

Events in Oregon

CITY COUNCIL PROVIDES FUNDS FOR STATE CASH
MEDFORD — Financial matters occupied the Medford city council a week ago Tuesday.

The council, by ordinance, established a fund to be known as the State Tax Street Fund, to handle the money paid by the state highway department to the City of Medford for use in street repair. The sum is estimated at about \$15,000 annually. Another ordinance provided for an agreement with the government for payment to Medford of \$4140 for use of the airport.

HOUSING UNITS FOR HILLSBORO TO START SOON
HILLSBORO — Construction of the first 10 of 25 new family units authorized by the National Housing Agency for Hillsboro will probably be started soon by Fred W. McYain, according to Harry Seabold, chairman of the local chamber of commerce housing committee.

The houses are part of the 65 authorized recently in the Forest Grove area to aid in relieving an acute housing situation.

ACHIEVEMENT FLAG PRESENTED SCHOOL
SEASIDE — An achievement flag, now flying beneath the American flag at the Central school was presented recently to the school by Mrs. Mitchell C. Thorn, local chairman of the women's war finance committee, in charge of the bond and stamp sales for the duration of the war. In presenting the flag, Mrs. Thorn congratulated the faculty and student body for the excellent record made thus far in bond purchases.

SHERMAN TAXES NEARLY ALL PAID
MORO — The tax turnover for November when the sheriff collected \$110,802.43 in taxes and interest on a 1943-44 roll of \$109,718.23 was about the only one of the year that will amount to much. Of this total \$3,130.88 was returned in rebates making \$101,297.82 collected and retained on the current roll. There was \$6,373.73 collected on delinquent taxes and interest.

OVER TON OF CLOTHING GATHERED
PRINEVILLE — More than a ton of useable garments—2,622 pounds of them—were collected by the people of Prineville and vicinity in the clothing salvage drive held recently. There were 4,177 garments in the 56 huge bundles. The clothing ranged from outgrown but still good overcoats to tiny socks for infants.

Washington Snapshots

While congress and the executive agencies are finding that reconversion presents many new and baffling questions, nevertheless the framwork of industrial demobilization is beginning to take shape.

Perhaps the most compelling issue is: "How can the government schedule resumption of civilian production on an equitable basis that will not penalize the contractor who must remain in war production, and give a head start to the manufacturer whose facilities are no longer needed for war?"

In other words, shall a plant in a labor surplus area, with materials available for production of needed civilian goods, be kept idle until the end of the war just so the operator will not gain an advantage over his competitor in a labor-shortage community who must continue to devote his full capacity to war orders?

No Idle Plants
 While no one in Washington has as yet a satisfactory answer, one thing appears certain—plants will not be left idle, with resultant unemployment, even if hard-ship does result from this policy. Washington appears to be moving cautiously to devise an equitable reconversion plan. But, in the absence of a necessary and clear-cut policy laid down by the government, the uncertainties in

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At the Churches

Evangelical Church
 —Rev. Allen H. Backer, Minister

9:45 — Sunday school.
 11:00 — Morning worship service.
 6:30 — Junior and Y. P. Christian Endeavor.

7:30—Evangelistic service.
 7:30 p.m. Thursday — Bible study and prayer meeting.

Assembly of God Church
 Rev. Clayton E. Beish—Minister

9:45—Sunday school with classes for all ages.
 11:00—Morning worship.
 6:30—Young people's Christ Ambassadors service.
 7:30—Evangelistic service.
 7:30 Wednesday evening—Mid-week service.
 4:00 p.m. Friday — Children's church.
 7:30 Friday evening—People's meeting.

Church of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints
 Sunday school convenes at 10 a.m. at the I.O.O.F. hall under the direction of G. W. Bell, branch president and Van Bailey, superintendent.

St. Mary's Catholic Church
 Rev. Anthony V. Gerace
 Rev. J. H. Goodrich

Mass: 9:30 a.m. except first Sunday in month—Mass at 8:30 a.m.
 Confessions from 7:45 a.m. on.

Seventh Day Adventist Church
 Services on Saturday:

10:00 a.m.—Sabbath school.
 11:00 a.m.—Gospel service.
 8:00 p.m. Wednesday—Devotional service.
 Sermon by district leader—third Saturday of each month
 A cordial invitation is extended to visitors.

