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Fragments of Fact and Fancy

Of all the pernicious bills ever presented to the congress that drawn up by administration forces for soldier voting takes the prize. In every way its provisions are favorable to perpetuation of the New Deal politicians in office. The mere fact that the soldiers would have to write in the name of their choice for president gives the present incumbent in office the lead over any other candidate.

No opponent's name would appear on the ballot and all members of the armed forces are well aware of the identity of their commander-in-chief. Also such a large percentage of the soldiers abroad are under thirty years of age that it means Roosevelt is the only president many of them remember. A twelve-year term for a president makes it possible for nine-year old boys to reach their majority with only one occupant in the White House during that time.

Let it be increased to sixteen years and it is too much like a lifetime job, with the danger of hereditary succession in the office.

It is now hinted that the new "Philippine Republic" may be forced by the Japanese to declare war on United States.

A recent report on traffic fatalities indicated the pedestrians were more to blame for these deaths than were the motorists. Here in Coquille we are heading for trouble. To save two or three steps dozens and dozens of people daily cut across in the middle of the block on their way from or to the business section. They come out from behind parked cars in front of traffic and take the right-of-way as their due, although it only belongs to them at the designated intersections. A few arrests might change the habits of all of us oldsters, the children in this case setting a better example for their elders. As a pedestrian, we would prefer a summons for jaywalking to an accident from exercising our God-given right to walk where we please.

Our better half bought a few filberts recently for holiday goodies. We noted how much better quality they were to nuts of this variety on the market ten or twenty years ago. In our imagination we fancied the hazel nuts of this year came from Senator McNary's orchard and, being an Oregon product, accounted for their superiority.

Looking over an old book recently we found in it a list of proper names with their meaning in their original language. Of course, everyone knows Abraham means "father of a multitude." Adam derived his name from the "red earth" out of which he was created and probably there was the prophetic reference to the fact that he would return to dust if he transgressed. Appropriately Eve, the mother of mankind, means life. It is not strange that David is a favorite name for it means beloved or dear.

Other names with their meanings are: Adah, an ornament; Daniel, judgment of God; Elizabeth, she worships the Lord; Esther, a star; James, the-Greek form of the Hebrew name Jacob, which means supplanter; Judith, praised; Mary, exalted of the Lord; Paul, little or small; Phillip, loving; Priscilla, ancient, old-fashioned simplicity; Ruth, beauty.

For more than one reason the powers-that-be do not like Drew Pearson. His is the statement that "not every Administration blunder is a military secret."

The first half of the twentieth century will probably go down in history as an age of barbarity and savagery, when civilization appeared ready to destroy itself. Of course, we have faith that right and justice will prevail and an order of decency be established for the whole world.

The dark and bloody years when Hitler sent his Gestapo over Europe to torture, enslave and massacre helpless people provide a page in history as black as the short four years of the reign of Caius Caesar.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, December 14, 1923)

The trial of Alton Covell for the murder of his step-mother, Mrs. Ebba Covell, at Bandon on the morning of September third of this year, began in Circuit court Wednesday morning.

The tower which the city council ordered built some months ago for the fire department, has been erected this week. It is 50 feet high and enclosed with sheet iron.

D. P. Strang, Coquille's oldest and one of its most respected citizens, passed away at his home in the north part of the city at 11 o'clock this morning. He was 89 years, three months and thirteen days of age.

We are creditably informed that The Title Guarantee & Abstract Co., now owned by the estate of the late H. Sengstacken, will be taken over by E. C. and E. W. Smith, late of Baker, Oregon, about the first of the year.

With Don Pierce unable to participate in basketball this year, there are only two of last year's letter men out for practice—Layton Nosler and Earl Rice.

J. L. Smith, H. E. Hess and C. C. Jorgensen are out with a challenge

Timely Topics

By R. T. Moore

The history-making conference held in Cairo and Teheran by the respective heads of the allied powers promises to result in a quickened and intensified attack upon Germany, which may develop by the time this goes to press.

This meeting is valuable more for the moral effect on the enemy than for its policy making for the armed forces of the allied powers. It is symbolic of the common will to destroy nazism and fascism throughout the world.

