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Fragments of Fact and Fancy

You may not have noticed it but we have just passed through the "dog days." The six weeks period from mid-July to the last part of August has been known as the "dog days" since ancient times. During the sultry heat of late summer the popular belief was that dogs were liable to go mad. This idea was also connected with the movement of the Dog Star in the heavens.

While we still talk about the "dog days," here on the Oregon coast we do not have the hot weather which characterizes them and we have lost all touch with the movements of the planets and stars; we doubt that the average Oregonian could tell Sirius from any other fixed star.

In fact, we might say this has been a year with no summer for us. The weather man has played a joke by giving us rain and chilly mornings and evenings just when fuel-rationing was started, with no provision for artificial heat in summer time. The old saying that Oregon has only two seasons, the rainy season and the month of August, also goes by the board, as frequent showers this month belie it.

The current number of the Atlantic magazine presents a series of letters written by a Japanese who had been educated in this country but returned to be with his father and mother. They are very revealing in that they show how a man's mind can be molded by ceaseless propaganda. The letters cover a period from 1924 to 1941, two months before Pearl Harbor. At first the writer sees the world with the clear eyes of an educated man but gradually he changes as foreign periodicals are denied him and he accepts the idea that America wants war with Japan and is poised for an attack on her.

One more example of too much government is found in the fuel-rationing of wood. At many mills in Oregon it has been the custom of the operators to allow the workmen to carry home all the waste wood they desired and thus the worker had no fuel bills to meet. Now, however, this waste product is denied him. The mill can not go into the wood-selling business or even give its refuse away without endless red tape and the consequent filling out blanks and obeying price regulations. If this waste, which formerly heated the homes of millhands, is now added to the slab fire and goes up in smoke, the whole community is poorer for its loss increases the demand on wood dealers who are bedeviled with reports and in many instances months behind with the orders.

God bless the youngsters of America. Just as in the last war we watched small boys playing baseball and prayed that their skill in this sport might never be necessary in grenade throwing on the battlefields of the future, so today we look at the toddler wrestling with his tricycle and his older brothers on scooters, wagons and bicycles and hope that these mechanical toys are not the first step in the education of future bomber pilots.

Many a boy who lived with a ball in his hand twenty or more years ago is today proving his worth on one of the far-flung battlefronts of this war. In Africa one of the ranking officers has said that American pilots are far superior to those of the axis because our boys fly with their hearts, it is instinctive with them, but the training in Germany has to be hammered into the heads of the youth. We might say that an automobile for every family in this country has done much to win the war for us—that is, if it is won in the skies as present developments indicate.

God bless the little shavers on tricycles and the boys on bicycles of today and may He give wisdom to the Allies in administering the peace so that the youth of our land may turn their talents to the pursuits of home-building in a happy country of

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, August 24, 1923)

Rev. C. H. Cleaves and family, of Pocatello, Idaho, where he has been pastor of the Congregational church for the past six years, has been spending this month in a vacation trip by auto with his family. Wednesday evening a surprise party was tendered him at the F. G. Leslie residence by several of his former parishioners: E. E. Johnson and family, C. E. McCurdy and family, M. O. Hawkins and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Nosler, Geo. T. Moulton, C. T. Skeels and family, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Leslie and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Leslie.

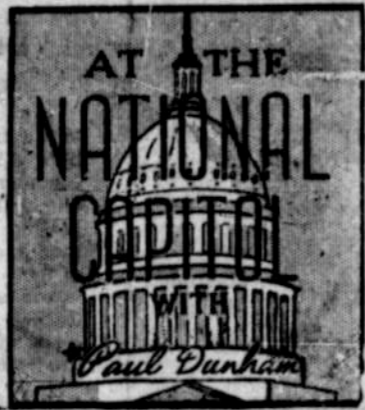
Gas dropped a cent here yesterday and is now being sold for 24 cents a gallon by the retail dealers. There were service stations in Los Angeles where gas was selling at ten cents a gallon Monday.

Contractor E. W. Gregg expects to start the construction of a community building at Arago next week, to be 60x75 feet in size. The building complete and furnished will cost about \$5,000.

To the credit of our state be it said that after years of neglect of the dependent child that there are now housed in two well equipped cottages of the Children's Farm Home of the W. C. T. U. forty of such little waifs. The first two cottages will be formally dedicated September fifth.

the future.

Never a dull moment for the taxpayer. The August 15 deadline for county real estate taxes was hardly past before the mail brought us those new federal income tax blanks with accompanying tables and whatnot of instructions for estimating, adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing our withholding tax from our probable income. What with that and the watching our ration stamps to make sure none go stale on us, we hardly have time to keep up with the latest war developments, let alone the political moves for a Fourth Term.