First Christian Church
 —The Livingstones, Ministers

9:45—Church school session. M. L. Herrin, superintendent.
 11:00—Morning communion and preaching. Sermon subject: "The Schedule of God." (Christmas sermon)
 7:30—Evening communion, song, and preaching service. Subject: "Departing Opportunities."
 7:30 Monday—Annual Christmas program.
 7:30—Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

The Forum

THE INSPIRATION OF THE BIBLE
 Part XIX
 UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

There are mysteries in the realm of natural science which will elude the research of the wisest. They have not yet learned "the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of Him which is perfect in knowledge. Great things doeth He, which we cannot comprehend." Job. 37:16, 5. Job knew in his day that God had made "the weight for the winds." Job. 28:25. Though it was ages before Torricelli proved it with his barometer. He knew that God "hangeth the earth upon nothing." Job. 26:7, ages before philosophers and priests ceased to declare that it was borne upon the shoulders of Atlas. The latest discoveries of science verify the earliest utterances of revelation.

But the wise men of this age, with all their science and acuteness, have not yet learned the answers to the question on natural philosophy contained in the book of Job. If one of them be asked, "Canst thou send lightning that they may go, and say unto thee, Here we are?" they may now after more than three thousand years of research, be able to say, "We can do it." But if the scientist be asked,

the field of industrial reconversion are so numerous that many manufacturers are understandably apprehensive about what they consider preferential treatment. It is now permissible in Washington to discuss reconversion to civilian production openly, provided there is an emphatic understanding that war production comes first.

THE POCKETBOOK OF KNOWLEDGE

TO RELIEVE MEN FOR ACTIVE WAR DUTY, MANY INDUSTRIALISTS ARE SERVING AS PART-TIME COAST GUARDSMEN

APPROXIMATELY 50 KINDS OF FISH ARE ABLE TO GIVE ELECTRIC SHOCKS

MUSHROOMS ARE THE LATEST ADDITION TO INDUSTRY'S GROWING LIST OF DEHYDRATED FOOD PRODUCTS

A NEW TYPE "DOUGHNUT" LBS INCREASES CARRYING CAPACITY BY MEANS OF A PLATFORM HUNG BENEATH THE RAFT, SUPPORTED WITH WIRE NETTING

THE FIRST MATCHES (MADE IN THE EARLY 16TH CENTURY) WERE SLIVERS OF WOOD TIPPED WITH A CHEMICAL MIXTURE. TO LIGHT THE MATCHES THE HEADS HAD TO BE DIPPED INTO A VIAL CONTAINING ACID.

OUT OF THE WOODS

BY Jim Stevens

How Paul Bunyan Made Iowa . . .

Old Larrity, the bullock, gave me an idea, in his telling of the history of how Paul Bunyan took the land of Iowa out of the California country in his time and moved it to fill up the Big Hole of the Midwest—a hole so tremendous that it swallowed, even in flood seasons, all the water the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers poured into it.

The idea may not amount to much, as it couldn't be realized without Paul and Babe the Blue Ox. It is for a deal to make four new states in the New England neighborhood out of our more than 8 million acres of junior forest on the west side of Oregon and Washington. The present states of Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey and Delaware all together do not run to many more acres of land than we have in crops of Douglas fir and hemlock trees of less than saw timber size. In addition we have enough acreage of second-growth saw timber to make a fifth state half the size of Massachusetts, or three new Rhode Islands. But that story of Larrity's—

Only a tribe of Indians lived in the Big Hole in Paul Bunyan's time, according to Larrity's "best authorities." When Paul started logging up north he couldn't raft his logs anywhere unless the two big rivers were made to run on south. So he scouted all over, looking for land to fill up the Big Hole. The only good place he met was in California. The Californians had a piece of land called Iowa which was the size of the Big Hole, and they put little value on it. The only crops they cared about were oranges and tourists. The big piece of land would only grow corn to feed hogs. Even Los Angeles didn't want to annex it. Paul Bunyan could have it and welcome. So he hitched Babe, who could pull anything with two ends to it, to a county at a time, and by next spring he had Iowa all set in its new place in time to start the year's corn crop.

