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The "Spring" Easy, but What of "Summer"?

GENERAL GOEBBELS speaking. Surreptitiously he referred to the "spring" and "summer."

General Goebbels led the German military machine which accompanied Herr Hitler's unimpeded acquisition of Austria this week. He said, "The spring has been very successful, we hope the summer will be equally so," or words to that effect.

A commentator saw the spring with reference to Austria, the summer as the plan for extending the German dictator's wing over Czechoslovakia.

Quickly, silently, aggressively, as has been Hitler's wont, the map of the world was changed over night, and so far as reports go, without the firing of a gun. Nazi Chancellor Herr Schuschnigg of Austria apparently prepared the way well. It was not Hitler's fault that no guns were fired. He had plenty with him.

But what of the summer? Czechoslovakia has not been Nazi-ized. The liberty loving people of that country in recent months have mobilized, started schooling themselves in modern arts of warfare.

France has broached a new pact with the Czechs. Not only will the descendants of Joan de Arc aid the Czechs against active aggression, but they will assist in opposing any move of Nazism in the country beyond the Blue Danube.

And England? Reports this week say that Hitler's move into Austria tolled the death knell to attempts of Prime Minister Chamberlain to "talk things over with Hitler." Statesmen are saying that Sir Anthony Eden's stand against any compromise with dictators has been vindicated. The move has already started to concentrate the Bulldog's war resources. CONSCRIPTION is in the air. For surface effect, of course, it is said to be only for defense purposes. But at the same time John Bull is joining hands with Mademoiselle across the channel in stiffening the spine of the Czechs.

European democracy vs. dictatorship?

Why did Mussolini stand by and watch Der Fuehrer take Austria? And why were the German and Italian warriors so friendly when they met at the Austro-Italo border? Il Duce knew. Therefore, is it not to be expected that he will bite off another slice of desired territory? Say, possibly, Malta and Gibraltar, with Germany standing by at attention. What, then, of the British empire?

Stalinland, where 18 traitors faced a firing squad this week, is an uncertain quantity. But everyone knows that twenty years teaching of youth there has prepared them to expect the world revolution.

Twenty years ago, America was told there could never be another World war. That war started when little Belgium refused free entry to German troops on their way to take over the iron and coal deposits of Alsace-Lorraine which once before had been German property. Now another world war is momentarily

imminent. As the stage is set, it remains only for Hitler to make a pass at the Czechs. Apparently, no one cares about his having Austria so long as the Austrians themselves do not object. Except, possibly the Jews and others who have been forcibly detained from leaving the conquered territory. And they seem unable to do anything about it.

What's behind all of Hitler's aggression, you ask. He speaks of "protection of German minorities under foreign governments," of a "four-year plan to make Germany a self-sustaining nation." Yes, he wants the five million Germans in Austria and the three million Germans in Czechoslovakia saying "Heil Hitler." And he wants the resources of the German-occupied territory to be at Hitler's command. That is part of the "four-year plan." Further, he wants Germany's island possessions, taken from her at Versailles, returned to her. In fact, he has demanded that Britain, lion's shareholder, return them.

Hitler has made no bones about these things. But Hitler's going all the way in emblazoning the swastika over Austria leaves no doubt as to his full intentions. There truly appears no compromise between dictators and democracy.

Good St. Patrick

THE story book tells us that good St. Patrick caused the banishment of snakes and other vermin from the Emerald Isle, and that as a result was made Ireland's patron saint.

Today is St. Patrick's day—the day set aside each year by the sons and daughters of Old Erin to do homage to her patron, and as one of the most colorful occasions of the year it is heralded not only by those of the native sod but their many friends in Morrow county as well.

There is naught but charm in the lore of St. Patrick's day. Love and romance freshen anew to the appearance of the shamrock and singing of "Mother Machree," "When Irish Eyes Are Smilin'," and those many other songs which carry one back to the greenest country on earth—for such 'tis truly said of Erin.

But lest we be accused of blarney, such as that of the good old kissin' stone, let's say, Hail, Good St. Patrick, and may thy good works proceed.

Shall the Timber Fall?

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT this week issued a message on timber. He asked congress to appoint an interim committee to study the nation's timber cutting policy with a view to developing control measures that will prevent future slashing of immature trees, that will preserve watersheds, obviate the creation of ghost lumbering towns, and withal administer the nation's forests for the greatest benefit of the greatest number of people on a long-time policy.

