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Fragments of Fact and Fancy

After four and two-thirds years of war, no new bestiality on the part of the Germans can surprise us but, instead, each fresh outrage makes us wonder anew if the Nazis are only monsters in the form of men.

From occupied countries the Germans are taking children eleven years old and upwards to work as slaves in their war factories. In the United States no crime raises greater public indignation than that of kidnapping.

Consider for a moment a boy or a girl eleven years of age whom you know and imagine him—or her—stolen from home and put at forced labor. It makes everyone of us pray for strength and victory for our invading forces and for God's vengeance upon the enemy.

Admiral Ernest J. King pays the following tribute to one little publicized branch of our Navy: "For reasons of security, our submarine operations through the Pacific can be discussed only in very general terms. No branch of the naval service, however, has acquitted itself more creditably. . . . The versatility of our submarine has been so repeatedly demonstrated throughout the war that the Japanese know only too well that in no part of the Pacific Ocean are they safe from submarine attack. When the full story can be told, it will constitute one of the most stirring chapters in the annals of naval warfare."

When Roosevelt vetoed the tax bill a couple of months ago, he sent a lengthy message to congress listing his reasons for so doing. Senator Barkley took these arguments, one by one, and ripped them to pieces. Many people at the time believed that the president did not voice his real motive for the veto, which was that the bill was objectionable to union labor leaders. Subsequent events tend to strengthen this idea and show that there is more than one way to skin a cat.

The requirement that labor unions file a report of income, as contained in the controversial bill which was passed over presidential veto, has been rendered null and void, for the present at least. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has extended the date for filing the income report beyond May 15, 1944, but has fixed no new date.

This is the people's will, as expressed by their representatives, thwarted and held in derision by bureaucratic officials who are political tools rather than custodians of the constitutional rights of their fellow citizens.

Did you know that: Germany is losing more than one submarine for each Allied ship lost! (But even one Allied ship is still too many.)

Baby chicks have been gassed and drowned by hundreds of thousands this spring! (That means high prices for eggs next winter.)

Winter truck crops this year are 74 per cent above 1943! (Real hunger had been predicted for February and later for April—instead surplus food forced the lifting of most rationing restrictions in May.)

Norwegian diet is down to five slices of ersatz bread a day per person, with less than a cup of skimmed milk a week added! (If the invasion does not come soon, there may be no people of occupied countries left for the Allies to rescue.)

Henry Kaiser operates in Fontana, California, the only steel plant in this country which is not controlled by eastern capitalists! (Henry Kaiser is a name synonymous with magic in the West but is anathema on the eastern seaboard.)

Civilian goods and services in America amount to a 96 billion dollar a year business now, while at the same time 88 billion is also being spent on the war! (If civilian goods are being produced at such a boom-rate, why are so many wanted articles out of stock when asked for?)

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, May 9, 1924)

Work was started this week on the three fifty-foot buildings to be erected on Hall street. On the corner of Hall and First street will be situated Wimer Bros. blacksmith shop, to the north of that will be C. W. Gardner's garage and machine shop, and beyond that will be the new K. P. building.

"Why Smith Left Home" will be put on by the senior class of the high school this evening at the Liberty Theatre.

The contest at the merchandise shoot by the Coquille Gun Club last Sunday causing the most comment was that between Ed. Lorenz and Jack McLeod. Those two tied on fifty birds, tied again on the next twenty-five and when they had shot a hundred shells apiece Jack was a bird or two ahead.

Timely Topics

By R. T. Moore

One of the greatest menaces to the health of small business is the present bureaucratic control over wages and hours, prices, withholding taxes, and other Federal regulations requiring periodic reports and high efficiency in accounting.

I have witnessed the levying of several fines on small enterprise because of the innocent transgression of some one of the multiple regulations with which every business man is presumed to be familiar. Businessmen large enough to employ competent accountants are able to avoid most, but not all, of these petty fines. But the small operator cannot afford this overhead expense and therefore must risk his business safety in carrying on his enterprise without benefit of such expert advice. The net result is discrimination against and discouragement of small business, a thing which we are very anxious to avoid in post-war.

