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Fragments of Fact and Fancy

The dog-poisoner is at large again. This criminal is treading a dangerous path because sometime a young child may be the victim and more than the finger of suspicion will be pointed at him or her. We speak of this low-grade moron indefinitely as if the owners of the poisoned pets were unsure of the sex of the speak who feeds strychnine to their dogs. Instead, people of a small town know one another pretty well and there is usually only one person in a neighborhood deemed capable of such a nefarious act.

The killer of pets is lacking in mentality if he—or she—thinks the cloak of anonymity covers his—or her—deeds. We are all what we are and no one need think our associates cannot size us up correctly, whether we be murderers at heart, saints or the average run-of-the-mill citizens.

The Germans have been guilty of so many black crimes, it is strange that one more shocks us but the taking of General Giraud's daughter and his four grandchildren from Tunis to the European continent makes us want to call down the wrath of God upon the monsters in human flesh who do this.

There were top-ranking officers, there were valuable technicians, there were strong soldiers, whom the Nazis could have evacuated instead of a helpless woman and little children.

From the start Hitler has used the love of one relative for another to gain his ends. To overcome opposition from those not subjugated, he has often threatened harm and torture to their loved ones who are within his power.

This barbarous use of hostages may be as old as war itself but civilized nations long since ceased to countenance it. It was when we were struggling with Caesar's Commentaries in the original that we first appreciated the meaning of the word, hostage. We cannot remember much of that long-ago study but we do recall sensing the cruelty of the Romans in demanding the young sons of the Helvetians as hostages. After two thousand years it would seem that humanity should have advanced beyond the practices of Julius Caesar in spreading "kultur" of that day by the sword, but no, Hitler and his gang could give pointers to all the oppressors of the past for they have reverted to an age of barbarism more cruel than any of recorded history.

Last Friday, May 21, marked the sixteenth anniversary of Lindbergh's arrival at Paris after his epochal flight across the Atlantic ocean. His plane, "The Spirit of St. Louis," now on display at Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D. C., bears little resemblance to the aircraft of today.

Indeed, the development of air travel may be the outstanding achievement of the twentieth century. It was just a score of years ago this spring that newspaper writers were agog over the flight of two army aviators from Long Island to San Diego in one day, from noon of the first day to noon of the second day, making the 2700 miles in 27 hours. It was termed incredible, miraculous, wonderful and unthinkable. Fifteen years later, in 1938, a pilot cut down the time of the transcontinental flight to ten hours.

The speed of the fastest aircraft now in use is a military secret, although that of the mosquito bombers which carry the mail from England to Berlin and keep the residents of that city awake night after night, are reported to travel faster than four hundred miles an hour. Is it inconceivable that some time flyers will keep pace with the sun? For instance, they might leave New York at nine o'clock in the morning and reach Portland at the same hour; in fact it would be nine o'clock all across the continent as their shadow fell on the towns, valleys and mountains they passed over.

If the speed of an airplane ever exceeds that of the sun, then we feel that we are on the threshold of understanding Einstein's theory of rela-

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, May 25, 1923)

The Soldiers' Memorial service will be held at the Liberty Theatre Sunday morning, May 27, at 11 o'clock. Rev. W. S. Smith will be chairman and Rev. H. E. Rosseel will preach the sermon. Mr. Leslie will have charge of the music.

Four thousand copies of the "Mikado's Messenger" have been issued from the Sentinel press this week, advertising the "Mikado," which is to be produced at the Liberty Theatre here next Monday and Tuesday evenings May 28 and 29.

At the meeting of the city council Monday evening the dog question held the boards for about an hour.

J. S. McEwen, one of the oldest residents of Coquille, passed away at his home on Spurgeon Hill at one o'clock Wednesday morning. He was born Mar. 14, 1836.

At one o'clock this morning one of our oldest citizens passed away when Joseph H. Bledsoe died at his home here after a short illness.

Activity or possibly we should go to the other extreme and say we would feel like the old darky, dressed up in her best bib and tucker who, when asked where she was going, answered: "I've already been where I's gwine."



Washington, D. C., May 26—Two consequences of the war production announcement that there is now enough industrial alcohol on hand to meet all requirements through 1944 are of direct interest to Oregon. First, is the statement that because of this ample supply the previously announced plans for five new grain alcohol plants have been deferred, thus putting a quietus to Arlington's hope that it would secure such a plant; and, second, the prospect that distilleries will be permitted to resume for 60 days the production of whiskey, the growing scarcity of which brought about rationing in Oregon and a threat that the state's old-age pension set-up would be disturbed. Revenue derived from the sale of alcoholic beverages through state-owned stores has been the principal source of this fund and the demand upon it was increased by action of the last legislature in increasing monthly allowances for the older.