With prospects for an early victory over Germany comes the plans for postwar economical adjustments to re-orient the world's commerce and restore each nation to a state of self-respect and prosperity. The allied states will be looked to for leadership in this great undertaking and it is well that our nation is taking stock of itself before the times comes for action.

From where I sit, it looks as if a reversal of trend in public thinking is going to be necessary if proper leadership is to be developed along these lines. Commerce is the result of teamwork between labor, capital and government. Each of these groups has an equally important part in the development and maintenance of the nation's business, and we should reorganize each so that it will fit into the general program with the same care as that used by an artist in the making of a mosaic pattern.

There is still a disturbing tendency among labor leaders to regard the continual increase of wages and decrease in working hours as a gain for labor in general. The fact is that the only road to prosperity and to general security for labor lies along the way of increased production. The dollars paid in wages mean nothing if their buying power is decreased. The man received \$5.00 per day, with expenses of \$4.00, is as well off as a man who receives \$20.00 per day with expenses of \$16.00. The dollar is merely a symbol of production and means nothing unless backed by actual goods. If the goods themselves are not produced, the increasing of

This Caesar it was who once expressed the wish that "all the Roman people had but one neck so that I might behead Rome at a blow." He ordered all prisoners to be thrown to wild beasts and took delight in protracting the sufferings and torture of his victims in order, as he said, that they might know they were dying. Not only were criminals and political enemies given to wild animals but at public games spectators were sometimes seized at random.

He named himself a god, had a temple erected to himself, with priests ministering at the shrine. In this respect his story is a counterpart of Hitler who, as fuhrer of the German nation, tried to supplant the worship of Christ.

However, history gives Caius Caesar the benefit of doubt that he was truly responsible for his atrocities. As a boy he was the pet of the Roman legions and received the nickname of Caligula, due to the little military boots he wore. When he became emperor, at twenty-six years, he was an amiable young man of a generous disposition. He was soon thereafter stricken with a severe illness which probably disordered his brain and after that his excesses began. As for Hitler, the only excuse offered for him is that his childhood was not a happy one.

for any team of three, anywhere in the world, in dehorning cattle. They claim to have made a world's record Monday when forty head of young stock were run into the chute, their horns removed, and out again in forty minutes.

M. O. Hawkins, who will tomorrow night sever his connection with the Title Guarantee & Abstract Co., will resume the position he left at the E. E. Johnson mill a couple of years ago, next Monday morning.

Allen Young was yesterday afternoon elected captain of next year's high school football team by the letter men of this year's squad. He has played center on the team for three years.

Miss Nissen, director of the High School orchestra, reports very good progress in the work. The orchestra will consist of the following members: Irmen Kime, Edward Johnson, Margaret Bell, Kathryn Reynolds, Kathryn Peart, Marian Musgrove, Murray Neely, Rolen Musgrove, Myrtle Clayton, Arthur McAdams, Grace Richmond, Brica Flitcroft, James Galbraith, Lois Morrison, Don Pierce, Allen Young, Elva Willey, Lola Ball, Walter Paulson, Harold Peart and Maxine Paulson.

dollars paid in wages is valueless to the laborer.

We must change our thinking from the constant endeavor to secure more dollars to a constant endeavor to produce more goods. We will be dependent upon foreign trade for post-war prosperity. We will not be able to hold this trade unless we can produce goods of superior quality at low enough cost so that other peoples can buy them. It is only through the process of mass production at low cost that we can assure a high degree of prosperity after the war. Labor leadership must therefore courageously and diligently mold the thinking of the laboring public to stimulate desire for continually increasing output per man; in this lies the true gain for labor because it will result in the laboring public enjoying more of the good things of life and of maintaining steady jobs for all. The war has shown that steady employment is the best social security that has yet been devised for the lower income groups. More activity has drastically reduced demands for government relief because every employable person is busy. The same thing will happen during peace times if we concentrate every effort on high production.

