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MARSHALL PLAN

Western European nations met
in Paris this week and hurriedly
agreed to take the \$5,000,000,000.

The very fact that we offered
it indicates our defeat at the
hands of Russia. Since San Francisco
we have been dedicated to the
proposition that there must be
a world organization that included
all nations. We helped establish
United Nations with that in mind.

The men who are in position
to be leaders of the nation seem
just as sure that we should go
ahead with the Marshall plan as
they were that we should adhere
to the United Nations or that we
must uphold the tenets of the
Truman plan. The people, themselves,
do not have sufficient information
to judge on any policy.

The Marshall plan, latest thing
out, is that the United States
will loan (perhaps give would be
a better word) money to European
nations to speed their economic
recovery. We hope to keep them
from communism by such generosity.

The theory sounds fine. Perhaps
the information upon which it
is based is correct and the appraisal
of European thinking may be
correct also. It often happens
that a giver suffers much from
the one who receives his benefactions
and the boys who came back
from Europe hold the natives thereof
in rather low esteem as regards
appreciation of services done them.

Of course, the plan is based on
the presumption that this nation
will continue able to put out five
billions a year. We certainly hope
that is true. One can hear that
we should do certain things in
our own nation before sending so
much money abroad. That group
may have an influence on congress,
which might mean the defeat
of the plan when half done.

There is nothing either, to prevent
the western European nations
from taking the cash Uncle Sam
has to offer and then turning
communistic as soon as the flow
of dollars ends. We just hope it
won't happen and are trusting
for the best.

ENDING GAMBLING

The surprise action of new mayor
Dent in The Dalles, who ordered
all forms of gambling stopped
there, may indicate a wide spread
change in city government
attitudes toward gambling
all over the state. There are signs
that this will be so.

For years city governments
have tried to do something about
gambling, and with little apparent
effect. Several cities—and The Dalles
is one—have taxed gambling
and derived quite a little financial
support therefrom. It is of doubtful
legality to levy a tax on gambling
itself, although it is probably legal
to tax income from it, which a city
may not do.

A new law gives the attorney
general more power over district
attorneys and it is no stretch
of the imagination to presume that
Attorney George Neuner, a strong
foe of gambling, may decide to
instruct all district attorneys, of
which there are many. City officials
may, therefore, take the step
themselves especially if they prefer
to keep control in their own
hands instead of letting it go to

county and state officials.
For years gambling has gone
unhindered in Oregon because
no one wanted to enforce the
laws against it. It is a hard job.
We have quite a bit of legal gambling
on dogs and horses and pin
ball machines. That is, if the
constitution is interpreted with sufficient
liberality.

It has always been impossible
to either enforce the laws against
gambling or to pass laws taxing
its profits. Perhaps stricter enforcement
would bring about a change
for the better. If gambling were
not stopped it ought to be taxed
as a means of control. At present
it goes on rampantly, paying
no heed to either the police
or the tax gatherer.

The remainder of the state will,
therefore, pay close attention to
the experiment that is being tried
in The Dalles to see if 1) enforcement
is possible and 2) what is the
effect on the town and its finances
if it is enforced.

WATER WITCHING

It is easy to understand how
water witches came to be. When
man wanted to dig some place in
the earth to get water he felt
absolutely helpless. Where could
it be?

Now man is a gregarious animal,
and one who likes to settle his
problems over a big kettle of
conversation. First phase of deciding
where to put a well as to ask
some one. The more people who
were also confused as to where
the digging should start in order
to produce the desired water
merely intensified the problem
and made the relief greater when
some self confident man came
along to dig his heel dramatically
in the earth and say "dig
right here."

A water witch takes the part of
the medicine man of the aborigines
in this one regard. Or did a
few years ago. Now it is slightly
different. Witches speak a language
slightly befuddled with geologic
terms and it is more impressive
than the mumbo-jumbo of
grandfather's time, and even a
little more confusing.