No blame can be attached to the field man, who must attempt the impartial enforcement of the basic law, together with the various appended directives thereto. These men must take the brunt of the blame for this unfair and rather ridiculous situation because they are contact-men. But the real culprits are now in the several bureaus at Washington and are mostly able to avoid responsibility for their misguided directives and interpretations.

This sort of thing must be cleared away promptly before anything like free play can be given to small enterprise. And even Mr. Joseph Stalin in Russia recognizes that small enterprise is the foundation of a nation's economy. It is the backbone of all domestic trade and has proved its worth in providing the sinews of war when peril threatened. Therefore it is imperative that it be given every encouragement in the way of less Federal regulation and less tax burden if it is to provide a substantial percentage of post-war jobs needed to satisfy the employment demands of returning service men.

The picture of the small business man living in fear that his life's savings will be virtually wiped out during an unexpected visit by the field man of some Federal Bureau, is enough to make one's blood boil. This vicious practice has been foisted on the people under guise of emergency and it should be given full publicity that the people may understand just what is going on. Study shows that even the dictatorship of Hitler and Mussolini employed no harsher measures to straight jacket the small business man. It is this sort of thing that is the prime cause of discontent with the present administration.

The disturbing decision by the United State Supreme Court that an American citizen's constitutional rights may be set aside by bureaucratic directive is having a profound effect on all thoughtful people. If it has come to pass that the Constitution of the United States is no longer in full force and effect, we should know about it and should not be living under the flag of a democracy when, in fact, we are an autocracy. But it is inconceivable that the American people are ready to give up, for any reason whatever, the freedoms so dearly won during the past 160 years.

Freedom is a thing that is not fully appreciated until it is lost. It is very easy to lose and very hard to gain. Its preservation must be the primary responsibility of every citizen. We must be ever on the alert to detect and circumvent any and all subtle attempts to destroy it.

The Montgomery Ward episode is the source of great concern to thoughtful people. The spectacle of its elderly president being forcibly ejected from his office at the point of a bayonet is not a pleasant sight for Americans. Whether justified or

The Coquille ball club was crippled last Monday when Roy Abbott had his hand, mashed at Camp Three at Powers. He will be out of the game for several weeks.

The luncheon given by the Coquille Health Association at the Hotel Coquille, last Tuesday noon, was attended by about forty women and men. Among the speakers were Mrs. Glendora Blakely, state advisory nurse; Dr. Estelle Ford Warner, Miss Ella Horn, Miss Mabel Elsam, Judge R. H. Mast, Rev. A. W. Bell and Commissioner H. G. Kerf.

The election by the high school students last Tuesday resulted as follows: George Belloni, president; Wayne Robinson, vice president; Avis Hartson, secretary; Gene Laird, editor school paper; Lyle Beyers, treasurer; Tyler Walker, business manager; Allen Young, Laurel editor.

not, it does represent the use of force to confiscate private property.

The hatred which Mr. Avery evidently bears for this administration and its works, has led him into an unwise manifestation of displeasure. He has been skillfully maneuvered by the clever propagandists into a position of seeming opposition to the government in time of war. It has been represented that by his act, he has seriously interfered with the production of war goods on the home front. But calm reflection will prove the fallacy of this indictment, for how could the sale of ladies' clothing and children's knickknacks very seriously affect anything but the pleasure of the people who buy them?

Sobering thought in connection with this incident is that if Mr. Avery can be ejected by the military from his property because of failure to obey directives issued by the War Labor Board, so can Farmer Jones be ejected from his farm for failure to obey the directives of the Department of Agriculture. Likewise, the small business man could be forcibly deprived of his life's savings for failure to obey some one of the vast numbers of directives showered down upon him by the Federal Bureau.

