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Cigarette Chiselers

The disposition of the cigarette smoker during these days of shortage of this commodity is not improved when he witnesses what is apparently an outright violation of OPA ceiling prices, chiselers taking advantage of the shortage for their own financial profit. There are dealers who are known to have had a few packages of cigarettes in stock, refuse to sell them to customers, yet put them on punchboards where they can collect up to as high as fifty cents per package. Possibly these same dealers did have punchboards carrying cigarettes as prizes for the lucky number previous to the setting of OPA ceilings, but should such be the case there is no legitimate reason why such a practice should be permitted under present conditions, particularly when OPA boasts as its purpose the control of price to prevent inflation and rationing to insure proper distribution of scarce articles.

We realize that the black market presents a most difficult task for enforcement but when a punch board carrying cigarettes is on display there is no reason why OPA regulations cannot be enforced if they are not derelict in their duties.

Is There A Santa Claus?

To some cold hard practical people there never has been a Santa Claus. To them the stories, some of the rest of us tell our children about old Saint Nick and his many deeds of kindness are all tomfoolery. They want their children to know in their practical way that it was "Mom" and Dad who were responsible for the gifts that were hung on the festive tree or put in stockings on Christmas morning. These people are practical, realists to the nth degree, who want to live in a world of facts and never in a world of fancy.

Some of the rest of us who have the gift of imagination in our souls believe and live differently. We get a thrill with the children in living in the imaginative world of Santa Claus whose guiding spirit is unselfishness to see that all good little boys and girls are remembered on Christ's Mass day, or what has become known in the Christian world as the anniversary of his birth.

And though some of our practical and realistic friends may not appreciate it, we are able to see some very realistic results when the Christmas spirit pervades the world. The glow and joy reflected on most people's faces during the Christmas season are very real. If we are more observant, we often see that glow and joy reflected in the face and eyes of an individual who has been sour and cantankerous the rest of the year.

To us that is the work of Santa Claus and we believe in him heart and soul, and our prayer at this time is that he comes early and stays long.

Where Do We Stand?

Victory has its jackals no less than defeat. Already the spoilsmen are out seeking advantages for their side, for their men. They are playing up their own cause by playing down their opponent's and are talking in large terms of what they have already done and what they would do—and of what they would have done. They are proclaiming the merits of those whom they want to put into power and, if one believed all the talk, one would be amazed at the number of white-soiled paladins fighting black-hearted traitors today.

Of course, some of the paladins are far too busy talking to fight the enemy. But their partisans are declaiming that they alone could end the war and bring peace to a troubled earth. These spoilsmen believe that the democracies are easy and that if we could be sold on the idea of their pet hero, we would see to it that the government of their own particular acre of Europe be handed over to them to rule.

Let us make one thing clear now and forevermore. We aren't minding other people's business but we have found out that we cannot live free in a slave world. Therefore we intend to set the people of Europe free—not give them new masters. We believe in freedom for ourselves. We don't let outsiders decide our elections and we aren't putting in our oar to tell other nations whom they shall choose.

What we want for other nations is the same thing we want for ourselves—as one, stable government of the people by the people and for the people; guaranteed freedom for all under the law; no discrimination in basic rights because of class, creed or color; economic security through the right of all citizens of all nations to work freely in the trade, business, or profession of their own choice; freedom of education—that is to say the right such as we have here for any able ambitious person to be an Horatio Alger hero; freedom from fear of aggression and from secret police—and lastly and before all, freedom of worship, no matter what the creed.

What we want for ourselves we want for all, but we do not dictate methods or rulers. Of course, as free speakers, we are free to take sides as individuals. But, as a nation, we shall not recognize any government that is not freely chosen under the laws of its own country.

Our own freedom depends upon the freedom of all peoples. Our own prosperity depends upon the prosperity of all peoples. Ours is a practical idealism—not a benevolent dictatorship. Let's make that clear once and for all.

FROM THE FILES

FORTY YEARS AGO

The following items were taken from the Payette Independent dated Dec. 16, 1904:

A few Christmas suggestions from Down's Harness Shop. A fine plush robe makes a very desirable present. Put one in his stocking. Maybe a pair of silver mounted spurs would be acceptable, or a

pair of hand-stamped leather cuffs. W. A. Coughanour is now the possessor of a young bull elk and the animal is a beauty too. The elk is not quite a year old yet and was captured in the mountains near North Powder, Ore., from where he was brought Tuesday by Will Coughanour.

J. L. Seawell, who has been vis-

iting his parents at their sheep ranch on Little Willow creek for the past year, was admitted to practice before the Supreme court of Idaho a few days ago on a certificate of the supreme court of California, his name having been presented by W. E. Borah of Boise. Miss Silvia Horlicher of Frankford, Ind., is visiting in this city at the home of her cousin, Mrs. M. W. Watts.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

The following items were taken from the Payette Enterprise dated Dec. 10, 1914:

Wm. Griggs has accepted a position with the Independent Meat Market.

Saturday, Dec. 12th, at Sur's Shoe store, at about 3 p. m. you will enjoy the Rooster and Turkey chase. Be on hand. These fowls will be thrown from the top of the building and the party who catches either one of all can have it to take home.

P. A. Creger was relieved of a fine ham weighing 29 lbs., worth about \$6 the other night, last seen of it hanging serenely in his smoke house and now he is curious to know in whose smoke house it reposes.

Jake Oster received a serious injury by having a mule kick him in the face. Medical aid was secured and several stitches were taken but it is quite likely that time will efface the scar.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Ficken and family have moved into their beautiful new bungalow where they will be able to enjoy all the modern conveniences and comfort.

