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## Fragments of Fact and Fancy

The idea of September this year were as baleful as those of March. For the second time in one twelve-month, Uncle Sam has demanded an accounting from his nephews and nieces. It was not enough to make an honest return in March, accurate to the last penny. Now in mid-September imagination and guess-work are called upon to improvise an estimated income and hypothetical tax, which may prove fairly correct only for those neither optimistic nor unduly pessimistic.

When the administration blocked the Ruml plan, which was simple in the extreme, the income taxpayer was handed a heavy jolt. The Ruml plan did not originate with those in power and so for political reason was opposed by them, ostensibly because it "forgave" taxes, although no one would fail to pay a full year's tax each year under its provisions. Next year when our citizens are called upon to pay one year's tax plus a fraction of another year's tax, a little more "forgiveness" would be appreciated.

(Parenthetically we might say that while the idea of March fall on the fifteenth of that month and include the preceding seven days, those of September end with the 13th day; probably not quite so unlucky for the taxpayer who postponed his income reckoning until the last day or two as the fifteenth deadline was for the ones who failed to make the returns required of them.)

Within the last year some starry-eyed reformer predicted a work week of twenty hours in the not too distant future. We'd suggest that they settle for twenty-five hours a week. This would give the typical American, who wants to work and wants to reap the benefits of his ability to labor, the opportunity to hold down two jobs—with double income. Men and women who desire to "get ahead" are not going to limit their productiveness nor do they look forward to idleness as the goal of existence.

When Hitler broke his long silence last week and made a radio address to the German people, he ended his speech on a religious note, calling upon divine aid. This makes one think of the old Scotch couplet:

"When the dell got sick, the dell a saint would be.

When the dell got well, the dell of a saint was he."

When Roosevelt was re-elected for a second term, many of his enemies felt that it was just as well for him to have to clean up some of the messes his administration had created in domestic economy. When the war in Europe changed the picture at home as well as abroad, the third term was made possible, but the argument that a fourth term should be given Roosevelt because then his chickens will be flocking home to roost, is a feeble-minded idea.

Give him his fourth term and United States can go through bankruptcy without his realizing it, so busy will he be making the peace and running the rest of the world.

It is not all beer and skittles for the home canner these days. Nearly everyone has some story to tell of losing half of the beans canned, of jar breakage due to untempered glass or of food spoilage from defective sealing composition—in the caps. It is heart-breaking for the housewife to see her work all gone for naught and sometimes it is nearly a catastrophe when one considers the present high price of fresh produce and the inability to replace the rationed sugar that is lost.

The American people have been accused of lessening their war effort this summer. Wrongly this has been attributed to the victories our armed forces have so gloriously achieved. Rather, if there has been a let-down, John L. Lewis has been indirectly responsible for it. Ineptitude in handling Lewis and the politics which dictate every move on the home front

## TWENTY YEARS AGO

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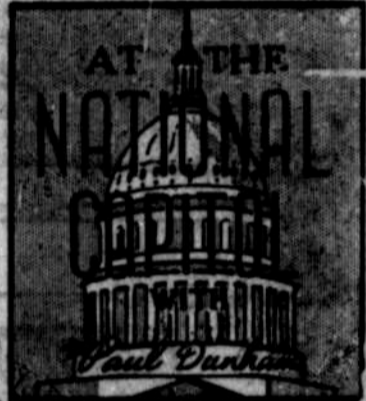
The budget committee for the city of Coquille met in the city hall last Monday evening and organized by the election of Geo. O. Leach as chairman and Geo. T. Moulton as secretary.

The shoot held at the fair last week was a most successful affair. Hugh Harlocker was high the first day with 49 out of 50 birds hit. The second day Ira Johnson had his eye working in the best of shape and dropped 75 straight. John Miller was second with 74.

County Roadmaster Chas. S. McCulloch presented his resignation as roadmaster to the county court the first of this week. It was accepted and the commissioners named E. L. Robinson, of Reedsport, as his successor.

Mrs. H. K. Fredenburg, of Arago, who less than a month ago was called to mourn the death of her daughter, August Marie by the sad drowning accident at Reedsport, became ill last week and on Sunday was taken to the Myrtle Point Hospital, where she passed away Wednesday night.