Men hate to admit any belief
in water witching as was demonstrated
at the council meeting
Tuesday night when five male
adults passed the buck in desultory
conversation for an hour
and a half before moving to hire
a water witch to appraise the
dampness of the inner depths of
the earth about the outskirts of
the city.

The government, it is said,
hires water witches called geologists
to determine the location of
its wells. And it works, sure.

As a defense mechanism a water
witch cannot be beaten. Any
one wanting to drill a well can
hire one for a nominal sum and
forever have some one to blame
if the location produces no water.
Cheap, says we, for who wants
to be responsible for a dry hole
in the ground for a paltry handful
of folding money?

In Other Days

From the Observer, July 17, 1908
Attorney M. E. Miller caught
the gold fever and struck out
south Tuesday, piloted by Horace
Strong. When he gets back he'll
have some news from the front.
carries 25 feet of pure cold water.

John Tonkins has finished a
30 foot well for L.V. Moore, that
The water bubbles up in force to
keep the pressure in spite of all
pumping to date.

Chas. Poole is in the county
again prepared for the work of
the harvest of 1908; which we are
proud to say, will be a good one;
except in a few spots that never
should have been ploughed.

Roy Axtell finished a first
class job of interior decorating
last week, at the new farm residence
of F. W. Sayers, one of the
most convenient in Sherman
county.

From the G. V. J. July 19, 1918
The postoffice was moved to
the telephone office building
Wednesday.

I. D. Pike received word Tuesday
of his appointment as acting
Postmaster at this place and
took charge Wednesday.

A fire had gained some headway
on the roof of Dell Olds'
house Tuesday noon when discovered
and put out before any
serious damage was done.

The warm weather the past
weeks has ripened the grain very
fast and farmers are getting their
machinery ready for active
work; many heading crews will
start up next week and also some
small combines.

Very slow progress is being
made on the elevators at Shaniko
and Moro, and one cause that has
been given for delay is the manner
of holding men on the job.

From the Observer, July 20, 1928
The meeting held in the club
room at the Hotel Moro last Friday
to discuss the best methods
to fight morning glory in the
wheat fields of the county was
attended by a large number of
farmers from practically every

WAKE UP, AMERICA!



Harry Parfield Craven
Former Parliament Candidate
of the British Labor Party

Is Socialism Responsible for the British Crisis?

As Debated by

Dr. O. Glenn Saxon
Professor of Economics,
Yale University

MR. CRAVEN OPENS: "Is Socialism
Responsible for the British Crisis?"

It is to the same extent that spots
the sun were responsible for the
defeat of Churchill and the Conservative
party at the last general election.
Let this should be considered as
too flippant an answer, I would
like to point out that hunting for a
goat is a form of sport that leads nowhere.
Great Britain took a major
part in two world wars within two
decades. The results of the two
wars would have brought a less
resilient nation to the ground. The fact
that they refused to accept defeat
saved the world, including the U.S.A.
Any government, facing the problems
at the end of hostilities, would
have had hard sledding. A correspondent
of The New York Times—
not exactly a left-wing paper—pointed
out recently that everybody he
interviewed among a large Employers
group agreed that any other than
the present Labor government would
have faced with a revolutionary
situation. Socialism, in the Labor
Party sense, i.e., the nationalization
of certain essential industries, long
overdue, is in no sense responsible
for Britain's troubles. On the contrary,
their moderate and evolutionary
program has probably made possible
a middle road between the two
extremes of Communism and Fascism.
Millions in this country and throughout
the world are praying for the
success of what is probably the last
chance to combine the two democratic
— political and economic — in a
workable human system. I add my
prayers to theirs, accompanied by a
heartfelt "cheerio."

DR. SAXON CHALLENGES: The
question of the responsibility of
socialism for the British crisis cannot
be debated on the basis of Utopian
expectations, nor on the basis of past
disasters. The Socialist government
must stand on its own immediate
record which proves conclusively
that the government has added not
one shilling's worth to Britain's
wealth. To meet absenteeism the
best the government can do is to
strict midweek sports; to attempt
quota to meet its essential coal
quota it plans to encourage immigration
of miners. Meanwhile, it continues
to levy confiscatory taxation,
harass the individual, and multiply
a peevish bureaucracy which
mismanages an inflexible and sterile
market of its own creation. Meanwhile,
the people go hungry and the
Empire disintegrates.

