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Fragments of Fact and Fancy

At last American housewives are to be allowed to buy cotton clothing for their families and not all of it is to go to foreign countries in Lend-Lease shipments. The WPB has released fifty million yards of cotton goods for the manufacture of dresses, shirts, pajamas, etc., in each quarter of the year.

The common people of this country had been wearing sleazy garments that parted at the seams with the first laundering and for the most part had done it without complaint when they felt cotton was needed for all kinds of war materials and for our fighting allies. It was a different matter, however, when the output of our garment factories was shipped abroad for appeasement of nations which were either lukewarm in hemisphere solidarity or were covertly knitting us in the back at every opportunity.

Someone has suggested that the Democrats should have held a coronation rather than a convention. How silly! And yet—is it? Twelve years ago a coronation would have been considered no more fantastic than a fourth term.

Volumes could be written about the troubles children have in learning all the words of the English language. Many times the meaning is absorbed by the child before all the syllables are correctly mastered. Recently we heard of a five-year old who felt it necessary to come to the defense of his daddy. The father had prepared hot cakes deluxe on Sunday morning and his guests had facetiously criticized their perfection. This was too much for the youngster who admonished his aunt: "Let's have no compliments."

If the blood bath in Germany continues very long, it may be there will be few war criminals left to try when peace comes. With the Junkers and the Nazis plotting against one another, there may not be any left for execution at the hand of the Allies.

Now that synthetic rubber production has caught up with pre-war consumption of crude rubber, garters and other unmentionables should be more secure and tend to contribute to the peace of mind of the wearer.

This year of 1944 is the year of decision for the American people and for the American way of living. In November they must decide whether they are to control the destiny of their children or if bureaucrats in Washington, D. C., are to give them "planned economy," which results in unplanned waste. The voters will say in three months whether the squandering of federal funds is to be continued, or not.

It will be well to remember a few facts in this connection: The depression which swept Hoover out of office and Roosevelt in was the first panic in United States which lasted more than five years. The ten years following F.D.R.'s election in 1932 was the first decade of our history in which less wealth was produced and fewer jobs were created than in the preceding ten years. Under government control the depression continued until the war, (not the president and his reformers) created jobs for everyone. As Dewey has said, "Must we have war to be prosperous?" Also must we continue an administration which was unable to prevent war, either through blindness or through fatuousness?

We dimly see in the present what is small and what is great, Slow of faith how weak an arm may turn the iron helm of fate, But the soul is still oracular; amid the market's din, List the ominous stern whisper from the Delphic cave within,— 'They enslave their children's children who make compromise with sin.' —James Russell Lowell.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, August 5, 1924)

One of the largest deals in Coquille real estate ever made was closed in Eugene this week when A. O. Walker purchased of Mrs. L. E. Tompson-Stuntz the 100 foot square tract, on one corner of which the Sentinel office is located (corner of Second and Taylor street).

The county court on Wednesday refused to place the \$350,000 road bond issue on the ballot for the special election. The court did, however, call an election to vote on the proposed \$280,000 bond issue, as recommended by the Good Roads Association and the commercial bodies of the county.

Marriage License issued August 4 to Velorous N. Call and Alma Sickels, both of Coquille. They were married the same day at the groom's home by E. A. Palmer, of the Christian church.

Ray Jeub, who is familiar with the work in most of the offices at the court house, has been appointed deputy county clerk, by County Clerk Collier.

Timely Topics

By R. T. Moore

Overlooked in the formulation of plans for post-war is the serious juvenile delinquency situation prevailing throughout the United States. Statistics show that every large population center has experienced a sharp increase in delinquency cases, particularly among girls in their early teens. There appears to be a general weakening of the moral tone evidenced by the big list of indictments against minors in practically every city police court. The wave of moral turpitude among our youngsters is creating a very difficult problem for peace officers and the indifference of the public to this grave danger adds to the burden.

It is a psychological phenomenon of every war that there should be a let-down in moral standards among young people. The most plausible reason suggested is that young men and women are often prone to react unfavorably when suddenly freed from the restraint of home and parents. They must learn by bitter experience the truths they lacked the moral stamina to appreciate when taught by their friends and relatives. But as George Ade said, "Though experience is a good teacher, it charges like a specialist." Often lives are ruined in the learning of these truths so thoughtlessly rejected at the mother's knee, and later so cruelly branded on quivering young flesh by the hard hand of experience. Nothing in human experience is more depressing than to witness the ruin of a young life through commission of an act of moral turpitude of seeming inconsequence at the moment, yet fraught with devastating effect on the delicate structure of self-respect and good repute.

A hard job confronts parents, teachers, social workers and local government in the gradual over-coming of this unfortunate depressing of moral standards among the young. To set the current running the other way will require much patience, infinite tact, a sincere Christian love for every young person and a genuine desire to help them. The job will permit no idling on the part of any of those who are charged with the training of our youth. The heavy end will fall to the parents in the home. There can be no brushing off of parental responsibility. Public opinion will have only cold, contemptuous regard for parents who selfishly shirk this important trust. The home has always been and always will be, the real source of our national strength and the true foundation of our security. We must preserve its vital influence and deal harshly with forces that seek to undermine it.

The significance of the immortal lines from Goldsmith's Deserted Village strikes now with peculiar force, "Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey, where wealth accumulates, and men decay."

An interesting debate in print was held between a CIO official and a business executive over the question of whether war-time profit limits were endangering post-war jobs. The labor official took the negative, as you would surmise. The business executive took the affirmative with emphasis on the present dangerous lack of venture money. But both missed the boat by not pointing out the vital importance of maintaining real wages as against dollar wages.

