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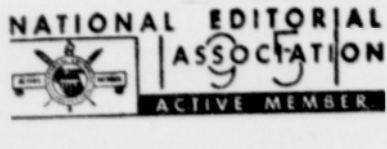
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November 11 -- Christian Day

Since man faced another man, there has been war. If one thing is consistent, it is the breaking of peace with war. Throughout the history of civilization this has been true, if nothing else.

It has been so consistent that such modern proponents of the nation-state as Machiavelli have said, "He (the state) ought to consider peace only as a breathing time, which gives him leisure to contrive, and furnishes ability to execute military plans."

Cynical? Aye, maybe so. But what exactly is the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America doing this very minute, this very day which is like all the other days, of all the other years, of at least one nation, of at least one instant, in the world's history? PREPARING FOR WAR.

And in preparing for war, they argue that it is necessary if we are to have peace; and if we don't have peace, it is necessary to be prepared in case of war, in order to win the war to have peace.

Thus, we, in this time, are completing history's inevitable circle of WAR and PEACE. Men, women, and children, through the span of time have asked, "Is this cycle necessary? Is war inevitable?" Men of learning have answered this question in the same way each time: yes, it is inevitable . . . IF, and this is the greatest and most searching question of our time and all time . . . if there continues to be no all-inclusive moral foundation for ALL the world's peoples to agree upon and respect enough to follow.

The most profound and great attempt in this direction has been the compilation of the words of God as recorded in the book of "The Bible." From the words of God in the Bible have arisen many faiths with a peaceful purpose in life. It is this peaceful purpose in life—the spiritual development of man—that has been the shining torch behind peace, opposing war.

And until the spiritual side of man CONTROLS the moral side of humanity, yes, you can say war is inevitable. Of all the men capable in this world to realize such a fact is the theologian-philosopher-musician Albert Schweitzer. This great man denounced the materialism of our modern world for the uncivilized wilds of Africa to teach the natives a spiritual life.

This is one way of approaching the problem. Others feel that the place to begin is with the materialist section of life and that the missionary work is second. Thus, we have the thousands of churches of all denominations throughout the world.

These form the spiritual and moral core of each community. And, in the end, the moral core of the chain is only as strong as its weakest link, as we are sadly finding out, again, in the United Nations. For, the political state is only as truthful as the philosophy of its doctrines which are supported by the philosophy of its rulers and its people.

So, reduced to its simplest terms, there will never be any peace on this earth of ours until there is a commonly-accepted moral law. And this means simply an acceptance of God.

It is not just luck therefore that November 11, Armistice day, falls on Sunday this year. This day of joy over the ending of a World War has been celebrated since that first day in 1918 with shows of military might in armored units, national guard troops, and memorial services for the soldiers who didn't come back.

It has used God in the form of ministers to say a few words in blessing for the dead. Then some popular speaker has recited the deeds of the dead and glory of the nation to have a new "rebirth" of freedom "under God."

Why not "with" God? Another paper in this valley has called for changing the Armistice day to Veterans day. This, we think, is continuing the worship of the military. We have a day for such worship—it's called Memorial day and we observe it in the late spring.

We believe that those who gave their lives in all the wars that have been fought, and those that are giving their lives right now in Korea . . . or an arm . . . or a leg . . . or a mind . . . and all their loved ones, would want this time spent in the humanitarian drive for peace, so that their sacrifice will not have been in vain. For it is, you know, as long as a musket is loaded and a rocket launched.

Therefore, we offer this Sunday as a day of peace and November 11 as Christian day in Ashland and the Rogue River valley.

Peace will be found in God. "Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace." (Rom. 14:19) —H.N.

Central Oregon's Wind cave, a lava tunnel some 12 miles south of Bend, is approximately a mile long and considered by "spelunkers" as one of the best specimens of this type of cave in the nation.

In spite of the fact that our population has doubled since 1900, fewer farmers today supply all our needs in the United States than the 11,000,000 who toiled at the same task at the turn of the century.

Our Town



By HARRY NORDWICK

FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

A . . . hem. Wait till next year!

That plumbing matter out our hospital way came up again at Tuesday's council meeting. Somehow the superintendent has led the city attorney and other council members to believe that he knew nothing of the needed repairs before he took out the present lease.

He's got them scared enough that they were going to pay the plumbing bill (Fred Taylor, Richard Neil, Walter Weller and Fred Homes) to quiet the matter. Taylor wanted to do something to "stop the haggling." Weller thought the city had an obligation to the city and a moral one to the superintendent. Neil thought the question was a "moral issue," and Homes just wanted to end the haggling.

This all arose after the city attorney, for the FIRST time, stated that the city was safe EXCEPT for the fact that there might be a "hidden defect" argument on the supe's side if the matter went to court.

This is indeed a change from the former routin' tootin' stand saying that the supe had to pay "all kinds of repairs and maintenance, whatsoever."

Two others thought different. Art Kreisman thought the matter should come to a head and the payments for repairs be stopped. Mayor Phil Stansbury seemed of like nature and, like this writer, couldn't see how the supe who had the letter telling of the repairs, could affirm that he knew nothing of them to begin with. He, however, is going to try, personally, to reach an understanding with the supe.

