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The fact that C. I. O. President Murray is opposed to the universal draft program, suggested by President Roosevelt yesterday, makes hundreds of thousands of people in this nation more willing to give it a trial.

## Timely Topics

By R. T. Moore

A typically American custom is the naming of Navy destroyers after men who have given up their lives in gallant action against the enemy.

Pursuant to this policy is the naming of a new destroyer the U. S. S. Walter C. Wagon after the Bandon High School boy who made the supreme sacrifice during the battle for Guadalcanal.

Walter Wann was just an ordinary high school boy in outward appearance. He went into the service waving a cheerful goodbye to family and friends with a shy smile just like thousands of others. And yet he possessed latent talents and the strength of character to make full use of them totally unsuspected by those who knew him best.

Who would suspect that this young high school lad, fresh from the classroom, could in a few short months prove himself the master of the trained killers of Japan? Who could foresee that this youngster of humble birth, inexperienced in worldly wiles and barely out of childhood, would rise to such heights of gallantry in action as to win the highest commendation of a grateful nation? Truly, herein lies the secret of American power. Every community in the nation has its Walter Wann and may God preserve them.

This is the power that drives our forces relentlessly against every obstacle imposed by man and nature. It shows in the grimly determined young faces of those who move forward through the hellish jungles of the south Pacific, through the bottomless mud and endless sleet of Italian winter, through the terrible muggy heat of India, the hard brittle cold of the Arctic and the chilling fogs of the North Atlantic. It is the power that is striking terror in the hearts of those German butchers who masquerade as men and to those steeped in the black perfidy of Japan. It is the relentless omnipotent power of the God of righteousness, of justice, of mercy, and of brotherly love marching at the head of our columns to bring stern retribution to those who have flaunted His will.

Let a grateful people cherish the America these boys are preserving. Let it soberly accept and wisely administer the stewardship of keeping inviolate the American institutions that have nurtured such fine young men. Let it look well to the task of preserving these institutions free from the infectious growth of false philosophies that would destroy our way of life while seeming to improve it. Let the gallant new U. S. S. Walter C. Wann take its place in our Navy to immortalize the name of a great American and to bring redress to all mankind.

The mysterious high officials who gave out the press release condemning the railroad unions for their strike action on grounds of alleged aid to German morale certainly made the head lines.

The unions caught off base by the unexpected blast are furiously digging fox-holes of denial with cries of foul play and slander. And it does seem as if they had good cause for complaint. Their wage demands were very moderate compared to other unions and it is not clear why they should be singled out as culprits when other strikes were also disastrous to the war effort. Then the remark by the president's secretary that although the Administration denied authorship of the charge it was in harmony with Administration views would indicate that if had something to do with the release. It certainly is in line with the well known New Deal strategy of stink-bomb tossing to discredit those who have lost favor.

The lesson to all unions in this incident is that the correlative of power is responsibility. The railroad unions are a very large and strong minority in the nation. They have been per-

# TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from Sentinel of Friday, January 11, 1924)

Coquille postal receipts jumped 17.3 per cent during 1923, from \$8,626.24 to \$10,095.41. The \$10,000 receipts attainment entitled the city to free city mail delivery and the campaign to have all houses numbered was started at that time.

Mrs. Ida Owen and Miss Edna Harlocker left on Saturday for a three months' trip to the Hawaiian Islands. Both ladies promised not to make the Islands their permanent home—and they did return.

Duck hunters that week reported nine large white swan within a block of where H. E. Hess resided on the Russ ranch across the river.

Lafe Compton was making daily trips to Coquille, getting ready to open the Coquille Hotel and Compton's Coffee Shop. The range in the kitchen was being installed and the management expected to begin serving meals, even before the bed rooms were all finished.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank, A. J. Sherwood, R. C. Dement, L. H. Hazard, O. C. Sanford, C. F. Skeels and E. D. Webb were re-elected as directors. Half of that group are now gone.

The Farmers & Merchants Bank stockholders re-elected J. E. Ross, C. J. Fuhrman, J. E. Norton and J. W. Miller as directors, and the board re-elected J. E. Norton as president, C. J. Fuhrman as vice-president and John E. Ross as cashier. The annual report showed that deposits had increased during 1923 from \$177,179.14 to \$274,050.95. All those directors are still living but none are active here, Mr. Norton being the only one remaining in the Coquille valley.

mitted by the public to obtain a strangle hold on our vital rail transportation system. But this is a stewardship and not an ownership.