Judge R. H. Mast received a letter yesterday from the Court of Domestic Relations at Portland informing him that the 16-year old boy, Alton Covell, who is being held in jail here during the investigation of the killing of his step-mother, Mrs. Fred Covell, had been adjudged feeble-minded in that court some years ago.



Washington, D. C., Sept. 16—It may give the farmers of Oregon and Washington a feeling of satisfaction to learn that crops they have raised are now being used to feed the people of the countries rescued from the Germans. The efficiency of modern war is attested by the labors of the quartermaster's department in producing, as if by magic, stores of foodstuffs for the civilian population. This was first demonstrated in North Africa, where American food was provided for the people as rapidly as territory was swept clear of the enemy.

On the heels of the American troops in Sicily came steamers loaded with supplies—flour, milk, sugar, dehydrated vegetables and fruits and meats. Having fed the Sicilians, preparations were made for Italy. No sooner was the unconditional surrender of Italy announced than freighters began nosing into the docks and discharging cargoes of food, which was distributed without delay. The food follows the soldiers. It is the American policy in this war to look after the welfare of the civilians as promptly as possible, for a full

have disillusioned many patriots. The proverbial needle in the haystack is no where near as elusive as the desired package in a cold storage locker. An indoor pastime, rather too cool for comfort, is watching of others paw through their boxes, spilling contents on the floor as they become bluer and madder with each passing cold moment.

### POSTWAR BUYING BACKLOG

A sign of the times is the new, unadvertised shortage which the U. S. public will soon find in safety deposit boxes. White-collar workers and wage earners, clutching War Bonds in their hands have swarmed into banks and trust companies in recent months and rented safety deposit boxes for the first time in their lives.

Safety deposit box occupancy is at an all time high; rentals since January 1, are up 31 per cent over the same period a year ago. Yet there is no tendency to hoard currency. The total of money in circulation is rising steadily.

This is most significant. People's valuables today consist largely of war bonds and other long range savings. That means, in terms of postwar planning, an accumulated buying power to back up the great demand which will exist when the war ends. It means that people will be able to pay for the things industry will produce. It means greater employment if industry, unhampered by unnecessary governmental restrictions, is given a chance to satisfy the demand.

Rev. H. V. Moore was reassigned to the local field by Bishop DuBose at the annual conference of the church held in Milton this week.

E. C. Church, who has been superintendent at the county infirmary for the past year or more, tendered his resignation to the county court at its meeting last week.

The enrolment in the Coquille high school at the opening of school this week was 155, as against 140 last year.

The City Cleaners and Tailors shop, on east Front street, changed hands Wednesday when L. C. Newman sold the establishment to Chas. H. Lowery, who comes here from Weiser, Idaho.

Joe Esser and wife came in from Springfield last Saturday to visit his brother-in-law, Wm. Fortier, and he was so pleased with this country and its prospects that when he went home Monday he said he was going to finish up his contracts out there and come back here to locate.

School Superintendent C. E. Mulkey informs us that the Arago district has already outgrown their new building and that they will have to put seats back in the old building and use it again.

Joseph Achenbach, for several years engineer with the Coquille Laundry Co., died at his home in this city at 9:45 Tuesday morning, following a second stroke of apoplexy the day before.

stomach wins appreciation. What is taking place in Tunisia, Sicily and Italy is only the beginning. The same open-handed generosity will be displayed in other countries as they are rescued from beneath the heels of the hordes of Herr Hitler.

This sums up that the farmers of the United States will be feeding millions of people abroad for the next few years, or until crops can be grown and harvested there. It is part of the plan announced by President Roosevelt and supplemented by Secretary of Agriculture Wickard that food will be the trump card at the peace table.

Into the picture has moved ex-Governor Lehman of New York, who has been appointed to administer the relief to be given Europe by Uncle Sam. The task of feeding the civilians will be taken over by Lehman and he is now building up an extensive organization to handle the job. Just how far Lehman will go in his relief work is not known, but he can be expected to spend at least one billion dollars as the Good Samaritan to the stricken people of Europe. For the present his activity will be confined to food, but his assignment also deals with reconstruction which has been interpreted as providing funds for the rebuilding and reconstruction of much of the destroyed buildings and streets—a so-called glorified WPA.