Indian Trouble . . .
 All hands concerned were happy about the deal, except the Big Hole Indians. They started a lawsuit against Paul Bunyan, and they followed him with it wherever he lodged. In fact, that was how the tribe got its new name, which it still bears—the Sioux Indians. The spelling is Old Indian Style for

"Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of Him which is perfect in knowledge?" or, "By what way is the light parted, which scattereth the east wind upon the earth?" Job. 37:16; 38:24 he can give no answer to such questions. Science has indeed learned to "part" the rays of light and untwist its rainbow hues but it has not yet learned what the parting of the light has to do with "scattering the east wind upon the earth." Science has only begun to collect its facts and work its way among the mighty mysteries that pervade the visible creation. Nothing is more absurd than the supposition that a man who claims to be scientific has mastered the whole circle of knowledge and that what he does not know is hardly worth considering. The circle of knowledge is too vast for one man, or all men, to fully comprehend.

HIS WAYS PAST FINDING OUT

Dr. Robinson, astronomer royal of Armagh college, Ireland, related in a lecture that when a student in Trinity college, Dublin, he and a fellow student, a

words of the kind. "We'll sioux you," was how the Big Hole chief first served written warning on Paul Bunyan. When Paul quit the country, the tribe started "sioux-ing" the government, and has been at it ever since. Larrity says he has all that information straight from North Dakota.

The California country where Paul and Babe fauled off the good earth of Iowa is now the Death Valley region, Larrity declares. "The old California blood is still strong in Iowa folks," he affirms, "which is why so many of 'em go there to live out their last days. But California people themselves still don't set much store on the land that yet fills the Big Hole—the land of Iowa State."

History or tall tale, there's a lesson in it.

Four New Forest States . . .

Our more than 8 million acres of junior forest land in the Douglas fir region are acres that were once cut over or burned over, but were somehow seeded and are now bearing crops of trees thick and thriving enough to be classified as timber growth in the U. S. Forest Survey.

The trees of the junior forest are just standing there on the land, growing. Most of them won't be usable for from ten to forty years to come, except for Christmas trees and poles perhaps. We still think of forest values in the old way; that is, in terms of virgin timber, big trees. We burn the junior forest, and when it burns we too often say, "Only brush fires; just fern fires; why get excited!"

New Englanders have a different attitude. In the wake of the great hurricane of several years ago whole forests were down and shattered, forming the most tremendous forest fire hazard of American history. Tourist travel was much heavier in the region than it was here. Yet the blowdown forests of New England came through without a serious fire. The reason was the high value the people there place on junior forests. They have no other kind.

Foresters would like to see Paul and Babe come back and move our 8 million acres of junior forest lands to the Atlantic seaboard, among a population that would cherish and protect the growing trees.

lover of nature, cut a foot square of sward from the college park and agreed to study and examine it together. To their amazement, it took no less than six weeks to separate its various contents, vegetable, animal, and mineral; and from the press of other pursuits they were obliged to abandon the undertaking, leaving unsettled a multitude of questions which rose from the examination of those materials and their history and relation to each other.

Those men were investigators. But many who know nothing whatever of such subjects are ready to give credence to the wild gueswork of some scientific prophet whose assertions broaden in proportion to the narrowness of his field of view. Thus, men theorize concerning the formation of worlds, when they do not even know the material of which they are composed, and map out with all exactness the history of a globe of which they have never investigated one millionth part. In all departments of scientific investigation, men are confronted by ten thousand mysteries which mortal life is too brief to solve, and which need but

the researches of the countless ages of eternity to lead us to exclaim, "O the depths of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgements, and His ways past finding out!"

But tho the deeper mysteries of the universe are yet unexplored there are some primary lessons in the great book of nature which are so simple as to be within the comprehension of a child; and there are proofs of creative intelligence, working according to mathematical law, throughout all the realms of animate, organic and inorganic nature. The simplest illustration will make this palpable to any candid mind.

Submitted by G. F. Brown

DROP THAT DAGGER

Could it be that she holds a dagger in one hand and a Bible in the other?

It could be, but why the dagger?

With it she is to slay the neighbor down the street.

"Yes, Mary is good in her way BUT—" And then out pours the slime until Mary is plastered over with all that scandal can invent.

But could it really be a Bible in one hand and a dagger in the other? Yes, it might be if the Bible were to her but a dust-covered book and never read if it were not in her heart, all this might be.