MR. CRAVEN REPLIES: It is a
little difficult to conduct this discussion
in a medieval atmosphere. Of necessity,
every Government, in any country,
comes into office as an inheritor
of a situation. Britain's foreign trade
(without which she cannot live) is
a source of enormous difficulties,
has shown a vitality which has surprised
the world. The people—and I mean
the common people—according to
every survey made, are better fed
today than in the most prosperous
"British Empire" days. I am delighted
that the Empire is being replaced
by a Commonwealth—the family has
grown up. Britain needs many things
that we can supply—Cassandras are
a luxury we had better keep for
home use.

DR. SAXON OPENS: There can be
no possible doubt of the final
responsibility of the Socialist Government
in Great Britain for the magnitude
of the existing crisis. The doctrinaire
planners in charge of Britain's
destinies have at last succeeded in
planning a once great nation and Empire
out of existence. England's life force
is coal; but did the Socialists as long
ago as January, 1945, heed Mr.
Churchill's plea for increased
reserves of coal? They did not; instead
they hurried toward nationalization
of coal, land, communications, etc.
Then, when the coal shortage became
so acute that the nation's industry
shut down, the feeble explanation
was that the weather was bad. Nor
have the Socialists been any more
constructive in their handling of the
manpower problem. The cry is that
there are not enough mine workers.
But the Government seems to forget
a man works when he has an incentive
to do so; the incentives are gone,
and their place is being taken by an
increasing totalitarianism plainly
evident in the threat to re-introduce
stringent wartime manpower controls.
There is a famous song to the effect
that Britons "never" never will
be slaves. But not even the English
press any longer agrees. The magazine
"Time and Tide", never a supporter
of Churchill's party, recently
described the tragedy as follows:
"The mechanism for the total
destruction of freedom is already
complete. It is too late to say: 'It
can't happen here.' It has happened."

MR. CRAVEN CHALLENGES: Dr.
Saxon's prophecy of doom smells too
much of wishful thinking. England's
life force is not coal but the spirit of
its people, which is indestructible.
As an example of "free enterprise,"
the coal industry has a most unenviable
record. The only incentive offered
to the miners, by absentee owners,
was an alternative to starvation, as I
can testify. Now, the miners have hope
and, essentially, the mines will be
as efficiently run as the British navy.
I agree, Britain faces a crisis and
needs our help. Totalitarianism—
nonsense. Forget the groans of the
magazines, temporarily deprived of
their revenues—if you want to know
what England is thinking, watch the
results of the bye-elections.

DR. SAXON REPLIES: Nobody
questions the spirit of the British
people. Certainly a less stalwart
nation would have collapsed long
before now. But the fact that England
has not done so is no credit to the
Socialists who have placed every
conceivable obstacle in the way of
recovery. It's too bad that Mr. Craven
fails to cite one factual example
of constructive improvement in the
British economy; but the reason is
obvious: no such improvement has
occurred. The lesson of British
Socialism should be taken to heart by
those few nations still remaining
free; namely, that "a vast system of
state monopolies" (as Mr. Eden
describes the economy today) is a
dead hand pressing impersonally and
crushing upon the British people.

Heavy Rain Hits
Wasco At End
Of Hail Storm

A severe rain and hail storm
lasting, about ten minutes hit
Wasco at 2.20 p.m. Monday. The
storm came from the southwest
and continued in a northerly direction.
The heavy downpour
was followed by thunder and
lightning. Lightning struck east
of here splintering several telephone
poles, putting some lines
out of order. Light service was
disrupted for a short time, due
to a hit on a transformer. Loss of
wheat is generally considered
slight no total losses have been
reported.

