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ROSEBURG, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1928.

WIDOW'S MITE TAKES FORM OF \$12,000 CHURCH ORGAN

Mrs. Matha Severson, of Everett, Washington, who for thirty years has scrubbed floors in office buildings of that city, has just received her annual tribute from the congregation of the First Baptist church. It took the form of a recital from the \$12,000 church organ which she gave the church out of her savings as a scrubwoman. The building was filled to capacity with a fashionable congregation and the programs announced that the recital was in honor of the donor of the organ. In the congregation at the honorary recital, wearing the same fur coat and black silk hat that she has worn to church for many years, sits Mrs. Severson herself. Fifty-four years old, her face is deeply lined and seamed, and her hands are rough and hardened with the toil of many years. Mrs. Severson is a janitress. For nearly thirty years she has cared for business offices in Everett. During this time, she has accumulated a competency of nearly one hundred thousand dollars, an amount far greater than the sum total of her earnings. She has demonstrated what thrift, coupled with the ability to save, will accomplish. Mrs. Severson lives in a small room among the offices over the Citizens' Bank. She goes to work at four in the morning, and usually does not return before midnight. Born on a farm near Christiania, Norway, Mrs. Severson married a carpenter, and emigrated with him to the United States in 1900.

"We had just enough money to pay our passage," she said in an interview with The American Magazine. "My husband had heart disease and serious stomach trouble, which prevented his working at his trade. So I earned our living. When I came to Everett, I got fifteen cents an hour for my work. I earned in all from thirty to thirty-five dollars a month."

Mrs. Severson is not a big woman. Yet at one time, without assistance, she cared for sixteen Everett business places. Until his death, which occurred a few years ago, her husband helped her, and since then she has usually employed one assistant.

"The largest amount I ever earned in one month was one hundred and thirty-five dollars during the war period," she said. "As soon as I had saved enough to make loans, I began letting money out at interest. This helped me a great deal."

Mrs. Severson owes her present prosperity entirely to her saving propensities, plus the advice of her banker friends, who have guided her wisely in the investment of her savings. Some time ago, she bought two lots, for which she paid \$35,000. The property is on the outskirts of Everett's business district. Mrs. Severson recently refused \$45,000 for it, claiming steadfastly that it is worth \$50,000 today. Fifteen years ago, when the First Baptist church was built, Mrs. Severson gave a twelve thousand dollar organ. Nor is this her only gift to the church. Her contributions have been a big factor in the development of the institution. Mrs. Severson recently purchased a five-acre tract of land, with house and out buildings, five miles out of Everett on the Mukilteo road. The site is well elevated, with a beautiful panoramic view over Puget Sound, suggestive, Mrs. Severson says, of the coast of Norway where her girlhood was spent. She paid five thousand dollars for the property. She plans to go into the nursery business when she retires.

"In a year or two," she explained, "I am going to give up my present work, and live on my Mukilteo place. There is money to be made in holly trees, and I have ordered a hundred that I shall plant. Gradually I will increase the number. I expect to end my days in comfort, among much the same surroundings that I knew as a child. And when my time is spent and my days are done, I will leave what I have saved to establish a home for destitute men and women in Everett."

Mrs. Severson's name is a passport to every business place in Everett. Bankers, brokers, business and professional men alike feel safe when they entrust their keys to this sturdy daughter of Norway. Her life has been one of unremitting, humble service to the community in which she lives.

Refusal of the city council to build an incinerator for the destruction of garbage and debris at the city dumping ground was probably justified by the involved cost—around \$15,000, according to the most conservative estimates—which the city cannot afford at the present time. But the North Roseburg residents, about one hundred in number, who petitioned for the incinerator are entitled to some form of relief if the stretch from the dumping ground is as bad as represented. It is stated that the stretch is especially obnoxious in hot weather or when a fire is set amid the rubbish. Taxpayers generally will endorse the action of the council in declining to add heavily to the city's indebtedness, but just as general will be recognition of the fact that the complainants should not be compelled to endure such a nuisance indefinitely. In a matter of this kind the pride of a municipality that boasts of its unsurpassed climate, scenic beauty, healthfulness and floral culture is as much at stake as the comfort of a group of its citizens. It is to be hoped that an inexpensive plan of meeting the problem will be devised at an early date.

