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ETERNAL VIGILANCE

Historians often are able to trace the beginning of unsocial practices to a period after the end of a war. It is then that people are most likely to relax their vigilance, the vigilance that is the price of liberty.

The elder generation, desirous of turning over the reins to the youngsters, fails to keep going; the youngsters, just out of the restraint of the army, want nothing to do with public affairs. Therefore, it is said, we have moral laxity, changed and temporary social conditions, and as often as not, the beginning of some practices that must be rooted out painfully as time goes on.

It is said, for instance, that American big business, that has proven so hard to handle, developed shortly after the civil war. Populism, with its development of social hates, is another. It takes no long memory to recall the excesses following World War I.

The lack of attention to the national welfare in those days had much to do with the start of World War II. We can do it again, and have World War III, or we can pay more attention to affairs of government.

PUBLIC PROPERTY IS A PUBLIC TRUST

The supreme court of Oregon on March 5, modified and affirmed a Jefferson county case that has direct bearing on management of public affairs in Sherman county.

Edward G. Weber, a taxpayer of Jefferson county, brought suit against County Judge W. R. Cook, his son and wife to force Cook to return to Jefferson county certain lands in Madras, which the county court had deeded to the younger Cook and wife.

Plaintiff alleged fraud saying that Cook as judge could not deed tax foreclosed lands to himself, nor to himself through his son. The circuit court set aside the deeds. In addition Cook was ordered to pay the county for income and profits derived from the use of the lands.

The plaintiff, Weber, took his suit to the supreme court in order to collect his costs and disbursements. The court allowed those sayings, "We find nothing in this record, which, in our opinion, should have denied to plaintiff a recovery of his costs and disbursements. On the other hand, his vigilance and efforts exposed an attempt to defraud Jefferson county and restored the fruits of that attempt to the county."

The decision seems to make it very plain that a county official shall not dabble in county property. The law making such actions a crime has been repealed, but the court has validated action to recover funds obtained by an official in the use of property bought in this manner.

There is a similar case in this county whereunder a county official bought at the figure posted by the county (a nominal sum of some \$10.00) and sold at a profit of several hundred percent. There is danger in dealing with public property by public officials and this decision will probably effectually put a stop to it over the state. That will be desirable.

Whether action will be taken to recover the several hundred dollars already lost is not known

ITS TOO DARK

"Amateur gardeners (the only kind we have) are hoping it will quit raining so they can sow their little seeds, housewives brush the mud off the porch and watch Johnnie's footsteps, farmers have hardly started because the earth is slick as top. No one is exactly happy about it, and yet the drizzly, dark weather goes on day after

day. No great amount of good comes from it for it seldom rains enough to really qualify as a dry country rain. The month has brought less than an inch of moisture, no more than could have fallen in one reasonably wet day.

Citizens shake the moisture from their clothes and say're going to leave this country and go to the valley where they can get dry, which is a statement many of them consider scurrilous in the extreme. The valley, and its rain, is not considered a satisfactory climate by the man who tills the soil once covered with bunchgrass.

The entire winter has been a sort of Willamette valley winter, damp and wet, with no great amount of moisture going into the ground but a lot of it getting into the lungs. The old resident becomes discontented on that sort of a day. He likes our usual sunshine, and prefers our occasional wind, that swoops over the hills making him feel alive and vigorous.

Growing things do not mind the wind and the sun sets them alive more quickly than any of nature's tools. If this drizzly weather would make up its mind to turn into a good downpour and let the sun and wind have the wheel for a few days we'd all like it better.

But likely, as about most of the important matters of life, we won't be asked.

In Other Days

From the Observer, Mar. 22, 1907 Judge Bradshaw and District Attorney Menefee closed up their circuit court affairs for Sherman county. Next session it will be Judge Littlefield and District Attorney Collier.

The New Biggs is certainly a most deservedly popular hotel and mine host, J. J. Heckard is entitled to patronage.

From the Observer, Mar. 23, 1917 John DeMoss received a shipment of 200 white leghorn chicks from Petaluma, California by express.

The general condition of Alida Douma is improved since her operation in Portland a few days ago.

From the Observer, Mar. 23, 1927 Peter Dohm was arrested by Sheriff Chrisman for manufacture of moonshine liquor and 3-4 gallons of high grade liquor destroyed. The plant was on the Deschutes.

