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Some Paramount Questions

It remained for that venerable pioneer, Captain O. C. Applegate, whose family played important roles in the early history and development of Oregon, to recall to the 35,000 or 40,000 residents of Klamath county that Saturday, November 29, was "Massacre Day."

The day is so named because that date marks the anniversary of two of the bloodiest Indian massacres in the history of the Oregon country, the first at Whitman, November 29, 1847, and the second at the head of Tule Lake, known as the Modoc massacre, which occurred exactly 25 years following the slaughter at Whitman.

The anniversary is significant in that it recalls the atrocities to which the savage Indian of that day subjected early white settlers. It is significant because it brings to a complacent generation the terrible sacrifices which the sturdy pioneers made to subject a wild and virgin land to the rules of civilization. It is significant because it brings those of the present day to a more complete understanding of the price paid for the heritage which we now enjoy.

But, it is to our shame that Captain Applegate and others, who contributed to the subjugation of an empire which is now one of the richest in the world and who participated in those stirring events of the early days, have to recall year after year the outstanding event of the history of that early era to prevent our forgetting them. Not one in a thousand would have remembered that November 29 was an anniversary of two major events in the early history of the Oregon country and of the Klamath Basin, had it not been called to attention by one who never forgets what it cost in hard work, suffering and human lives to settle a new country.

In this age of commercialism when individuals are burning up their mental and physical powers to acquire wealth and to obtain new pleasures in an effort to get more out of life than they put into it, the history of Oregon, the West and of the nation is being forgotten. It is a history which scintillates with narratives of commendable patience, of fortitude, of hardships, and of heroism which thrill those who are not so engulfed in present-day affairs as to take time to read it.

And in forgetting that thrilling and romantic history of our state and nation, we are, we fear, losing much of the love which those of past generations held for their country, and with it all the fires of patriotism are losing their warmth and light.

There is prevalent today a lack of appreciation of those heroic men and women who founded a new nation upon that group of states fringing the Atlantic, and of those brave pioneers who blazed the trails across the plains and through the mountains to the land of glorious sunsets bordering on the mighty Pacific. That we are forgetting history and no longer take the time to review it is proof of that lack of appreciation for those who laid the foundation stones for wealth, culture and happiness which we of this generation are enjoying.

We have thrust ourselves into a dangerous state of complacency. That we are forgetting and failing to honor those to whom honor is due, and to whom we owe an everlasting debt of gratitude bodes no good for the future.

Does it all mean that the high state of American civilization, the foundation stones of which were placed by the sturdy pioneers, is crumbling? Does it mean that we are entering the first stage of national decadence? Does it mean that we as a nation will fall as did the nations of Egypt, Greece and Rome?

No more important questions confront the generation of today. We leave them with you to answer.

EDITORIALS FROM OVER THE NATION

A Suggestion

Baltimore Sun: "Roar China," the new Theatre Guild production had its premiere in New York recently. The play is, as everyone knows, a drama out of the new Russia, and the critics who saw it appear to be pretty thoroughly agreed that it is a great big piece of Bolshevik propaganda.

What is to be done about it? Well, in this country we have the means for meeting just such a problem as the Theatre Guild has presented. No need to task twice. The Fish committee. Very naturally three alarms have already been sounded for Representative Fish and his apparatus, and what an admirable opportunity has been given to show this Bolshevik gang up as a bunch of four-flushers!

New China, or wherever this play is laid, is a long way off and almost anything may happen there. Mr. Fish, therefore, may have some difficulty in proving to an American public that the play presents a false picture.

But there is one weak spot which furnishes an ideal point for attack. That is where the villain is depicted as an American. Obviously no American could be a villain. Or at least it ought to be easy for Mr. Fish to prove that no American could possibly be a villain, particularly in China. And with that once proven the whole play falls like a pack of cards, and the rocking red hand of Bolshevism stands revealed. There's your cue, Ham. Go to it!