The man starting the chain of 5-cent-to-a-dollar stores probably later on will handle the new automobile lines.

You can blame the bootlegger for the modern rye face.

PRUNE DICKIN'S

By BERT G. BATES

GOD EVENING FOLKS

Now that they're perfectin' this Radio television it'll be kinda Dangerous fer Any of the home Town fellers to Attend a night club While on a visit To the metrop— Imagine wifin At home tunin' in And across the Screen flits her Hubby with a Blonde hussy In his arms— Great age we're Livin' in!

The political bee is beginnin' to buzz, the candidates feelin' the annual urge that the great American people are so nuts about 'em that they are pleadin' with 'em to toss their derbies into the sawdust arena.

This week they observed the 8th Anniversary of the Volstead law. Some of the celebratin' was done with an extra bottle of ginger ale.

Mandy—Dat's some hot little couple you got Rastus. Rastus—She am dat. Tomorrow I's goin' go down and get me a couple of licentious plates.

GODD LUCK, JACK!
 Jack Harding is the new proxy of the Chamber of Commerce. He is receivin' the annual slaps on the back which every new president gets and which later are changed to kicks in the seat of the trousers.

Drunk (to a little dog that is following him)—Get outa here, the whole damned pack of ya.

The legion aggregation met last night and adjourned early to enjoy a standin' with the femmes. It was one of the features of a moral uplift campaign just started, takin' the place of the gallopin' dominoes and provin' more economical.

Chief of Piece Vaughn was on the main stem today wearin' a muffler which is a direct insult to our climate. We suggest that he wear a coonskin coat this summer.

LAFE PERKINS SEZ—
 "Wat's more disgustin' than sittin' down on a wad of parked gum?"

REFINANCING OF IRRIGATION DISTRICTS PLANNED

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 18.—Three more Oregon irrigation districts are slated for investigation with a view to reorganization and refinancing under the 1927 legislative act. This action was approved at a conference of the state reclamation commission yesterday with representatives of the bondholders of the Deschutes county municipal improvement district, the Silver Lake and the Summer Lake districts.

Rhea Luper, state engineer, will represent the state in the investigations. The bondholders representatives who attended the conference yesterday were Arthur B. Dunne, San Francisco, attorney for the Deschutes district; Colonel R. R. Place for the Silver Lake district; Edward A. Kell for the Summer Lake district bondholders.

The issuance of refunding bonds will be the object of the investigations. This was requested by the representatives and agreed to by the commission. For the Deschutes district, Dunne told the board that since August 1 his office has succeeded in securing control of enough bonds to warrant an active campaign for colonization of the project. This project has under cultivation about 5,000 acres out of 15,000 irrigable acres. Its total indebtedness is over \$1,000,000. Of this amount \$950,000 is in outstanding bonds, \$189,000 is owing the state for interest guaranties and the remainder is accrued interest and water right credits.

The Summer Lake and Silver Lake projects are in northern Lake county. The Summer Lake district contains about 4,000 irrigable acres of which 700 are under cultivation. Its outstanding bonds total \$255,300 and it owes the state \$85,200. The Silver Lake district contains about 6,000 acres of irrigable land of which 2,500 are under cultivation. Its outstanding bonded debt is \$274,000 and its debt to the state \$68,000.

FOR COUNTY CLERK

I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Clerk subject to the approval of the republican voters of Douglas county at the primary election, May 18.

A. J. GEDDES.

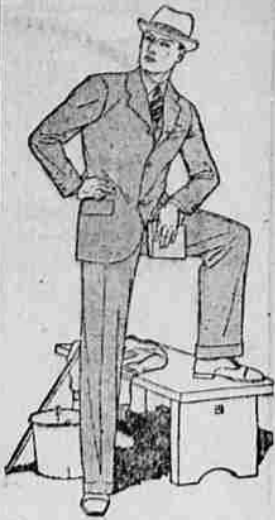
CALL FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received for a gymnasium by School District No. 12 (Gilde school) at two o'clock p. m. January 27, 1928, at the school house.

Plans and specifications may be obtained at the office of L. W. Metzger, Roseburg, or from the school clerk, H. D. Conine, upon deposit of five dollars, which will be returned upon return of plans.

The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to accept the one considered best for the district.

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 By H. D. Conine Clerk.