But say it were in her heart, what then? Being read and pondered, new life it to flow in. No Bible, no faith. Little Bible little faith. Much Bible, much faith. Ye are born again by the Word of God, which is the Bible, says Peter, the Apostle, 1st Peter 1:23

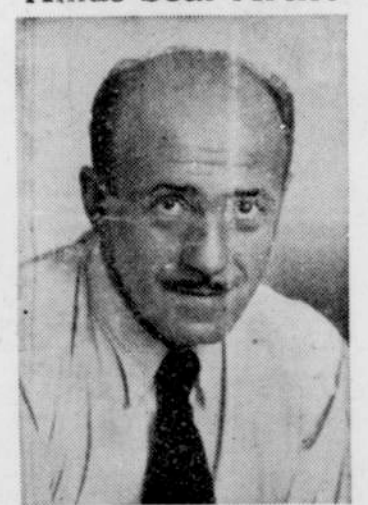
When the Bible is believed as to the mighty work God waits to do for you and in you the new birth becomes a fact. You are not asked to feel your spiritual pulse to make sure of the new birth. You are to stand on it that God has made you his own. Feelings or no feelings, stand on it that Christ died for your sins and cleared the page so that God could in righteousness make you his own.

Now the Spirit of God takes up the mighty works against your old sinful nature. He puts within you a new set of godly urgings. You wake up to it that you are of a new order of created beings here among men. Old things have passed away and all things have become new. New relatives, new name, new destiny, new eyesight, new Bible, new neighbors, new home right in the same old house and new joy in just knowing that with sins forgiven, the mighty God is to prove himself to you through time and eternity in the ages to come he is to show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness to us through Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2:7

Which for you, dagger or Bible?

Geo. Taylor
 This space paid for by an Oregon business man.

Xmas Seal Artist



Andre Dugo, above, prominent in international art circles, is artist of Christmas Seal of National Tuberculosis Association and its affiliated societies.



Keeping Up With Rationing

Vernonia war price and rationing board (No. 85.6.2) located in bank bldg. Hours 9:30-12:00 and 1:00-4:30 daily. Saturday 9:30-12:30. Open Tuesday nights at city hall 6-10 p.m.

RATION BOOK THREE

January 1, 1944—Expiration date of brown stamps L, M, N, P and Q. L valid on November 21; M on November 28; N on December 5; P on December 12; and Q on December 19. Each weekly series good for 16 points.

January 29—Expiration date of brown stamps R, S, T and U. R series valid December 26, S on January 2, T on January 9, U on January 16. Each weekly series good for 16 points.

RATION BOOK 4

November 1—Green stamps A, B, and C valid through December 20.

January 20, 1944—Expiration date of green stamps D, E, and F.

SHOES

Expiration date of stamp No. 18 for one pair of shoes extended indefinitely beyond October 31. "Airplane" stamp No. 1 in book 3 good for one pair of shoes on November 1, expiration indefinite.

SUGAR

November 1—Stamp 29, in book four, good for 5 pounds through January 15, 1944.

STOVES

Purchasers must get certificates at ration boards for most new stoves.

WOOD, SAWDUST, COAL

Fuel dealers deliver by priorities based on needs.

GASOLINE

January 21, 1944—Expiration date of No. 9 stamps in A book, each good for 3 gallons. Value of gasoline coupons: A, B1, C1, 3 gals; B2, C2, R and T, 5 gals; D, 1.5 gals; E, 1 gal.

TIRES

Cars with B books must have tires inspected every 4 months; cars with C books every 3 months; cars with A books every 6 months.

Commercial motor vehicles—tire inspections every 6 months or every 5,000 miles, whichever occurs first.

FUEL OIL

January 3, 1944—Period 1 coupons in new fuel oil rations valid September 30, expire on this date.

Give him a crisp WAR BOND for a CHRISTMAS present to be remembered. Keep on BACKING THE ATTACK.

Hats Cleaned, Blocked 85c
 DRY CLEANING PRICES REDUCED
 Pants 50c Overcoats \$1.00
 Dresses \$1.00 Suits \$1.00
 Sweaters 50c
 Pick Up and Delivery Weekly on Thursdays
 Office: Ben Brickel's Barber Shop
 Oregon Laundry and Cleaners

The Forest Grove NATIONAL BANK
 INVITES YOU TO BANK BY MAIL IF INCONVENIENT TO COME IN PERSON
 A Locally-Owned, Independent Bank