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LET'S KEEP OUR SIGHTS LOWERED ON OUR LOCAL PROBLEMS!

Along about this time every year a lot of hooraw is raised locally over the coming crop of tourists. That they leave an appreciable and useful sum of money in Ashland cannot be denied, but the suspicion arises that possibly the tourist trade is emphasized to the point of neglect of our other suffering assets.

Tourist business is desirable, yes, but we shouldn't let enthusiasm for this distract our attention from other equally important activities, such as increasing local payrolls, encouraging our college, pushing our building industry and maintaining industries already present.

Ashland's need is more payroll that stays here rather than an increase in transient travel.

THE EFFORT TO BLOCK CENSUS QUESTIONS WAS IN EXCEEDINGLY BAD TASTE!

A New Hampshire congressman, Senator Tobey, seems to have fizzled out in his effort to hamstring the census bureau's compilation of facts. Tobey would eliminate questions about individual incomes from the 1940 census questionnaire.

Just how such information, given and held in trust, would do injury to the individual or to the nation was not made clear by the senator and it appears that the President's appraisal of the effort as "entirely political" was justified.

Politicians have sunk to a low point even for politicians when they extend their partisan well-poisoning to as nonpartisan an activity as taking of the federal census. Opposition to the fact-gathering effort at a time when complete facts are of vital importance to the welfare and future of the country is mighty cheap conduct.

Surely the nation can be trusted to gather all the facts about itself, and to guarantee that confidential information will not be violated, even in spite of the Tobeyes.

FIRST WE GIVE 'NON-MILITARY' RELIEF TO EUROPE, AND THEN—?

Just as we feared. First, America was appealed to for relief of distressed Finland, and the response was indeed warm and spontaneous. Now, according to the news, Herbert Hoover is presenting a pitiful picture of the plight of "7,000,000 Poles in need of food."

So that's the way the wind is blowing, is it? There's to be no end to repetition of situations of the last general World war . . . Uncle Sam again is being played for a tender-hearted sucker as the come-on for more active participation in Europe's murderous follies.

None will dispute the bravery, the deserving need of the Finns, nor will many deny Poland's humanitarian claim to sympathy. But how far are we to go in healing the temporary wounds of Europe? While we rush succor to one nation, war-mongers impoverish and cripple another.

And, somehow or other, The Miner can't help but feel that Hoover is an unwise choice as figurehead for American sentimentalism. His name insistently brings to mind memories of sacks of sugar hidden away in granaries, ersatz flour for home consumption, later starvation among our own people.

We had better take the realistic view of the present disorders in other lands: To most foreign minds all Americans are sentimental fools and will submit to endless leg-pulling if flattered with praise for their humanity and generosity.

Let warring nations—aggressors and victims alike—stew in their own broth for awhile, lest we land in the stew right with 'em. Perhaps humanity's best interests will be served if America first licks her own wounds and fortifies herself against such atrocities being repeated in the new world.

LETTERS To the Editor

LET TAXPAYERS DECIDE

To the Editor:

Before the city solons make it a \$5000 hole-in-one on the golf course, the proposal should be passed upon by the taxpayers. Just why a golf course should be considered a municipal asset we fail to perceive. It strikes us that municipal funds should be used solely for civic purposes. If golf addicts are obliged to garner their clubs for lack of finances, they should not be downhearted, as they can get all the desired exercise and thrills by chopping

weeds, running the lawn mower,

etc. At any rate Ashland will continue to grow and prosper even if the golf course is converted to such base uses as the raising of garden seeds.

OLD TIMER.
(Name on File)

DR. REDFORD RETURNS
Dr. Walter Redford, president of the Southern Oregon College of Education, returned recently from St. Louis, Mo., where he attended meetings of both the American Association of School Administrators, and the American Association of Teachers Colleges.

● Mr. and Mrs. Art Cooner of Weyerhaeuser camp shopped and visited with friends here Saturday.
● Mr. and Mrs. Charles Calkins of Yreka visited here Saturday.



A NAME FOR THE MOTHER-IN-LAW

"Did you see," asked Senator Dumm, "where a group of women recently voted for a change in the term 'mother-in-law'?"
"I did," replied Representative Dummer. "They voted to change it to kin-mother, the big sillies."
"The foolish season is here ahead of time," said the senator, "and winter must be nearly over. There are many names I could call the old girl, but kin-mother is not among 'em."

"What was the big idea, anyhow?" asked Dummer. "Were the mothers-in-law complaining?"

"Mothers-in-law are always complaining," snapped the senator. "Do you see this bruise over my eye?"
"I do," said Dummer. "How come?"

"From walking up to my wife's old lady and saying, 'Hello, kin-mother'; that's how I got it. She thought I said something else, and



when I tried to explain she said mother-in-law was good enough for her, and it would have to be good enough for me."