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Harth's TOGGERY

FLIERS MAKE 4TH ATTEMPT TO ANNEX NEW AIR RECORDS

Associated Press (Leads Wire).
 SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—In her fourth attempt to break the world record for sustained flight by an airplane, the tri-motored Fokker monoplane "Spirit of California" early today was circling over northern California.

The plane took off here at 8:09 a. m. yesterday, and flew over this section of the state through the day and last night. With weather conditions favorable to the pilot, Captain Charles Kingford-Smith, British air ace, and Lieutenant George R. Pond, U. S. N., slowed down the engines late last night to conserve the gasoline supply. The propellers registered only 1629 revolutions per minute.

The plane came within about three hours of breaking the record in a previous attempt. The record, 52 hours, 22 minutes, and 31 seconds, was set by German aviators. To establish a new record officially, the aviators must beat the old mark by an hour.

GEDDES TO MAKE CAMPAIGN FOR CLERK'S OFFICE

A. J. Geddes, former abstractor, and more recently employed as manager of the Roseburg cannery, today officially announced himself a candidate on the republican ticket for the office of county clerk. Mr. Geddes is well qualified by training and experience for this office and as he has a wide acquaintance throughout the county is expected to make a strong race. He is immediately starting an active campaign.

CHINESE PIRATES KILL BRITISHER

Associated Press (Leads Wire).
 HONGKONG, Jan. 18.—The British mate of a Chinese steamer was killed when it was attacked by Chinese pirates while enroute from Hongkong to Honmoon, 75 miles south of Canton.

The pirates were believed to be discharged members of the crew of the ship, the Sui Nam Ho. The mate, Hugh Conway, was killed when the crew of the ship offered resistance. All other Europeans aboard were wounded, except Captain Sparks and a Portuguese chief engineer. Two Indians were killed.

Today

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than one per cent of what this country owes him. The "Spirit of St. Louis," despite all Lindbergh's good care, must be getting old and worn, and a brand new machine, best and safest the world can produce, should take its place.

Advice often given here "don't sell anything in this country short" is based on the fact that good American properties are cheap, and going up. Frazier, Selke & Co., list 100 American stocks whose total value was over seventeen billions at the end of 1926 and more than twenty-three billions at the end of 1927, a gain of five billion eight hundred and eighteen million dollars in one year. Does that look like a "good short sale"?

This year the country's electric light and power companies alone spend nine hundred millions on new construction. They evidently expect more business, although great cement plants, utilizing low power heat that has hitherto gone up the chimneys, will reduce electric power consumption by one-half, or more. Don't gamble. Above all, don't sell short.

A Washington correspondent says Secretary Mellon will support Herbert Hoover for president next year. Millions of voters, in both parties, hope that Mr. Mellon himself will be nominated, and feel sure that he would be elected by a majority overwhelming. Mr. Mellon's endorsement of Mr. Hoover would be very powerful, would mean many votes in the convention, and many votes at the polls.

La Nation, newspaper, said to be owned by the government of Chile, carries on what John Clayton, well known correspondent, calls a "campaign of filthy, vicious abuse of the United States." Clayton suggests a serious clash between Chile and this country. It takes two to make a serious clash, especially when one is overwhelmingly more powerful than the other.

Vicious abuse never hurts, when it is false. George Washington was viciously abused, accused or planning to make himself king of America. That did not hurt him or his reputation. It is what you are, what you do and what your intentions are that counts, not what others say about you. Let La Nation talk and abuse and let us do our best to build up this North and South American continent, especially our part of it. And let us keep ready always, in case words should change to action. If we are ready, they will not change to action.

FORMER COP CONFESSES TO ARSON

Associated Press (Leads Wire).
 WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—An "irresistible impulse" is given by the police as the confessed reason why John J. Fisher set two fires in the series that scattered ruin throughout the city yesterday morning.

Deciding that Fisher, 29-year-old former policeman and recently a psychopathic patient here, had confessed to causing the two blazes, police authorities said he had done so after watching firemen battle two earlier downtown blazes. They said he admitted touching matches to the McDowell and Sons grain warehouse at Eckington Place and Q street, in the northeast quarter of the city and then to the Lank Woodworking company at 14th and W streets, northwest.