That message, coming almost as a reverberation from a recent editorial in these columns in support of a local lumbering industry, should meet with general acclaim. Oregon, with nearly half of the standing merchantable timber in the country today, and Morrow county with an imposing stand of ponderosa pine, can well say amen.

The president's message might well have been spoken by the United States Forest service for, in effect, it has spoken what the forest service had hoped to accomplish but that which it has been powerless to do.

Taking the broad view which the president has shown, and eliminating favoritism or patronage for one mill operator as opposed to another, there should be no objection to such a policy from any source. Of course, should an interim committee find that public necessity requires Uncle Sam to enforce cutting practice control over privately- as well as publicly-owned timberlands, there should be reasonable provision made against unduly injuring the private owner. It may be expected such reasonable provision will be made.

Let Uncle Sam say what timber shall be cut and how it shall be cut, but let the market be kept open for the trees which may be taken. Let competitive enterprise determine

MR. ADDIS REMINDS AGAIN OF OPPORTUNITY FROM LILACS

Editor Gazette Times:

May I quote the following paragraph, from the Reader's Digest, and make a few remarks?

"Since 1892 Rochester, N. Y., has developed through purchase and exchange the largest collection of lilacs in the world—over 1000 shrubs representing 384 species. At the height of their beauty every year, a week is set apart by the city to celebrate the Lilac Festival, a fete which draws nearly 100,000 visitors from all over the country."

No doubt you remember that I happened to be in Heppner when lilacs were at their best, last year, and that I told the Lions club, I believe it was, that Heppner ought to get some advertising from the fact that it grew such splendid specimens of the beautiful flower.

I know committees were appointed, but I have not heard that anything came of it. You can see, however, that Rochester, N. Y., "cashes in" on the proposition of a festival with a hundred thousand visitors and that interest in the shrub has grown until 384 varieties are now grown.

Greenfield Hill, Conn., a little town well off the main road, has thousands of visitors, just to see its Dogwood blooms, and the civic club

the place and manner of cutting and marketing under the general rules so that the price the public has to pay for the finished product will be determined on a competitive basis. Then the only advantage to be held by any operator will be his own ability to operate on a sound, economic basis.

Such a policy might automatically operate to the disadvantage of the small operator, but the probability is that the market price would be stiffened generally to a point where he would have an even break. At least that is to be hoped.

In any event, there is a sufficient stand of ripe timber adjacent to Heppner to keep a small mill, such as that now being installed, going on a profitable basis for several years. We in Morrow county are interested in knowing that this operation will be given a fair break in an open, competitive market. We have no desire to see the timber slashed needlessly, to have our watershed seriously impaired, or in any manner to encourage wanton waste of resources.

Let the rule book be written so that it can apply equally to all the players and we will be only too glad to support it, Mr. President.

IRRIGON NEWS

Irrigon Ladies Start Aid Society

By MRS. W. C. ISOM

The ladies of the Presbyterian church met at the church Saturday afternoon and organized a ladies aid. Meetings will be held the second Thursday afternoon of each month. The April meeting will be at the home of Mrs. W. C. Isom. Everyone interested is cordially invited to attend.

Lola and Barbara Berry of Portland visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett McCoy, over the week end. Mr. and Mrs. McCoy left Monday for Jefferson, North Carolina, for a two-months visit with relatives.

Mrs. Fred Reiks was taken to Pendleton Saturday for medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Brandon are quite ill with flu.

George Hux of Monument was a business visitor in this vicinity last week.

Mr. Sparks enjoyed a visit from his son from Albany Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wilson and daughter motored to Freewater on Sunday.

Chase McCoy of Imbler visited relatives here over the week end.

Donna Joan, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Isom, is quite ill.

Batie Rand is getting around on crutches due to an injury to his leg received when in Portland last week.

Mrs. Raymond Hoaglan was taken to Hermiston for medical treatment Saturday.

has planted several hundred.

A tulip festival in May is an annual event in Hilland, Mich. Four million brilliant tulips greet the public during the annual festival of nine days. And it started from the suggestion of a school teacher, that the tulip be adopted as the town flower.

Nashville, Tenn., is known as the "Iris City," because the Iris has been adopted as its flower. That city has an annual Iris festival, and thousands of visitors come to see the great display of iris.

