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## Memorial Day



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### YES, IT COULD BE SILENCED!

Ashland residents who have been brought bolt upright in bed by the sudden screaming of the fire department's siren will be glad to learn that some day that motor driven hell-box atop the Pioneer building might become unnecessary.

The siren—which will blow your hat off at 90 yards—is used to call volunteer firemen. When and if the fire company is provided with new quarters with sleeping accommodations for a half dozen or so volunteers, blowing of the siren will be unnecessary, according to Chief Clint Baughman.

Not only would larger quarters eliminate the ear-drum stinging blasts, but also would give the city better fire protection and result in lowered insurance rates. Too, silencing the siren might do away with those dangerous automobile parades which answer the alarm at break-neck speed.

So next time the thing scares the daylight out of you and ruins a night's slumber, say a little prayer for a new fire hall.

### A TOUCH OF THE OLD WEST!

Regardless of the circumstance attending the fourth killing in a bloody feud of the rangeland near Burns, the incident will cause much wide-eyed reading on the part of youngsters the country over who like their wild west like the books say.

The Wagontire water hole, which has been the cause of feuding and shootings for a number of years, has been the scene of a modern-day pulp-thriller epic. The old west is not dead—at least not in central Oregon, where men still meet on horseback with hogslegs strapped to their thighs for a final draw.

Many a youngster will read the story, strap on his cap-pistol and decide to be a gun-totin' cowhand out in Oregon instead of the policeman they admired the day before. And many a grown-up will remember the vivid, excitable days of their youth when they dreamed of cattle wars and high heeled boots.

The pity of it is that the true-life enactment of a western movie will not end with the cast living happily ever after.

### THE LAZY PEOPLE TRAVEL!

Some things tax a reasonable person's patience beyond endurance. Such is the case with the recent influx of assorted panhandlers, moochers, sodden transients and gadget-peddlers which has descended on southern Oregon like Mormon crickets in a truck garden.

What makes the migration most irritating, however, is its coincidence with reports from upstate that pickers have not been found for ripening berry crops. Where growers need 150 pickers, 15 are available. Yet day after day dozens of able-bodied, husky men and women interrupt local business with extended palms and mumbled hard-luck stories. Jobs are impossible to find, they say, and always they're in the final stages of acute malnutrition.

Produce ripening and rotting on the ground for lack of labor in one part of the state, panhandlers thick in another. Is it any wonder that an harassed people become short-tempered with the legion of gimme-guys who always manage to be where work isn't?

### THE WISH COLORS THEIR REASONING!

When beef is to be chewed, there seems to be nothing quite so much to the liking of politicians as Argentine beef.

Protest has been loud and widespread since President Roosevelt ordered a navy purchase of a few thousand pounds of South American corned beef. Judged from the volume and pitiful tone of the immediate protestations, one might be led to believe that the American beef market had been sabotaged. Louder plaint would not have resulted if the administration had forbid fertility on the American range.

Doubtless the President knew well the opportunity

for false flag-waving his action would produce. But Mr. Roosevelt still is one who will brave the hiss of special interests in defense of a principle. Roosevelt's admonishment that American packers would be well advised to put a better tin of corned beef on the market at a lower price might have been meant as a bouquet for our South American neighbors, or it might have been a well-described shoe that fitted important feet.

The incident serves to illustrate one point, at least. Mr. Roosevelt's critics are overly eager at every opportunity to heap coals on his presidential head. Foes of the administration have revealed themselves as being more interested in seeing the New Deal fail than in having our form of government work.

Most of the anti-Roosevelt criticism is little more than wishful argument.

### OF ALL THINGS!

By MINER STAFF WRITER

FOR some time the treasury department has had the problem of buying the world's output of gold on its hands. Lately another foreign exchange headache has cropped up. According to the Federal Reserve Bulletin, United States currency is commanding a premium in the high tension centers across the Atlantic.

Inability to predict the future value of some countries' money has caused the harassed holders thereof to flock to the good old US dollar for security. Gold and precious stones would serve the same purpose but for hiding use nothing can beat a United States bill and it is worth face value wherever it is.

Consequently, people who may have to take it on the lam in a hurry or who want to send money out of their own country are buying large denomination government bills and the heavy demand has caused all shipping records for our currency to fall.

Most of the cash goes to Amsterdam, which is in the center of the troubled area and a world money market besides. There, they say, a thousand dollar US bill brings a premium of seven per cent and there is even a market for future delivery. You make a small payment down for delivery at a stated price some months or weeks later and the seller warrants that you can get it at that price then upon payment of the balance.

The old time jewel smugglers could take lessons and learn a lot from the present day money smugglers operating out of Germany where there is a death penalty for taking cash away from the Reich.

One method used is to paste the currency in an envelope on the underside of the seat of an empty railway compartment and then take another seat elsewhere. If the money is found by the inspector, nobody knows who put it there and if not it can be retrieved at

in a Nazi-controlled newspaper, the answers to be held by the paper. He then traveled around to several cities in the vicinity and mailed replies to himself. In one of the letters he placed the money he desired to send out and the publication held the letters.

After mailing the answers he journeyed across the border to a foreign city and wrote asking if he had any answers. Upon being informed that there were, he sent a large envelope to the paper with the request that the answers be put in it and sent to him in the other city.

The envelope, ostensibly from a reputable Nazi newspaper, went past the censors unquestioned.

Laverne Roberson returned recently from Kerby where she has been teaching for the last year. Miss Roberson will teach in Phoenix next school term.

H. B. Curtis of Richmond, Calif., former owner and builder of the Mountain View auto court here, was in Ashland early this week.

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## LETTERS to the Editor

### DOESN'T LIKE LOOK

To the Editor:  
To one who has watched antics of the solons at Washington for many years, the portions of the congressional administration, cabinet officials, great, one wonders what is. Five long years have since the new administration hailed as the savior of saved. The first cry was the 18th amendment by another one that would be 18th, thereby making it was done pronto. Hast to prohibition got hard. New Deal would make the Times got harder. The was called a hard deal promptly shanghaied May promptly as it should be. The President is quarrelsome, or something else. The dent is calling on the President to find if it can find a matter is. Not a few are taxes for the lila from suffer, and may be near but that was an old saw.  
The republicans blame the ocrats, the democrats blame republicans—it all makes laugh. The fault is general universal—taxes seem to result. Taxes are used to class benefits for the special welfare for the pro opposed to the general. Thus, a vicious circle is Do you like the picture not—more in our next.  
DAVID

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hollywood visited here for days this week at the home and Mrs. Arch Barkdale.

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