Ever since the grain alcohol program was initiated Arlington has been an active candidate as a site for one of these plants to handle surplus wheat grown in the state and for a time the prospect that it would be selected was highly encouraging.

Independent merchants in Oregon engaged in the sale of foodstuffs are protesting to their congressman, individually, against the latest order of office of price administration fixing a higher ceiling for them than for the operators of chain stores. They resent the intimation that they are unable to compete and blame the OPA for creating the impression that their prices are higher than those charged by the chains. Such discrimination by an agency of the government is declared to be unjust and that it operates to their injury.

One of the letters of protest, which is a sample of many received from the state, closes with this statement: "We are called upon to buy bonds, solicit for Red Cross funds, take our part in civilian defense, and carry the load of community activities, and we do not like to be discriminated against by our government officials whom we are supposed to stand behind." OPA price ceilings effective as of May 15 permit a differential of from two to four cents between independent and chain stores presumably on the assumption that the latter are able to undersell. This assumption, the protests declare, "is not only false, generally speaking, but it creates in the mind of the public a feeling that independent stores cannot compete." The protests are being filed with OPA, but it remains to be seen whether any action will be taken.

Regarded as a straw in the wind of what the future holds for the Japanese is the retaking of Attu island and the repeated bombing of Kiska in the Aleutians. High command has

The following is the list of the eighth grade graduates from Coquille school district: Clara Bean, Alice Collier, Alta Belle Elwood, Grace Horner, Edward Johnson, Thelma Nelson, Roy Shuck, Kathleen Vowell, Ollie Gisholt, James Agostino, Royce Richmond, Blanche Jorgensen.

Mrs. Earl Leslie came in Monday from Milton, Ore., where she and Earl signed the past school year.

John Miller, Arthur Ellingson, F. C. Hudson and E. M. Gallier, of Bandon, went out to Winchester, just north of Roseburg, last Friday evening and brought home about 400 pounds of Chinook Sunday afternoon.

Coquille people during the recent Salvation Army drive, contributed the sum of \$360.

The following is the list of players signed up for Coquille baseball team this season: Carl King, Carl Gilbert, Arthur Berg, Carl Turna, Rodney Smith, Gordon Slade, Howard Hobson, William Fortier, Harry Oerding, Kid Carson, Harry Dement, Cliff Perkins.

explained that Kiska could be retaken from the enemy whenever it was necessary by paying the price. The assumption is that this may be considered the opportune time to clean out the Japs and remove that obstacle on the road to Tokyo. All in all, the general picture of the Pacific looks as though Uncle Sam will be increasing his forces in that theatre and put forth a strong effort before the year's end although, at the same time, throwing most of his strength into Europe to engage the Germans.

David Niles, one of the six assistants of the president with "a passion for anonymity," is charged with being the man to handle the undercover campaign for a fourth term for Mr. Roosevelt and that Postmaster General Frank Walker is only the "front." Mr. Niles is the man who, when in the department of commerce with Harry Hopkins, ignored the Democratic party organization in Oregon and turned over the patronage for taking the 1940 census to the Commonwealth Federation and informed western Democrats that no one who was not a 100 percent new dealer had a right to a place on the federal payroll.

Apparently acting only as individuals, a super-cabinet has been developed in the White House with the full approval of the president. This war cabinet consists of Harry Hopkins (Harry the Hop), Judge Sam Rosenman (Sammy the Rose), Barney Baruch, Jimmy Byrnes, office of stabilization, and Admiral William H. Leahy. Their meeting place is at 1600 Pennsylvania avenue. To their presence are summoned top drawer officials to be questioned and given instructions. Although these five men have no authority, they manage to be shaping some of the politics and decisions and impose their will upon supposed "big shots." No one has resisted the decisions of the unofficial war cabinet as yet and, if given time, they may be able to straighten out some of the discord and jealousies now so rampant in the numerous alphabetical agencies of the government.

Here's Another Suggestion For Control Of Dogs

From Evanston, Illinois, the following item appeared recently in a San Francisco paper. It is passed along to the Coquille city council as a possible means of eliminating the dog menace to gardens in Coquille:

Evanston residents looked forward to a tiresome summer of dog walking today.

The city council last night passed an ordinance making dogs guilty of trespassing if they walk on a neighbor's lawn, and owners may be fined from \$5 to \$200, depending on the dog's behavior while trespassing.

The ordinance has a patriotic basis—dogs invading Victory gardens would be harmful to the war effort. One dog fancier, who thought dogs should not be subjected to such confining man made laws was ejected from the city council's chambers when she objected too strenuously.

