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Memorial Day

AND so comes another Memorial day. On this day we pause in remembrance, and think tenderly upon other years and upon those who were here then and are here no more.

The day began as an occasion for decorating the graves and paying homage to the soldiers killed in the Civil war. Since then the Spanish-American war and the World war have added to the long lists of America's dead heroes. And now every incident in the onrushing cycle of events in which we are engulfed points to the tragic probability of the spilling of more American blood in battle, and to more names of men and women whose lives were cut short by the Monster with the Great Axe.

It is not pleasant to contemplate Memorial days of the future, and what will then be remembered of 1941 and perhaps the series of years to follow. Only the most optimistic can project his thoughts forward from this vantage point and not see ahead the loss of American lives in declared or undeclared war (a bullet is as deadly in one as the other).

But Americans have never been wont to spend any great portion of their lives in trembling and fear. The citizen-soldiers of the past wars have accounted for themselves well, and if there must again be a demand upon more citizen-soldiers, they will do likewise. They and all of us must honor the heroes of the past with the way we conduct our lives now and in the future.

Swell Town

The following letter speaks for itself:

Boise, Ida., May 27.—(To The News and Herald) In this morning's mail I received a letter from my son, Robert, who is with the 183rd artillery, 41st division, en route to California for army maneuvers. I should like to quote one little passage from this letter just to show you how much the boys and we, their parents and families, appreciate the courtesy shown these "strangers in a strange land." This is what he wrote: "We stayed in Klamath Falls last night (May 22) and the people sure were swell. We were camped about five miles from town and the people would come out to camp and take us into town. Don and I went together and when we got into town different people would come along and take us for a ride. We had four different rides all told and we really saw the town. They had a street dance in the evening and I've never seen such a crowd."

Well, I thought you might like to know that your efforts at entertaining the boys were appreciated and that they will always remember Klamath Falls as a "swell town," as they put it.

Thanking all very much, I am one of the mothers, MRS. MARY F. WILCOX
Overland road, Boise.

That goes without question into the "best letters of the year" file. To all who are helping make Klamath Falls a swell town, congratulations.

Not a Matter for Legislation

NO one can question the privilege of master barbers and journeyman barbers of this community in agreeing upon opening and closing hours for their establishments, and any other business practices which they decide to adopt. That is their business, and a matter to be decided among themselves.

It is, however, not the duty of the city of Klamath Falls to attempt to enforce these agreements by law. The action of the city council this week in amending a barber shop hours ordinance to conform to a union agreement was typical of the sort of legislation that invades fields where legislation has no business to be. Following the precedent set on Monday night, the city fathers could spend meeting after meeting doing nothing but adopting ordinances providing for all of the business practices of all the business of the city of Klamath Falls, all the provisions of agreements between employers and employees, and so on.

Nothing is said in the city charter about the authority of the council to adopt such legislation. It may be legal, as the city attorney has indicated, but not everything that might come within the bounds of legality is therefore to be construed as just and proper. It might be legal to sock a heavy city sales tax on all the people who patronize Klamath business establishments, driving them all outside the city and utterly ruining the community, but it wouldn't be good sense and it wouldn't be the thing to do. It is true that the barber shop ordinance is an old measure, adopted even before legislative tampering with business became the vogue, but that doesn't make it proper. It is also true that the desire for the council's adoption of the amendment was virtually unanimous among the barbers of the community. But that, if it means anything, would make the ordinance unnecessary in bringing about the desired closing hours.

The barbers' desire for the legislation is understandable, but the council would have acted with better judgment and courage if it had followed its first impulse and eliminated this ordinance when the matter of amendment came before it. Barber shop closing hours are a minor matter; it is the principle of the thing that should have gotten the council's consideration.

FISHING EXCUSE
KANSAS CITY, (AP)—Chester W. Seiglar's frank admission that his thoughts were on fishing won him exemption from jury service.

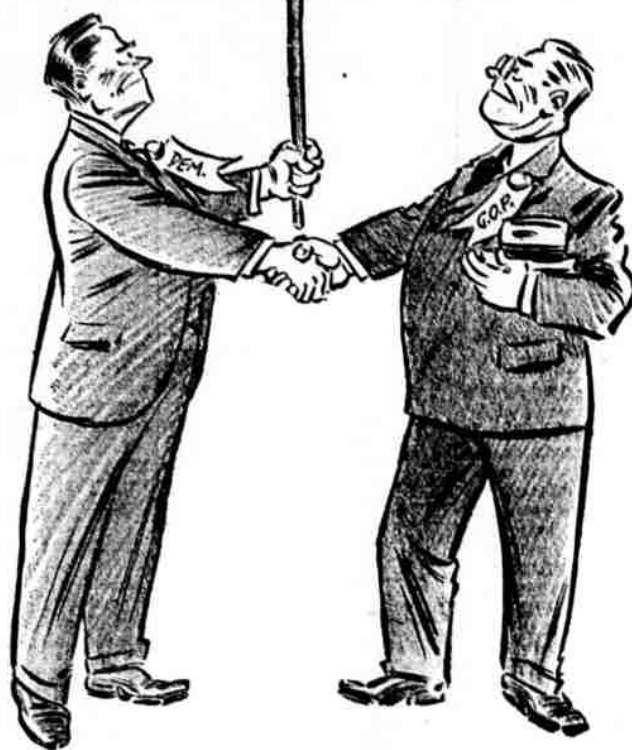
"I just couldn't sit here and hear the evidence impartially and think about those fish in

