

City Briefs

DeMolay Mothers—The May meeting of DeMolay Mothers club will be held Thursday evening, May 23, at 8 p. m. in the women's parlor of the Masonic hall. The business of the meeting will include election of a secretary and treasurer for the coming year and to discuss plans for the graduation dance.

From Phoenix—Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mullins arrived here Saturday from Phoenix, Arizona, to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. X. Nidford on Roseway drive. Mullins is a teacher in one of the school systems near Phoenix, and many trips to points of interest are being planned.

Revival Campaign—Rev. J. R. Stewart of Portland, superintendent of the Free Methodist church in Oregon, is conducting a tent revival campaign at the corner of Ninth and Plum streets. Services are held each evening at 7:30 and Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Circle to Meet—Bethany circle will meet Thursday for a 1 o'clock luncheon at the home of Mrs. D. D. Havens, 1421 Pacific Terrace. Mrs. T. A. Sandoe, Mrs. W. L. Scott and Mrs. Anna Mason will be assisting hostesses. Members are asked to make reservations.

Rummage Sale Set—A rummage sale will be held at the First Covenant church, 823 Walnut street, on Saturday at 9 a. m.

Improving—Ed Cardwell, well known rancher of the Merrill district, is reported improving at Klamath Valley hospital where he is a patient.

VITAL STATISTICS

HOUSE—Born at Hillside hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., May 20, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. House, 1748 Menlo Way, a boy. Weight: 4 pounds 15 1/2 ounces.

MARCHESE—Born at Klamath Valley hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., May 22, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. O. Marchese, Pelican City, a girl. Weight: 4 pounds 5 1/2 ounces.

MAPHET—Born at Klamath Valley hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., May 17, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Maphet, Sprague River, Ore., a boy. Weight: 5 pounds 12 ounces.

PRENTICE—Born at Klamath Valley hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., May 21, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. William Prentice, California Oregon Power company, a girl. Weight: 7 pounds 14 ounces.

PETERSON—Born at Hillside hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., May 21, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Peterson, 834 Upham street, a girl. Weight: 6 pounds 7 ounces.

ROWE—Born at Hillside hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., May 21, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rowe, 121 South Second street, a girl. Weight: 6 pounds 6 ounces.

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DAV Dinner—Members of the DAV and auxiliary will meet for dinner at 7 p. m. Thursday in the Community Social hall on Garden avenue. New chapter colors will be presented at this meeting and each member is asked to bring an eligible member.

Dorcas Society—The Dorcas society of the Nazarene church will hold its regular meeting Thursday, May 23, at the home of Mrs. Verne Spiers at 2225 Vine avenue from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. All members are asked to bring paper sack lunches. Friends are welcomed.

Cars Collide—Cars driven by Maurice O'Kellie, Merrill, and Herbert LeRoy Barnes, Chico, were involved in an accident last Friday at Front and Washington streets, according to a report at the sheriff's office.

To Ashland—Silas Warren Kilgore, rancher of the Bonanza district, was transferred from Klamath Valley hospital on Sunday to the Ashland hospital.

Lucky Thursday—The Lucky Thursday Pinocchio club will meet May 23 at the home of Mrs. Nettie Good, 2020 Darrow street, at 1 p. m.

Attorney Opposes Isolation In Letter to the Editor

(Editor's note: This letter is being used because of its comprehensive discussion of a subject that is of vital timely interest, and because it disagrees with opinion frequently expressed in our own editorial columns. Let not anyone presume, because of its length, that our usual rules for length of letters have been abandoned. This is definitely an exception to the rule.)

IN FAVOR OF INTERVENTION
KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the editor)—On March 31, 1939, through your cooperation, the Herald published a letter written by me on the World War. The gist of the letter was that, in the writer's opinion, the United States was making a grave mistake not to enter the war on the side of the allies. The explanation for submitting the letter was that a great deal had been said on the side of isolation but that very little response had been made on the side of our entrance into the war, and that the writer felt that both sides should be presented. For the same reason I now submit this second letter and ask that you kindly publish it if you think it would be of interest. As stated in the previous letter, sooner or later each citizen of the United States must decide in his own mind what policy he thinks his government should follow. This constitutes public opinion and democratic governments follow public opinion.

Before attempting to chart our course in these troublesome times it would be well to analyze the men with whom we are dealing. In this I shall quote to some extent from Adolf Hitler's "Mein Kampf." (Reynal and Hitchcock edition.) "Mein Kampf" is the German Bible today. Every citizen of the United States should read the work so as to put himself in position to judge this man. Let no one tell us that Adolf Hitler is a fool. He started a short 20 years ago with a handful of men in a German beer hall and is now conquering the world.

