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WHY AWAIT THE EYESORE?

With recent spring rains, the Ashland vicinity has blossomed forth into a wonderland of greenness (with apologies to George) and is at its verdant best for tourist, visitor and observant resident to enjoy.

Such prolific vegetation begets a nuisance of its kind, however, and weeds have been growing with characteristic aggressiveness and plurality on many vacant lots and parking strips in the city. Many of these neglected plots are in the city's midst, and along the main traveled streets.

Now, before the arrival of the withering parch of summer's dry heat, the weeds are not particularly conspicuous but a few weeks hence they will suddenly become brown, tangled eyesores.

Now is the time to seek out these weed patches and cut them down. We should not wait to be goaded into cleanup by ugly spots that have become a fire menace.

On lots and parking strips where the property owner continues to neglect weed control the city should perform the task and collect for the service.

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LET'S HAVE SOME HURRAH ON JULY 4!

July 4 celebrations will be numerous this year, with Ashland leading the list in southern Oregon for outstanding observances. And, as one Miner letterwriter this week suggests, perhaps it would not be amiss to weave into the occasion some pattern of patriotism.

All our holidays have become commercially prostituted and it would be a nice gesture to make some particular effort to honor the day for what it was created—a tribute to the hard-won independence of a new republic.

Yes, in the back of our minds we all realize the implications of July 4. But such noble thoughts as the day can inspire should be brought into focus for the good it can do. The mere setting out of flags and display of fireworks is little more than habitual motion.

We need some spontaneous, unpretentious flag waving and national anthem singing. It is a sad state of patriotism when few of us know the words to our country's song and most of us blush to sing it in the company of strangers.

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SURE, AND SUMMERS ARE GETTING COLDER!

One would be convinced, until one's mind were tempered with parallel and remembrance, that never before were "conditions" as bad as now. Apparently, the din of complaint about government debt, federal spending and the press of taxes was never so great.

The government, like the younger generation, "is going to the dogs."

Unprecedented conditions affect our treasury, we are told. Our national debt is insurmountable and nothing but chaos can result. Unless, of course, the American voters rise to the crisis in 1940 and elect a republican administration.

The custom has been, in years past, for the people's whim to alternate from one party to the other, each losing popularity as the saturation point in public patience has been reached. Perhaps this voting fickleness is a wholesome habit. But surely no one party, during all these years, has been guilty of all the sins.

Although The Miner is devoutly and faithfully democratic, believing as it does that the democratic way is the better for the working people, this country weekly is willing to admit (when cornered) that all is not right with any party.

Reasonable doubt exists, though, as to whether a change in administration will effect the cure being claimed for such action. Perhaps our governmental trouble, if trouble it really is, goes much deeper than party lines.

At any rate we can rest assured that, despite the loud wailing and complaint, the country is no more going to the dogs than is the younger generation. The

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person who claims otherwise is ignoring history and insulting his nation.

Two things—a persistent belief that "them days is gone forever" and the coming national election—persuade people that "conditions" are getting worse.

OF ALL THINGS!

By MINER STAFF WRITER

THIRTY years ago 100 per cent of the baseball fans and probably 90 per cent of the population over eight years of age could have told you without hesitation just who Napoleon Lajoie was and what he was doing. At that time he was as well known as Babe Ruth was 10 years ago and very likely better known than Joe DiMaggio is right now. This top-ranking major league slugger enjoyed a reputation as great as either one of these present day stars.

This summer they are going to put on a celebration at Coopers-town, N. Y., where Abner Doubleday is supposed to have laid out the first baseball diamond 100 years ago. Hundreds of the old timers will be on hand and they particularly want Napoleon Lajoie there as one of the old time greats.

How completely big names can drop out of sight is shown by the following notice appearing in the public announcements section of a New York newspaper: Wanted to know the whereabouts of Napoleon Lajoie, member of baseball hall of fame. Address baseball centennial committee, New York City.

A patent has been granted for a formula for producing a derivative of starch or cellulose which, when added to intoxicating liquors, reduces their inebriating capacity. About as sensible to use something like that as the nitwit was who banged himself over the head with a hammer because it felt so good when he stopped.

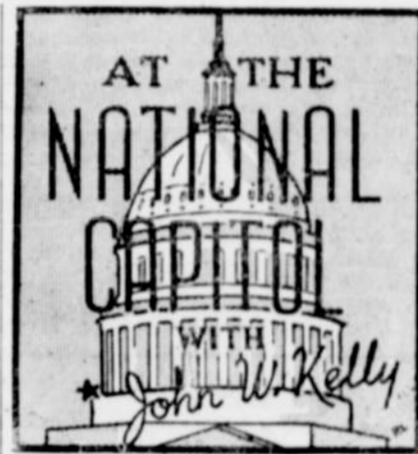
Fashion Tip: They say the no-heel no-toe footwear is on the way out.