The public expects them to use their power judiciously and sensibly.

They are not to lose sight of the fact that public interest comes first all of the time. It was bad judgment to threaten a strike even if there was no intention of actually walking off the job. The public has become aroused to the danger inherent in such irresponsibility and strong corrective measures are almost sure to be taken. The public is still boss, opinions to the contrary notwithstanding. And this incident further convinces that the unions are not to be trusted with too much power and that some of it should be taken away from them in the public interest.

This column has repeatedly warned against irresponsible use of political and economic power by organized labor. It believes with Samuel Gompers that unions should avoid political pressures and commitments that are sure to lead to disaster and fascism.

Much ground has been lost in public favor but it is not yet too late to recover because the basic theories of organized labor merit preservation. There must be a very decided and courageous about-face in policy by union leadership to win back public good will and respect.

Now that the question of a special session of the Legislature has been definitely settled in the negative, we can see that the issue was between two basically different theories of post-war planning. It was the government pump-priming method of providing jobs versus the private enterprise system.

If the State is to underwrite an extensive construction program for the post-war period it will need huge reserve sums. These sums can best be raised during the flush war times when people have money. If private enterprise is to have the responsibility taxes should be kept at a minimum to build up potential industrial expansion power during the war period. This policy is of course only possible in the case of state and local taxes. Both corporations and individuals who could create employment in post-war should be allowed to gather the financial strength necessary to carry out the program.

Evidently the prevailing opinion is that private industry be given the ball with government running interference to clear the way. This appears as the most sensible and promising program. It is in step with American tradition of freedom of opportunity and fair play. It is also in step with the current trend in government policy towards the right.

One editorial writer calls this trend "left-right." Possibly this expression is inspired by the one-two punch given the New Deal by FDR.

The stage was all set for the standard procedure in milking the poor old taxpayer. There was the crooner to sooth bossy with sentimental love

Coquille was enjoying soft, mild weather while at The Dalles the thermometer was down to zero.

A. L. Martin, Coos county Mt. States Power Co. manager, and C. C. Archibald, Coquille manager, presented to the council the company's proposal to spend between \$600,000 and \$750,000 in improvements in the county during the year, part of which would be a new transmission line from Coos Bay to Delmar.

Mr. Martin also presented the suggestion that the Coquille street lights be equipped with 100 candle power lamps instead of the 80 theretofore used, and agreed that the company would replace broken globes thereafter, a saving to the city of \$1 for each globe broken.

Pool hall licenses granted were to H. D. Jones, J. L. Holycross, Chris Johnson and C. A. Machon.

County Judge R. H. Mast reported that the state highway commission had under advisement the bids submitted for graveling Highway 101, on the Roosevelt Highway as it was then known (in honor of Theodore Roosevelt) and that contracts had been let for the bridges at the south end of the dyke across the river, the one across Fat Elk creek and the one at Lampa creek. The river bridge here was building.

W. H. Mansell returned on Tuesday from a visit with his mother in Oakland, Calif.

Dr. and Mrs. W. V. Glaisyer and two youngest children left that morning for Tacoma, where Mrs. Glaisyer was to visit her parents while the doctor attended the Veterinarians short course at Washington State College at Pullman.

ballads that she would give down more generously. There was the accordion player to accompany the crooner. There was flit-sprayer to drive away annoying flies and finally the expert milker. It was quite a team and had been very successful during the past decade.

They proceeded to the pasture, dressed in their attractive pink costumes, and met with almost immediate disaster. The new generation taxpayer was the wrong kind of a bossy. He was a gentleman bossy completely fed up on crooning and definitely allergic to all shades of red. So the expedition landed on their several posteriors in the blackberry patch on the far side of the pasture fence.

This little allegory illustrates what is happening to the post-war planning game. FDR, the astute politician always, is way ahead of his palace guard and has actually smiled at their predicament, the villain.

### Bulletin Tells How To Repair Household Equipment

"Household Equipment—Its Care and Repair" is the title of a new and attractive bulletin just released by Oregon State College.

It will be found extremely helpful to families who are now forced to do their own repair work on small household equipment. The booklet explains in detail the care and repair of such items as fuses, cords, plugs, refrigerators, ranges, washing machines, kitchen utensils and simple plumbing. Copies are available upon request to the County Home Demonstration Agent, count house, Coquille.