Both the boys and girls have commenced basketball practice and will soon be in condition to put the name of P.H.S. on the map.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

The following items were taken from the Payette Enterprise dated Dec. 11, 1924:

The Idaho Canning company is now building a number of troughs to be used by the Van Deusen Sheep Co., who will soon move 8000 sheep to the company feed ground near the Payette river to consume the ensilage now in the silos.

M. O. Luther has on exhibition at his office quite a rare specimen, a "Hooded Merganser duck" mounted. It is a beautiful specimen, killed by Mr. Luther a few weeks ago while hunting on the Snake river.

A rolling kitchen and other property valued at \$1500 has just been received by Battery "C" from the war department.

C. W. Giesler, well known citizen, and a pioneer of the Payette valley, died from accidental poisoning last Thursday afternoon and his wife narrowly escaped death when both drank part of the contents of a bottle containing belladonna, a rank poison, believing they were taking Buchu.

TEN YEARS AGO

The following items were taken from the Payette Independent dated Dec. 13, 1934:

Sometime in the night of last Monday the Boise Payette Lumber Co., was broken into, and between \$24 and \$25 were taken from the cash drawer. Entry was made thru a window and no clues were found with the exception of footprints on the ground below the window.

An unusual program was given at the Kiwanis lunch Monday, when Lloyd Conn, former citizen of Payette, now working in the Dollar Line Steamship service, spoke of some of the details of the big ocean boats and how they are operated.

The tenth anniversary of the N. G. club of North Payette was observed on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Cora Fee. The charter members were entertained by the later members.

The Business and Professional Women's club started its winter season activities last Friday night with a social meeting, held at the Portia club house. Two outstanding features on the program were talks by Mrs. Edyth Sheeler and Lloyd Conn who are in Payette visiting their parents. Both are world travelers and had many interesting experiences to relate.

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B. W. Rice and T. A. Buckner of Caldwell, were in town Tuesday on their way home from Washoe, where they have been prospecting for gold and platinum. They secured some samples that looked like pay dirt, which have been sent to Salt Lake City to be assayed.

While crossing the tracks near the depot, Monday morning, Mrs. Van Duser slipped on some ice, causing her to fall, striking her hip on the rail. She was taken to the hospital in Ontario where the fracture was reduced.

A. B. Case of Carey, Idaho, arrived here yesterday morning on a visit to his brother, W. D. Case and family. Mr. Case formerly resided in Payette and has many old friends in this vicinity. He says at Carey it was 16 below zero when he left, and the Payette climate seemed almost like summer.

Many boys and girls, business men and others have been giving their spare hours after school and Saturdays to assist in the annual sale of Xmas seals for the Tuberculosis association in this county. The drive started Nov. 27th and will continue until Xmas day.

Raymond Ward, a Payette boy, won second prize in the Idaho Memorial Association's essay contest. Prizes were offered for the six best essays submitted by students from 12 to 18 years of age in the state of Idaho.

KAISER MAN TO BE HERE NEXT WEEK

With definite emphasis placed upon the nation's shipbuilding program as one of the "must" industries where production schedules are dangerously behind actual military needs, a representative of the Kaiser Company will set up recruiting headquarters at the USES in Payette on December 11 and 12 to present "front line" job opportunities for shipfitters, riggers, welders, warehousemen, chippers, and other men to be trained on the job for vital ship construction, according to Dewey D. Standish, manager of the WMC-USES here.

Standish explained that the urgency of the present nation-wide manpower mobilization program placed the responsibility for manning key production industries directly upon every community in the country.

HOG MARKETS GET DEFINITE SUPPORTS

Definite support prices on hogs sold at markets and buying stations other than Chicago have been established by WFA. In line with the Chicago support price, which is \$2.25 below the \$14.75 maximum price established by OPA, the support prices for other markets and buying stations will be \$2.25 under the OPA ceilings in effect on November 15, 1944 at these markets and stations. These provisions apply to good and choice butcher

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hogs weighing from 200 to 270 pounds, and will be in effect until June 30, 1945.

PAT HELIKER IN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Heliker have received packages and letters recently from their son, Pfc. Pat Heliker who is now stationed with the marines in the Hawaiian Islands. The young man has been overseas about a year, went thru the Marianna, Saipan and Tinian battles and is now in the islands for a rest period. His last letter indicated that he is helping to train marine recruits there.

PACKING PLANT NEAR COMPLETION

Workmen are putting final touches on the rebuilding of the Wells & Davies packing plant which was burned down near the stockyards south of town in August.

David Davies of the firm said Tuesday that they hoped to have the plant completed and ready for custom killing in from two to three weeks.

The building is an excellent new one and when completed will be modern in every detail.

PEOPLE RESPOND TO MAIL EARLY DRIVE

Postmaster L. M. Bowman reports that there has been excellent response so far to the campaign by the post office department for mailing Christmas parcels early and that he does not expect the peak days just before Christmas that came last year. People generally he said have been cooperating wholeheartedly.

He is now urging that Christmas cards, especially be mailed earlier than usual to prevent the usual last minute rush.

Patronize the classified ads

COMMISSIONERS ISSUE BEER LICENSES

County commissioners held their regular session at the court house Monday and besides taking up routine business matters issued renewal of beer licenses to Gertrude Dick of New Plymouth and H. A. Smith of Fruitland.

Strong Soaps

The large amount of alkali in strong soaps destroys the oil in linoleum, and causes the paint on felt-base coverings to soften and fade. For cleaning, manufacturers recommend clear water or mild soap and water.

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