"I noticed that there were many other names suggested before the final vote," said Dummer.

"One of 'em was 'Blitzkrieg Mother,'" laughed the senator. "I rather liked that one. It will linger in my memory long after I have forgotten all about 'kin-mother.' But do you know what I think is called for now?"

"No."
"A new name for mothers-in-law to call their sons-in-law and daughters-in-law."

"Haven't our mothers-in-law enough names for them already?" asked Dummer.

"I mean something printable; something that can be used in polite society," argued the senator.

"How about asking her to call you a kin-son?" asked Dummer.

"She would retaliate by calling me a kin-bum and say 'she misunderstood me,'" barked Senator Dumm.

"Couldn't she just call you a kin-guy or a kin-sap?" asked Dummer.

"She might be glad to," said the senator.

"Will anything come of the whole business?" asked Dummer.

"Nothing whatever," declared Senator Dumm. "A man never refers to his mother-in-law as his mother-in-law, anyhow. He either calls her 'that woman,' 'old iron-sides,' 'the crackdown' or 'the family static.'"

"Do you know what I call mine?" asked Dummer.

"What?"
"The Roman Galley," declared Dummer.

"Why?" asked the senator, a bit puzzled.

"Because she is always putting in her oar," concluded Representative Dummer, dodging a chair.

**LINES AFTER LOOKING OVER
THE PICTURES**

For Robert Taft, as fisherman, I simply cannot root;
He fishes in high-polished shoes
And in a business suit.

Add smiles: as uncomfortable as a sking enthusiast on a Caribbean cruise.

Mr. Dewey says the time has come for us to tighten our belts. But too many Americans think their belts are tight when it's merely indigestion.

CAN YOU REMEMBER—
Away back when an icebox looked like an icebox?

Walt Disney's "Pinocchio" is all right. The trouble, however, is that it encourages too many other animated cartoonists.

THE PROOF
I know when winter's on the lag
And going to the dogs:
It's then my mail is flooded with
Those fishing catalogues.

ISN'T IT SO?
Manhattan, so all the records show,
In books and public prints
Was settled 300 years ago . . .
And hasn't been settled since!

Avery Giles.

PEN PORTRAITS of OREGON

DRAWN FOR THE MINER BY MAC PIERSON



By DREW PEARSON
and ROBERT ALLEN

WASHINGTON.—That secret Dies committee meeting did not consider new investigational plans as announced by Chairman Dies. What actually took place was a fight to fire J. B. ("Doc") Matthews, the committee's so-called "Communism expert."

The effort came within one vote of succeeding. Matthews was saved only by the slim margin of 4 to 3.

The dismissal motion was made by Rep. John J. Dempsey, silver-haired New Mexican, who has long been opposed to Matthews' employment. Supporting Dempsey were his two liberal colleagues, Reps. Joseph Casey of Massachusetts and Jerry Voorhis of California. Voting with Dies, who hired Matthews and has been his chief backer, was the fourth Democrat, Joe Starnes of Alabama, and the two Republican members, Noah Mason of Illinois and J. Parnell Thomas of New Jersey.

Dempsey's move provoked a heated clash. In demanding Matthews' ouster, Dempsey charged the investigator with bringing the committee into disrepute by his "radical background" and his "passion for grinding personal axes."

As an instance of this he cited Matthews' report on alleged Red influence in consumer organizations. This report, issued last December from Dies' home in Orange, Texas, without the knowledge or consent of the full committee, vigorously assailed the Consumers Union.

"I hold no brief for this organization," Dempsey asserted, "but it happens that it is a competitor of Consumers Research, in which Matthews has a large financial interest. But he didn't mention Consumers Research in his report while he attacked Consumers Union and other consumer groups."

Dies militantly rushed to the defense. "I know Matthews is a former radical," he shouted, "but that doesn't alter the fact that he has been very valuable to us in exposing the inner workings of the Communist movement."

"If that is so," broke in Casey, "then let's keep him in that role. I have no objection to keeping him on our payroll as long as he remains in the job we hired him for—an informer. But I strongly object to his acting as the principal investigator of the committee, asking questions of witnesses and issuing reports he has no authority to put out."

Undaunted by the rejection of his dismissal motion, Dempsey offered another to slash Matthews' salary, upped from \$3,600 to \$6,000 by Dies.

ASSISTS
"Tobacco Road" has run so long it must be a federal project.

Attention, Mr. Farley! I ran across a postage stamp the other day with George Washington on it.

Milt the Berle.

● Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Detrick visited in Blv Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Detrick.

● Cliff McLean of Klamath Falls visited here last week-end.

to \$4,800. But again Matthews was saved by one vote—4 to 3.

FRANCES AND HOTTENTOTS



He Done 'Em Wrong.
John L. (CIO) Lewis gets some information about some ladies.

