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EDITORIAL

SOUTH AMERICA SOUNDS BIGGER THAN OREGON!

IT MIGHT be pertinent to ask the question "what has South America that Oregon hasn't?" and the answer could well be—"plenty." But when it comes to horses of a special breed we can't concede everything to the southern half of the western continent.

A few weeks ago a circus appeared at Medford. One of the attractions was the string of South American Crillon horses. We are not in position to dispute the authenticity of the Crillon horses but there are some factors that make it appear that Oregon has been handed a slight for the sake of glamorous advertising, and this is what we want to talk about.

This slight might not have come to our attention had not the owner's name been mentioned in connection with the horses. That stirred memories which refused to be stilled and when we saw the horses and their owners we wondered where they got that South American stuff, for it turned out that the owner-trainer was the same man who spent some time on an eastern Oregon ranch training these South American Crillon horses. They then were just Ben Swaggart's cremoline horses, the same stock bought by Hoot Gibson and other movie celebrities who found in them not only beauty but great stamina and exceptional riding ease.

Swaggart spent years in developing the strain on his ranch northeast of Heppner. When he finally brought out the cremoline horse there was a ready market in the hunt clubs of the northwest, a market that soon spread to California and other states. His ranch home at Swaggart buttes entertained numerous notables who came great distances to see these exceptional horses. Among these horsemen was Christiansen, the man who exhibited the Crillon horses in the circus. He had seen some of the stock in California and was convinced they had exceptional merit as circus stock. He bought several head and remained at the Swaggart ranch to train them, taking them south in the spring. The horses seen at Medford may have been from South America—we are not disputing that point—but they look just like the horses Ben Swaggart used to ride into Heppner, and other circumstances make us doubtful about their origin.

Only last spring Christiansen wrote Mrs. Swaggart a letter telling how well the horses took to training and that he was looking forward to exhibiting them in Oregon. Maybe they were not the horses we saw. The point is that South American Crillon horses have more glamour from an advertising standpoint than Eastern Oregon Cremoline horses. It can't be said that this is unfair to Oregon for we doubt if more than a handful of Oregonians would go to the trouble to offer a protest, but if it is good advertising for the circus there should be some benefit accrue to the region where the animals originated.

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ANY TUBES TODAY?

THAT business of turning in old tooth paste and shaving cream tubes in order to get new ones has not worked out as well as it should have.

The War Production board expected to get at least 100 tons of tin a month by this method and so far has only averaged 60 tons.

Perhaps one thing they should have told us, and didn't, was that it would help the war program if we turned in extra empty tin tubes, even if we don't want

to purchase filled ones. A lot of us have extra tubes around the medicine chest or tucked away in a corner waiting for the time when we might want to use them—or just lying around for no reason at all.

It would help a lot if each of us would conduct a tube search and turn in all we can find at the drug store. Tin is needed badly—and most of those old tubes contain 98 per cent tin.

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NO RATIONING PREVIEWS

WHAT'S going to be rationed next? If you hear an answer to that question put it down as an idle rumor unless it comes from an official source.

Until Washington officials are ready to go ahead with rationing another product, the chances are we won't hear anything about it. The fear of encouraging hoarders has discouraged any previews of rationing plans.

But it is true—and this is official—that the Office of Price Administration is working on a "universal rationing book," with various colored pages and with different types of coupon numbers, which will fit any rationing program which may be adopted. When we all get such a book rationing can then be started on a new product immediately, simply by announcing, for example, that the yellow page with eight numbers on it will apply for coffee and the green page with twelve numbers on it must be used for chocolate candy.

The news of the universal book indicates that many things may soon be rationed—but until we hear about them let's refrain from guessing.

P. S.: It might be added that when the government gets through printing all those millions of ration books the first things to be rationed doubtless will be book paper and printer's ink.



DALE CARNEGIE

Author of "How to Win Friends and Influence People"

MAKE THE MOST OF TODAY

How much are you going to get out of today? I know of not many sentences of ten words that are of more importance to you.

Are you letting your days slip by without getting much out of them? Are you making the most of the precious, golden hours which will never come back? John Ruskin, the English writer, used to keep a piece of marble on his desk which had one of the finest and most significant mottoes in the world carved on it. Just one word—TODAY. Every time he looked up he saw, chiseled in everlasting stone, a reminder of how precious today is. Doctor Johnson—the famous "Doctor Johnson" of England—had a reminder written on the face of his watch so that every time he looked at his watch he would see it, "The night cometh," it said. And old Doctor Johnson so lived that he made the most out of every fleeting moment, and when night did come he had accomplished so much that his name lives on and on.