Labor leaders persist in advocating the constant increase in dollar wages while at the same time reducing hours of work and therefore, production. This is enormous inflationary influence and tends to deprecate the dollar to the point where hardship is im-

posed on the large numbers of people having fixed incomes. It must keep spiralling upward to maintain margins between pay-checks and cost of living and to satisfy the eternal clamor for more money.

The average worker thinks of big wages in terms of dollars rather than in terms of goods those dollars will buy. He considers that he has made a good deal for himself if he secures more dollars for less hours worked, and so it appears at first thought.

The economic facts are that dollars mean nothing at all unless backed by goods produced. To go out and cut the dollar in two would place twice as many dollars in circulation but it would not result in distributing any more goods. We can only share what is produced regardless of the dollars it represents.

It follows, then, that the constant raising of wages and lowering of production drags down our standard of living. For we maintain our high living standards only by distributing an abundance of goods to all, not dollars. If we don't produce the goods we will have none to distribute, which is the fix the poorer nations are in.

There must be a re-orientation of attitude in regard to wages if we are to keep our high living standards in post-war. No lasting benefit accrues to the working public through merely raising the dollar wage levels. The placing of more dollars in the hands of the public means nothing unless those dollars can be translated into goods. The only real raise in wages comes from producing more goods for less dollars. For the worker can then have the goods to distribute to his family, his job is the more secure, and the value of his savings preserved.

The American worker is instinctively antagonistic to any program tending to speed production and increase individual out-put. He fears it will mean the exploitation of his labor for the exclusive benefit of his employer. Unfortunately he has had good reason for this belief in the past. With the exception of the lunatic fringe that infests every large group of citizens, the vast majority of employers deal fairly with their help. It is good business to do so. But because of the wide publicity given the exceptional cases, the worker is prone to reason that because one employer is a rascal, all employers are rascals. It is the common fallacy of trying to prove a general law by citing specific instances.

A few wise labor leaders have recognized the worth of increased output and have established research departments to develop ways and means of lowering costs while at the same time increasing wages to union members. Their advice is welcomed by the entire industry which they serve. They are making a real contribution to the welfare of the nation. We could use more like them.

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Small Water Facilities Can Be Increased Through the F.S.A.

Coos and Curry counties' development of small irrigation and farmstead water installations can again be increased as a result of Farm Security loans and increased supplies of power units, pipe, irrigation pumps and similar equipment, announces E. W. Hughes, County FSA Supervisor, Bank Building, Coquille. Congressional appropriations for the water program are the same as last year.

Irrigation equipment authorized under the water facility program includes power-pumps, windmills, wells, spring development, diversion dams, tile, pipe, and sprinkling systems, Hughes said. Stock water tanks and ponds, piping water to farm homes, except for inside plumbing, cisterns and equipment for irrigating up to one-half acre of garden can be provided for farmstead improvements. Rebuilding or repair of existing installations is also included.

All farmers unable to secure satisfactory financing for water facilities from commercial sources are eligible but tenure on the farm should cover the loan repayment period. Loans for smaller types of installations may be financed through the regular FSA loans, repayable up to five years, and bearing five per cent interest. Limited water facility funds are available for larger developments, based on life of the installations with interest at three per cent.

Surveys of water facility needs in this area by the County FSA Committee indicate many farms can be improved through repair or rebuilding of present systems, piping water to farm homes, more stock water tanks, and a few sprinkling systems. As applications are considered by the county committee in the order of filing, those first received will have preference in regard to funds available for the program.

Highway Fatalities Up First Six Months of 1944 Over 1943

Traffic fatalities in Oregon during the first six months of 1944 totalled 114, compared to 96 for the same period a year ago, Secretary of State Bob Farrell announces. This is 19 per cent higher than the toll for the comparative period of 1943.

Here is the monthly death toll for the two comparative periods:

Month	1944	1943
January	23	19
February	20	10
March	20	17
April	13	10
May	18	18
June	20	22

The death rate, showing the number of persons killed in relation to exposure to accident through travel, is 9.3 persons killed per one hundred million miles of travel for the 1944 period, compared to 8.2 for the 1943 period.

"The increasing death toll in Oregon traffic warrants the thoughtful consideration of every citizen in this state," Farrell declared. "It is significant that a recent speed survey made by the Bureau of Public Roads, indicated that in seventeen states studied, the average speed in Oregon was higher than in any other state."

Speed too great for existing con-

ditions is a factor in nearly every automobile accident. We can prevent these tragedies by holding our speed down to the 35-mile wartime limit and by observing traffic regulations." Farrell also pointed to the increased wear on tires and the great consumption of gas and oil at higher speeds and urged drivers to think of the conservation factions in lower speeds, as well as the accident prevention factors.

Four Men DREW Unemployment Benefits The Past Four Weeks

Only four men were included among the 27 persons who drew unemployment benefits for each of the past four weeks, and three of these four were past the age of retirement, the State Unemployment Compensation Commission revealed today.

Ages of the four unemployed men were 54, 69, 72, and 74 respectively. Of the 23 women drawing benefits, six were below the age of 40. Most of these were cannery workers in Astoria and Salem.

Although benefits for July were higher than the same month last year, payments for 1944 still are 43 per cent under the \$208,314 paid out during the first seven months of last year. The July total was \$14,785, bringing the year's payments to \$118,505.

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It may be caused by disorder of kidney function that permits poisonous waste to accumulate. For truly many people feel tired, weak and miserable when the kidneys fail to remove excess acids and other waste matter from the blood.

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people realize that a large part of the alcohol required to make the medical supplies that are being used right this minute to alleviate pain, combat infection and save human lives, is produced by the beverage distilling industry. For nearly two years this entire industry has been working night and day producing nothing but alcohol for the government's program." "Nobody knows better than I, Judge, what an important contribution to our war effort that has been."

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