from civilians and fuel oil will be scarce.

In the eastern Oregon country the bombers are setting fires with tracer bullets and many thousands of acres have already been burned over. The tracers are as effective as the incendiary bombs and can ignite anything of combustible character that they hit. The fires have been caused, assert the settlers, by the bombers firing tracers at cow hands and sheepmen to see how close they can come to them and make them jump—all in a spirit of fun. Complaints have reached the war department and instructions have been given that the planes be numbered to enable settlers to know what bombers are doing the dirty work. For punishment, when the guilty fliers are located, will be the loss of half a month's pay. The bombers are based at Boise, Walla Walla, Spokane and Pendleton, it is alleged.

One reason raised against the location of an aluminum extrusion plant in Oregon is the alleged shortage of labor. The assertion was made that this plant would have to get its workers from the shipyards and other war industries in the state. The division of aluminum and magnesium in war production board has been advised that there are three first class sites for the plant. These localities are Salem, Eugene and The Dalles, where there is ample labor for another war industry. The Oregon senators had a conference with Donald Nelson and William L. Batt, but their arguments made no impression. Government will finance three plants, one in the southwest, one south of the Dakotas and one in the mid-continent area.

Several communities in Oregon are benefiting from war contracts for supplies, shops in various cities cooperating into one organization. One of these combinations will produce thousands of truck bodies this year, and it has already produced about 20,000. A high spot in the combination is held by Baker, which is doing its share of the work faster than the contract calls for—a bang-up job. Another of the members of the group is located in Eugene, and there are three plants in Portland's metropolitan area. These separate companies pool their resources and make a formidable showing, handling a large contract which none of them could maintain individually. Another group is building parts of Boeing's flying fortresses, and another manufacturing valves in demand for synthetic rubber plants, navy ships, etc.

Give Mother a beautiful piece of Heisey crystal for Mother's Day. Priced fifty cents to five dollars. At Norton's.

Hear Willie White, Evangelist at Church of Christ, East 4th and Coulter. Every night, May 2 to May 23. Rest-night Monday. 154s

Dates For Rationing Stamps Through May

Coffee
Stamp No. 3 in war ration book one is valid for one pound of coffee through May 30.

Sugar
Stamp No. 1 in war ration book one is valid for five pounds of sugar through May 31.

Red Stamps
(For meat products, canned fish, most edible oils and cheeses)

Red stamp E, valid April 25, remains valid through May.

Red stamp F, became valid May 2.

Red stamp G, becomes valid May 9.

Revised point values were effective May 2.

Retailers must register with local boards and receive allowable inventories of meats and fats May 3-14.

Blue Stamps
(For canned, frozen, and certain dehydrated foods)

Blue stamps G, H, J, remain valid through May.

See our large display of choice pot plants at Hergen's, across highway from telephone office. Not the cheapest but the best. Phone 64.

Remember Mother on Mother's Day with a beautiful Hall-Mark card from Norton's. Price five cents to thirty-five cents. Calling cards, 50 for \$1.00.

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"You can't imagine, Judge, how much comfort Louise and I got out of reading that recent report made by the government on drinking habits in and around Army camps. If you hadn't loaned us your copy we'd still be worrying about our Jim... all because of those silly rumors goin' around."

so well-trained. Why, even on pay-night, there's very little drinking done. I was particularly interested in that part which said the Army, with an eye to its own problem, usually prefers to have its camps in wet communities rather than dry communities because wet communities can be regulated... dry communities with their bootleggers can't. It's just more proof that prohibition does not prohibit."

Conference of Alcoholic Beverage Industry, Inc.

HERE'S WEEK-END WORK that will help win the war!

Business and Professional Men! Clerks! College Students! Farmers! All able-bodied men in Coquille

You are urgently needed to work on S. P. track on week-ends in this vicinity. There is a serious shortage of track workers. We must keep our track in first class shape to move vital war traffic.

Help win the war, get healthy outdoor exercise and be paid for it.

At other points on the line, many business and professional men have been doing week-end work for us. They have been very helpful and have gotten a lot of personal satisfaction out of this patriotic contribution to the war effort.

For full details, please see, as soon as possible—

F. A. POOK - Phone 18

S.P

The Friendly Southern Pacific