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The tragedy in Coquille last Sunday afternoon should cause the Army and Navy Air Commands to issue strict orders that planes must not fly over cities and towns. In Oregon, probably more than in eastern states, there is ample terrain over which the training and other planes may fly without ever crossing above a city, town or hamlet, and the rule, if adopted, should have so severe a penalty for violation, that no flyer will ever be tempted to disregard the order.

Existing regulation forbid the pilot to fly beneath a 500-foot ceiling, but the suggested rule might possibly eliminate the chance of another such catastrophe as that which visited Coquille.

Fragments of Fact and Fancy

Some tragedies are too terrible and too awful for the mind to contemplate or the pen to describe. Violent death is the goal of those who wage war but when it shatters the peace of a Sabbath afternoon in a hamlet far from the noise of battle, then men's hearts grow faint and youngsters who race to the excitement of crash and fire turn away sobered by the hideousness of the catastrophe.

In the twinkling of an eye homes are ripped apart, scorched and burned. No longer do we need to read and hear of the bombing abroad to visualize such destruction. A wall torn off, a porch askew, a roof caved in are all shocking sights to anyone who thinks of a dwelling as a home.

Needless to say, the ghastly snuffing out of three young lives, as well as the injuring of several other people, is more to be regretted. With all remorse for the victims of the fatal accident, there should also be great gratitude expressed to divine mercy that many who stood in the path of death escaped untouched.

It was over ten years ago, in 1933, when Hitler first became chancellor that he followed Goebbels' suggestion and ordered certain books publicly burned. At the time civilized men considered such an act as vandalism and believed Germany was returning to the dark ages but few realized what a profound mark Hitler and his demonic decrees would leave upon the whole world and upon the life of every living person in it.

Just as the burning of the books inimical to the so-called German kultur lighted the downward path mankind was to take toward barbarism and war, so the burning last week in Holland of Nazi textbooks by the liberated Netherlands will illuminate the ascending trail we hope freedom-loving people will again tread.

For those who may have missed the story as republished from a newspaper in England, we'd like to tell of a London house which was demolished by a robot bomb just as an old man in it was taking a bath. When rescue squads dug into the wreckage they found the bather unhurt but considerably bewildered. He said: "I don't know how it happened, I just pulled out the plug and the house blew up."

Sunday evening at dusk we saw our first flight of wild geese for this fall going south. As we watched their v-formation disappear in the sky, the glimmer of the evening star caught our eyes. Whether Mars or Venus we cannot say but, as it twinkled redly in the early twilight we would guess it to be that of Mars.

Often we have envied the ancients their knowledge of the heavens. To be sure they had greater opportunity to study the constellations and movements of the planets than we do. Moving picture shows did not tempt them indoors at night nor were their oil lamps sufficient for reading the meagre scrolls which only the learned possessed. With little of mankind's knowledge put down in writing, those who named

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, October 17, 1924)

In a fatal accident four miles above Bridge on the Coos Bay highway early Wednesday morning, Mrs. Vera Hill, formerly of Marshfield, was instantly killed.

E. A. Wimer began yesterday to haul lumber for the Corn Show building from the E. E. Johnson mill and early next week it is expected to begin construction.

Coach Leslie is figuring that tomorrow's game here with North Bend is going to be one of the hardest games of the season.

Hon. W. C. Hawley, congressman from this district, is to make several speeches in the county during the next two days.

The storm Tuesday night was one of steady rain, which helped restore the normal average, reduced by the

two unusually dry years previous to September first.

Nels Osmundson reports that tax collections since April 5 total \$607,136.33. This makes the total for the 1923 taxes paid practically a million and a quarter dollars. The entire levy was \$1,439,822.16.

The Coquille branch of the County Health Association met last Friday afternoon. Anyone having clothes for the chest is requested to notify Mrs. Geo. Lorenz.

Milo, six-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Cal Young, died at their home in the north part of town Tuesday from diphtheria.

Mrs. Ida K. Owen was drawn Tuesday as a member of the Grand Jury to replace C. A. Perkins, who has removed to California. She will be the first Coos county woman to serve on a grand jury.

Timely Topics

By E. T. Moore

The United States is not alone in making plans for the post-war, its leading political topic. An outline of the British plan now appears in the current press. It is said to have been tentatively adopted after long debate and compromise by Parliament. The strange thing about it is that very closely parallels the proposals of the Republican Party for American post-war economy.

It provides for the co-operative effort of capital, labor, and management to establish and maintain a very high level of employment. The government serves the same purpose as the air chamber in an ordinary power pump, to insure a smooth, constant flow of commerce by a public works offset of consumer slumps when, if and as they occur. The theory is that incipient depressions can be halted at their beginning by alert, intelligent program of public works designed for the general betterment of the entire national economy. Such public works programs are not to be used unless absolutely necessary. Rather, government expenditures are to be held to a low minimum in order to reduce taxes and leave as much money as possible in the hands of the public to buy consumer goods and to expand business. In brief, this is the economy of plenty advocated by the Republicans. It gives private industry the ball with government running interference.

The significant things about the British plan is its emphasis on the establishment of a business atmosphere favorable to the growth of free enterprise. Instead of continually attacking business, the British government is its stalwart champion. It consistently defends its business from attack from any source, whether it be from arrogant industrialists, radical laborites, or foreignisms. It relies upon a strong, healthy industry to restore the prestige and power of the British Empire. It strikes down all detractors with stern impartiality. Centuries of industrial experience have eliminated any delusions of being able to magically produce something for nothing. The English people are buckling down to a long period of hard work with everyone keeping his end up. Their business will have the unqualified help and protection of the Crown and will be tough competition in the post-war.