This over-riding of basic constitutional rights is serious business whether you sympathize with Mr. Avery or not. It opens the door to an ever expanding encroachment on private rights which will lead inevitably to totalitarianism.

The whole episode is probably the culmination of many minor incidents which have fanned the flames of hatred between the government and this large business institution. The proper type of leadership in administration of government would never have permitted this case to reach its present climax. It clearly shows the lack of coordination among and the biased attitude of government officials. A good house cleaning is needed to eliminate such personnel from high government office where it has no right to be.

Ten Per Cent of Drivers Stick To 35 Miles An Hour

Closer observance of the wartime speed limit of 35 miles an hour was urged today by Bob Farrell, Secretary of State, who declared that reduced speeds would save dwindling gasoline supplies and decrease wear on tires.

Speed checks made by the state during the first three months of the year, 85 per cent of the drivers on the Pacific Highway travel at speeds of 50 miles an hour or under, Farrell said. Only about ten per cent of the drivers limited their speeds to 35 miles an hour.

"Conservation of gasoline, tires and the prevention of accidents are necessary to the maintenance of essential civilian highway transportation," Farrell declared. "High speeds use up more gasoline and oil and cause greater wear on tires. Speed also increases the accident hazard and the severity of accidents at speeds of 50 miles an hour or over is far greater than at speeds under 35 miles an hour."

"In the interests of efficient highway transportation and safety, every Oregon driver should be willing to observe the wartime speed of 35 miles an hour."

He's Been Voting Republican For Scores Of Years

A card from our old East Fork correspondent, R. A. Easton, who has lived in Ashland for many years, says that if he is able to get to the primary voting booth on Friday next week that he will vote for Sprague and Holman as republican candidates for U. S. senator, Ellsworth for congressman and George Neuner for attorney-general.

Phone 222R, to Art Hooton for your electrical wiring and repair needs. He is located north of the ball park on the Fairview road. 521fs

A TRIBUTE TO MOTHER

Some may gather flowers, Mother, On this day of days to send To their own dear loving, Mother On another's Mother friend. But I'll send to you a tribute That will bring you joy untold, Thoughts from a true and loving heart.

Wrought from Memories of old.

Well do I remember, Mother, The songs you sang to me, And the childish prayers I lisped, As I knelt at Mother's knee. And how oftentimes we wandered Through the green and wooded dells, Hunting buttercups and daisies, And my favorite flower, blue bells. And the days when I was ill, dear, How you staid beside my bed, Not thinking of your own dear self, But of your little child instead. I think of all your loving care, How much to me you've been, Of all the friends upon this earth, My Mother, you are Queen.

Those childhood days have long been gone.

I am a mother, now. Life's care have almost furrowed Another mother's brow. Little ones have grown and wandered From a mother's loving care. But no matter where they are, dear, They still have a Mother's prayer.

And when twilight shadows gather And my heart is sad and lone I think of you, my Mother, And my childhood, happy home. So on this Mother's Day I send This Greeting—fond and true. Every line is filled, dear Mother, With a loving thought of you.

—Copyrighted (Written for her mother, May, 1926, by Mrs. Anna Belle Mooney, now Mrs. Herman Brown, Bullards, Ore.)



LESLIE M. SCOTT
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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

What Makes "A-Real American Town?"

Visitor said to me the other day: "Joe, you've got a real American town here—a town you can be proud of."

Afterwards, I got to wondering just what he meant. We aren't much different from any other town our size. A few nice stores... a village green... and 27 blue stars on the Service Flag in Town Hall.

Not much exciting happens, either. We work hard... have our Friday evening socials at the Parish House... and the kids play baseball and go fishing...

In our private life, we live and let live. If we often disagree on politics... if some of us like beer, some buttermilk... we still respect one another's rights and opinions.

What makes our town "American"? From where I sit, it's not because we're different but because we're so much like all other towns that add up to America—where self respect and tolerance are guiding principles.

Joe Marsh

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