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A GOOD SHERIFF IS WORTH KEEPING!

Perhaps the quietest election in many a season will have sneaked up on voters come Nov. 8. The few issues involved are being about as enthusiastically discussed as is what to do with last Sunday's chicken bones.

In Jackson county, however, there's one candidate who stands out by virtue of the lack of discussion. He is the present sheriff, Syd I. Brown.

Sheriff Brown four years ago took over what once was the county's most tempestuous task. Little has been heard from his office, which is a good sign, for in politics no news is good news when it concerns an incumbent.

While there has been an absolute lack of friction in or about the sheriff's office, Brown has been plugging along, handling the county's affairs in a most effective and unassuming manner. In 1935—when he took the office—county warrants were 19 months delinquent and taxpayers were paying six per cent on the paper. Now warrants are but seven months delinquent, and the interest rate has been reduced to four per cent. This progress in county finances has largely been made possible through Sheriff Brown's effectiveness in collecting delinquent taxes.

An unheralded service, the sheriff's tax department has been doing much toward putting the county on a cash basis.

Though little has been said during the interim, the time has come to point out that Syd I. Brown has been conspicuous for the smooth efficiency with which he has managed his office. He leaves no doubt as to his value to Jackson county as sheriff.

Sheriff Brown is one man we should retain in office without hesitation. Voters know his worth.

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CRIME THRIVES ON CARELESSNESS!

Several are the contributing causes to crime. An inherent desire to cheat, necessity, and opportunity are the more important reasons why men go wrong.

Individuals can do little for the criminally-inclined, nor can they help much in removing necessity for stealing on the part of others. But the individual can do a lot for those having leanings toward dishonesty—and do a lot of good for themselves at the same time—by seeing that they don't make it easy for crime to be profitable.

Carelessness, largely, is the breach committed by most of us which helps the criminal along. We leave things around handy-like where sticky fingers are tempted. In dozens of ways most all of us plant opportunities in the path of weak characters and thrust windfalls before professional thieves.

Being more careful about such details as locking your car and keeping valuables out of reach of itchy palms will do wonders toward cutting down minor crimes—especially those committed at your expense.

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AND NOW IT'S HITLER WHO'S TUNNELED THE WHITE HOUSE!

The favorite fright of the American people this fall, it seems, are the German bunds which the newspapers tell us have sprung up in this country.

There is little doubt but that much espionage takes places under our noses, and subversive influences are at work in some quarters. But the idea that good substantial German people everywhere are plotting the destruction of America over their steins is a lot of pseudo-loyalty and silly flag-waving.

Of course, the idea of foreign-born or foreign-blooded Americans gathering together to talk over affairs of the old country is repugnant to those of us who have no such background. We can't understand how anyone could be a good citizen and retain ties and memories of their fatherland.

Maybe we're wrong, but this little weekly—and it is as 100 per cent American as the best damned native who ever traced his ancestry—sort of suspects that the German people, for example very largely are some of our best citizens. Perhaps they do have a poignant fondness for their former homes. But so do the Nebraskans who hold an annual picnic here in Oregon each year. Do they sit around and plot the destruction of their new home simply because they gather together to revive old memories?

Of course not! Newcomers are Oregon's staunchest boosters and most fervent devotees. And so it must be with immigrants and families of immigrants.

And as far as all bunds being subversive, this journal can remember not so long ago—when Al Smith was a candidate for President—that many were the declarations that the Pope had dug a canal from Rome to the Potomac. Positive were statements that every Catholic church cellar was an arsenal.

After the hysteria and canards of election were passed, many of us blushed sheepishly and admitted that we had offended ourselves as well as a noble faith by tolerating such bigoted bosh.

The day may soon come when we will color around the ears at the things we said about German-Americans who, mostly, are just as good citizens as anybody.

LIFE'S BYWAYS!

LETTERS to the Editor

SPRAGUE HAS CHARACTER

To the Editor:

You are a nice guy and I like you and you always live up to your slogan—"The Paper That Has Something To Say—and Says It!"

Boy, you certainly said something in last Friday's Miner.