Granting that the British do not have the matter of states rights to interfere with action by the Crown and can therefore move more quickly and positively than our own government, the plan they propose is, nevertheless applicable to the United States and embodies the main principles of both Republican and Democratic party platforms. But it is so closely akin to the Republican plan as to invoke suspicion that it might have been patterned after Mackinac Island. Certainly Mr. Dewey and staff should be flattered that careful study by the best English minds produced a plan resembling the stars turned to the out-doors for their study and had Nature for their teacher.

Probably many others, even today, have seen the little thin crescent of the evening star as it falls to the horizon but for the first time in our life, on this October Sunday evening, we could see the little rim of light, reflected from the sun on the setting planet as it passed behind the branches of an intervening tree.

A tiny new moon it appeared to be—or was it only our imagination? To be sure the curvature of the arc was less and glimpses were only momentary. If it was a figment of our fancy, we should have seen the God of War himself because we were wishing the setting star was an omen of the war's end as it gradually disappeared from view.

bling theirs.

Popular opinion has been swinging away from the state socialism of the New Deal and we now find the hyper-sensitive New Deal politicians trying clumsily to drift along with it. Lately, administration spokesmen have been half-heartedly beating the tom-toms for private enterprise and telling, rather unconvincingly, how they propose to let American enterprise furnish the jobs instead of setting up another WPA. It is a reluctant move made under pressure of public opinion and not indicating any basic change in New Deal philosophy. Let the voter bear firmly in mind that the Fourth Term believes that government should be the master of the people and not that the people should be the master of the government. This is the underlying philosophy of a life-time among the small clique of national socialists that surround the president. It is too much to expect any deviation from this party line as long as these men remain in power.

We have seen what American business can do in the way of production if given even half a chance. If government will but step out of the way and release the brake on private enterprise there will be jobs for all. A significant statement by the head-of one of our largest businesses well illustrates the current attitude of those providing jobs. Asked by reporters at a noon luncheon what his plans were if Roosevelt were elected, he replied that his firm had reconversion blue-prints ready for a production at pre-war levels. Asked again what he would do if Dewey were successful, he hesitated a moment and then said that in that case he could have to review his plans as they might be inadequate.

Because of the general distrust of Mr. Roosevelt by nearly all business, his defeat would inaugurate an unprecedented industrial boom. In spite of the soothing words of administration apologists, industry fears a vindictive punitive campaign against it after the election. It is convinced that Mr. Roosevelt has subtle plans to destroy it and to remake our economy on the national socialist pattern. Mr. Dewey's election would at once dispel all such fears and create an atmosphere favorable to immense business expansion. This is not due solely to Mr. Dewey's personality but largely to the fact that Mr. Roosevelt would be disposed of as a serious threat to job-making enterprise.

Certainly the hundreds of thousands of small businesses, now casualties to New Deal regulation and the war, must be restored before our economy can attain the volume necessary to provide jobs for all. This can not be done until faith and confidence are restored and investors induced to risk their money. There must be assurance that government will not confiscate profits in the name of the social reform. The New Deal can not hope to overcome the general distrust nor restore the faith of investors to stimulate commerce to the point of producing the needed national income. Truly we need a change.

Wine interests in opposing the Burke Wine Bill are falsely representing it as a prohibition bill. Billboard displays and press ads are cleverly designed to deceive the uninformed into thinking that the right to buy wine is being jeopardized and that this measure is supported by prohibitionists.

This bill is most decidedly NOT a prohibition bill.

It merely provides for the exclusive sale of these wines by Oregon's State liquor stores. It has the effect of taking the sale of the wines away from groceries and pool-halls and placing it in the better regulated hands of the liquor stores and subject to the same controls as for other

liquor. Just why this large loop-hole in the control of liquor use was permitted is hard to understand. Oregon has a good system of liquor control and there is no valid reason why wines should be excluded. The evils of the intemperate use of wines are so glaringly apparent in every community that there would be no real opposition to the bill, once the people understand it. If we intend, as we do, to keep liquor under firm state control, we must place wines under surveillance as well as other strong liquors. The job must be done thoroughly or not at all. This bill interferes in no way with the legitimate use of wines but it will interfere with the "wino" evil that degrades hundreds of otherwise worthy citizens. It should be overwhelmingly passed by the voters in the interest of humanity and orderly government.

Free Vocational School To Open Oct. 23 At Marshfield

The Coos Bay Vocational School is opening the 23rd of October, Monday night. This school is located in the old Central School Building, 3rd and Market Streets, in Marshfield. Here is an opportunity for you to enroll in any of the following classes: Lumber Grading, Saw Filing, Carpentry, Radio Repair, Diesel Marine Engine Repair, Welding, Sheet Metal Work, and Machine Shop.

There is absolutely no cost or fee for enrolling in these classes. It is a chance of a life time. In addition to helping you do a better job in what you are now doing or to obtain a better job you will be learning a skill or trade that will be useful after the war. The only qualification is that the applicant must be 16 years of age or older. Most of the classes require an attendance of 360 hours for graduation but some peo-

ple with experience and background are able to complete the courses in a shorter time. Additional gas can be secured when necessary for transportation. For additional information call or write the school, U. S. Employment Service, or Superintendent of Schools office, Marshfield.

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