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## NO CONCERN OF THEIRS

From John Kelly's column it is learned that the lower house is opposed to an ample appropriation for forest fire protection in the western states. An amendment by Senator Rufus Holman of Oregon to the emergency forest fire control bill calling for an appropriation of close to \$8,000,000 for forest fire protection met with disfavor in the House, resulting in a cut of \$6,500,000 on the grounds that it would be an unnecessary and wasteful expenditure of funds. Kelly points to the fact that most of the opposition was from congressmen representing the prairie states where there are no forests.

Evidently these congressmen have not learned that there is a war going on and that one of the most vital products used in the prosecution of that war is lumber manufactured from the forests of the west, a large percentage at least. They cannot see, because the great timbered areas are far removed from their vicinity, why it is necessary to spend additional funds to protect the virgin timber against possible raids by enemy planes, to say nothing of the ordinary causes which annually take toll of valuable stands in many parts of the west. They have not seen the devastating effects of a fire-swept forest and cannot visualize the handicap placed upon lumbering in general under normal conditions. Now, more than ever, the danger of forest fires is manifold greater than any time in the history of the lumbering industry, to say nothing of impairment to grazing land where countless thousands of sheep and cattle range during the summer.

It is hoped the senate agriculture committee which has the bill up for consideration will take a broad view of the situation and recommend inclusion of Senator Holman's amendment. It is not possible to commandeer sufficient manpower in case of emergency. Able bodied men are scarce. The forest service will have to be in position to offer wages comparable to those paid in other lines and there will be plenty of difficulty experienced in assembling even skeleton crews.

It is safe to say that forest service officials are faced with the most difficult season since that department was organized. Natural causes give them concern and with the possibility of incendiary raids confronting them it looks like they are in for a real headache.

## NOT A QUESTION OF LEGALITY

Efforts of attorneys to reverse orders issued by General DeWitt governing the segregation of Japanese residents in the Pacific coast area would appear to be out of place. Not that a constitution-

## FORMER HEPPNER COUPLE OBSERVE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Many Gazette Times readers will recall "Marquardsen's Department Store" in the former Fair building, now the Case apartments. That was more than 30 years ago, yet on the north side of the building a faint trace remains of the sign, "Marquardsen's," reminding those who lived here at that time of the energetic merchant who looked beyond his immediate horizon and sought patronage not only from Heppner and Morrow county but to neighboring counties as well.

As business establishments go, Marquardsen's Heppner store was comparatively short lived—six or seven years, perhaps—but the store did not quit because of poor business. Rather it was because the proprietor F. C. Marquardsen, had the urge to engage in farming and having a good piece of land near Buhl, Ida., he was desirous of improving the property and thus realizing an ambition of many years.

On Monday, April 19 of this year, Mr. and Mrs. Marquardsen observed their golden wedding anniversary

at their beautiful farm home. Because of wartime conditions, a long-planned open house observance was abandoned, but several of their friends called during the day to felicitate them upon the occasion. Mr. Marquardsen filed a preemption claim in October, 1882, on the land which later became the site of the city of Payette. He and Mrs. Marquardsen were married in Payette April 19, 1893. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Platt. They have one son, Ernest who is executive secretary-treasurer and assistant to the president of the Pacific Steel Casting company of Berkeley, Calif.

## MAKES TRIP TO PORTLAND

Gus Nikander took a load of household goods to Portland Sunday afternoon. He was accompanied by Steward Cole who went along as helper, and Lila Wiley, who visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Faye Wiley, at Hillsboro.

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al right is being violated, for they are acting within their rights. The point is that in time of war practically every normal right is made subject to military necessity and if the commanding officer of a military district deems it necessary to put into effect certain restrictions there is no alternative. That is military law.