"Shades of Joe Dunne?" Great balls of fire!

You hit the nail on the head when you said that neither candidate for governor possessed color. But, character—that's another thing again.

I write not to condemn Hess but to praise Sprague. I've only met Sprague once so I doubt if he even knows me. That doesn't leave me, then, carrying the banner as one of Sprague's coterie of political helpers.

What I really want to write to you about is the trouble that the International Typographical union had with Salem Statesman—until Sprague took over the management of that paper.

Constant bickering, discharges over petty grievances finally culminated in a lockout of typographical union men on the Statesmen. That lockout remained in effect until Sprague took over management of the paper in 1929, I think. As I recall it, the Statesman was not far away from the sheriff's padlock or auctioneer's hammer at that time.

One of the first acts by the new management was to sign a contract with the ITU. Since then amicable relations have prevailed—probably better conditions there than on most other small dailies outside of Portland.

I'll cut this short now, but the foregoing information about ITU situation is typical of the straightforward dealing that people generally credit to Sprague.

You can hardly compare that with fence-straddling, "do-nothing-that-will-hurt-me" tactics employed by "Airflow Joe" or Henry Hess.

MILT FOLAND.

P. S.: Enjoy your pot-shots at General Green very much; keep up the good work!
(Portland, Ore.)

FACTS FOR DRIVERS

By EARL SNELL
Secretary of State

Frequently we read newspaper accounts of automobile accidents in which a driver or an occupant of an automobile has been pinned in or beneath the wreckage for several hours, often dying later because of the continued exposure, shock or bleeding.

Death might be averted in many cases if relief for the victim were speedy enough. The first thing to do is to see that men equipped to move the wreck or cut away tangled masses of steel are summoned immediately. Bare hands make a poor substitute for blowtorches and wrecking bars when quick removal of an accident victim is involved.

The second thing is to see that the victim is given proper care after he has been taken from the wreckage. If his injuries are at all serious, he should be kept lying down, warmly covered with coats or blankets, until an ambulance or truck arrives to move him.

Something which few persons realize is the extent to which most accident victims suffer from shock. Their apparent injuries may be slight yet they may develop serious ailments if, after undergoing the shock of an accident, they are carelessly handled or allowed to walk around. One should be on the safe side and keep the injured person as quiet as possible until he has been examined by a doctor.

American Use Of Farm Surpluses Is Sought by USDA

Use of the facilities of the U. S. Department of Agriculture to "dump" some of the excessive farm surpluses into the homes of low income groups at lower than regular prices has been decided upon by Secretary Wallace, though details of the program for handling this procedure were not explained with the original announcement.

The new program is expected to be handled through the Federal Surplus Commodities corporation which was given full bureau status in the recent reorganization of the department of agriculture. J. W. Tapp, one of the assistant administrators of the AAA, is continued in charge of the bureau.

Assigned to the new bureau also is the marketing agreements program of the AAA as well as the surplus diversion activities provided for under section 32 of the amended agricultural act which sets aside a certain percentage of customs receipts for this purpose.

In discussing the reorganization of USDA functions, Secretary Wallace points out that the changes involve four important phases. The first is to group the work that has to do with agricultural planning and place it on a permanent footing in the bureau of agricultural economics and with provision for close cooperation between the federal agencies and the state land grant colleges.

The next step brings together all the work of the department that deals directly with marketing and distribution. The SCC under Tapp is part of this unified setup. By thus caring for the planning and marketing work, the AAA officials are left with the conservation and adjustment pr... occupy their entire atte...

The third change puts ... cal handling of farm la... the soil conservation se... cluding flood control a... facilities. Finally the change is designed to ... the research program fo... new and expanded uses... products. This change p... Knight in charge of the... ional federal laboratorie... be established.

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SALLY SHAW...

Our little friend Sal... ings breezed thru t... other day, only paus... enough to promise u... would be a feature i... vertising once in a w...

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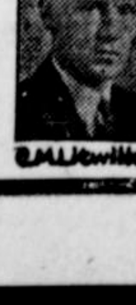

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