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## Fragments of Fact and Fancy

One of the dates of history which every school child is taught to remember is that of the Norman Conquest in 1066. Within the past week we have been hearing much about William the Conqueror, whose army set sail from Caen and adjacent ports of Normandy for the invasion of England in the fall of 1066.

Many do not remember that Britain had suffered an earlier invasion that same summer from the north when Tostig, the brother of King Harold of England, persuaded a Norwegian king to come with a hostile force and attempt to seize the kingdom of Harold. The foreign army was defeated and both conspirators were slain but the battle cost King Harold his best fighters and less than three weeks later when he had to meet the Norman invaders in the south with travel-weary troops, his valiant army was vanquished. The battle of Hastings is listed as one of the most important battles in all history.

Giving our imagination free rein, we try to think of what would have happened if the weather had been unfavorable to William and had his boats been lost at sea. Instead, the Norman knights and their retainers remained in England and made their conquest of the land complete. Every Englishman today, as well as every American with any English blood in his veins, doubtless has some trace of Norman ancestry. If Tostig, the traitor had been loyal to his brother and to his home land, or if the Channel winds on that late September day of 1066 had turned against the Norman duke, so very many of us today would never have been.

Of course, England and America would have been peopled with similar individuals but they would be different persons from those today who are sending their sons on a return invasion to the Norman coast, where battles are being fought which will rival that at Hastings in importance and in the effect they have upon the human race.

Many are the prayers that have been offered throughout the land. As never before the American people are praying for their sons on the battlefronts of the world. They humbly strive to make their petitions acceptable to the divine will. Many public prayers have been printed and broadcast. Possibly we are old-fashioned but we still consider it proper to look to our religious leaders, (not political ones), for guidance in our devotions.

A note for Victory gardeners—Do not injure the little garter snakes which may come to your garden. Of course the antipathy of the fair sex toward all reptilian forms of life dates back to Genesis. Indeed, we might say this repugnance is inherent in all people and probably goes back to the Mesozoic period of this earth. Nevertheless, we know of one woman who lets her reason rather than instinct sway her actions. She welcomes the harmless little wrigglers to her flower garden because they are better than poison bait in keeping down harmful insects and bugs, though as a child she always turned pale at the sight of a snake. The aversion can be overcome.

There is one great need in America today. It is that those of us at home should try to be worthy of the sacrifices being made by our warriors abroad. We who cannot risk our lives in battle should feel it a sacred obligation to make this country one worth dying for. Not in the land of the enemy only, is there greed and selfishness. While, we believe, our foes looted red war on the world because they wanted to plunder and steal the riches of other people, we must make sure we, too, are not ruled by self interest and materialism.

The statement has been published that the United States produces more than one-third of the world's manufactured goods. A large percentage

# TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, June 13, 1924)

Coquille's Chautauque, brought here by the public-spirited citizens of this community and presented free of charge to every one, will open here Monday afternoon and continue until Friday night.

W. A. Custer, one of Coquille's oldest and most respected citizens, passed away at 1:10 this afternoon at the age of 84 years. Mr. Custer was a veteran of the war of the rebellion.

The fire department boys are going to eat a dinner soon at the expense of the members of the city council, for they won their race against time Tuesday evening with more than 30 seconds to spare. Starting with the engine idle, though warmed up, the run was made from the city hall to the Krantz Confectionery corner, 100 feet of hose run out and the joint broken, the nozzle attached and water shooting from it in 58 1/2 seconds. The boys on the wagon, who made this great record, were Chief John E. Perrott, Tracy Leach, driver; Jack Leach, George Oerding, Jack Totter, Walter Oerding, Kenneth Kistner, Frank Schram, and Everett Briner, while Otto Davis, who could not participate because of an injured leg, helped out at the hydrant.

A can of milk is the admission price to a matinee at the Liberty Theatre Saturday afternoon, which is to be for the benefit of the Near East Relief.

The receipts from the street dance for the benefit of the Coquille Baseball club Tuesday evening amounted to \$175 of which \$80 were net.

## Timely Topics

By R. T. Moore

The establishment of the second front in France has peremptorily stopped all major strikes in industry and has quieted activities on the political front. What seemed so important before, such as right to higher wages, profits, political advantages, and personal aggrandizement, look pretty cheap and tawdry in the holy light of the supreme sacrifice being made for our sakes on the battlefield by our finest young men and women. A great many homes will experience heavy sorrow. There will be need for courage, faith, and steadfast attention to duty.

As one glances at the faces of fellow citizens while passing on the streets or in industrial plants it seems as if they reflect a general revival of the spirit of patriotic devotion to our country that has sustained us through times of grave crises. There seems to be an awakened sense of personal responsibility, a determination to thrust aside the trivial and to hold fast to the really important, to back up the armed forces with all of the strength, skill, and ability available.

The Nation had gone too far astray from the path of all-out support to our armies. The invasion has brought us to our senses and has given us the needed re-orientation of mental attitude and the rebirth of moral stamina necessary to carry us through to victory. Let the well-spoken prayers of our leaders be followed by the heartfelt ones of our own, prayers that ask for the forgiveness of past thoughtlessness and for strength to enable us to carry out our part of the great task ahead, prayers for the safety of loved ones facing a cruel and fiendishly brutal foe for our sakes, prayer that we shall not fall short of what is expected of us.

It is one of the pillars of democracy that strength to wage war is not derived from the stimulus of the whip-lash of compulsion but from the quiet, irresistible power of Christian brotherhood secure in the knowledge that the right will always prevail. The demands upon the citizenship of a democracy are greater than under any other form of government. But the rewards are correspondingly greater. We have a priceless heritage to protect and to cherish while our young men are away. Let us see to it that their confidence and faith is justified and that they will return to a life made better and more fruitful because of their gallant service.