John L. Lewis got an unexpected kickback from his rip-snorting assertion that Madame Secretary Perkins knew as much about labor problems "as a Hottentot knows about the moral code."

Two weeks after the convention he received a letter from a foreign missionary reading as follows:

"Dear Mr. Lewis: I cannot let the insult you hurled at the Hottentots pass unchallenged. I have lived and worked among these people for many years and have found on the whole that they have a much higher respect for the moral code than people who live in so-called civilized nations."

"If what you say about Miss Perkins is true, then she must be a very excellent public servant. I commend her."

ROOSEVELT AND DIPLOMATS

The President has discarded all the formal trappings for receiving a new diplomat. He tried the informal manner and liked it.

This means three principal changes in procedure. He receives in his office instead of in the White House proper; he wears his business suit, instead of pin striped trousers and cutaway coat; and he omits the reading of the official messages.

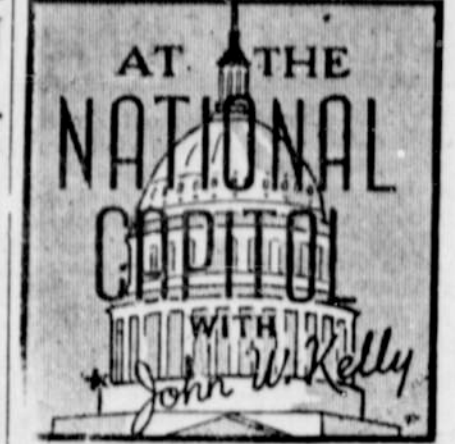
These messages are still prepared and released to the press, but the new diplomat is saved the trouble of reading, and the President is saved the trouble of listening. Incidentally, the last message presented was the longest on record—that of Panama's new Ambassador George Boyd.

The President now uses the time to better advantage. With no one in the room except himself and the diplomat, unless an interpreter is required, he carries on an informal and friendly chat on matters that interest them both.

● LeRoy Clarke of Rogue River visited with friends here last week-end.

● Mr. and Mrs. James Metz of Glde, Ore., visited here last week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Major Carter.

● Mr. and Mrs. Bob Purves of Tule Lake, Calif., visited with friends here Monday.



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and life of the Pacific northwest. In this same connection of government subsidized power, congress now is preparing legislation which will necessitate TVA to materially increase its rates to raise money to pay five state revenue lost in taxes when TVA put private utilities out of business.

Not generally known is that there has been resentment against Bonneville in Idaho from the day the late Mr. Ross announced he planned sending electric energy into southern Idaho. This was enthusiastically approved by Jim Fope, Idaho senator, and contributed to Fope's defeat for reelection. The Idaho people realized that if Ross accomplished his purpose, it would prevent Idaho ever developing its own water power resources. In the recent hearings of the appropriations committee Administrator Raver declared he had no intention of invading Idaho; besides, he explained, power cannot be sent 500 miles, which Ross said it could.

Among other recommendations, the house committee investigating NLRB will make is one that no employer be required to negotiate for collective bargaining with any union representative who is not an American citizen. This would affect several labor leaders in the Pacific northwest who are aliens. Another recommendation being considered is that when an employee is discharged the NLRB cannot order him rehired and given back pay for a longer period than six months. Purpose of this is to force the board to act more promptly on cases and prohibit the board from ordering employers to pay men for two and more years back pay, as has sometimes occurred. There are instances where the back pay of a number of men was so great that the employers had to go out of business.

Farm Credit administration, the agency from which thousands of farmers of Washington and Oregon have received loans, is going through a transformation which has so alarmed the farm bloc in senate and house that measures will be taken to remove this agency from Secretary of Agriculture Wallace. FCA was given to department of agriculture by President Roosevelt's reorganization last year. In recent weeks FCA has asked for the resignations of all the key men who have been with the organization and Secretary Wallace and the new governor, Dr. A. G. Black, are planning a new policy.

Farm groups say Secretary Wallace and Governor Black want to mix rural relief with a credit reservoir, or "public funds with private investment." So apprehensive are various groups that FCA will lose its effectiveness that the Grange, Farm Bureau federation, National Woolgrowers, National Association of Live-stock Producers, and National Cooperative council are joining with a group of senators—among them Oregon's McNary, republican leader—to insist that FCA be made an independent agency and run on business principles, as it was before the reorganization.

Approval has been received from the President for a state-wide project in Oregon under the sponsorship of the University of Oregon for a tabulation of the personnel data on all state and local employees. This information is to be used as a base for a pension system. The allocation is for \$7830.

When Herbert Hoover appealed to the senate committee on foreign affairs for relief for Finland and Poland he was accused of seeking publicity to build up a demand for his nomination by the republicans in Philadelphia June 24.

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