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There is one thing a little difficult to understand, why people should be annoyed by the city for concrete sidewalks when so many people will cut across parkings and grass lawns and make a beaten path which mars the appearance of a home lot. The time saved by such practices is infinitesimal and it certainly spoils the good work done by the home maker. Sidewalks were put in to be used.

## Timely Topics

By R. T. Moore

This conversation took place in a negro shoe shine shop in Oakland, California:

An elderly negro was shining my shoes when a rather flashily dressed young darky entered the shop. The two entered into the following dialogue:

"Why for you ain't workin' today?" questioned the old one.

The young fellow replied, "Ise got a lame back; Ise a sick man."

The old one came back with, "Ain't nothin' wrong with your appetite. You all got a lame back from carryin' 'round all them vittles in your stomach. You all ain't got no lame back from no work. What you all goin' to say to those guys you all used to run 'round with when they come back from chasin' them Germans?"

Young fellow: "Ise not carin' what they say, I got my rights. Tain't in the book for nobody to push me 'round."

Old fellow: They goin' to kick you right in the pants when they hear 'bout you all loafin' 'round this way."

Young fellow: "Can't nobody push me 'round that way; tain't in the book."

Old fellow: "Ain't nobody goin' to look in no book before they kick your pants. They just goin' to walk right up and kick, ain't goin' to look in no book."

Young fellow: "Ise got my rights; Ise goin' to stand on my rights."

Old man: "You can't pay no bills with your right; can't pay no rent with your right; your rights ain't no good unless you got money in the bank. You all go on home and take off them glad rags and then get back on the job where you all sposed to be. I don't want no loafin' niggers hanging 'round this shop."

The sentiment expressed by this elderly negro is the common view of most Americans. By listening to such conversations one can get a good cross section of public thinking. We all must admit that the elderly negro was thinking straight in this matter.

One of the things that most amazes me when I visit a big city is the patience and resignation with which the city dwellers accept the long waits while standing in line for meals, for entertainment, for transportation and for business visits to offices.

Having lived in a small town so many years and having become accustomed to prompt service, I am somewhat spoiled by the lack of this personal touch in the city contacts. While life in small towns may not offer the opportunities for varied entertainment and broader consumer markets to be found in the cities, it is nevertheless much more to be desired in the long run and I feel our city cousins should be pitied rather than envied.

The shortage of transportation is now very noticeable in the downtown districts of the San Francisco Bay area. I watched out of an office window the large crowds gathered at a busy intersection waiting for transportation home. One young woman, evidently a shop worker, waited for more than an hour before she was able to squeeze into a crowded bus. In spite of this long delay, she evidenced no impatience, but seemed resigned to the extreme inconvenience. This lack of transportation is working against the efforts of the downtown department stores to maintain full sales personnel in the face of heavy Christmas shopping. It adds to the great confusion in the stores and to the difficulties of giving even passable service to customers. The remarkable

# TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, December 12, 1924)

A very pretty general effect was that offered by the mercantile displays in the booths at the Corn Show last week. All of them were original in design and well arranged.

There is one thing Coquille learned at its Eighth Annual Corn Show last Friday and Saturday nights, and that is that the new community building is not large enough. A conservative estimate of the number present for the vaudeville entertainment Friday evening is from twelve to fifteen hundred and at least that many if not more for Saturday night's frolic.

At the Corn Show here last week Christmas seals were sold for the business district by Fern Houdyball, Frances Nosler, Garnet Stewart, and by Eleanor Eplson, Edna Robison, Beryl Baell, Jerome Low, Gloria Getz, Elizabeth Lane and Margarita Agostino for the residence district. The booth sale was in charge of Audrey Hervey on Friday and Charlotte Bell on Saturday, the receipts being \$9.00.

W. A. Darling, in recent years a resident of Powers but who conduct-

ed a meat market here years ago, has returned to Coquille to make his home and has again entered the ranks of Coquille businessmen.

The sheriff's tax collection office has collected \$1,413,281.81 in taxes since Jan. 1, of which \$1,274,206 is for the current year, leaving \$139,075.61 as that collected on taxes which were in arrears. The collection is nearly 90 per cent of the total of \$1,639,882.17 levied for the 1923 tax and is considerably larger than any collection made in any single year in the past.

"What Happened to Jones" is the title of the play to be staged by the Juniors at the Liberty Theatre next Thursday evening.

R. H. Faulkner, who has been conducting what was known as the Machon Hotel for the past month, has changed its name to the Tourist Hotel.

Ray Long has sold the equipment of the Long Repair and Machine Shop to J. D. Graham & Son and has taken charge of the garage and repair shop of the Coast Auto Lines for them.

## Weekly Letter From Washington, D. C.

BY CONGRESSMAN HARRIS ELLSWORTH

Washington, D. C., December 9, 1944.—As this is written, the situation with respect to the re-organization of the State Department has not been cleared. We have a new Secretary of State, but he does not have an Under-Secretary nor does he have assistants. Appointments to fill these places were made by the President— one Under-Secretary and three assistant secretaries. Such appointments must be ratified by the Senate. When the four names were presented, the Senate sent all of them back to committee for further study and hearings. Without doubt all four names will again be submitted to the Senate during the coming week.

The general impression regarding the Senate's refusal to approve immediately the four assistants for Stettinius is that each of the four had a few Senators opposed to him. The total number of those opposed to some one or two or three of the nominees was, of course, sufficient to prevent favorable action upon the four as a group. Apparently MacLelish had the most opposition, although each of the other three came in for a share. The vote was 27 to 27.