Marcus Aurelius, one of the greatest men who ever lived, had his existence on this earth 150 years before the birth of Christ. A mighty warrior; he flung the boundaries of the Roman empire where they had never been before. He lived as busy a life as a person could well live, but he managed to toss off a book that still goes marching on. In it he said, "Don't conduct your life as if you were going to live forever."

The important thing is to get something worth while out of today, no matter how busy you are. How about reading? Do you read something worth while every day?

When the first Bull Moose convention was in session in Chicago, bands were playing beneath the window of Col. Theodore Roosevelt, and people were surging through the streets shouting, "Hooray for Teddy. We want Teddy!" Amidst all the shouting and tumult, Teddy Roosevelt sat in a rocking chair in his hotel, reading a book by Herodotus, the Greek historian.

A few years ago a friend of mine was visiting a business man in Detroit who asked him, "Would you like to meet Henry Ford?" That afternoon they drove to Ford's factory and Henry Ford got in the car with them and they started for an adjoining town to attend a meeting of a hospital board. On the way they passed through a stretch of woods. Ford leaned out of the car and said, "Listen, do you hear that. Stop a minute!" The driver thought something was wrong with the car. Without another word, Ford got out, walked a short distance into the woods and stood gazing up at a tree. Presently the other two men joined him and they found that Henry Ford was listening to the song of a bird—the song of a brown thrush. "Isn't it beautiful," Ford exclaimed, "that's the first one I've heard this season."

We can all get something out of Today. Remember, it will never come back.

—Buy War Savings Stamps—

ASSISTANT SCOUT EXECUTIVE ON STAFF

Local boy scout leaders are destined to receive additional help from the office of the Crater Lake area council in Medford during the coming year due to the addition of an assistant scout executive to the staff of the organization. Arnold Green is the new assistant who is now visiting over the council area with Kenneth Wells, local scout executive. Green is becoming acquainted with local scout officials and familiarizing himself with the work to be done.

WHAT SCRAP CAN DO

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Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who couldn't control her pupils?

Your BRAIN BUDGET

- 1—A sentry on duty must obey (4), (7), (5) or (11) general orders?
- 2—How many people would you say are living in India (approximately): (1) 352 million, (2) 195 million, (3) 222 million?
- 3—The WAVES get their title from the phrase, (1) world aid via emergency stabilization, (2) women's assistance varying each season, (3) women appointed for voluntary emergency service?
- 4—A chimney swift is, (1) a chimney cleaner, (2) an anti-smoke apparatus, (3) a bird, (4) a steeplejack?
- 5—The Solomon islands are closest to: (1) Hawaii, (2) Australia, (3) New Guinea, (4) Philippine islands.

ANSWERS:
1—11, 2—1, 3—3, 4—3, 5—3.

WEIGHT OF WORDS

The ordinary small Westinghouse Mazda lamp owes much of its lighting efficiency to the exactness of the diameter of its tungsten filament wire. This wire is so thin it is measured by weighing it on scales accurate within 40 billionths of a pound. These scales are sensitive enough to weigh a penciled signature. The written words "Westinghouse Electric," for example, weigh two-tenths of a thousandth of a gram—and it takes about 28 grams to make an ounce.

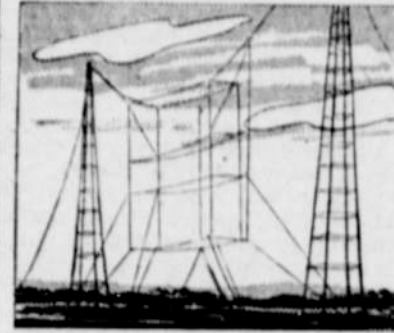
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Not this time!

Many veterans of the last A. E. F. will remember how they traveled to the eastern seaboard in coaches, and through France in tiny freight cars with the legend "40 Hommes, 8 Chevaux" painted on the side. "Forty men, eight horses."

It's not that way this time. Now the U. S. railroads are moving a great many more of our fighting men in sleeping cars than in the last war. And these men have clean bedding and porter service.

This is one of the reasons why you may not always be able to get just the Pullman accommodations you want.

So far the difficulties of wartime travel here have been very minor ones, compared with other warring nations. We can all be thankful that we are living in a country where these problems can be worked out by sympathetic cooperation between a railroad and its customers, and not by the orders of a dictator.

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