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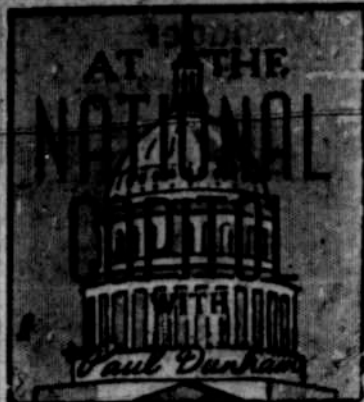
### Pimples Disappeared Over Night

Yes, it is true, there is a safe harmless medicated liquid called Kiezerex that dries up pimples over night. Those who followed simple directions and applied Kiezerex upon retiring were amazingly surprised when they found their pimples had disappeared. These users enthusiastically praise Kiezerex and claim they are no longer embarrassed and are now happy with their clear complexions. Don't take our word for it, use Kiezerex tonight. Only 50c. If one application does not satisfy, you get your money back. There is no risk so do not hesitate. Bold and recommended by

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Washington, D. C., January 13—

The temper of congress seems very clear on two points of legislation. First, the men and women in the armed forces are to be beneficiaries of some type of legislation which will assure them of the opportunity to vote. Second, the labor mess-strikes, threatened strikes and wild-cat walkouts which have in many cases seriously hampered our war effort will get immediate attention from congress, either through an amendment to the Smith-Connally anti-strike law or through new legislation. The scores of returning lawmakers who visited the home folks during the holiday recess report that the people are absolutely fed up with strikes and threatened strikes which have kept the public in a continual state of "jitters" ever since Pearl Harbor.

The home folks, and the service men also, made it very clear that members of the armed forces should have a chance to vote, and they're mighty sore at congress for stalling in the matter. Spearheaded by congressmen who are Legionaires and ably assisted by the potent American Legion lobby, some measures are sure to pass granting discharged service men a bonus and other benefits.

This session of congress will see plenty of politics mixed in with every roll call vote. All of the boys have their eyes on the ballot box, which will be taken out of storage next fall. Speeches galore will fill the Congressional Record for the benefit of the home folks and nine-tenths of it will be nothing more or less than politics, intended to snag the votes of the lawmaker's constituents.

Competent observers of labor politics are convinced that union leaders are less concerned with immediate wage increases than with the long view of postwar pay. There are indications that future efforts will be toward stabilizing conditions after the war and that the main purpose in the negotiation of labor contracts will be to secure guarantees of minimum monthly, weekly and daily wage rates for a stated period after the war has ended. This position has been strengthened by the attitude of the administration in extending such guarantees to farmers in the form of a floor for basic crops to be maintained either through the payment of subsidies or, if subsidies are outlawed by congress, the purchase of surplus products by commodity credit corporation or some government agency.

Refusal of war production board to place an embargo on the importation of Cuban gin and rum is indirectly responsible for its approval of a project for the production of 2,500,000 gallons of alcohol from paper pulp waste by a plant to be located in the Puget sound area. If the embargo were to be imposed, large quantities of Cuban blackstrap would be released for the production of industrial alcohol and the sulphite liquor would not be required. However, this use of pulp paper waste has long been advocated and if the experiment demonstrates the economy of the process a new industry may be established in the Pacific northwest. What its status may be after the war demand for industrial alcohol has ended is open to speculation.

Also, if the embargo were imposed and the Cuban blackstrap made available for the production of alcohol, there would be no further excuse for forbidding the distilleries to resume the making of whisky, and a further result would be to make available to American consumers a much larger allotment of sugar. Yet another effect would be to release vast quantities of grain now being used in the production of industrial alcohol but which is urgently needed for stock feed. The Puget Sound experiment will be watched with interest by the operators of pulp paper mills in the

northwest, particularly with respect to the cost of the product. The immigration service of the department of justice is already lining up a skeleton organization to take over the work which has been done by the war relocation authority, now in disrepute because of the incidents at the Tulelake center in northern California. The scrapping of the relo-

caution authority is only a matter of a few weeks and the internment camps will then be supervised by the immigration and naturalization service where, many believe, it should have been placed at the start. There is little sentiment in favor of turning the internment camps over to the army for the performance of what is regarded as purely police duties.

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