Fisher was arrested after having spent more than two hours watching local firemen and other summoned to fight the flames he had caused. He stoutly denied connection with the other major fires.

BAN WAR SCENES

Associated Press (Leads Wire).
 PARIS, Jan. 18.—War scenes can no longer be dragged into French motion pictures to "put the boys in the army" or "drain the government's funds. The censor to refuse to approve such pictures because "the tragic events of the war which recall so much tragedy and suffering should not be travestied for commercial ends."

DAILY WEATHER REPORT

U. S. Weather Bureau Office, Roseburg, Oregon. Data reported by Arthur W. Fugh, Meteorologist in charge.

Barometric pressure (reduced to sea level) 5 a. m. 30.11
 Relative humidity 5 p. m. yesterday (per cent) 91
 Precip. in inches and Hundredths: Highest temperature yesterday 25
 Lowest temperature last night 29
 Average temperature for the day 30
 Normal temperature for this date 41
 Total precip. since last month 1.29
 Normal precip. for this month 5.31
 Total precip. from Sept. 1, 1927, to date 13.58
 Average precip. from Sept. 1, 1927, to date 17.09
 Total deficiency since Sept. 1, 1927, to date 2.51
 Average seasonal precip. Sept. 1 to May, inclusive 31.12
 Forecast for southwest Oregon: Cloudy and cold tonight and Thursday.

THE TINYMITES

STORY BY MAL COCHRAN — PICTURES BY KNUCK



READ THE STORY, THEN COLOR THE PICTURE

them walk somehow. It's possible they'll come to life, if we'll just treat them kind."

"If these are crackers," Clowdy said, "I guess it's safe to go ahead and eat a few. I'm hungry now and they will taste real good. Let's all sit down and have a meal, 'cause that's exactly how I feel. We'll eat until we've had our fill—or don't you think we should?"

Then Scouty said, "Well, I don't know. It's rather mean to treat them so. They're very cute and maybe they will sometime come to life. Of course I'd like to have a bite but I don't think it seems just right. Why, it might even hurt them if we'd cut them with a knife."

And so, on hearing Scouty plead, the band of Tinymites agreed to seek some other kind of food. A woods was right nearby. They scampered in and looked around to see if berries might be found. It wasn't long until the bunch heard Copy loudly cry:

"Oh, just look here! See what I've found." The bunch then pushed him with a bound. "What is it?" shouted Copy. "Is it something we can eat?" "You... it is," fine Copy said. "It's just a fine strawberry bed. There's plenty here for all of us. We're going to have a treat."

The berries tasted mighty good. The Tinymites ate all they could, and Clowdy shouted, "This is great. It's almost like a dream. My hands are stained. I only wish that I could eat them from a dish." Then Scouty laughed and said, "I'll bet you'd also like some cream."

It wasn't long till they were through. "I'll tell you what we'd better do," said Copy, as he turned and ran, and left the "band" behind. "Let's go back to our crackers now, and try to make

utility program: 7:50 p. m., market reports; 7:55 p. m., "Preparation for the Potato Crop," rrrr, G. R. Hyslop; 7:45 to 8:00 p. m., chats with the homemaker, Aunt Sammy; 8:00 to 9:00 the Grange Lecture Hour.

SENIOR HIGH BOYS IN 'AG' CLASS MAKE EXCELLENT REPORT

Students Average \$116 Labor Income From 39 Farm Projects—Receive Profit.

Each boy in the agricultural department of the Senior high school is required to complete a project before he is given credit for the course. He must keep a complete record of his project, stating the amount of labor expended, expenses, and receipts. The following is the project report for the year 1927, which shows good financial returns in addition to the training received by the pupils in their school work.

Of the 42 projects started by Mr. Moreland, 39 have been completed. The 3 projects which are unfinished consist of broccoli and will be completed as soon as the crop is marketed.

The most popular projects were as follows: construction, 19; poultry, 9; corn, 5; bees, 4. Others consisted of cows, sheep, gardens, turkeys and geese.

SUMMARY OF PROJECT RESULTS
 Total receipts 39 projects, \$64,125.
 Total expenses 39 projects, \$38,124.
 Total net profit \$26,001.
 A total of 459 hours were expended on the projects by the boys. The 39 projects had a combined labor income of \$4534.00 or an average \$116 per project. These figures are considerably higher than last year but there is still room for improvement, as the average labor income from the projects throughout the state amounted to \$157 last year. It will be noted that the boys earned nearly a dollar an hour for each hour spent at work on their projects.

