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ONLY ONE YEAR MORE WILL GIVE COUNTRY A BREAK

A special news writer for the daily press recently said that he had positive information that F. D. R. would not run for a fourth term, that his health would not permit another four years as chief executive and commander-in-chief.

Any lingering doubts as to the correctness of that statement were dispelled Tuesday night when results of the off-year elections began to come in. That New York lieutenant-governor decision in which Tom Dewey's candidate defeated Roosevelt's and the mayoralty race in Philadelphia where the president's friend was defeated, did not do his "health" any good nor did it boost "home front morale" in Nude Deal circles in Washington.

FROM THE BOTTOM UP

Along with the acceleration of the action of our troops on the battlefronts, is the increasing volume of postwar ideas which are coming from our nation's leaders. Now is the time for all Americans to study carefully the views of these men and women, for it may not be too long before we shall be leaning on them as we make important decisions.

Governor Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts, in an article in the Washington News Digest, has this to say of the postwar picture:

"The average citizen will look to the postwar world to provide him with a job. Jobs are the basis for all home and family life. They are symbols of the best type of democracy.

"While the retooling from war to peace is in progress, the citizen will expect his government to take up the slack of unemployment. But the citizen will look to private industry as the main source of jobs. This means a challenge to all individuals and groups to exercise the same initiative and imagination in creating tools and new machines in times of peace as we do in war.

"This country has been built from the bottom up and not from the top down. Let us keep it so! The individual citizen wants to feel that he is the most important consideration in his government's mind."

With regard to centralization of power in the federal government, Governor Saltonstall continues:

"Local and state government are close to the people. They always have been and always will be. The very best kind of government is the old town meeting where a man could blow off steam once a year. When peace is declared, Washington must again become the bridge of our Ship of State—not all the gun turrets, engine room, and galley combined. The most effective help which Americans have known from 1620 to 1943 is help to help themselves. People inevitably become fed up with the mistakes of a tremendous, administrative bureaucracy, constantly interfering with individual actions."

Vehicle Registration Down One Per Cent The Past Year

Motor vehicle registration in Oregon at the end of September this year amounted to 410,238 vehicles, a decrease of about one per cent from the registration of 417,503 vehicles a year ago, according to Secretary of State Bob Farrell.

Of the 410,238 vehicles registered in the state, 329,196, or about 80 per cent, were private passenger cars.

Increases were shown in the number of trucks and buses registered in the state, Farrell said. Trucks totaled 42,834, an increase of three per cent. Buses totaled 1,118 which is an increase of 27 per cent over the bus registration a year ago.

Registration fees for the first nine months of the year totaled \$3,338,987.68, compared to \$3,300,542.02 a year ago.

Nortons wish to inform their customers, that due to the book quota they now have their full allotment of Holiday books in stock. Buy now or use the Lay-away Plan.

See Schroeder's Jewelry Store in Coquille for Diamonds and Watch Straps.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, November 2, 1923)

The steamship, Elizabeth, which has made over 600 trips between San Francisco and Bandon without a mishap, came near meeting the fate which has befallen so many good boats before, last evening when she ran onto the north jetty at Bandon about six o'clock. The impact did not knock a hole in her hull and at eight o'clock this morning she was floated off and towed into the Bandon harbor.

The white coat the painters are applying to the new hotel is making it a finer looking building every day and one of which Coquille may well be proud.

When School Clerk Sanford completed his checking up of this year's school census he found there were 663 children of school age in the district, of whom 372 are girls and 291 are boys.

Next week is "Apple Week" and the boys of the Junior Chamber of Commerce are going to give it some prominence here in Coquille by providing several gallons of cider for the weekly meeting of the Commercial Club Wednesday evening. F. G. Leslie has promised to furnish the doughnuts to go with the cider.

Rev. James Conder, who was pastor of the M. E. Church South here four years ago, passed through Coquille Wednesday on his way to Marshfield.

William McCormick, aged 20, was crushed to death under a log at the McCarty brothers logging camp near Fairview Wednesday afternoon.