President Roosevelt has proclaimed June 14th as Flag Day. Every household should hang out the American Flag on this day. If you haven't one you can find a Home Flag set consisting of a Flag, a jointed pole and holder for \$3.00 complete, at Norton's. 17 19 21

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Weekly Letter From Washington, D. C.

BY CONGRESSMAN HARRIS ELLSWORTH

Washington, D. C., May 22.—It seemed to me that most of the members of Congress were pretty well pleased with Prime Minister Winston Churchill's speech Wednesday. They certainly gave him a fine applause when he was ushered in and when he finished speaking. Churchill is a short built, roly-poly man with a ready and mischievous smile. He evidently likes to move around a lot while speaking. A space about six feet in diameter was cleared on the speaking platform just beneath the Speaker's rostrum. An enormous battery of microphones was arranged along the desk normally used by the clerk when he calls the roll. Churchill had a manuscript on the desk beneath them—pulpit height—and appeared to read from it most of the time, although how he could read typewriting at the distance he was standing from the desk is beyond me. My impression is that he was almost constantly in motion—always making a step or two forward and then back. Quite evidently wise to the ways of radio broadcasting, he did not move from side to side but kept always squarely in front of the mike battery.

Several Senators have expressed dissatisfaction with Prime Minister Churchill's assurances regarding help in the Pacific. I doubt if it would have been practical for him to have said much more than he did, but I am glad to have constant emphasis placed upon the necessity for aggressive action against the Japs. We Pacific Coast people know the importance of knocking those monkeys out before they got too well consolidated. Washington and the East generally is getting Pacific-minded in a big way, which is most encouraging.

Edward, Duke of Windsor, and his charming wife, Wally, along with a group of notables, sat in the gallery just above and back of me. I tried to keep from turning and staring at them but, hang it, I had never seen an ex-king of England before, so I guess I did quite a bit of gazing. Edward, blond and washed-out looking, is not an impressive person. But Wally! She certainly is attractive. Dressed simply in a dark blue outfit and with very little "make-up," the Duchess was not in the least spectacular in appearance. The entire assembly cheered the Duke and Duchess long and loud both when they entered and when they departed. Duke Edwards stood at the top of the steps and made numerous bows in acknowledgment of the applause.

Yesterday morning I had the pleasure of spending nearly an hour alone with Secretary of State Cordell Hull in his great office in the homely old State Department Building. Mr. Hull is one of America's distinguished citizens, an interesting conversationalist and a mighty friendly man. The Secretary is 72 years of age, is vigorous, keen and alert. He served in the Congress for nearly a quarter of a century, more than 15 years as a member of the House. He told me of his experiences as a "freshman"—

how he was sorely disappointed over his committee assignments his first term but was later able to climb on up the seniority scale. We will not discuss pending legislation, nor did we discuss affairs of state. It was a social visit—I was curious to have first-hand knowledge about the man who (for the next 18 months, at least) handles our relations with foreign governments.

My visit with Mr. Hull came about this way: Carlton W. Savage, a former class-mate of mine at the University of Oregon, is one of Mr. Hull's confidential assistants. Savage has been in the State Department for the past 15 years. I have seen him several times since I have been here. The other day Carlton called me up and suggested I come down and look over the State Department, and that he would arrange an appointment with the Secretary for me—which he did.

Carlton Savage was born and raised in Oregon. He was principal

of the Glendale, Oregon, high school for a year or so after he graduated from the University. The state Department book entitled "Peace and War," the story of our foreign policy during the past decade, was prepared under his direction—he wrote most of it. I asked him to tell me why under the sun that book is called a "white paper." He said he really did not know—that the term was not used by the State Department. I was relieved to have that information because I hate to see our government adopting the diplomatic jargon of Europe.

Week's highlights: Ruml Plan failed again—this time by eight votes. Still pending. Several appropriation bills passed—but by the time the committees get through screening them there is nothing much to do with them on the floor of the House but pass them. Things are quieting down and there is general talk of a recess during July and August.

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THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...



"Just one more question before you go, Judge. What is this thing called propaganda, you hear so much talk about these days?"
"I'll give you an example, Hank. Last night I was reading an interesting little book called 'Hitler is in Favor.' It told how Hitler would very much like to see Americans fighting among themselves over prohibition because that would create disunity, waste the time of Congress and legislatures in wet-dry arguments and cripple our war effort. It

also mentioned a booklet written about Hitler's government talking how Hitler's gang wants to maintain contact with foreign temperance organizations and how it contributes annually to an international temperance union.
"You can bet Hitler isn't interested in seeing prohibition advanced in our country for any reason except that he knows it's a good way to stir up trouble. That's what they mean by propaganda, Hank."