Kreisman also pointed out that if the man was in the hospital business and signed a lease calling for all kinds of repairs that he should have examined the building before he took over and therefore hasn't any kick coming.

And the above isn't all by a long shot.

City Recorder John Austin revealed that the supe is around \$260 in arrears in payment of insurance which the city has paid and charged to his account. Thus, this plus the \$200 plumbing bill amounts to around \$460.

Add this to the \$300 spent last winter for wiring the hospital, according to code, and \$1,000 spent on lawn landscaping (later at the city's own volition) and the city is taking care of most of the "all repairs whatsoever."

Where is all this going to end? It's certainly the \$64 question as far as the councilmen are concerned and also for a lot of interested citizens in OUR TOWN.

Anyhow, when we get our new hospital, things will be different. Or will they?

ANXIOUS FISH

Virginia Beach, Va. — After fishing for four hours without a nibble, three fishermen — Henry McNamara, Red Pleasants and Pete Maresca — upped anchor and started home. When their rowboat was within ten feet of the pier, something hit McNamara in the back and a two-pound mullet dropped into the boat.



From where I sit . . . by Joe Marsh

"Talks Turkey" — Long Distance

Some people chuckled when Sonny Fisher rented a home recording machine to record the noise his flock of turkeys make.

"I sent the recording to a buyer for a super-market chain," Sonny said. "I told them 'My turkeys speak for themselves—listen to this record!' They not only took my birds, but bought the record!"

"Why did they want the record?" I asked him. "Very simple," he says. "They're going to play it over the loud speakers in their stores—and then an announcer on another record reminds the cus-

tomers that turkeys are plentiful and a good buy."

From where I sit, it's not always smart to make fun of someone just because he does things a little differently. I think a glass of beer is the most refreshing beverage there is. You — or Sonny — may prefer something else. But who's to decide one's right and the other's wrong? Let's stay "on record" that everyone's entitled to his own tastes and opinion.

Joe Marsh

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Capital Parade...

By Murray Wade

PRIMARY ELECTION RECAP

Among all the states Oregon is the center piece of political window dressing just now.

Last week Murray Snyder, political writer for the New York Herald Tribune called Oregon the "political barometer state," and said Dewey and Stassen put Oregon on the map politically in their knockdown primary battle in 1948.

Commentator Marquis Childs in one of his recent columns said Oregon republicans got the credit for giving Dewey the boost that won him the nomination at Philadelphia in 1948.

Editors, cartoonists, columnists, commentators, all across the country are keeping a sharp focus on the Oregon primary campaign.

The filing deadline for candidates who would have their names on the primary ballot is less than four months away. The nominating election date is May 16. Candidates must qualify 70 days before that date.

Here at the capital we hear many persons mentioned as potential candidates, for president, Sen. James H. Duff, republican, former governor of Pennsylvania has a strategic position as top booster for Gen. Eisenhower. If the general emphatically declines to run it would leave Duff as the principal opponent of Sen. Robert A. Taft for the republican presidential nomination. Also in this mulling, are the names of Rep. Wherry, Senator Hickenlooper, California's Gov. Warren, our Sen. Morse and always Dewey, who they say is not opposed to taking a chance of becoming a third time loser.

On the democratic side a new name takes emphasis. Senator Brian McMahon, Conn., chairman of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy. You will hear plenty about him besides his nickname, Mr. Atom. President Truman could not properly be called a dark horse. Sen. Paul Douglas, Ill., and Justice William O. Douglas would make a phonetic slate — Douglas and Douglas.

There are more people mentioned for state treasurer than there are periods in a linotype machine. The most acceptable are Sen. Howard Belton, defeated by a heavy vote in North Portland when he ran against Walter Pearson; Sigfrid Unander, who lost to Belton in the 1948 primaries; Tom Lawson McCall, Gov. McKay's secretary; Senators Frederick Lamport and Jack Lynch, legislative veterans; Ormond Bean, also defeated in primaries by Sen. Belton and Sen. Dean Walker, another legislative veteran who like Sen. Belton is a past president of the Senate and chairman of the ways and means committee. All these are republicans. No democrats talked of except Sen. Thomas Mahoney. If you are a republican do not discount his campaigning ability.

ACCOLADE FOR HEALY

Word was received at the capitol this week that William Healy, assistant secretary of state, has been named president of the newly formed National Resources League.

The main purpose of the League is the production and wise development of natural resources, expansion of Oregon's industrial economy, and a more

careful scrutiny of the expenditure of the tax dollar.

MCKAY IN PRIMARIES

Governor Douglas McKay has announced his candidacy as a delegate at large to the republican national convention. He also is a candidate for the chairmanship of the 18-man Oregon delegation.

If McKay is elected and serves he will be the first state official from Oregon at the convention for 24 years. Secretary of State Sam Koser was the last in 1928.

WORKERS' EARNINGS RISE

Workers in 84 per cent of the industries of Oregon showed an uptrend in September according to a report just released by the state unemployment accident commission.

The logging shutdown decrease in employment was replaced by employment in canneries. The recent pay raise for machinery workers and considerable overtime boosted their average earnings to \$86.76 a week.