If It Stops Flattening

Time: Since 1859 the French standard for A (pitch used for orchestra tuning, traditionally given by the oboe or clarinet) has been a tuning fork scaled to vibrate 870.9 times per second at a temperature of 15 degrees Centigrade. Though it has never been adopted officially by international convention the French A has gradually obtained all over the world. Last fortnight Dr. Carl Maria Haselbrunner, editor of the Oesterreichische

Musikzeitung and honorary president of the Austrian Musical association, strongly declared for such a convention. "There is a terrible chaos in tuning," said he. "A regular musical anarchy. And all because one man is a higher or lower to suit his own whim. Why, if any two orchestras, and the best ones at that, were suddenly brought together, they'd be out of tune! It's a ridiculous musical situation. . . . It actually happened to Hans Richter that when he complained of the tuning by a clarinetist the man answered, 'I'm all right, but the rest of the orchestra is too low.'"

Dr. Haselbrunner would set up a rigid, whip-proof A and agree to abide by it. He would then have it printed on phonograph discs for world distribution. He would broadcast it at intervals much as Greenwich Time is broadcast.

Best means for such pitch dissemination would be the radio. The phonograph is unreliable since the slightest variation of the turntable from set speed (78 revolutions per min.) changes the pitch. The veracity of tuning-forks depends upon atmospheric and temperature constancy. Dr. Haselbrunner's plan would put a stop to an occasional practice of recording laboratories, namely, varying the pitch to fit the peculiar abilities of recording artists, a practice distressing to persons with a sense of absolute pitch.

The Truth Is Out

Detroit News: Slowly our romantic notions of the Indian people retreat before accumulated facts. A writer in Good Health says they were always half sick from a continual on ill-cooked food; and in the throes of colic a noble savage could roar you a roar like any business man. Moreover, a historian who studied these children of nature at first hand asserts that they suffered constantly from sprains, colds, rheumatism and, above all, toothache.

I was brought up to believe every Redman was as healthy as a young stag. That illusion now goes by the board. But of course modern research will probably also dispose of the idea that they were cruel and warlike. That afflicted the Indians oftentimes when the terrified settlers imagined they were voicing their fiercest war cries. In fact we learn in this connection that the so-called savage raids were merely demonstrations inspired by a quaint superstition. An old Indian chief in a fit of pain capered to near Miles Standish; and the captain, making a brusque movement, knocked the sore tooth out with the butt end of a blunderbuss. The pain ceased. Naturally the simple native believed the gun was "good medicine." After that, whenever a number of braves had developed dental caries, they threw a midnight rough-housing party among the whites in hope of obtaining relief so they could get a little sleep.

Although the whites generally misunderstood it, it was just their primitive way of going to the dentist. We still hear an echo of those far-off times when a tooth was successfully dislodged—in the familiar expression, "Another Redskin bit the dust."

Timely Quotations From People in the Public Eye

If you wish to become a successful playwright, first become a professional actor or newspaper man.—Martin Brown, playwright and movie dialogue writer.

War, drunkenness, gambling commercialized lust and the exploitation of the poor attest the paralyzing effect of sectarianism.—Rev. Dr. L. D. Anderson, president of the International Disciples of God.

A good idea can't fall.—Mary Lewis, department store director in New York City.

Questions on Statesmen

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3 Explorer of the Mississippi.
9 Unit.
10 Since.
12 Wand.
13 Uncooked.
14 Marble.
16 Cot.
17 To testify.
19 Pulpit block.
22 Wild animal.
25 Edges of roofs.
26 Animal trainer.
27 Clocks.
29 Very small.
31 Marked with lines.
34 To soak flax.

VERTICAL

7 Pedal digit.
8 Queerer.
11 Fence door.
12 Data.
13 Recent.
14 Apprehends.
15 Fortunes.
17 Lays a street.
18 Adjusted a watch.
20 Field.
21 Spigot.
23 Driving command.
24 Sea eagle.
27 Jewel weight.
28 Prima donna.
30 Alaskan river.
32 Pungent.
33 To be undecided.
35 Mootly apple.
36 Sailor.
38 Mountain.
39 Eggs of fishes.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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PORTLAND ADDS

Another to List Killed By Autos

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EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO IN KLAMATH

The December term of the circuit court opened this morning and grand jury was drawn to take up the charges which have been made against police officers and other officials who have reported to Governor West.

Governor West has sanctioned the use of \$1,000 of Oregon's forest reserve receipts for the construction of the Cook and Green road that connects the Blue Ledge country with the Klamath River and Happy Camp.

Fred McKendree, of Merrill, left Friday for Modesto, Calif., after a carload of Holstein dairy cattle for the Klamath Basin. The farmers of Klamath county are taking a great interest in the dairy business and nearly all of them are securing additional pure-bred stock.