The school census recently made at North Bend shows 1670 children between four and twenty years of age. This beat Marshfield's enrollment of 1478.

The City Bakery here has been bought by Nosler and Huntington, the former so long a well-known school teacher in the upper valley at Bridge and Myrtle Point.

Chas. E. Evland began his duties yesterday morning as tender of the Coquille river bridge here.

Honolulu, Oct. 12—Among the passengers who arrived on the steamer Lurline from Seattle, October 12th, were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Von Pegert, of Coquille, and Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Schroeder, of Florence, Oregon.

Fragments of Fact and Fancy

Sunday morning we saw a new kind of rainbow—thanks to the little black spiders so prevalent at this season of the year. They had covered the lawn with myriads of silver threads. The green grass glistened with dew in the bright sunshine and the slanting rays of the sun at our back were reflected in a band of rainbow colors that lay across the webs of silver and moved forward as we walked.

In former years we have delighted in the frosted appearance of the lawn when every spear of grass was a tent pole for spider webs which crisscrossed the yard in a vast, intricate pattern of silver on green but this fall was the first time we had seen a rainbow on the ground, ending at our very feet.

Psychology teaches that we see what we expect to see and, especially, do we hear what we are accustomed to hearing; that is, the new impressions of our senses are co-related with past experiences. Thus when the radio said the Russians were fighting for Three-Boy-Roads, a look at the map made it plain the town of contention was Krivoi Rog.

Those who predict a return of the bootlegger if the new, stiffer federal taxes are adopted for alcoholic liquors, forget one thing—the rationing of sugar. Just how the moonshiner could operate without sugar is not clear. Indeed, some people think the danger of home-brew is the only reason for sugar continuing on the rationed list.

While we follow the tribulations of the comic-strip characters with more or less bated-breath, one side of our brain views them with a detached criticism. For instance, if the Phantom, as stated at the time, exerted every ounce of his strength to burst the bonds that bound him when he

was hurled to the sharks, then at a future meeting the General would only need to double the strength of the chains to overcome the illusive Phantom.

Even Superman has fallen down lately, showing human failings when he was unable to see through leaden walls or to detect instantly the impostor who passed for Lois Lane. If we are to have supernatural heroes, let them play their part unimpeded by human weaknesses.

The Dogpatch residents go to the other extreme and only a genius could conjure up such sub-normal beings. In their fabulous doings a modern fairy tale is unfolding daily with queer, distorted humans as the actors instead of the gnomes and elves of former fanciful tales.

There is one comic-strip character who conforms to our own way of living. For over twenty years a typical American boy has grown up before our eyes from the day he was left as a foundling on his Uncle Walt's doorstep to the present when he is fighting in foreign lands to keep the war from the borders of his own country. The fortunes of Skeezix are followed as closely as if he were a real flesh and blood hero.

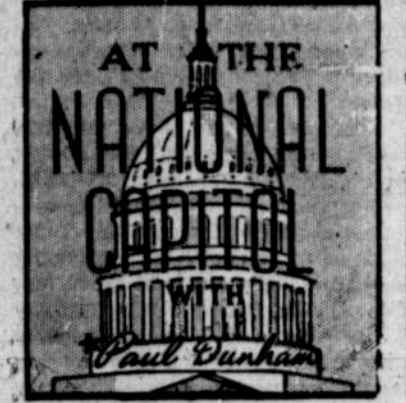
We call them "funnies" but these serials have long since passed from slap-stick comedy to sustained drama and occasional tragedy.

The relations between England and the United States are receiving a great deal of attention in the press lately. One Britisher is reported as pointing to the inconsistency of prevailing viewpoints in this country. He said it in well-turned English phrases but the gist was: "Well, make up your mind—you can't expect us to liquidate our empire and at the same time be a strong ally in after-the-war problems."