In regard to capital and the management, little need be said because it merely plays the game according to the rules laid down by labor and government. It will adjust itself automatically to almost any set-up that it has to face. The only thing it will ask is that it is left free to function without destructive interference by either labor or government. Government must retreat from its present position of entering too far into the life of the nation. Those who can think of no remedy for social ills other than a lavish outpouring of taxpayers' funds must be supplanted by those who will zealously guard the taxpayers' money and resolutely eliminate every unnecessary government activity. The present punitive system of taxation on business must be eliminated. It is not wise to tax the seed instead of the harvest, for such taxation dries up the source of revenue. The result would be a tremendous stimulus to private enterprise and would insure the long-time leadership of the United States in world commerce, with insurance of continued prosperity at present levels. These matters are worthy of the careful consideration of every American voter and taxpayer. We are at the crossroads, and the impending danger of the peace is even greater than that of war. Let the people consider carefully and act wisely, both at the polls and through their representatives.

It was my pleasure to attend the meeting of the City Club in Portland on December 3. The speaker of the day was Mr. Cheng, a representative of Free China. Mr. Cheng is now a member of the faculty at University of Washington and his family is presumably interned at Hongkong. Mr. Cheng speaks English fluently and is a man of keen intellect. He is easy to listen to and his speech was very effective. Among things he suggested in his talk was, that a road would be built from the United States through Canada and Alaska to the Bering Straits. Across this waterway large ferries would be operated during favorable months to connect with a similar system of roads in Siberia and China, reaching every point in Europe, Asia and Africa. This seemed fantastic, and yet, great progress has been made in that direction to date. It is not unjudicious optimistic to believe that the present generation may

live to see this very thing done. Mr. Cheng stated that the war had made such strides in air navigation that it would be commonplace to leave the Pacific Coast today and arrive in China yesterday! This interesting phenomenon is due to the date line in the mid-Pacific and to the great speed with which big transport planes operate.

Mr. Cheng stated that China is one hundred per cent for the U. S. and trusts us as it does no other nation. It is grateful for the help we have given in the past and for our continued kindly feeling towards the Chinese people. He hopes that this feeling will be continued into the future.

Free China is determined to become industrialized. It is launched upon a program of intense development of natural resources, the building of factories, the construction of railroads and highways, the establishment of air lines of travel and the general awakening of its huge population to the need for raising the general standard of living.

This is most interesting to Coos county people, because it implies a very attractive trade with China after the war. The Pacific Coast will be especially favored by geography in the participation in Chinese development. The potential market afforded by a nation of 400 millions defies the imagination. We have but to extend a friendly hand and the opportunity is ours.

You will be interested in a bit of wisecracking that occurred at the end of Mr. Cheng's speech. It was pointed out that China was fast replacing the U. S. as the leading champion of women's rights, because of the four chief executives, Chiang Kai Shek was the only one who brought his wife. Someone then suggested that we should not be too hard on F. D. R. since Eleanor was never home long enough for him to take her anywhere.

It will pay you to look at Bergen's before you buy.

1944 Auto Stickers May Now Be Put On Windshield

Windshield stickers validating the 1944 registration of motor vehicles in Oregon now may be used, Secretary of State Bob Farrell said. The stickers are valid after December 15.

When the new 1944 stickers are attached to windshields, the old 1943 stickers must be removed. No stickers, except authorized ones, may be displayed on windshields in this state and the 1943 sticker will not be authorized after the new one is in place. The owner whose car was not registered in this state in 1943, and who has been operating in this state under reciprocal agreements with adjoining states, must now take out an Oregon registration. He will receive, in addition to the sticker, a set of 1942 license plates. Title of these cars also must be transferred from the state of registration in 1943 to Oregon.

Farrell reminded vehicle owners who have not yet applied for 1944

registrations to do so at once to avoid the late rush period. Inadequate help for processing applications and the Christmas mail rush will cause delays to those who apply late, he said.

Hunters Must Mail Check-Out Cards At Once

Those hunters who this fall held special tags for the killing of doe deer, antelope, bull elk or cow elk, are requested to mail in immediately the attached check-out cards if they have not already done so.

Several hundred persons have failed to check out although this is required by law. The check-out card must be mailed in even if the hunter did not kill any game or go out hunting.

Hunters are being given this notice to comply with the law and the names of those failing to respond then will be compiled and turned over to the game law enforcement officers.

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