Washington, D. C., Aug. 26—Certain western railroads are planning to employ Mexicans for maintenance crews. The several thousand nationals of the republic south of the border who have been brought into the Pacific northwest to harvest the crops have given the railroads the idea. These alien workers, who are giving a generally satisfactory service in the fruit growing and vegetable districts, are in the United States through negotiations of the state department with the Mexican government on temporary permits and under agreement that they will be returned to their native land when the harvesting has been completed. In no sense were these laborers designed to become permanent residents.

Notwithstanding the agreement under which the aliens were admitted, the railroads are figuring how a sufficient number of these transients can be detained and employed in the maintenance-of-way division. So hopeful are the rail carriers that some plan will be worked out that they are already making preparations for sheltering the Mexicans. A type of housing considered suitable for the foreigners is now being constructed by the railroads, but there are so many war worker dwellings being erected that the buildings financed by the railroads have not attracted special attention.

Handling the greatest volume of business in their history, the western railroads are having difficulty engaging sufficient common labor for maintaining roadbeds in proper condition. This being the case, the roads are of the opinion that if Mexicans can be imported to gather vegetables and fruit for the American farmer they can also be imported for keeping the tracks in good order for the carrier, arguing that transportation is now a war activity and the movement of war supplies is as essential as the saving of food, if not more so.

With a petroleum company preparing to drive a well in the Coos bay section of the Oregon coast, there

The following is the corps of teachers contracted with for the coming year: Mrs. Inez Chase, Miss Anna Hendrickson, Miss Vina L. Crouk, Mrs. Bertha Harpole-Ditto, Miss Maymie DeLong, Mrs. Launee Miller, Miss Anna Lewis, Mrs. Rosa Glossop, Miss LaVerne Lamb, Mrs. Mary Harvey, Miss Emma Rasmussen, L. A. Parr, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McCormack, Miss Marvel Skeels, Miss Ruth Nissen, Miss Emma Jo Stewart, Miss Sara Huntington, Miss Janet West.

Customs Officer Chester Clark was informed by Captain S. Iwazawa of the steamer Yoneyama Maru, that one of the deserting firemen who was reported missing from the craft Wednesday, had returned to the vessel. Deputy Sheriff Malehorn says this morning that the two deserters from the Jap boat were seen day before yesterday on the road between North Bend and Empire and he expected them to be picked up today.

Peaches from Looking Glass in Douglas county have been selling at the Bay for 75 cents a box.

Rev. Chas. Bergner, who graduated at Albion Theological Seminary last year, and who has been teaching in the South since then, will become pastor of the Presbyterian church here on the first of September.

Mrs. Lans Leneve is assisting in the postoffice this week during Alton Grimes' week's vacation.

is a report current that something of the sort is in prospect near Bellingham. A study has been made quietly in that area by a geologist covering a period of five years.

The evacuation of Kiska by the Japanese is simplifying the American attack on Japan. There is not the need now that there has been for an aviation base in Siberia (which Joe Stalin has refused to permit) for, with Attu, the most western island of the Aleutians, the northernmost part of Japan is scarcely a three-hour flight and this little Japanese outpost has already been bombed twice. Now that the Aleutians are cleared of Japs the United States has control of the northern route to the heart of the Japanese empire, and this route will play a leading role when the high command is prepared to strike.

Months ago a high American officer predicted that Japan would feel the strength of Uncle Sam before the end of this year, and that may well materialize for some day the citizens of the northwest will hear of a major engagement off the shore of Japan, and that will be the first intimation that the United States has struck.

These boys who are flying fighters and bombers in the sky of the Pacific northwest are not wasting gasoline. They are in the serious business of learning the technique of war, and the war they are being trained for is that in the Pacific—not Europe. The many crashes in recent weeks is but the evidence of the larger number of planes being assembled along the Pacific coast.

To avoid the last minute rush, it is time now to prepare a new income tax report, which must be filed by the September 15 deadline. These returns must be made on an estimated gross income for 1943, or actual income in 1942, if it exceeds \$3500, for a married person, or \$2700 for a single individual. The fact that the withholding tax of 20 per cent is being taken from wages does not absolve a person from making out another income tax statement.

One of the leading matters for attention when congress returns to work from its vacation will be a brand new tax bill. The ways and means committee has been thinking up new ideas along this line while other members of congress were back among their constituents and, like all tax proposals, there is no unanimity of opinion on how much revenue should be raised nor the method of having the taxes paid. The pay-as-you-go program, now in effect, is an experiment and is subject to change when the new tax bill is finally formulated.

