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Fragments of Fact and Fancy

To see snow in Coos county on Easter Day was quite remarkable. To be sure most of Coquille valley lands were covered with water and the surrounding hills were as green as usual but to the south, near our neighboring county, the ridges were white and glistening in the sunlight that day. A warm sun, green, lush grass in the higher meadows, a river miles wide with blood waters and the distant hills white against the horizon made a combination rarely seen at any season of the year in southwestern Oregon.

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Earlier in the war certain sections of our coast were closed to visitors. Even now warnings should be posted in some areas. An example is that at Cape Arago park where military personnel have a building or two and maintain a fierce dog. The dog's house is scarcely noticed but when trespassers come to within a few feet of it, the dog jumps out, lunging at his chain and barking furiously. A sign should be placed there forbidding the public to enter that territory. A small child might stumble on the lair of the dog and be severely mauled, if not killed, before help could arrive.

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Continuing the subject of dogs, there is a question which has perplexed us greatly. Not understanding canine psychology, we have often wondered why our dog, who carries his tail jauntily aloft on all other occasions, drops it mournfully when watching his matser prepare his one meal of the day. No scolding will put that tail as low as does the mixing of dog food and the cutting of meat scraps.

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Probably millions of people in this war-weary world looked upon Easter as the appropriate day for the European war to end. Hopes for a sudden cessation of hostilities on that day were unfounded and suggestions are being advanced that the war in Germany will turn into a policing job with no clear cut surrender date and time. Even if the surrender is not a definite time event, there will be nothing uncertain about the victory!

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A map of Japanese waters reveals that Iwo means "rock" and Jima, "island." We are not suggesting that Iwo Jima be translated into "Rock Island"—it sounds too much like a railroad. The dual meaning now for "Southern Pacific" is enough.

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There is a suggestion we hesitate to make because it may be unpopular with the parties most interested.

A museum is desired to house the collection which is being made of pioneer relics. The building, known as the Legion hall, is soon to be vacated because it is considered to be a fire menace to the new Community Building.

Instead of demolishing the old building, once known as the "Set-a-spell," which was erected for a community center and work room during World War I, could it in some way be made fireproof and used as a museum until finances were at hand to erect the more pretentious building planned by the Pioneer Association?

Probably this idea is mere wishful thinking and no satisfactory solution could be worked out. No one would wish to put in jeopardy our beautiful new Community Building and probably the sooner the old "Set-a-spell" vanishes into the limbo of forgotten things the better.

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Twenty-eight years ago tomorrow, the United States declared a state of war existed with Germany. April sixth would be a fitting date for the present European war to end.

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TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, April 3, 1925)

Yesterday morning the first bank failure ever to happen in Coos county occurred, when the First National, of Bandon, hung out a sign that the bank was closed.

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Yesterday the Telegraph made its last run between Bandon and Coquille as a daily freight boat on the Coquille river. The Telegraph has run without interruption for the past seven or eight years but the opening of an improved road down the river and the installation of trucking service has so altered shipments that the boat was not paying expenses.

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"Happy Canyon" and "Roaring Gulch," of the Day of '49 are to be revived in Coquille next Friday and Saturday. Under the auspices of the Coquille Fire Department this resurrection of the dead past will occur in Graham's Dance Hall.

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Judge John C. Kendall, in Circuit court here Wednesday morning, for the second time passed sentence on the two Coos county murderers—L. W. Peare and Arthur Covell—whose appeals for new trials were recently decided adversely by the Oregon Supreme court. The sentence imposed was the same for each—that they be hanged on Friday, May 22.

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S. K. Gulliford, for the past thirteen years a resident of Coquille, passed away at his home on North Henry street Tuesday morning. . . . Mrs. Henry Johnson died last night, after a week's illness with flu and pneumonia, on the float house near the bridge, where they have been making their home since leaving the ranch near Riverton. . . . Mrs. Frank A. Shaw, wife of one of Coquille's contractors and carpenters, died at their home on east First street at one o'clock last night.