During the last six months the American commercial airlines flew a total of 76,645,000 miles for every passenger fatality.

The federal theater project, whose business it is to put on plays by out of work actors and at low admission charges, gets a favorable evaluation from a New York dramatic writer who says that the project does not deserve all the dead cats thrown its way. This agency employs 8040 persons which is only one-third or one-fourth of one per cent of all WPA enrollees and this small percentage of workers has given a bigger social return than any like number of workers in other projects. We can add our five cents worth by remarking that there is some return in cash through the box office, something that most WPA work does not accomplish, which fact probably was overlooked by the critic because money and art aren't supposed to be put together in the same paragraph.

A lot of us are considerably perplexed about the fundamentals of the various isms floating around in the different governments. The following illustrations—whether right or wrong—are worth passing along:

Socialism—If you own two cows you give one of them to your neighbor.
Communism—You give both cows to the government and the



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ored singers, Virginia reel dancers—nothing hi-falutin'.

Friday afternoon when the king meets all the members of congress, he will stand in the rotunda of the capitol and face a painting of the surrender of Cornwallis and another of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, while nearby will be a bronze of Old Hickory Jackson, who licked the British troops at New Orleans when he did not know the war had been declared off weeks before. And an immense white marble head of Lincoln, looking sadly at the American lawmakers bowing to the king of Great Britain and to the Emperor of India. Chairman of the reception committee has warned congressmen not to wear white linen suits, flannels, colored shirts or tan shoes.

By adding \$50,000,000 to the war department civil functions bill, the congress is giving \$1,963,250 of that sum to Oregon and Washington for flood control projects. This amount is in addition to appropriations already made for the two states.

Only a few Oregonians seem to know that Japan is one of Oregon's best customers. Figures just released from the US customs office show that Japan was the largest purchaser of Oregon lumber and wheat during the last year. The far east also promises to become one of the largest buyers of Oregon fruit and canned

government gives you back some of the milk.

Fascism—You keep the cows but give the milk to the government who sells it back to you.

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vegetables if well laid sales plans don't go astray. Oregon and Washington producers of these commodities have an excellent opportunity to capture this important market, which in the near future promises to buy many millions of dollars of northwest products. The Japanese government from all reports has a very friendly feeling for the US which was materially strengthened by the recent trip of the U. S. cruiser Astoria to Japan conveying the ashes of the late Japanese ambassador to the US, Hiroshi Saito.

If Mr. Roosevelt should be nominated for a third term, John N. Garner will not be on the ticket with him. Garner says he has been vice president long enough. Cactus Jack recently bought 33,000 acres of range and his Texas holdings now are 50,000 acres. He is said to have paid 25 cents an acre for his latest purchase. Politicians say that if Roosevelt is again nominated his running mate will be Jim Farley, or someone Farley wants.

It is supposed to be a deep secret, but President Roosevelt is to make one of his most important talks (international), when he visits the fair at San Francisco. Technicians have received orders to install the necessary paraphernalia to enable the broadcast to be heard around the world.

Members of the Oregon-Washington delegations (each one voted for the Townsend bill), are of the opinion that the Townsend clubs will be active in the elections next year, regardless of amendments to the social security act intended to placate advocates of old-age assistance. House leaders, democratic and republican, conspired to defeat the bill by bringing it on the floor under a gag rule which prohibited any amendments. The 11th hour appearance of the bill (different from earlier proposals), was given as an excuse for opposing it. Had amendments been permitted, several of the more glaring defects could have been remedied and a satisfactory measure whipped into shape which would have made it difficult for the die-hard opponents to vote against the bill. About 40 members who were expected to give their support were cast on roll call on this issue than on any other proposal that has been before the house during this congressional session. Had the bill passed it would give those eligible approximately \$60 a month. The bill did not provide for \$200 a month.

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LETTERS to the Editor

LET THE EAGLE . . . To the Editor: Why not give the hour could be profitably hearing a short address significance of the day, of the Declaration of Independence and the singing of patriotic songs.

APPLGATE-HARDY Alich Applegate, Moray Lindsay Applegate, Robert Vernon Hardy, and Mrs. J. H. Hardy, in marriage at 1 p. m. June 4, in the Trinity church with the Rev. Guilbert officiating. Ceremony Mr. and Mrs. for Eugene, where he graduated in business at the University of Detroit, Mich., then holds a baseball contract Tigers.

Mr. McGrew of Talent was shopping in Talent

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