Minnesota," he told the court. Circuit Judge John F. Cook agreed the excuse was "a frank one," but quickly added that his decision was not to be taken as a precedent.

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That's One Crisis Out of the Way, Anyway

BACK TO
ye Olde-fashioned
Thanksgiving
IN 1942



Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 200 words in length, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper only, and must be signed. Contributions following these rules, are warmly welcome.

Outline Defense Plan

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—We are hearing on all sides the cry that "we are for defense 100%." Defense to be accomplished, however, is going to take more than a claim from all and sundry that they are for defense.

It is much like forest conservation. For years, in fact to my own personal knowledge ever since I was able to read, and it was twenty five years back that I finished high school, the text books of the Oregon schools have taught we should have better forest conservation. I cannot recall that person who has not been for it. Comparatively little has yet been done, in view of what is needed.

Defense is something that must be done a little faster and much better if it is going to be done at all. And, like conservation, it will take more than the invented schemes of a few brain trusters and politicians to put it into practical accomplishment. It will require the systemized combining of the knowledge of those involved, of those who are going to be defended.

The CIO defense plan outlines the basic start by which this can be accomplished. It outlines the start from which a program of defense can be discovered, carried out, and enlarged upon that will make us impregnable against any and all assaults from dictators. The principles of democracy if carried out will lead to practical achievement that can never be attained by dictatorial organization.

Democracy can never be imposed from without or from above on a people. It must result from the growth and development of what is within a nation, from what the people of the nation have built themselves. And that is just what the CIO plan, if put into execution, would do. It would make use of the organization that the people of the nation have built.

The CIO plan will prevent the nation from being cut off from the knowledge that can come from labor and the management of industry, providing the instrument by which the knowledge of all of them can be combined and made available at the points needed. In its growth and development it would do the same for the working farmers, small business people, and the mothers and the home makers of America.

We are hearing much about food, and proper nourishment for building the strength and morale of the people, as a defense meas-

ure. That much can be suggested and worked out by the doctors and the specialized dietitians we all know. But it will take the organizations which the wives and mothers have, and can build themselves, to adapt this knowledge to the actual conditions in which the people of the nation are living and to carry it into the homes.

The main failure of such programs, in the past, has been that they have been controlled by people who, from a lack of experience with them, never understood either the people or their conditions into whose homes and family life they sought to bring improvement. The ladies auxiliary to the labor unions, whose membership is of the unskilled and low paid workers, is the main, natural and effective instrument by which such a program can be brought to where it is most needed.

Such a program as the CIO defense plan, is the only method by which the people of the nation can keep a dictatorship from being established. By lies and promises a dictatorship may be made to appear necessary and a fine thing for the people, but, if there is one thing clearly written in the records of history, it is that such is never the case, that things do not work out that way, in actual administration.

Acquaint yourself with the CIO defense plan.
O. O. Womack,
IWA Hall, 919 Klamath Avenue.

ON SEVENTH DAY

KENO, Ore. (To the Editor)—In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth, and also the fourth commandment or the Sabbath as stated in Exodus 20: 8, 9, 10, 11. Therefore the fourth commandment is older than the other nine so far as time is concerned. The other nine commandments were not given in writing until God gave them by His own hand to His servant Moses. He who said "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart," said also, "Remember the Sabbath to keep it holy." Also He who said "Thou shalt not kill," said also "But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord, thy God." He who said "Thou shalt not bear false witness," said also "For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day."

Wherefore the Lord blessed it as a day of rest for His people from the beginning of time until time be no more. True, many have been made believe that since Christ died that the fourth commandment has been done away with and that they can rest on the day that most popular churches ob-

serve and that is the first day of the week. Why will people say the fourth commandment is done away with because it was given in Old Testament times? But they cling to the tithing system which was not given in the 10 commandments but as one of the ceremonial laws. There is no scriptural reason for doing away with the fourth commandment and forcing upon the people of the earth a man-made substitute for God's law which was written by God on tables of stone. The other laws of Moses were spoken to Moses by God but not written on stone.

MARY E. ALLENBY.

