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Those who would trade freedom for security are deserving of neither.

AND IF YOU THINK I LIE

From a Texas newspaper, via The Dalles Optimist, we reprint the following account.

Many fantastic tales of heroism and adventure have been told us southern folks by the U.S. Army Engineers who bridged the Columbia at Camp Rufus.

The geographical background for these hectic escapades seems to center in and around the historic city of The Dalles and the friendly little village of Rufus, both located on the Oregon shore of the mighty Columbia River in one of the greatest diversified agricultural districts of the Northwest.

One of the latest of these tales to come from Camp Rufus is on artificial respiration by C. A. Tom, who was camp instructor in first aid and water safety. Vouched for by Major Schiltz, camp commanding officer, and Captain Gilmore, medical director for Camp Rufus, this story blends in beautifully with all other news of the Far West. It should remove the last vestige of doubt as to the honesty and truthfulness of the stories told by our own Texas soldier boys who have returned from there.

The value of artificial respiration was demonstrated to the satisfaction of several thousand U.S. soldiers and civilians at Camp Rufus," Mr. Tom writes.

Major Schiltz, commanding officer, and Captain Gilmore were confronted with one of the most unusual situations of their careers.

"For no apparent reason several hundred U.S. engineers seemed to be suffering from lack of oxygen. All available help was commanded and artificial respiration was given continually. As conditions became worse, the advice and services of Dr. Thos. Griffith and Dr. Thompson Coberth—two World War I officers—were secured.

"On entering Camp Rufus, the doctors were amazed to see an army plane low several thousand feet altitude while passing over the congested district. This, together with the fact that both doctors found breathing extremely difficult, made them doubly sure the trouble was local.

"After a thorough investigation, the doctors discovered scores of the farmers using monster Diesel caterpillar tractors, which were running day and night. Realizing that these monstrous machines use 80 percent oxygen in combustion, they solved the problem by having a half of the tractors shut down each night.

"The OPA got wind of the situation and over the farmer's protest and against the better judgment of both doctors, they stopped all night farming for the duration, claiming they just didn't have air enough to go around."

The above is in the American tradition of humor by exaggeration, especially rural America. The Nebraska farmer who told of wheat straws being driven clear through oak trees by a cyclone, Paul Bunyan and his fabulous Blue Ox, winds that hold anchor chains out straight—and even pop off the end links—are of the same character. And pretty good humor, too.

It seems that the above tale is rather incomplete and a little on the timid side. The raconteur might have gone on to tell of the high mortality rates of diesel tractor drivers from lack of oxygen and might have said that if it were not for our frequent wind storms that bring in new oxygen it would be impossible to live in this country at all since diesels have been used so exclusively.

Inasmuch as everyone knows plants use carbon dioxide and give off oxygen and animals the oppo-

site, it naturally follows that the use of the diesel motor has been the reason for our big crops of wheat. Their exhausts fill the atmosphere with carbon dioxide and give the wheat plants added exhilaration while using up the oxygen the plants exhale. If you don't believe it just consider the big crops that have been grown since everyone has diesels.

Thus we will get bigger crops than will enable us to get bigger diesels. It is something like J. B. Adams' cat story wherein two Tennessee cats were in a fight. One jumped on the other, and the first jumped on the second and they kept it up until they disappeared in the clouds, still fighting.

WHICH WAY

One of the first, and perhaps the most important, questions to come before the state tax study commission at its first meeting was: Small taxes be planned to give aid to industries that might wish to come to Oregon or shall Oregon remain an agricultural and pioneer state?

The question presumes that the present tax system is not advantageous to industry, which has not been proven, but that has little effect on the general question.

Nearly states that have gone further toward industrialization have many more taxes than Oregon. It is a general rule that states with big factories, big payrolls, have high taxes and higher wealth than do the more agricultural states where industry is limited. In hard times the tax burden is harder to bear; in easy times it rests on more people. The fluctuation is greater in highly industrialized states, the people there are richer or poorer.

Oregon has a lower capita tax than either Washington or California which is second only to New York. We have less industry also. The correlation between the two is assumed but not definitely proven.