On the home front dissatisfaction has developed in the farm area. There have been calls for men, women and children to save the crops and they have gone into the fields to pick beans, beets and other vegetables as well as fruit. Most of these crops have been saved from rotting on the ground, but after they have been harvested another situation has arisen.

Canneries are appealing for help and not receiving as much assistance as is needed. Crops have been lost by the ton at northwest canneries for the lack of man-power. The reason is this: The person picking beans is an agricultural laborer and such labor is exempt from social security tax or income tax. What is paid for gathering the fruit or vegetable is clear money. If the picker follows the crop to the cannery he is immediately soaked a number of taxes, such as withholding tax, income tax, hospitalization (to which the workers do not object as there are always accidents in canneries), and there is the payroll tax, for canneries must contribute to the fund for unemployment benefits. Therefore it is more profitable for a worker to gather crops than to assist in processing them. Canners must operate under a ceiling, must pay a specified sum per hour and take the risk of spoilage.

The farmer has the edge over the cannery but there is so much complaint that if the food of the northwest is to be shipped abroad for the next two or three years, something must be done to attract workers to the packing plants. Workers are not objecting to the cannery scale, but they are objecting to the few dollars they make being subjected to the withholding and income tax.

National Chairman Frank Walker, big chief of the Democrats, is now busy laying plans to obtain a good-

sized bank roll for next year's political battle. Cloak room gossip has it that the liberal-minded Marshall Field of Chicago, who will inherit 70 million from his merchant grandfather's estate the latter part of this month, will be a very liberal contributor to the bourbon campaign war chest. From all reports the G. O. P. won't have near the trouble raising money, which always is the lot of the Democrats. Most all of the big shot captains of industry, who have plenty of the long green, are anti-new deal and Roosevelt haters. Kicking in to beat "that man" is a pleasure to them.

purpose if an epidemic should strike. Thanks to the American people we are able to pledge and to carry out the pledge, that no infantile paralysis patient shall go without hospital and medical care because of the lack of money. Through the co-operation of the County Health Department, the Coos County Infantile Paralysis Fund and other agencies, a group of doctors and nurses is being sent to Portland to attend classes in the Kenny method of treatment of infantile paralysis.

sis. — Elton A. Schroeder, County Chairman. Norton's now have Hallmark Christmas cards on sale. Due to the scarcity of cards this season, it would be well to select your cards and place your printing orders early. We carry a complete line of V-Belts for all makes of Refrigerators, Washing Machines and other equipment. Washer Service Co., 365 W. Front, Coquille. Phone. 161ts

## Polio Epidemics --- Summer 1943

Polio, after first involving Southern California continues an accelerated march across the United States and has at the same time made inroads in the states of Washington and Oregon. While Coos county has been fortunate thus far in not having any cases reported we should constantly be on the lookout for it, and at the very first symptoms report it to your local physician and the County Health Department, so that certain definite aids can be given immediately.

The July 20 report of the 1943 drive shows that Oregon and Coos county placed fourth among the 48 states of the Union in the per capita contribution. Because of your generosity in Coos county we now have a sum of money which can be used for this



### From where I sit ...

by Joe Marsh

"Jeep Nerves"—that's what Dan O'Neill calls the jumpy way some folks react to the strain of wartime living.

Not that Dan blames 'em. When you work 12 hours a day and travel in crowded busses—live in trailers and put up with inconveniences—it's only natural to get tense and irritable. "Folks must learn to relax," says Dan, "and take it easy."

And Dan thinks he has the formula. Soon as he's through at the shop he comes straight

home, picks out the comfortable chair and pours himself a tall, cool glass of beer.

Then he sips it—slowly and appreciatively—like good beer should be enjoyed.

And by the time that glass of beer is gone, Dan says his disposition is as good as new... and the day's work seems well worth tackling again tomorrow.

It's a real effective formula. I know; I've tried it!

Joe Marsh

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