Mr and Mrs Ted Proudfoot and
daughter Judy, of Seattle were
weekend visitors at the home of
Mrs Proudfoot's parents, Mr and
Mrs J. T. Johnson. Also visiting
at the Johnson home were their
son and family, Mr and Mrs John
T. Johnson Jr. and daughters,
Laura Lee and Connie of Medford.

Weekend guests at the home of
Mr and Mrs C. R. Morrison were
their son in law and daughter,
Mr and Mrs R. E. Gillmor, and
Mr and Mrs Bernard Warner, all
of Tigard. Mr and Mrs Clyde
Gillmor of Moro and Don Marek of
Scotts Bluff, Nebraska were Friday
dinner guests. Evening callers
were Mr and Mrs Harold
Christensen of The Dalles.

Mr and Mrs Frank Lamborn
were business visitors in Portland
several days last week.

Mrs Max Williams returned
Sunday from a visit to Des Moines
and Melcher, Iowa. Mr Williams
returned about two weeks
ago but they both report seeing
a lot of water since they arrived
there when the flood was at its
peak.

Mr and Mrs Glenn Van Gilder
and infant son of Portland arrived
Sunday. Mrs Van Gilder and
son returned to Portland but Mr
Van Gilder is staying to work in
harvest.

Mr and Mrs Robert Swett of
The Dalles spent Sunday at the
home of Mr Swett's nephew and
family, Mr and Mrs Stanley Swett.
Other callers were Archie Swett
and daughter of Moro, former
Dufur residents.

Mr and Mrs Harry Dean Proudfoot
and children of Walla Walla
were Friday visitors at the home
of Mr and Mrs J. T. Johnson.
Nancy Shelton is staying at
the home of her grandparents,

Mr and Mrs E. D. McKee while
her mother, Mrs Hal Shelton is
at the Providence hospital in
Portland.

Mr and Mrs Marion Crews who
visited several days last week at
the home of his parents, Mr and
Mrs F. M. Crews, left for their
home at Stevenson, Wn., where
Mr Crews has taken a position
as music teacher in the school.

Mr and Mrs Glenn Wallace and
children returned last Saturday
from a short vacation trip to
Balem. There they attended a family
reunion with about forty members
of the family present.

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 Administrator
of the Estate of William G. Macnab,
deceased, and that
Wednesday, the 6th day of August,
1947, at 10:00 A. M., of said
day, at the Courtroom, 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.
Ronald S. Macnab
Administrator

T. Lester Johnson,
Attorney for Administrator 35-8c

NOTICE OF HEARING
FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that
Beatrice Lanphear Baker as
administratrix of the estate of Julia
Lanphear, deceased, has filed her
final account in said estate in the
County Court of the State of Oregon
for Sherman County, and
said court has fixed Wednesday,
the 6th day of August, 1947, at
ten o'clock a. m. of said day as
the time for hearing of objections
to said final account and the settlement
thereof. On or before
said day any person interested
in said estate may file objections
to said final account or to any
item thereof and contest the
same.
Dated June 20, 1947.
Beatrice Lanphear Baker
Administratrix

A. S. Cooley
Attorney for Administratrix

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and Hand Made Gifts
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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh
Sam Helps with
the Dishwashing
Dropped in at the Abernathy's
and the mealtime chores is sort of
a bond between them... like sharing
that friendly glass of beer together,
when the work is done. It's
one of those little all-important
things in marriage.
From where I sit, the time that
a man and wife can spend with
each other in this busy world today
is all too precious. And the more
things they can do together, the
better.
Joe Marsh
In fact, sharing the housework
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MRS POTTER FINDS
OLD FRIEND

In The Dalles, Friday Mrs. A. B.
Potter enjoyed a short visit with
Mrs. Virgie Dérthick, their first
meeting in about thirty-five years.
Mrs Dérthick had come from her
home at Friend to attend funeral
services for Mrs Bargesholt. Mrs
Dérthick is an old time Sherman
county resident and will be remembered
here as Miss Virgie
Lofton.

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