Hitler is an Austrian but with the philosophy of the Prussian. He is surrounded by the most powerful and technically trained group of Prussian leaders that Germany has ever known. The Prussian is a warrior. His whole philosophy of life is that there is nothing worthwhile in this world except war, and the glory of war. The war machine of the Kaiser was born of the genius of the Prussian. Like Hitler, the Kaiser long planned for world domination by the Germans. Hitler exemplifies this Prussian philosophy in all of his writings; he bemoans the fact that he was born in peaceful times. I quote from "Mein Kampf":

During the years of my unruly youth nothing had grieved me more than having been born at a time when temples of glory were only erected to merchants or State officials."

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Sweaters—The Red Cross will send a shipment of knit sweaters east June 1 and all persons having articles ready are asked to turn them in before that time.

Returns Here—Mrs. E. X. Kendall who has been living in Ashland for the past three years, has returned to Klamath Falls and is making her home in the Audley apartments.

Dorcas Circle—The Dorcas circle of the Presbyterian church will meet Thursday at 2:15 at the home of Mrs. M. B. Robinson, 804 Delta street. Mrs. Frank Padgett will assist.

OFFICIAL COUNT OF VOTE STARTS

The official canvass of Klamath county's primary vote will be concluded by the end of the week, County Clerk Mae K. Short said Wednesday.

Because there were no unofficial vote counts which showed contestants within 100 votes of each, it is not expected the official count will change the outcome of any contests.

Until the official count is made, information on write-ins, precinct committeeman elections, and minor offices, will not be available.

"The waves of historical events seemed to have calmed down to such an extent that the future appeared really to belong to the peaceful competition of nations..."

"...I looked upon this period of quiet and order that awaited me as an unmerited trick of Fate."

Speaking of the Boer war he said:

"The Boer war appeared to me like summer lightning... I was happy that I was being allowed to witness this heroic struggle, if only from afar."

When the news of the murder of the Archduke Franz Ferdinand reached him and he realized the first World war had been started he said:

"...I had fallen on my knees and thanked Heaven out of my overflowing heart that it had been granted me the good fortune of being allowed to live in these times."

The isolationist tries to convince us that Hitler does not seek world domination. This is idle chatter. He took part of Czechoslovakia and protested loudly to the world that he was through. He took all of Czechoslovakia and proclaimed his lack of desire for further conquests. He started for part of Poland and divided the whole of Poland with Stalin. Thus he moves on through Norway, Denmark and the Netherlands. No. Hitler wants war and the glory of war and conquest and his horizon is not bounded by Europe. He indicates clearly all the way through his "Mein Kampf" what his ultimate aims are. In the final conclusion of his book he says:

"A State which, in the epoch of race poisoning, dedicates itself to the cherishing of its best racial elements, must some day be master of the world."

As stated in my previous letter, if Hitler crushes England and France he will strike at us within two years time. He will absorb the wealth of these countries as he has that of Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Norway and the Netherlands. The magnitude of his conquests will surfeit him with power and lead to more conquests. He will build a war organization both on land and sea such as the world has never known. Japan

will be an overnight ally. Both Hitler and Japan hold this nation in utter contempt. We, as a nation, have sent protests and whined and cried about the brutality of Japan's conquest of the Chinese yet at the same time we have profited to the extent of millions of dollars by selling war materials to Japan. Likewise, we have sent diplomatic messages of sympathy to Czechoslovakia, Finland and the other conquered nations of Europe as they have gone down one by one but have done nothing except make a profit from their suffering. Both Hitler and Japan would have more respect for us if the United States had guts enough to take its proper place in world affairs; had immediately joined the allies in this war and taken up the gauntlet that has been thrown in the face of civilization and the decent things of this world.

In not rendering any assistance and keeping out of this war, we have fallen back on Washington's judgement rendered in colonial times, that we should keep out of foreign entanglements. It would seem more pertinent to try to decide what such patriots as Washington and Lincoln would do if they were living now. Recently a German army leader, in criticizing a certain movement, made the statement that Bismarck did not do it that way. The prompt reply came back: "It is not what Bismarck did in his day but what Bismarck would do if he were living at this time." The world of today is small; distances have been wiped out. We apparently held the key to the continued existence of this civilization. As stated above, we do nothing except to make a profit out of the suffering of others. The writer is not unmindful that we give a small pittance to Red Cross and Finnish relief.