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Fred Wimer tells of seeing a big Jap freight stuck when it go out of the channel over at Coos Bay Sunday and was not released until a tug or two had come to its assistance. It was nearly flood time at the time, too. The Jap sailors were all on deck chattering like magpies.

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Fascism is dead in Germany — killed by the Dawes plan, the operation of which has within a few months brought about spectacular progress in the nation's economic condition. General Ludendorff, preaching the war of revenge against France, barely obtained one per cent of the votes cast at last Sunday's election.

The Christ and Labor

It might be well to get a clear picture of Rome in the time of Christ; it will help us to understand what happened. Rome was filled with conquered peoples and those that submitted like Judea were not made slaves, the others were. She was tolerant of all religions and there were 17 different Christs in the world at that time, most of them in Rome. Rome cared nothing about their claims but there was a claim made by the Christ of the Jews that would have torn the Roman world apart and was the true cause of his death. The doctrine of the brotherhood of men; every slave would have been freed.

The Christ's stand on the subject of slavery is very well expressed in Matthew 3:16, "Our Father;" if this means anything at all, it means the brotherhood of man, we are his children (not slaves) equally entitled to his bountiful care, equally entitled to work our own salvation. Let us go one step farther; his care is the earth itself, not for landowners but for all.

We would never speak of a slave as the son or daughter of our common father. Try and place your own son or daughter in the position of a slave, either through a piece of paper as a chatel slave or land ownership. In England and Scotland large numbers of families are bought and sold or transferred by the transfer of land. England will do anything but get off the slave's back.

The Christ recognized no such relation as mateer and slave. Please read Mark 3:35, this is a complete doctrine of the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man. You may say that it should be interpreted spiritually and some have done so. It is a waste of time to talk to such. There is no part of the scripture more beautiful or more full of what we should express by our daily lives. The bringing in of the slave idea seems so absurd, yet that past is a living example of just that and you don't have to look far to see the slave idea in our own time.

The three most prominent features of the Christ doctrine were the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man and the dignity of labor. All types of labor were taken care of by Christ and his disciples. The carpenter seemed to come first.

There is no such thing as the natural slave. We all love freedom. The average individual would do anything by request but a command always breeds a feeling of resentment.

Private property in land or giving land a selling value takes the wealth from labor just as surely as chatel slavery, and it produces nothing. If land were free everybody could have a home and a job without paying for it. Free trade, Free land, Free men. —Jas. Richmond, M. D.

Pimples Disappeared Over Night

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The Salem Sampler

By HON. R. T. MOORE

A difficult task confronts proponents of the two school support measures on the ballot in the special election in June. A widespread misunderstanding of the mechanics of Oregon's income tax law will constitute a formidable obstacle to the passage of the two measures. Their success will depend upon the dissemination of a proper knowledge of their intent within the few weeks remaining before the election date. The state income tax law has written into the constitution the provision that income tax receipts can be used for the sole purpose of offsetting real and personal property taxes. It is therefore impossible to divert any of the proceeds from income taxes to any other use regardless of its desirability or merit. The income tax law was passed by the people with that understanding and since it has become a part of the constitution it can be changed only by vote of the people.

The measure levying the ten-mill tax for construction funds to be used by the Board of Higher Education and the State Board of Control contemplates the technical levying of this tax against real property in the state. But it also provides for an offset to be paid from the proceeds of income taxes so that the net result to the real taxpayer will be the payment of no tax at all in spite of the fact that the ten-mill tax was voted. This is because the income tax proceeds will be ample to offset all of the ten-mill tax if and when voted. The necessity for this indirect procedure is the real property tax offset provision of the income tax law. The people should understand that the voting of this ten-mill tax will not actually levy such tax but merely permit the use of income tax moneys in that amount.

The need for the contemplated building program at the institutions of higher learning is so obvious as to need no explanation. We have long neglected our excellent colleges and the building program is overdue. The need for it is dire and the voters should vote this tax without question. It is in the public interest and a vital part of our postwar planning. The people will vote it once they understand the true situation.