It is unfortunate that this difficulty has arisen at this time. Our country is in a serious situation in its foreign affairs. We need the greatest possible unity and efficiency in our State Department, but we do not have it.

Meanwhile routine legislation is being ground out in both houses. The House will likely finish everything that is scheduled by the end of next week (December 16), but adjournment is not expected until the following week since the Senate must act on House legislation and some conference reports have not been submitted and remain to be acted upon.

Both houses passed the bill to maintain the rate of social security taxes at one per cent. It is known that the President is displeased with this action and may veto the bill. If he chooses to do so, the President can keep Congress in session until the 20th by delaying his full ten days before signing or vetoing the bill. This bill passed the House by a 3 to 1 record vote. Yesterday the Senate passed it by a vote of 47 to 19. There is clearly enough support for the bill to pass it over the President's veto.

Last week I mentioned the above bill. Since it is quite evident that the bill will become law, I want to repeat that the freezing of the tax rate does not in any way affect the thing is that the stores are able to do as well as they have. Lacking personnel as well as lacking goods to sell, no doubt creates a headache to many store managers at this time.

These conditions are bound to make city dwellers accept regimentation than the more independent country and town folks. Perhaps this explains the large city vote for policies of political regimentation and centralized government. The people merely approve what they consider inevitable and prepare themselves to make the most of it, but it does not appear to be in the interests of maintaining a free America to force regimentation upon the people and so it is to be hoped that the post-war will relieve the situation to some extent by speeding up the many vital personal services and eliminating the morale-destroying delays now in vogue.

social security benefit payments. It will not impair the fund and it will not endanger the future of the social security program. I make these statements as coming from people I believe to be qualified impartial experts on the subject. The early effect of the law will be to save you from having an additional one per cent deducted from your paycheck if your employment is under social security. Employers likewise will not have to pay the additional one per cent.

The bill by Congressman Barrett of Wyoming to abolish the Jackson Hole National Monument, which was created by executive order early in 1943, was debated yesterday and will be up for final consideration Monday. Although the bill is local to Wyoming in this instance, we people of Oregon have a very definite interest in it. If the executive is permitted to go on making large areas into parks (a monument is about the same as a National Park), we shall likely see such a move in our state. I am actively supporting the Barrett bill.

Both houses recently passed the post-war highways bill, and it is now in conference. The conference finished its work yesterday but the report will not be available until Monday. I am informed, however, that the total sum (\$1,500,000,000) was agreed upon and that the program will begin in the fiscal year after the war ends. Another point of agreement was that not more than one-third of right-of-way cost will be borne by the federal government. It is not anticipated that either the House or Senate will disagree with the conference report. In other words, the final bill as whittled into shape by the conferees will quite likely be accepted and will become law.

### Amended 1944 Income Tax Declarations Due By Jan. 15

Joseph D. Nunan, Jr., Commissioner of Internal Revenue, today reminded individual income taxpayers that Congress has changed from December 15, 1944, to January 15, 1945, the final date for filing Declarations of Estimated Income Tax, either original (as in the case of farmers), or amended, and paying of installments of estimated tax for the calendar year 1944.

Among the taxpayers affected by this change in dates are: farmers who exercised their right to defer others who have already filed 1944 declarations but desire to change their estimates by filing amended declarations; all persons who owe the final installment of 1944 estimated tax.

If a taxpayer who would otherwise be required to file an original or amended Declaration of Estimated Tax by January 15, 1945, files his annual income tax return for 1944 (on Form 1040) and pays all tax due by January 15, his return will serve as both a return and declaration and he need not file the 1944 declaration.

A bill from the Collector for the final installment of 1944 estimated tax may be ignored by a taxpayer who files his annual return (on Form 1040) and pays the tax due on it by January 15.

## Necessity For A Common Viewpoint

The confusion existing between the different nations or peoples of the same nation is not a mere accident; it is a natural result of reasoning from a large number of viewpoints. This is a weakness in our educational system and results in a wide difference of opinion, both in the state or social structure and between individuals.

We might use as an example the tariff. This is a subject nearly as old as man himself and still what do you find? Ask everyone of a reasoning age that you meet if they believe in a tariff and ninety per cent will say yes. You will be surprised at the reasons they will give. There must be a basic truth or viewpoint here and if we can discern that truth, the results would be very surprising and the reasoning very simple.

Before any reasonable discussion on any subject can take place, two must agree as to the meaning of the terms used and if you wish an intelligent discussion, you must have a true basic viewpoint, recognized by all parties concerned. If this were true there would be very little difference on the final result arrived at by all parties interested.

You don't have to go to Europe to find a social structure declining and governments crumbling and chaos everywhere. You may take this country and it does not take much thinking to recognize a declining civ-

declaration which will be due March 15. Also, taxpayers who do not file their final 1944 returns by January 15 must do so by March 15.

lization. We have not got a new order in this country; it is an old European civilization carried over to a new country. We see the same evils here as in the old country, a country that can have at one time 60,000,000 people on charity and those that are employed have to pay so much for the right to work. Little can be said for such a system, much less boast about it, and all such things are unnecessary if we had incorporated into our educational system a proper viewpoint.

N. B. The next subject will be "A Proper Viewpoint." Suggestions are welcome.

—Jas. Richmond.

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