We have two classes of people in the United States today who are playing directly into Hitler's hands and are doing all in their power to block our entrance into this war. One group style themselves "Pacifists" and the other "Isolationists." They have a great deal in common—The Pacifist does not believe in fighting under any condition. The Isolationist claims that he is willing to fight, but hedges his offer with so many restrictions and conditions that it would require considerable ability to determine when he could be relied upon. Furthermore, with a good many it is not improbable that the closer the fight comes to them the more restrictions and conditions will be imposed. They warn us to beware of Europe's power politics and alleged British intrigue and perfidy. This brings us squarely to the question whether the world would be better off with Europe dominated by Hitler or Stalin or Europe maintained on the balance of power theory safeguarded by England. In answering this it is well to ask: Has England in maintaining the balance of power in Europe, indicated any desire to crush and absorb Belgium, Holland, Finland, Switzerland, Norway, or any of the other independent states of Europe. On the contrary we know that England has, in modern times, fought to sustain the existence of all of the nations of Europe as they were constituted before the commencement of the present conflict. Hitler and Stalin are indicating very clearly what their policies will be if they prevail.

In recalling the arguments of the isolationists it is interesting to remember that they have continually taken the position that the peace of Versailles was an unjust peace.

In the letter written a year ago on this subject, the writer asked the question at that time: What kind of a peace will Hitler dictate if he conquers in this war? We already have the question answered—The only peace treaty that Hitler is making is the firing squad for the people

of the conquered countries. He is systematically exterminating the Polish race for two reasons: First, in order not to have to feed them, and second, in order not have them as foes to deal with in the future. Hitler indicates clearly his kind of peace when he says:

"A peace, supported not by the palm branches of tearful pacifist professional mourners, but founded by the victorious sword of a people of overlords which puts the world into the service of a higher culture."

This reduced to simple English means the firing squad for the conquered.

We have been repeatedly warned that we should beware of propaganda because of the danger of it being exaggerated. This seems pathetic to the writer. If you could gather all your columnists together and equip them well with a goodly supply of pen and ink, they could not picture in the smallest way what is going on in Czechoslovakia, Poland, and the conquered countries today. No, the American people are being lulled into security by the very fact that we are not given the picture of actual conditions as they exist in Europe at the present time, and particularly in the countries over which Hitler has prevailed. If the actual picture were brought home it might awaken the nation out of its selfish and childlike lethargy.

The isolationist further harps along the line that we should

not have gone into the last war; that our boys were sacrificed and we spent our money for nothing. It has often occurred to the writer when he has read this line of argument how difficult it would be to convince a Gold Star mother that her son should not have gone to France; that his life had been wasted. This mother places her trust in God and rests in the calm assurance that her son fought for the principles of right and the decent things of this world for which strong men have fought all through the ages. Furthermore she knows that he helped stop the Prussian temporarily. We owe it to him to carry on from where he left off. If this thought has not already begun to perke through the isolationist it will before many days have elapsed.

Our politicians, with their ears to the ground for votes, are likewise playing directly into Hitler's hands. Until recent events have thrown a scare into them the republicans and democrats alike have played it up. One presidential candidate made a very brilliant comparison which secured for him great applause at political gatherings. He stated that we should be like the lowly porcupine. Go serenely on our way knowing that we are invulnerable. The utter fallacy of his argument is known to anyone who understands animal life. As a matter of fact the porcupine is far from invulnerable. On the contrary he is

bogged down with the reason-

ing of political boards of strategy attempting to solve the mysteries of a presidential election. We have no deep, constructive thought. We need a rebirth of patriots of the type of Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt. Let us hope that such a man will appear on the horizon before it is too late.

We are now being told that we should stand by so that we can carry on the torch of civilization. This is just another suave way of trying to give ourselves an excuse for shirking our responsibilities. You must see by this time that this is exactly the type of propaganda that Hitler orders fed to us. It paralyzes action. By the same technique he paralyzed action in Norway and the Netherlands and in fact all of the European countries. If Hitler can take his own time to strike at us he will shoot the torch of civilization from our hands with the same cold-blooded calculation that he is crushing civilization in Europe.

Let me warn isolationists that Hitler's Blitzkrieg, firing squads and prison camps are drawing very close to our own country. You say this is fantastic. You have said this all the way through. From events in the last few days you are coming to see that what is going on in the world is fantastic.

FRED D. FLETCHER
(Continued in next issue)

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