Some of the outstanding projects: Arthur Johnson, 3 dairy cows, \$400.
 Edward Gladwill, turkeys, \$353.31.
 William Durt, tomatoes and rabbits, \$129.50.
 Roy Havens, poultry, \$158.83.
 The boys learn in the classroom the best and most efficient methods of production and marketing and put them into operation on their projects. One of the best reasons the boys learn in connection with their projects is the necessity of keeping accurate records of receipts and expenses.

RADIO PROGRAMS

Portland stations
 KGW, 4915—6 to 6:30 p. m., dinner music; 6:30 to 7 p. m., Pacific coast network; 7 to 7:30 p. m., vocal and piano melodies; 7:30 to 7:45 p. m., poultry lecture; 7:45 to 8 p. m., lecture. Catholic Truth society; 8 to 9 p. m., concert orchestra; 9 to 10 p. m., "The Vagabonds"; 10 to 11 p. m., instrumental music; 11 to 12 p. m., dance music.

KEV, 239—6:30, utility; 6:30-7, children's program; 7:30, dance music; 8:30, studio feature; 9-10, recital; 10-12, dance music.
 KOIN, 319—6:15-6 p. m., topsy-turvy time; 6:57, dinner concert; 7:15, amusement guide and utility; 7:15-8, orchestra concert; 8-10, studio artists' program; 10-11:30 dance music.

Other Coast Stations
 KOAC, Corvallis, 2701—7-9:00 to 7:20 p. m., th campus reporter and music; 7:20 p. m., farm news writing, Prof. C. J. McIntosh; 7:30 to 7:45 p. m., instr.

TEAM GOING NORTH BEND

The Roseburg senior high school basketball team goes to North Bend Saturday to play the local team of that city. The local team suffered a bad defeat from Myrtle Point last week, and has been trying to work out many of the faults uncovered in that contest. It is believed that a better showing will be made in the North Bend game.

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SEAT SALE JUNIOR PLAY FINE; ALL IN SHAPE FOR SHOW

The seat sale for the junior class play, "The Goose Hangs High," Lewis Beach's three-act comedy, which will be presented on the night of January 20 in the main auditorium of the Senior high school, is progressing splendidly, from reports and from interest manifested in the production it is expected that a large number will be in attendance, as the play is one which the theatrical public will greatly enjoy.

The parts are being perfected and polished by the cast of characters this week and dress rehearsals will be held tonight and Friday afternoon. Different parts of the play will be given by members of the cast during activity period on Thursday at the Junior high school and also at the Senior high school during that period.

The scene of the play is laid in a little place a short distance from New York and the theme embodies the spirit of youth of the present day. The production has a moral which will be extremely interesting to those who have seen the play elsewhere as well as those who have not attended a showing. The cast includes Carmel Newland, Norma Strader, Margaret Page, Charles Cook, Robert Daws, Walter Welker, Edward Hagar, Leslie Cummins, Vera McClintock, Charles Bayles, Crystal Finn, Elton Jackson and Mary Printz.

EUGENE MAN IS FIRST CANDIDATE

Associated Press (Leads Wire).
 SALEM, Ore., Jan. 18.—Lawrence N. Blowers of Eugene today became the first candidate in the 1928 political campaign to file his candidacy for office. Mr. Blowers filed with the secretary of state his declaration as a candidate for delegate at large to the Republican national convention.

"I believe in the 18th amendment and favor a frank and fearless declaration in the party platform indorsing and pledging continued support to the constitution from top to bottom," says his platform; giving our farmers equal consideration with that now accorded eastern manufacturers; protection of our working men and their families by closer restriction of immigration; in time of war and national peril the government should conscript money and property as it now drafts human lives. Take the profit out of war."

BIG CROWD PRESENT JR. HIGH PROGRAM

The junior high school auditorium was crammed to the limit last night by the large audience gathered for the entertaining program presented by the Williams colored musicians. The crowd was well pleased by the exceptionally fine program, which consisted of music ranging from classical to plantation melodies. The harmony was excellent and all present were delightfully entertained. The proceeds will be used for school activities.