A tax study commission that boldly said that our changes are needed would be an odd one. Yet there are many citizens who think along that line.

They point to our fine fishing streams, our wide expanse of recreation land, our practically paid for highway system, our low taxes and say it is more nearly perfect than any other state. "Let us not encourage a bunch of outlanders to come in and crowd," is their sentiment.

The chamber of commerce boosters want bigger industry, more population, better markets, more agriculture, which means more irrigation and more timber cut and cleared.

Natural reaction is toward the change. What voters of the state would think of a tax policy for development instead of for revenue must be a guess, but it is likely that no industry would be fooled by any tax system aimed at obtaining new development within a state. They realize that any industry must bear its share in the long run.

In Other Days

From the Observer, June 29, 1907

Born: To the wife of A. H. Barnum, Tuesday June 26th, a son, Roy Powell, E. M. Meach, J. A. Carmody, E. H. Moore and L. V. Moore made up a party that left Monday morning for a five days fishing jaunt in forest and streams of Skamania.

Grading camps have been established near the mouth of Deschutes river, on the west bank, and pretty soon laborers will be within hearing of Moro, with their blasting noises which are preventing hens from hatching on north bank.

L. L. Peets has just received 23,000 feet of lumber by team from Wamic, with which he will have constructed on his farm near Moro a new barn 60 x 90 feet.

From the Observer, June 30, 1916

Chris Anderson is hauling lumber from the Moro Tum-A-Lum Lumber co. yards for his new barn on the farm.

Moro Hardware & Implement Co. have a new oil stove, the Florence blue flame wickless, that is a beauty and full of utility. The Dorcas society realized better than \$30 from its Parcel Post sale and ice cream social Saturday last in the annex of the Presbyterian church.

The city is installing an electric signaling system between the reservoir and the engine house. When the reservoir fills to a certain depth a float will raise and make an electric contact, lighting a lamp at the pump house.

Richard O'Meara Writes of Army Experiences

Somewhere in Germany

Dear Mom & Dad: Just received 2 packages from you with cigarettes and candy and I surely was glad to get them. Thanks a lot.

"The War is over, but I still can't tell you where I am. However, I can tell you where I have been in the past in case you have ever wondered. To start with I will go back to June 17, 1943 when I left Camp Kearns, Utah on a troop train for Camp Shanks, New York. I arrived there June 22 and it was hotter than the devil. While at Camp Shanks we drew clothes and had a lot of lectures; such as making allotments and taking out insurance. We also took typhus shots and other shots. They had a well PX there with all of the candy bars and ice cream you wanted to buy, but as usual I was broke. If you remember I sent home for \$20.00 and received it after I had arrived in England. On June 30 (My 21st Birthday) they told us we were shipping out. They marched us to the train where I think they put about 40 of us to a car. We arrived in New York in about an hour and went directly to our ship, which was the Queen Elizabeth. On July 1 we pulled out of

From the Observer, July 2, 1926

Dr. C. L. Polay reports the birth of twin boys to Mr and Mrs Roy Barnett at Kent on Friday, June 25th.

Vernon Platt took over the duties as rural mail carrier for the two carrier routes out of Moro on Thursday morning.

The Experiment Station will use electric power this season to harvest the grain grown on the station. A power line has been built from the Sherman Electric lines to two stations in the field where a 7-1-4 horse power electric motor will be used to operate the small stationary harvester used by the Experiment Station.

Jim Kenny bought a new Ford truck equipped with dump bed for bulk wheat hauling from the Williams Motor company.

SYNOPSIS OF ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE FIDELITY PHENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY. Income: Net premiums received, 325,035.97; Total interest, dividends and real estate income, 1,433,841.97; Income from other sources, 184,718.15. Total income, 5,023,926.06.

SYNOPSIS OF ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE AMERICAN EAGLE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY. Income: Net premiums received, 5,923,926.06; Total interest, dividends and real estate income, 1,433,841.97; Income from other sources, 184,718.15. Total income, 8,542,486.18.