Courthouse Records

THURSDAY
Complaints Filed
Walter B. McMillan, et al, versus Anna B. Nuckolls, et al. Suit to quiet title. Plaintiffs pray defendants appear in court to set forth nature of their claims on certain real property. William Ganong, attorney for plaintiffs.

Waiver of Indictment
State of Oregon versus Ralph Shoulters. Defendant charged with burglary not in a dwelling. Asked time to plead. Plea set for 10 a. m. Saturday.

Decrees
June Lundgren versus Alvin W. Lundgren. Divorce granted plaintiff on grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment. Plaintiff awarded custody of one minor child and \$25 a month for support of child.

Marriage Applications
BELLON-FOX. Donald Clyde Bellon, 24, Klamath Falls, S. P. Railroad company employee, native of South Dakota. Kathryn Mae Fox, 18, Klamath Falls, native of Oregon.

Justice Court
Albert Eldon Wampler, no tail light. Fined \$5.50.
William Howard Stewart, driving while operator's license suspended. Fined \$5.00.
Robert Melvin Ketter, no operator's license. Fined \$5.50.
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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, May 30.—Mr. Roosevelt ruffled the war cards he is holding so fast that he gave congress and everyone else only a fast peek at the corner of them. The top counter may have been missed entirely.

You will recall he said he was entering upon a strategic reassignment of the armed forces in defense of the western hemisphere. He mentioned the Azores and Cape Verde islands four times as vital to this defense (Greenland twice, Dakar once).

The very same newspaper editions publishing the speech, carried an unobtrusive story that one of the few divisions of the American army ready to fight, fully trained and equipped, (the first division of 15,000 men from Fort Devens, Massachusetts) was going to Puerto Rico, which is the nearest American soil to the Cape Verdes and its background stretch of the African coast.

To take those islands Mr. Roosevelt will have to get there before Hitler. Most military authorities here assume the Nazi occupation of Spain and Portugal will follow immediately the conquest of the eastern Mediterranean, probably in the late summer. Some expect the Puerto Rican stop of the first division will be brief.

STILL IN DARK

Mr. Roosevelt's clarifying speech left congressmen as much in the dark as before about what he really intends to do. Legislators and downtown executives have been able to express only their personal guesses, and these vary widely. It is impossible, therefore, to present an authoritative prospectus or even a consensus. My own personal opinion is that the program will develop along the following lines:

The president is working on the same basis he used in fighting the depression in 1933. He has laid out an overall policy in round generalized terms, as in his first inaugural. It is all in there, but no one can see it yet. The specifications will become evident as he puts them into effect in the course of coming months or years.

He has taken over all the powers that have been publicly listed and some that have not. He does not intend to use all these powers (railroad aid, radio control, press censorship, etc.) but will find legal authority in them for whatever he wants to do as situations develop.

Primary step is a new technical naval policy in the Atlantic which will be a substitute for convoying, but will go much further than that discredited mode, by the use of seagoing scouting planes and marine bombers on a large scale.

Second step is to prevent Nazi occupation of island bases on the other side of the Atlantic under any circumstances, including the fall of Britain. The northern bases, now Greenland, next Iceland if necessary, and the Azores, would be taken to protect us; the African islands (including possibly the Canaries, Madeiras and Dakar) to protect South America and our prestige there.

Thirdly, he intends to end labor strikes by the mere threat of power to secure cooperation (no new legislation or boards). He will waive the big stick, not wield it.

Fourthly, OPM will be reorganized, shaken up. Strong price fixing will have to be started.

SIDE GLANCES



"Thank goodness you've found that artificial perch—I've been looking all over for it!"

Other waving, not wielding, will become necessary to secure the fullest cooperation from capital, management, the securities and commodities markets, for the national effort.

The national emergency declaration was, therefore, designed to prepare the country psychologically for whatever steps become advisable to effect these and the other well-known defense and British aid purposes.

ON THE SEAS
These steps seem to make shooting on the high seas possible in a short time, but no land action, no war in the full meaning of that old term for a while yet. The navy is well prepared with superior planes, ships and men to meet whatever it will encounter in either ocean. It is ready. Army is not and cannot be ready this year.

Don't let the Nazi and Japanese press make you believe their high pressure publicity tactics caused Mr. Roosevelt to moder-

ate his address. Those congressmen who saw the first draft know it was milder than the one finally delivered. The sinking of the Hood off Greenland enabled FDR to speak more strongly.

FUNERAL

Lloyd Malcolm Cox

Funeral services for the late Lloyd Malcolm Cox, who passed away at the home of his parents on Wednesday, May 28, 1941, following an extended illness, will be held in the chapel of the Earl Whitlock Funeral home, Pine street at Sixth, on Saturday, May 31, 1941, at 2:30 p. m. with the Rev. A. Theo. Smith of the First Presbyterian church of this city officiating. Commitment services and vault entombment family plot in Linkville cemetery. Friends are invited.

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