The statement by Mr. Donald Nelson of the WPB that business could not look for a sort of WPA to rescue it from the mire of post-war reconversion is very true. It will be heartily approved by all businessmen as a hint that the Government is inclined to leave them alone when peace comes. If this be so, there will be rejoicing all down the line.

If any one thing can be said to of these goods must be going abroad in lend-lease; at least the retailers and consumers at home are not getting them.

L. H. Hazard intends leaving tomorrow for Eugene to be in attendance at the graduation exercises Monday when his daughter, Miss Marjorie, graduates from the University of Oregon.

A. N. Gould, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Noeler and their daughter, left Sunday morning in the former's car for Portland, where they purchased the furnishings for the apartments in the new Noeler buildings, which are soon to be opened.

John E. Perrott has taken a lease on the west store room in the new Noeler building and expects to move the stock of The Variety Shop into it about July 1.

Mrs. Bertha J. Smith expects to move the Coos County Abstract Co. office from the rear to the front of the P. E. Drane building on Second street the first of next week. Mr. Drane has completely remodeled the interior of the lower floor and has greatly improved the appearance of the building by giving it a couple of coats of cream colored paint.

Thursday afternoon at 2:30 a meeting was held at which Mrs. Mary L. Mallet, state president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, talked. It was decided to call a meeting for Sunday at 2:30 in the Methodist Church South for the purpose of organizing a union in Coquille.

C. C. Farr and Cecil Elwood, who have been operating the Collier Warehouse for several years, have taken a lease on the old Day Corbett building and expect to move their offices there next week.

mise of small business during the war and for creating a poisonous atmosphere in which to attempt the growth of private enterprise, it is the constant interference by Government through repeated audits, questionnaires, directives, and frequently changing policies which no one can keep track of. No small business can afford the over-head of expert counsel and accounting services necessary and even passably satisfy the multitude of bureaucratic field men that swarm through the land. Relief from this petty persecution is mandatory and it is somewhat encouraging to even have a hint that it might come.

The job of maintaining the high level of national income necessary to support the terrific public debt will rest upon the shoulders of the American business men. He can, and will, carry the burden, if given a fair chance. Experience has plainly shown that there is no salvation in dependence solely on public works. The government can create nothing, can give nothing. It merely takes from one group of citizens and hands to another. Nothing of value is created in the process. There is no addition to the public wealth. Only through the effort of creative enterprise, stimulated by a natural desire for personal profit, can real progress be achieved.

But private business must have the help of government as well as that of the public if the task is to be properly done. The government must provide access to long term capital to replace the venture funds destroyed by high taxes. It must drastically reduce tax levies to a low minimum. All unnecessary bureaus must be abolished. The budget must be balanced and provision made for the orderly retirement of the public debt. Economic controls must be released wherever and whenever practical. The vast army of Federal employees must be reduced to the absolute minimum and released for service in industry. The number of those who live off of the creative labor of others can, and should, be reduced greatly by restoring to the several States most of the functions usurped by the Federal Government during the past decade. The States, in most instances, can do a better job and at much less cost to the taxpayer. In our search for a way out of the late depression we wandered far from the path of true democracy and towards state socialism, its absolute antithesis.

One of the proposed measures for the aid of returned service men calls for loans of moderate size to enable them to enter into business for themselves. Such a measure will be futile unless present unhealthy restrictions hampering small enterprise be simultaneously removed. The importance of establishing small business is well recognized as vital to an active economy. The equally important withdrawal of government from business participation is not so readily discernible.

The pendulum of public opinion is swinging slowly away from the senseless bludgeoning of private enterprise and towards a well-marked demand for more favorable attitude of government. It will probably be

another generation before the false doctrine that government is the master rather than the servant of the people can be completely eradicated from the public mind. The truth is that man can be created to advance only through his own efforts. If it were otherwise, our lives would be colorless and uninteresting. Such is the manifestation of the wisdom of the Almighty. The path to fulfillment of honorable ambition can be ascended only through personal effort and hard labor. There is no substitute for industry and sobriety nor can one expect to achieve by loading his burdens upon another.

It is certain that returning service men will be more serious-minded and completely changed in attitude towards many of our institutions. They will be interested only in fundamentals. No one who has faced death or has seen a Buddy get it on the field of battle is to be attracted by frills and trifles. They expect the house to be in order when they come home. Let us see that it is.

## Were Speaking Of Different Powers

The story told in Coquille recently is more interesting than the one along the same lines which appeared in the June issue of Coronet magazine.

A middle-aged man was in the habit of going into a church after

service had started, dropping into a vacant seat nearest to the door, and leaving immediately after the benediction before anyone had a chance to speak to him.

One day the minister met the other on the street and asked why he did not linger a few moments, associate with the people of the congregation and join in the church affairs.

"A man cannot be a Christian and associate honestly with Christian people when he has the hatred in his heart that I have" was the reply. "Whom do you hate?" queried the minister.

"Roosevelt," was the prompt response.

"But you know there is a Power far above Roosevelt's, do you not?" was the next question.

"Yes, and I hate her, too!" was the come-back.

After reading in the daily press, last week, that Eleanor told newsmen that she knew the date the invasion was to occur, it is evident that the man's idea of her superior power was not incorrect. Too, a U. S. major general in England was demoted for his less definite statement to a woman about the invasion date than was the president's to his better half.

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