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Don't Sell "Short"

In the jargon of the market and stock exchange, "selling short" is a term for the promise to sell at a future date, certain stocks at a lesser figure than they bring at present on the market. And those gentlemen who sold "short" just before V-J day in anticipation of a drastic slump that would plummet stocks downward, took a deserved emptying of their pocketbooks.

Today some citizens would urge us to "sell short" the future of the country, the future of Coos county, and yes, the future of Coquille. They point to the fact that once every man gets his new car, every woman her new electric range, and every lad his new bike, the market will be surfeited with products. That's on a national scale.

On a county scale they say, "look, when every farmer builds his barn, and every plant remodels, and every townsman gets his new house, lumber will take a beating. And then watch out!"

On the Coquille scale, the story is: "Coos Bay is building up, a new highway will make travel easier, lots of our people buy their things over there, new store buildings will be built there with more display space. It's hard on us."

There's a nice warm place we'd like to consign such peddlers of the philosophy of "selling short" our future in the nation, the county, and Coquille.

In the first place as the great machine starts to roll with the money circulating freely from buyer to factory to worker and back again to the worker-buyer to factory-owner—who will re-invest by improving his factories—and out again into the bloodstream of finance, the nation will go forward.

In the second place—if farmers were only going to build a barn and then stop, if householders lived in one house forever, if there were no increase in population demanding places to live, and if industry were satisfied to never build, then lumber might plummet. But progress and optimism go hand in hand with good times. Our lumber industry, managed properly as it is today, will see a future that is long and steady and if labor and management can work out a fair agreement, profitable too to the operators.

More than that Coos county is one of the great undeveloped agricultural areas in the state of Oregon. Your county agent and Oregon State college can tell you what the future can be if Coos agriculture wants it.

And thirdly, on the Coquille scale, this city has the natural trade center location to make it a mecca for shoppers. The future will demand that Coquille stores be modern, completely stocked, aggressive, and on their toes. The stores in town which are such today enjoy a healthy business and draw from a great arc throughout Coos county.

It is natural that in the present transition period in which we pass from a wartime economy to a peacetime economy that many people are inclined to view with alarm the possibilities of the future that seems unknown and dark to them.

It is, however, more natural that the American spirit of positive constructive thinking take over and rule the planning of today and tomorrow. America was built by men and women who feared not, but went ahead with optimism and faith. Coos county was built by the same philosophy into its present greatness.

"Don't sell short" now.

"Not Enough Experience"

Maybe the applicant who wears an honorable discharge button doesn't know the details of every business.

He didn't know the details of war, either. But he did quite some job on a distasteful assignment. And the Japs and the Germans will testify that he had something which proved more potent than their experience.

You—and we—can't hire every discharged veteran who comes to us. But we can all well afford to devote some time and thought to his individual problem instead of just saying, "Not enough experience."

He doesn't care for that "not enough experience" brush-off—and neither will any of us if we stop to think. Remember, the time he MIGHT have spent gaining experience has been devoted to "protecting our right to be in business."

(From a paid advertisement in Chicago, and reprinted by the Oregon Veterans' Employment News, Portland, January issue.)

An example of real backing of Coquille school activities is evident in the contribution of \$5.00 per head by a number of local men to help outfit the plucky squad of "B" team basketball players. Schools profit when townspeople take part in helping activities function.

A motorist recently stopped at a store in Coquille and asked about industries and scenic spots—the laconic answer of the clerk: "Loggin' and not much else to see." It might help to have a school to point out that Coos county has one of the greatest dairy, livestock, cranberry, myrtlewood manufacture, cheese production, sports fishing, and scenic areas in the nation, so tourists could get a good sales talk when they drop in to any city in Coos county.

The teacher shortage persists, according to Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction. It behooves every parent, every citizen, to tell your school head and school board members that you want the best teachers available in the state. Money cannot be saved by pinchpenny tactics in education. The students of today are the doers of tomorrow. A trained citizenry can benefit your pocketbook by safeguarding your pocketbook in the years to come when they work for your good, and the welfare of the community.

Physical education to many people means a slap-dash of gym for the mass and extensive training of the few talented and well-coordinated youngsters who make up the teams. Winning and hard-playing teams are necessary; but also necessary is the physical education of every student in the public school system. The voters of the state of Oregon last year polled its affirmation of the new health law requiring schools to bring up their standards of health education. Encourage your child in loving his part in the new setup of games, gymnastics, intramural competitions, folk dancing, drill team work, and health study that is a part of the new curriculum.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, January 29, 1926)

A mass meeting was called by the school board last Monday evening to discuss the location of the new grade school building. . . There was no opposition to the plan presented to the board to erect the building in the north part of town.

Adherence of the United States to the world court with reservation was approved Wednesday night by the senate, 76 to 17.

A meeting of the Coquille Rod & Gun club Wednesday evening it was decided that the club should enter the Oregon Telegraphic Shoot.

Senator I. L. Patterson, of Polk county, one of the two candidates for the republican nomination for governor at this spring's primaries, was a Coquille visitor Wednesday. In company with J. S. Barton he was calling on the Coquille republicans.

W. E. Bosserman was succeeded

as local agent of the Southern Pacific here last Friday by O. C. Smith of Portland.