There are American born Japanese whose conduct has been such that their loyalty to this country is unquestioned. Just what percentage of them may be classified as loyal could not be determined without a personal canvas and even then there could be no correct estimate established. It evidently is the belief of the military department that due to strong racial characteristics there can be no distinction among the Japanese. At least that was the belief at the time the issue was ordered for evacuating all coast areas. This is unfortunate for those whose loyalty is unquestioned, yet they must take into consideration that this is war, a very serious war, and they know full well that aliens in Japan are not given consideration as to rights or citizenship. One stab in the back was enough for Uncle Sam and it would have been involving too great a risk to leave even a few trusted Japanese to their own devices. There had to be an accounting for every one of them, either by concentration or less direct controlled curfew regulation. The attorneys are meeting with difficulty in making a case before the courts, especially the supreme court which recognizes the validity of Gen. DeWitt's order as being directed by or having the sanction of the commander in chief, the President, and it is not deemed ethical to demand an explanation from one so high in authority about motives for the matter in question or any other actions taken as a matter of military expediency.

It is not likely that the Pacific coast attorneys will accomplish their mission to Washington. In the present situation, blood is more convincing than Blackstone and it is scarcely probable that the supreme court will undertake to undo what the army has done as a precautionary measure as long as there are substantial Japanese military units within a comparatively few hours flying time from our Pacific coast.

## KELLY TAKES A NEW JOB

For a number of years the Gazette Times, along with numerous other northwest newspapers, has carried a column written by John W. Kelly, former Washington correspondent for the Morning Oregonian who later established his own news bureau in the nation's capital. Kelly's column has contained material of unusual interest to people of Oregon and the northwest for it is written for this region, giving the readers the benefit of his years of experience in governmental affairs as observed by keen reporter and political analyst.

Newspapers using the service of the Northwestern News, Inc. will miss the writings of John W. Kelly, for he has been asked to serve the state of Oregon in a new capacity—executive secretary of the Oregon Postwar Planning commission. Thus while the newspapers lost a valuable correspondent, the state of Oregon gains the services of a man experienced in legislative and political matters to help put into operation Governor Snell's plan for meeting the problems confronting our commonwealth after the war is won.

Succeeding Mr. Kelly as the Washington correspondent for Northwestern News, Inc. is Paul Dunham, his chief of staff at the capital, who, like Kelly, is experienced with life and problems in the Northwest as well as schooled in Washington affairs. This assures Gazette Times readers of continued first hand, authentic information on national affairs as they affect this area.

## FORMER LOCAL GIRL MARRIED IN DECEMBER

The Condon Globe Times of May 7 contained announcement of the marriage of Miss Mildred McClintock, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McClintock of Ione and Elmer L. Weitzel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Weitzel of Portland. The ceremony was performed December 5, 1942 at the home of the bride's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Brothers at Stevenson Wash. Mr. and Mrs. Weitzel are now living in California where the former is stationed at Camp Roberts and the latter is living at Paso Robles and working in the station hospital.

The bride was reared in Morrow county and before her marriage was a student nurse in a Portland hospital. She was a member of the class of 1940 of Heppner high school.

## HERE FOR MEETING

Walter Moore of Pendleton was an out-of-town guest at the annual meeting of the Hardman National Farm Loan association in Heppner Saturday.

## PINE CITY NEWS

By BERNIECE WATTENBURGER

Miss Marie Healy of Portland spent Mother's day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Healy of Butter Creek Their daughters, Cecilia, Rosetta and Helen were also there from Heppner.

Miss Janet Myers is ill with the measles.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Bartholomew and daughter of Corvallis came Saturday evening to visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bartholomew. O. F. Bartholomew has gone on to Montana on business and his family will spend the two weeks here in his absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Finch were in Pendleton and Walla Walla Thursday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. George Turner and son of Hermiston and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wigglesworth and family spent Saturday evening at the E. B. Wattenburger home.

Mrs. Ollie Neill and daughter Neva spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wattenburger.

They left Monday for Hamilton to visit her daughter, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Akers.

Miss Helen Vogler spent Mother's day with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vogler.

Bobby Vogler made a business trip to Spokane on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Struthers are the parents of a baby daughter born Friday at a Pendleton hospital. She has been named Janet Marie.

## HEPPNER MAN'S PROFILE IN ALASKAN PICTURE?

Family and friends are pondering over a picture in the Morning Oregonian May 5. It was a burial scene in Alaska, showing soldiers holding the flag over the casket of a departed comrade. No mention was made of names except that of the chaplain, but on the far corner at the right side of the picture was a familiar figure to Heppner people. Get a copy of the paper and see if you do not agree with us.



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