The second annual memorial service of Klamath Falls Lodge No. 1247 B. P. O. E. was observed by the members of the lodge and their friends Sunday at the opera house. About 100 members marched in a body from the hall to the meeting place, where a large number of citizens had already gathered to witness the impressive ceremonies.

Fred Peterson, successful candidate for the office of county school superintendent, gave the students of the high school an interesting talk this morning. It had no particular subject, but he made many fine points regarding the students work.

Paul Lucas, a butcher employed in Hale's meat market, arrived in the city last night after having been lost in the swamp near Squaw Point. His horse sank in the treacherous ground and Lucas shot the animal. He wandered around all night, and at the break of day was finally able to get back on dry land.

It is in favor of the present Ech-Cummins transportation act, would have placed the carriers under a board of 15 men, five of whom would have been representatives of the employees, who were to share in the earnings. Plumb died in 1922.

Brookhart began practice in Washington at the age of 23 and participated in railroad rate cases, associating himself with Cummins in political fights with the railroads. He is now a member of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee and has been before it repeatedly on behalf of his own railroad consolidation bill, which provides for a government ownership system similar to the Canadian plan. Brookhart wants two competing cross-country systems.

"If the railroads continue to fight for higher rates and against waterway transportation there may be some chance that the people will decide to take them over," the senator says. "The railroads had better watch out."

Twins Struck By Tragedies On Same Day

NEW YORK, Dec. 1. (AP)—The automobile and horse brought death and injury to the Baldwin twins, 16, within the space of two hours yesterday.

Alford was home in East Mount near N. Y., late in the afternoon and was taken to the Huntington hospital with a fractured skull. Before the sun went down, Clifford was run down by a truck and was pronounced dead at the same institution.

Although Alford probably will live, he has not been told of the death of his twin.

Extensive School Building Program Is Plan at Medford

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 1. (Special)—Voters of Medford will be called to sanction or reject a proposed school building program involving expenditure of \$335,000 as a result of the acceptance by the schoolboard Superintendent E. H. Hedrick's report setting forth details of this program.

It was originally planned to launch the drive next summer, but crowded school conditions, combined with low building costs, good bond markets and the opportunity of releasing large contracts for local workmen at a time of unemployment, has lead Superintendent Hedrick to recommend that it be started as soon as possible.

Included in the program put forth to local voters by Superintendent Hedrick is the proposal to erect a new high school at the cost of \$210,000, construction of a new Washington elementary school, to cost \$75,000.

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The Legislature.
Plan Legislation.
Await Meier's Talk.
Several Proposals.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 1. (UP)—The next important event in Oregon's political calendar is the 1931 session of the state legislature, to start January 12.

ALTHOUGH the majority of legislators are awaiting Governor Meier to divide his program before formulating any plans of their own, the air already is heavy under the capitol dome.

Plan Legislation
A SURVEY among state representatives and senators by United Press shows that legislation will be sought for highway insular motor vehicle laws will be in for revamping, taxation questions are sure to cause several stormy sessions, while a thorough going-over will be given the power question.

DURING the past 15 days, several proposed measures were brought forward to be presented to the august body—Oregon's 36th assembly.

File Bill
A. A. SCHRAMM, state superintendent of banks, has a few measures to present; Senator J. E. Bennett, republican, Multnomah county, has filed a bill with Secretary of State Hoss which would provide filling vacancies in the Oregon legislature; and Representative John Manning, Multnomah, announces he will try to force an open vote on the prohibition question.

SENATOR BENNETT also is working on a bill which would change the time of holding the primary election in Oregon from May to August or September.

Want Shorter Campaign
"THE LONG ballhoos from May until the November election tends to tire the public of political matters," the Portland senator said.

"AS A RESULT, the November election brings far fewer citizens to the polls than would be the case if the time between primary and general elections was shorter. The radio makes a long campaign unnecessary."

Sam Laughlin Is Renamed Member State Commission

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 1. (AP)—Sam Laughlin, chairman of the state industrial accident commission, was today reappointed a member of the commission by Governor Norblad.

Laughlin, who formerly lived at McMinnville, was appointed first by Governor Patterson in 1927, to succeed Dillard Elkins of Eugene, who was one of the two democrats appointed by former Governor Walter M. Pierce. Under the law not more than two of the three members can be affiliated with the same political party.

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