WANT STATE DRY

Directors of the anti-liquor league have decided to put a measure on the election ballot for state-wide prohibition.

"We have tried control and temperance measures so long and seem to get nowhere, so we decided to give up the control idea and come out with a direct prohibition measure," George Smith Brown, league director said.

He said petitions will soon be circulated to put the measure on the ballot.

Ski Services At Crater Lake

The National Park service reports that Ed Chubb has a contract for the operation of a ski tow on the snow hole below Crater Lake lodge.

There will be no ski lifts, tow chairs, or school of instruction but there are three ski courses from the rim to Munson Valley. One is an expert trail, one a novice trail and the third to Annie Spring is a combination of novice and expert terrain.

On Sundays and legal holidays the Community building at the rim is open and is used as a warming room and for lunch service.

Supervision of all winter sports operation and first aid service is by the ranger staff of Crater Lake National park.

The ski tow will probably start sometime in December when there is sufficient snow.

Oregon State Highway 62 from Klamath Falls and Medford to the Rim area will be kept open and plowed free of snow during the winter months as usual, with a large parking area at the Rim and an electrically heated comfort station.

OLD TIMERS

Valley Shows Geological Changes

By R. M. DeMILLE

Nature's great work in geological up-building of this region is seen in the principal parts of the upper Rogue valley.

Its climate, vegetation and soils. Its mines of gold, silver, copper, iron and coal; and also its fine mineral water, lithia, cinnabar, white sulphur, soda, iron and the Buckhorn carbon dioxide gas wells. These mineral waters are within a short distance from the city of Ashland.

Area Described

Within the south portion of the Rogue River valley near Ashland are the fine forests covering the Siskiyou mountains, the Greenspring mountains and the Dean Injun country.

All this enterprise harmonizes directly with Ashland's co-operation in business. Indirectly and directly as a whole this southern valley will produce the finest crops of grain, hay of any sort, fruit and vegetables of any kind—barring any spot of the northwest—greater than all the states east of the Missouri river. The Oregon mountain peaks with their connecting ranges now conserved by government control, lofty grand and forbidding, will furnish wealth and comfort beyond estimate or comprehension.

Peaks Help Valley

These great mountain peaks not only catch the rain and snow in their lofty reaches, but preserve their cold atmosphere much longer in weeks and months than the lower valleys. It is nature's vast storage reservoirs which keeps the vast wealth and enterprise humming and buzzing to success, and as long as the human race will exist. For a hundred years back or more these grand old timers—the Oregon mountains—have been condemned by traveler, historian and economist, as "frowning" forbidding mountain wilds, of use only to sportsmen and mountain climbers.

But the Creator builds nature wiser than men: in the conservation of the forests of timber, their incalculable capacity to produce electric energy and the health which comes from the Oregon mountain peaks and ranges, we find now the greatest asset of wealth to Oregon's people.

Geological Development

The Oregon Eocene age drifted into Miocene time while the broad low basement of the Cascade mountains must have been growing for, in addition to other evidence, it is said that a large part of the deposits were buried in fine volcanic ash, probably drifting in from the volcanoes of the Cascade mountains.

If these fine particles fell in distant lakes of southern and eastern Oregon, "The Cascade Barrier" must have already commenced that long period of volcanism that slowly piled up ashes, cinders, and lava into the grand Cascade mountain range

of the future. The land in the line of the Coast mountains was also becoming more elevated and of greater extent.

A strip of Eocene sea bed was elevated into an island, extending from near Monroe northward and including the hills west of Corvallis and Albany, where many characteristic Eocene shells were found. The valley of the Umpqua was elevated above the sea level and Callapooia mountains were probably connected with the present coastline by land of sufficient height to exclude the ocean from southwestern Oregon; for Eocene shells are the latest positively identified in that region, except those found along the present ocean beaches.

Seals Present

But when the Miocene ocean filled the Willamette valley with marine life, there was not only a great variety of shell fish, but seals must have been at home in these sheltered waters. The primitive seal of this period was quite different from modern forms and was perhaps an ancestral type from which the common seal, the sea lion, the walrus, and fur seal have since diverged.

But life for these seals was not all sheltered peace, for there were sharks in these same waters. Some of their teeth have been taken from the old Miocene sea bed, now quarried for building stone, both in Polk county and at Eugene. But the Miocene age dawned upon the descendants of these animals making themselves perfectly at home on these hills and marshy meadows that surrounded the large Miocene lake that filled the John Day valley. There was a primitive camel, the "poebrotherium," purely a north American-bred animal. One of the most formidable animals to be seen in those old Miocene woods.

PFC. THERON BIRCHFIELD NOW IN THE PHILIPPINES

Pfc. Theron E. Birchfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Birchfield, 523 North Main street, is now assigned to the 6200th motor vehicle squadron, thirteenth Air Force on Clark Air Force Base, 60 miles north of Manila.

A recent arrival on the base, Private Birchfield joined the air force in October, 1950.

Private Birchfield was a former student at Ashland Senior high school and was a member of a national guard unit in Ashland before he joined the military service.



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