Our friends in other sections of the country may be surprised to know that Oregon housewives are still canning tomatoes, although the calendar says it is November. To be sure there was quite a frost Sunday night but the provident gardener had already

gathered his green tomatoes and as they ripened slowly in the warmth of the house his better half continued her preserving almost into winter time. Tomatoes have received plenty of sunshine during their growing period and artificial heat tends to bring out their ruddy color and improves their taste.

The victory of Dewey's forces on Tuesday of this week was the triumph of good government over bad and makes one wish it could be said: "As New York goes, so goes the nation."



Washington, D. C., Nov. 4—There has been plenty of hooey regarding the repeal of the Chinese exclusion act. Congressional speakers have said the law originally was a mistaken one and even President Roosevelt criticized the passage of the exclusion act. The truth is that John Sutter was the cause of bringing Chinese to this county when gold was found in his millrace back in 1848. There came a demand for cheap labor and the Chinese were imported. They came as contract labor. The resentment against the Chinese was really resentment against the labor contractors who were bringing them in to do hard work for little pay. The American workmen went on a rampage as the Chinese were depressing the scale of wages and consequently the standard of living. A handful of rice, a few cents a day and a guaranty that their bones would be sent back to China if they died in the United States was the total compensation of the aliens. Notwithstanding the assertion of President Roosevelt, enactment of the exclusion law was not a mistake.

It is funny how congress can back up and reverse itself. Early this year there were at Ellis Island 1,000 Chinese who had deserted from British ships because they were poorly paid by the British skippers, harshly treated and were being sent into dangerous zones. The British wanted these crewmen back, so to please the British skippers the house of representatives passed a bill (H. R. 2076) forcing these Chinese to return to British ships, and there was no voice raised then to speak of the brave Chinese allies as has been done in the argument over repeal of the exclusion act. When this bill reached the senate last July it was given an amendment that took the sting out and saved the Chinese ship-jumpers from being put in the class of runaway slaves of the pre-civil war days. Congressmen who a few short months ago voted to turn the Chinese sailors over to the British have since been loudest in the demand for repeal of the exclusion act as an evidence of their high regard for the Chinese people.

Lack of co-operation between government agencies, supplemented by the confusion incident of the changing fortunes of war, will mean financial loss to many farmers unless the government is prepared to put up the cash and write off as a bad investment its effort to produce hemp to

take the place of the supply cut off by Japan's capture of the southwest Pacific islands and Italy's partnership with Germany in their effort to dominate the rest of the world. With Japan's treacherous attack upon Pearl Harbor imports of hemp and sisal to the United States ceased with a suddenness that threatened to disrupt American industry and war production board sought to avert this calamity by promoting an expansion program for hemp production.

Commodity credit corporation and defense plant corporation were called upon and the former announced a guaranty of \$30 to \$50 a ton for hemp straw. DPC followed with an offer to finance the erection of 42 hemp mills at a cost of \$360,000 for each mill. Kentucky farmers were urged to produce the seed and agricultural adjustment administration rushed men into the corn belt where they succeeded in signing up 20,000 farmers to grow hemp. At the top price of \$50 a ton the hemp crop promised returns of \$200 an acre and the farmers regarded this an opportunity they could not afford to overlook.

But now, with greatly increased imports of hemp from Central and South America and the opening up of a possible supply from Italy, war production board has lost its enthusiasm for the domestic product and both CCC and DPC stand to be left holding the bag if they make good their promises to the farmers. Only two mills have been completed so far and only a few others are scheduled for completion this year, so Defense Plant Corporation may be able to pull out of the venture with the minimum of loss. But Commodity Credit Corporation is obligated to see that the farmers do not suffer loss, although their product may not be

needed in the war effort. Meanwhile War Production Board ignores its responsibility for the mix-up and goes merrily on its way bringing in imports of hemp and sisal from other lands at the expense of out-right cash loss to the government.

Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes has lost his "indispensable" man to the navy. Abe Portas, assistant secretary of the interior, who has caused so many sleepless nights to the owners of private utilities in the Pacific northwest, has finally donned a uniform despite "Honest" Harold's announcement of his irreplaceability.

It's Chysanthemum season. See Bergen's for choice flowers.

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