Judge Fred Krusow was a business visitor in Portland last week. He is a director of the Portland National bank.

Washington Column

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The laboratory tests. The scientists, while reasserting that there is no defense against an atomic bomb, argue that this pent-up energy can be and should be diverted to peaceful uses and for the benefit of mankind instead of trying to destroy man and his works.

The committee which has been hearing the testimony of scientists for weeks past are genuinely alarmed. The witnesses have painted the darkest pictures of the future unless the atom is under control until the senate committee had the jitters. No one depreciates the gravity of the situation, for the bomb is the most terrible engine of destruction that has ever been discovered. When a bomb is let loose at Bikini in May to determine what effect the exploding atom will have on modern warships—from battlewagons down to an LST—it is believed that further information will be made available to the armed forces, but the scientists have already predicted what will take place. They want information of what an exploding atom will do in a peaceful way.

It now comes out that the emergency flight strips cost the War Department \$10,000,000. Twenty-three such strips were located in 14 states, with Washington, Oregon and Idaho each receiving several. Now that the war is over, the war department doesn't want them, although many never had a single plane on the installations. Presumably, these strips will be taken over by the highway departments which built them on government orders.

Wasco Minister

Attends Anniversary

Rev. and Mrs. F. L. Cannell attended a program celebrating the 52nd anniversary of the Baptist church in Grass Valley Sunday. Leland Anderson entertained high school friends at a St. Patrick's party at his home Friday

evening. Games were played and delicious refreshments served. Larry and Bob Nisbet are spending this week visiting relatives in Idaho. Mrs. Tom Jacobson and her husband returned home Tuesday. The Tuesday Study club met this week at the home of Mrs. William Tidwell. Jeanne McIntyre was honored

on her birthday Sunday by a surprise party. Those attending were Gladys Moore, Joan Burres, Patricia Kaseberg, Phyllis Joy Medler and Shirley McIntyre. The girls attended a movie in The Dalles and had dinner at the Wilson Cafe in Wasco. Mr and Mrs. W. R. Reid honored their son, Bill and wife, with a dinner Thursday evening. Those attending were Mr and Mrs. Max Williams and Mr and Mrs. Norman Fields. Jerry Barnett left Sunday evening for Sacramento, California, where he plans to pick up Joe Hilderbrand's new plane and fly it back to Wasco. Mrs. Ernest Shull entertained the Klondike club at her home Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Charles Palmer of Condon is spending a week visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Ernest Shull. Mr and Mrs. Raymond Van Gilder spent the week end visit-

ing Raymond's aunt, Mrs. Nevada Britt at Fossil. Monday afternoon was the occasion for a party honoring Mrs. Desta Hoyt on her birthday. Friends who gathered to wish her many happy returns were Mesdames Owen Barnett, Ida Andrews, Andy Shearer, Estelle Halley, Wilma Wilde, Josie Underhill, Casha Yates, Ormand Hilderbrand, George Harris, Lydia Darby and Gus Hartmann.

Harry Akers, Minor Will, from and after Monday, the 18th day of April, 1946 at the hour of 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon of said day at the Law Office of T. LESTER JOHNSON, Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, proceed to sell and will sell at private sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand, or on such terms of cash and credit as may be approved by the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Lane County, in all the right, title and interest of the said Margaret Jane Akers and John Harry Akers, Minors, in one parcel and subject to confirmation by the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Lane County, in and to the following described real property: Lot Six (6), Block Twenty-Two (22), City of Moro, Sherman County, Oregon. Dated this 8th day of March, 1946.

ALICE AKERS, Guardian. Date of First Publication March 8th, 1946. Date of Last Publication April 5th, 1946.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh Shaking Heads and Human Liberties It's a funny thing. Now that the war's over, there's a lot of head-shaking in our town. People saying: "What's the younger generation coming to?" "How can we and these strikes?" "The country's going to the dogs!" "There ought to be a law!" etc. But when the younger generation was walloping the Axis "supermen"—and labor was doing the most colossal job in history—you never heard a murmur. But now that we're back to our traditional life of personal liberty, just see how the heads begin to shake again. I guess there'll always be head-shakers—folks who feel "there ought to be a law"—who believe that the best form of regulation is suppression, whether it's applied to beer or baseball. But from where I sit, America's done pretty well with the idea of personal choice and individual liberty. I guess that's just the way Americans are made. Joe Marsh Copyright, 1946, United States Brewers Foundation

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