E. P. Mast, who was in from McKinley Monday, says that in all his fifty-four years in Coos county he has never seen another winter with so little cold weather. One extreme after another. A year ago we had the coldest weather in half a century and many of our palms, which had flourished in this climate for years, were killed.

The Coos County Bar Association which holds its annual meeting Saturday, is 17 years old.

Postal receipts in the Coquille office have reached the point now where a third clerk on regular time is authorized by the department. Herebefore Leland Peart has been a substitute on five-hour a day time.

Funeral services for Mrs. Flossie Lund Norton were held at the Ellingson Chapel here Tuesday afternoon.

Weekly Letter From Washington, D. C.

BY CONGRESSMAN HARRIS ELLSWORTH

It may be that the flu bug bites Members of Congress harder than it does other people. In any event, I have just finished with the meanest attack of flu I have ever had. A great many people have had the flu here in Washington this winter, but I believe the epidemic has pretty much passed over now. I suppose the weather has had something to do with it. Three weeks ago, we had several days with the temperature in the 70's, followed almost immediately with a solid two weeks of temperatures in the low 20's.

Judging from the mail that I and the other Members of Congress have been receiving the last two or three weeks, the people of the country think Congress is to blame for the present wave of strikes and labor disputes. Furthermore, the people, apparently think the present situation has developed because Congress failed to pass the legislation referred to as the "President's program." I even heard a representative of the CIO say, on a radio program here in Washington recently, that the Congress could have prevented the strikes if it had passed certain legislation. When the interviewer asked this CIO representative to cite specific legislation, she named the minimum wage bill and the "full employment" bill.

Quite obviously, neither the minimum wage bill nor the "full employment" bill could have had the slightest bearing on the situation, no matter when they were passed. Nor would the passage of the FEPC or the unemployment compensation bills have any effect upon the present situation. Those four bills, together with the President's recommendation that a fact-finding labor bill be passed, (which came along after the first of December) represent what is referred to as the "President's legislative program." This so-called program is not of world-shaking importance. The failure of Congress to act upon it has had no effect upon the strike situation. In fact, I feel that every one of the bills embodied in the President's program is of questionable merit, and the Congress might be doing the country a greater service by refusing to pass them than by accepting them.

There will shortly be brought to the Floor a watered-down version of the President's request for a law providing for fact-finding boards in labor disputes. A careful reading of the bill embodying the President's recommendation reveals that its passage would accomplish nothing basic toward the elimination of strikes. If the bill is passed as written, it will provide only that a fact-finding board will be appointed and will make a report, and that no strike can occur during a thirty-day period while a board is being appointed and is making its report. The President's bill provides nothing more than that.

However, the bill is now scheduled to come on to the Floor under what is called an "Open Rule," which means that it may be amended, or some other proposal may be substituted for it on the Floor. In other words, due to the failure of the Administration-controlled Labor Committee of the House of Representatives to report a sound and constructive bill, the House will be compelled to actually write the bill on the Floor by means of amendments. After the bill is thus patched up on the Floor, we will be called upon to vote it either up or down. It will be nothing short of a miracle if a good law results from this procedure, but the House of Representatives and all of

its committees are overwhelmingly controlled by the Administration, and this seems to be the way in which they want to do it.

The House of Representatives has had prepared two documents of questions and answers and general information concerning income taxes. These documents have been prepared by experts to give you a concise, accurate and understandable explanation of the subject. The titles of the documents are "Servicemen's Federal Income Tax" and the "Revenue Act of 1945."

With the tax deadline only six weeks ahead, these publications can be helpful to those who are interested. I have a limited allotment of these publications and shall be glad to furnish copies to anyone requesting them until my supply is exhausted.

Gideons Hold Potluck Dinner

The Gideons of Coos county held a potluck fellowship dinner at the First Methodist church in Coos Bay Sunday afternoon. It was announced this week.

Special speakers were Cleeve Hudson, Oregon president of the association, a Mr. Short of Nebraska, and G. A. Hacking, secretary for the state of Oregon.

Attending from Coquille was Don Farr.

Coos Legion Post Asks For Officer

The Coos Bay American Legion post will ask the Coos county court to furnish a full-time veterans' service officer for the county, it was announced today.

The officer would assist in veteran guidance work, placement, and general aid to returned men.

When informed of the stand of the Coos Bay post, Legion members here expressed themselves as interested in the proposal as a real service to the returning men, and pointed out that Coquille would be the logical and ideal place to have such a central guidance setup.

Forest and shade trees are not harmed by the powerful new insecticide, DDT, but care should be exercised in its use as some of the emulsifying agents burn the foliage.

School Buildings To Be Studied

Word has been received by the school administrators and architects that a school building conference is scheduled to be in Eugene. This conference will begin on Monday, February 11, and will close Feb. 15.

Because of the fact that there were so many school districts anticipating the construction of new buildings, it was deemed worth while that this conference be held. It is being sponsored by the department of superintendence of the Oregon State Teachers' association, the state department of education, and the school of education at the University of Oregon. School boards sending out members to attend the conference will pay fee of \$25.00 per week per district. An extra \$5.00 is required for registering an additional board member. The fees received go to defray the expenses involved in the conference.



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