WPB Chairman Donald M. Nelson has announced that 80 per cent of the \$20,000,000,000 war plant construction program has been completed, which means that more resources can be diverted to direct war work.

According to a recent report of the Maritime Commission, American ships delivered into service 1,046 new merchant vessels aggregating 10,485,500 tons during the first seven months of this year.

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Timely Topics

By R. T. Moore

The refusal of Russia to enter into the frequent conferences on Allied conduct of the war keeps our authorities in a constant dither, notwithstanding their insistence that Russia is always informed on what is to happen and has an indirect say in the proceedings.

Plausible reasons for Russia's attitude have been advanced but none of them have as yet been confirmed by the Kremlin. We can only assume that her peculiar problems have prevented whole-hearted participation in discussions of world-wide strategy with England and the United States. The fact can not be escaped that there is not the mutual trust there should be. Russia prefers to sail an independent course.

Premier Stalin is a practical man. He has lived a hard life. He has been hurt by trusting people too much. He will not make this mistake twice. Proceeding with extreme caution in diplomatic matters, he will make sure that Russia gets what he thinks she should have at the peace table. No diplomatic entanglements will be permitted to stand in the way.

The current success of the Russian arms may result in the hastening of the big push through western Europe in order to forestall the possibility that Russia may get to Berlin first. That would greatly complicate matters and might lead to years of political unrest. It is felt that all of the Allies should approach the peace table on equal terms if any kind of stable peace is to be had. Russia with Berlin in her hand would hold the ace of trumps before the other cards were dealt.

There is considerable resentment over two things the Russians have not done. To give the Allies badly needed air-bases in the Moscow region for the bombing of Germany and the failure to give her Allies full credit for the steady flow of munitions that has enabled her armies to drive back the Germans. A probable reason for Russia's failure to grant the air-bases is her fear of English-American domination at the peace table. Russia wants to run her own show without outside help.

She probably feels that she has paid for the munitions with the blood of millions of her soldiers. There is justice in this contention. Certainly she has thrown the Wehrmacht back on its heels and destroyed much of its power. It has been done by the combined valor of her common soldier and the very able leadership of her young army officers. Her failure to thoroughly inform her people concerning the extent of Allied aid may stem from the fear that it will lead to a let-down in her industries just as there is a let-down in the United States after the successes in the Mediterranean theatre.

Germany is trying to get Japan to launch an immediate attack on Siberia to relieve the pressure on the Russian front. Evidently the German high command fears the Dnieper line can not be held. But the Jap will hesitate a long time before taking a step that would invite American bombers to Siberian bases.

As the final drive to destroy Nazism gains momentum there is the pos-

sibility that the war in Europe can be quickly ended through united action this fall by all of the Allies. No doubt this is the chief subject at the Canadian conference and we shall soon know what is to happen.

The sudden change of Mr. Wallace from a mild liberal into an ardent radical has somewhat bewildered his supporters. As the elected Vice President he has done a very fair job. His trouble has come from activities outside of that office.

Having served the Administration loyally for years and having been on the best terms with his chief, the unceremonious jettisoning of his efforts came as a surprise and shock. Some of his political enemies have expressed their sympathy because they respected his sincerity even though they disagreed with him. He had the opportunity to become great in defeat but muffed it by yielding to his natural feeling of resentment.

In my opinion he has lost stature by making the series of speeches in which he champions rather radical issues. The speeches appear to have been inspired not by deep thinking on the subject but by the rebuff of the president, which to him seems unfair treatment.

Although Mr. Wallace is said to be weak politically there is the possibility that his leadership of the left-wingers might offer trouble in the event of a Fourth term. Strong opposition in the South plus that of liberals in the North might block the steamroller.

The fuel oil situation is further befuddled by conflicting reports originating in the office of Fuel Oil Administrator and in the Oil Trade Journals issued by the industry itself.

The Administrator threw a scare into the public by predicting the end of our under-ground resources was in sight. He insisted that a stern policy on conservation would quickly have to be adopted if our autos and airplanes continued to function after the war. He went on to say that Government rationing and control of this precious commodity was imperative to preserve the economy of the nation.

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THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...



"Anything new, Bert, on that black market trial up at the county seat?"
"The jury came in 'bout an hour ago. Judge. The verdict was 'guilty.' I understand the sentence is going to be a mighty stiff one."
"Can't be too stiff to suit me. Anything those law-flouting racketeers get will be too good for them. How they thrive every time there's an opportunity to sell something

illegally instead of legally in this country. Just like the bootleggers did during the '44 years when liquor was sold illegally instead of legally."
"Unless this black market in meat and other commodities is stamped out and stamped out quickly, Bert, we're in for another dose of the crime, corruption and lawlessness we had following the last World War."