SYNOPSIS OF ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE CONTINENTAL INSURANCE COMPANY. Income: Net premiums received, 336,841.79; Total interest, dividends and real estate income, 1,976,639.41; Income from other sources, 336,841.79. Total income, 3,649,323.00.

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there from October till about Jan. 5 when they said that I was to be shipped back to the 12 R.C.D. at Chordy. I was there about a week when the cyst broke out again. I stayed at the dispensary for a week and instead of them sending me to the hospital they shipped me out. It was March 1 when I arrived at Bushy Park about 6:00 in the evening. The R.T.O. was closed so we had to begin looking for this place. After inquiring around we found it, only to find that it had been bombed out the night before. So we got in touch with the M. Ps. and they did not know where they had been evacuated to, so they took us to Canadian School where we spent the night. The following day we found out where we were supposed to go and I called them up and they sent a jeep over after us. We found our new home for the present was a big hanger and colder than the devil. The next morning I reported on sick call and the Doctor said he would wait a few days to see how it was coming along. After 2 days he decided to send me to the General Hospital on the outskirts of London. I got up there and they operated again and I stayed there about 40 days. On April 8 I arrived back at Bushy Park and was assigned to transportation section. We used to get a lot of Buzz Bombs at Bushy Park. One morning about 8:30 I was in the Latrine & I heard one coming, then the motor completely cut off and I could hear the darn thing whistle overhead. It passed over and lit about 200 yards from us. Every night about 11:00 you would hear the siren and all the guys would lie in bed and say, "Hell, it's not coming this way"; then the loud speaker would come on

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and they would say, "I'm going to danger—take cover"; still no one moved. Then in a few minutes you would hear it—sounding like a Model A Ford with no muffler, and everyone would jump up and run to the slit trenches with some times nothing on but a pair of shorts. It would begin to get loud and louder it got the more we were "sweating it out". Sometimes the engine would cut off and it would glide and then other times it would run until it hit. We had to sleep with our beds on the floor and stack sand bags outside the barracks. The sand bags were used to stop the concussion. On August 21 U.S.S. T.A.F. sent a detachment to France. We crossed the channel in a Liberty Ship and it took us 8 days. We ate nothing but "C" rations and I sure wasn't hungry for them. On Sept. 7 we landed at Omaha Beach and proceeded to Granville where we stayed about 3 weeks, then we moved again to the outskirts of Paris to a town called St. Germaine, where there was a lot of black marketing going on. They sold cigarettes for \$2.00 a pack, soap \$1.00 a bar and candy

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all the way from \$80.00 to \$180.00. In France I drove a truck and saw quite a bit of country. On January 30 I was selected with quite a few others for Infantry and we left the 31st for La Havre where we were loaded on an L.S.T. for England. We arrived in England January 4 and after a two hour train ride we came in to Salisbury where we took training for six weeks. We marched every place that we went. I believe that if my feet could talk they would swear that I covered England. On March 17 we again sailed for France on a troop ship. We made it in 2 days and landed at La Havre again where we stayed for 2 days. They told us that we were taking a 70 hour train ride. Well, Mom & Dad that is all I can tell you for now, so will close. All my love, Richard

S. Am enclosing some stamps for Ivaolu.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County his Final Account and Report as the Administrator, with the will annexed, of the Estate of Nora Maud Akers, Deceased, and that Wednesday, the 11th day of July, 1945, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A. M., of said day, at the court room of said Court, in the courthouse in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Account and Report and for the settlement of said estate.

Lloyd Hennagin Administrator, with the will annexed.

T. Lester Johnson Attorney at law Moro, Oregon

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NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County her Final Account and Report as the Executrix of the Estate of Harry N. Richelderfer, deceased, and that Wednesday, the 25th day of July, 1945, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A. M., of said day, at the court room of said Court, in the courthouse in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Account and Report and for the settlement of said estate.

Selma Viola Watkins Executrix

T. Lester Johnson, Attorney at law, Waaco, Oregon

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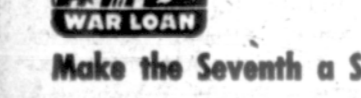
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