The Digest tells of London having converted hundreds of vacant lots into beauty spots by planting flowers and shrubs; of a dilapidated old trolley bridge at Shelbourne Falls, Mass., being converted into a thing of beauty by the women's club of the city, who made it a "bridge of flowers." It tells of San Jose, Calif., having transformed an abandoned 11-acre orchard into a unique rose garden, in a little over five years.

Nothing of this kind is needed in Heppner, for the lilacs are already there and all Heppner has to do to get free advertising is to hold a lilac festival. It is worth more than anything else to the town, not only in the advertising it will bring, but in the civic pride it will engender and the manner in which it will beautify the little city.

PINE CITY NEWS

Visitations Feature Week at Pine City

By BERNICE WATTENBURGER
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Orr visited the Jim Quinn home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wattenburger were Sunday dinner guests at the Joe Foley home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Ayers and Bert Barnes spent Saturday evening at the H. E. Young home.

Miss Dora E. Moore spent the week end in Irrigon with Mrs. Joyce Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wattenburger and children spent the week end in the John Day valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Brewster of Portland spent the week end with their daughter, Mrs. Robert McGreer.

Mrs. George Currin and Miss Reta Warner spent Saturday at the John Harrison home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boylen and children of Pendleton spent Sunday at the Boylen ranch on Butter creek.

Pine City people attending the show in Hermiston Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Ayers and family, Mrs. Marion Finch and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Harrison and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wattenburger and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Orr and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wattenburger spent Saturday in Pendleton.

Mrs. Reid Buseick and children and Mrs. Jack McMann of Long

Creek spent Thursday and Friday at the A. E. Wattenburger home.

Mrs. John Navolinski of Kelso, Wash., is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Clayton Ayers.

Emery Cox was a caller Saturday at the H. E. Young home.

Bank Managers In District Meeting

Officials of The Dalles, Sherman County, Fossil, Condon and Heppner branches of The First National Bank of Portland met in Arlington Wednesday, March 16, with officers from the head offices in Portland.

E. B. MacNaughton, president; J. H. Mackie, vice-president; C. E. Stephens, vice-president; O. H. Keller, assistant vice-president; and V. V. Pendergrass, director and legal counsel for the organization, expected to attend the conclave, the first joint conference with branch heads of the central Oregon district.

The meeting was the fourth in a series which will eventually include all 42 branches in the First National's statewide setup. Last week the same Portland bankers held conferences with southern Oregon branch chiefs. Meetings were held at Klamath Falls and Medford, and included Malin, Marshfield, Merrill, Lakeview, Ashland, Grants Pass and Bend branches.

Today the Portland officers are going on to La Grande for a get-together with branch men from Enterprise, Union, Pendleton, Wallowa, Nyssa and La Grande.

Port Development Theme of Meeting

A meeting of Inland Empire Waterways association is slated to be held at Walla Walla at 1:30 p. m., Saturday, March 26, to discuss the location of port districts and the type of port facilities conducive to the most expeditious and economic handling of incoming and outgoing cargo, announces H. G. West, executive secretary. West said almost unanimous acceptance of the proposed date had been received from representative counties and cities of the Inland Empire, and Bert Johnson, vice president for Morrow county, has commended the announcement to interested persons in this county.

A short speaking program featuring leaders in the Columbia river transportation development movement will be augmented by a period of open discussion expected to bring to light problems of individual localities.

H. E. CLUB TO MEET

Willows Home Economics club will meet with Mrs. Ralph Ledbetter for an all-day meeting, potluck dinner at noon. (No date was given in the notice received this morning.)

James Farley, Oregon State student, is spending spring vacation at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Frank Monahan.

The Truth—Stark Naked

Stripped of frills, divested of theory, isn't this the fact? THE GREATEST CREATOR OF EMPLOYMENT is WORK! Every time a stoppage has hit one of our Columbia Empire industries, three things have happened! Down go pay rolls; out go our workers; and in comes worry, suspicion and misery! When any of our industries, large or small, lacks buying support, it must shut down. BUT when we give it our BUYING SUPPORT, it thrives and creates more OPPORTUNITY for WORK and thus more OPPORTUNITY for BUYING. Through our purchases, we signal "STOP" or "GO" for our own OPPORTUNITIES for WORK!



Ask: IS IT PRODUCED IN THE COLUMBIA EMPIRE?