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The cigarette tax measure is an attempt to set up a permanent and stable basis for state support of our public schools. It should be recognized that the present state aid to schools rests upon the quicksand of income tax receipts. While income taxes remain at a high figure, the state school support is secure. But should a period of adversity strike us, it is conceivable that the entire weight of the state school support program will be thrown upon the already heavily burdened real and personal property. Such an eventuality would almost surely result in a widespread delinquency as great as that obtaining in the early thirties. It would create chaotic condition in the state economy and result in immense harm.

A cigarette tax would serve as a partial hedge against failure of income tax and would constitute an anchor to the windward. One of the best arguments for its passage is that it would be paid by a very large proportion of the population and is therefore suited to the purpose intended because the schools should be supported by all using them.

Argument against is that the tax is distasteful because it implies approval by educators of the cigarette habit and that it affects the lower income brackets in greater proportion than the upper brackets. Another objection is that cigarettes are already heavily taxed, a fact which also is true of gasoline.

Whatever the judgment of the voters will be on this measure its proposal does call attention to the unstable basis of school support and the uncertainty of the income tax. Possibly the tax study proposed for the interim will find other means of financing state support for the schools voted as a temporary safety measure.

Weekly Letter From Washington, D. C.

BY CONGRESSMAN HARRIS ELLSWORTH

House in Recess. April 10 will bring to an end the present series of three-day recesses for the House, which began on March 28. The House will then take up further appropriation measures which will be reported from committee, the extension of the Reciprocal Trades Agreement, renegotiation of contracts, the Bretton Woods Agreement, and federal aid to education legislation, which has been pending for several months. Hearings before House Committees will be started or resumed on the above measures, beginning about April 11, and some of these bills will begin to reach the House for debate probably about the first of May.

The Senate has continued its regular sessions to bring its calendar up to date, and there is some talk that the Senate may recess during the San Francisco United Nations Conference.

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Food Investigation. The newly authorized special food study committee of the House will be very active during the House recess. Hearings will be held in Washington and probably other cities where the food situation is acute and the meat supply particularly short. The House and Senate have already heard testimony from packers concerning their problems. With the 1945 meat supply considerably lower than the per capita supply in 1944, special emphasis will be placed upon the matter of distribution so that all sections of the country may share as equitably as possible in the supply of meat that will be available for civilian consumption. At the present time, and over a period months, there have been some areas of the country where the meat supply was abundant, while in other sections of the country, the supplies were low. The committee will endeavor to find a remedy for this situation if it is at all possible.

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V-E Day Rumors. With the rapid advance of United Nations armies in Europe, and the expectation of V-E Day at an early date, rumors are more and more frequent around Washington. Within the past ten days, no less than four such rumors were started to the effect that special radio announcements would be made at a particular time, or that the President is preparing to make some important statement, or that Churchill is releasing some startling news of developments in Germany. All of these originated from misinterpretations of statements, or misreading of teletype announcements, but are indicative of the temper and anticipation here in the Nation's Capital. The more conservative experts on military affairs feel that, while there is a possibility of developments which would bring the war to a sudden close, the probabilities are that it will be some weeks yet before the heavy combat in Germany will end.

"Fight Cancer With Knowledge"

This is the advice of the American Cancer Society which is launching a $5,000,000 national campaign during April to fight Cancer on a threefold front: Education as to the early symptoms of cancer; special service in the field of cancer; and cancer research. Eric A. Johnston, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce is national campaign manager. David B. Simpson, past president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce is campaign manager for Oregon and Claude G. Stotts, of Coos Bay, is handling the campaign for this county.

"Cancer is the greatest killer of women," said Mr. Simpson in speaking of the coming drive, "and the second greatest killer of men. Last year, 1944, cancer killed 165,000 people in the United States. The pitiable part is that at least 55,000 of these victims would be alive today had they but known the early symptoms of cancer, and had they had immediate diagnosis and treatment."

April 16 to 30 inclusive has been set aside for the drive in Oregon. Authentic literature on cancer symptoms will be given out and funds collected with which to carry on an all-out fight against this second greatest national killer. Oregon headquarters of the American Cancer Society are at 815 Couch Buildign, Portland.

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