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## THE PRUNE HARVEST

NOW that the prune harvest is nearing its final clean up we can say with a sigh that this has been a most unusual year for the prune growers. To review the season briefly, we had prospects for a super-bumper crop; California districts were short; contracts were made which gave higher prices than for ten years past. Then came smoke and haze over the valley and development was slow causing a delayed harvest. Had rained followed the smoke and haze, the result would have been a terrible loss. Bright warm sunshine followed, however, and the prunes ripened and were of fine quality. Thus far with nature smiling and helpful the whole way, Douglas county prune growers were in wonderfully fine shape. Had they owned their own packing plant and controlled their own marketing the story would probably have had a happier ending. Under existing conditions the end of the story is that some of the packing plants with which growers had contracted rejected and compelled the redrying and resorting of the prunes to such an extent that nowhere near the total amount anticipated was realized from the crop.

The packing plants here referred to are private corporations and have their own business interests to protect. If they were within their legal rights in their action, and it must be assumed here that they were, it is entirely their own business. There is this much to be said with reference to the marketing of this year's prune crop, those who have suffered losses as a result of the attitude of the packers should analyze their own individual marketing problems and if it seems to them that they were unfairly treated they should take steps now to prevent a recurrence of such mistreatment.

Obviously it is one thing to say that they should "take steps to prevent a recurrence," and quite another thing to actually plan and take such steps. Cooperative packing and marketing of prunes, or at least the obtaining of facilities for such cooperative packing and marketing, if that step seems advisable, is the best insurance against such a condition developing again. Other prune growing districts have cooperative packing enterprises and these enterprises are successful. It is time now that the prune growers in this valley get together around a table and talk seriously about establishing their own packing plant. It can be done.

A telegram from the Pacific International Livestock exposition in Portland brings the news that Douglas county prunes took every first and second prize offered. Douglas county years took all of the blue ribbons except two. There are occasions when the well-worn phrase: "We told you so" is out of place—but this is not one of those occasions. This newspaper is proud to say that it has repeatedly stated that Douglas county products are superior to similar products produced in other sections of the country.

## POEM FOR THE DAY

By LOUIS ALBERT BANKS

### THE FUTURE OF OREGON

Governor L. L. Patterson closed his splendid address at the dedication of the Douglas county court house, October nineteenth, with these prophetic words:

"Our western ports are natural way stations to unexploited markets across the Pacific. We are strategically located to take advantage of the awakening of Asia and the growing commercial intercourse with the Orient which, when it reaches its culmination, will, I believe, mean commerce on the Pacific to rival that on the Atlantic. I am ready to believe that they are not dreamers but seers who foretell a population of 25,000,000 people on the Pacific slope within the next twenty-five years. The westward movement which has brought Oregon her greatness is not at an end—it is only well begun. As I look back upon the progress of Oregon, and as I look forward to the progress of Oregon, I can say, with confidence and sincerity, that the glory of her present is her promise for the future."

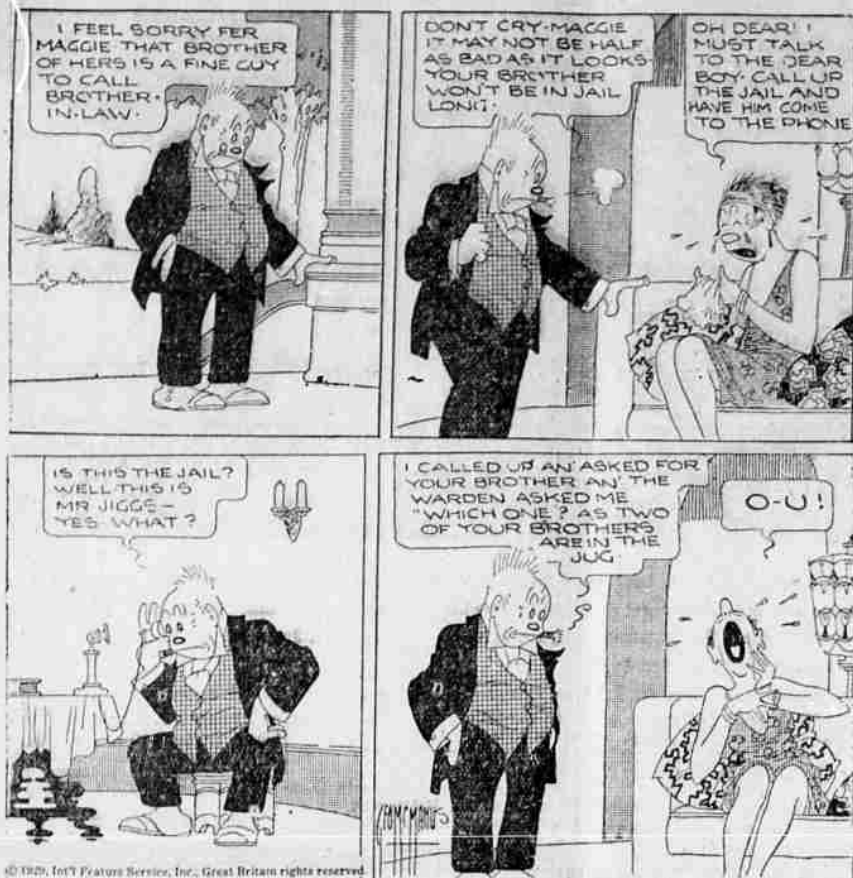
These words of Governor Patterson, Fair Oregon's distinguished son, Prophetic are, awake our dreams, And stir to life poetic themes, We see the millions coming West, Where soil and climate are the best; They look across Pacific's tide, Where China wakes to modern pride.

Our vision views the ocean trails, A thousand ships through sun and gales, That carry of our fruits galore, But wakening Asia calls for more; Her thousand million human souls Awake to play increasing roles; Our cities grow by leaps and bounds; Our beauty through the earth resounds.

Atlantic seaboard's had its day, Pacific coast will come to sway, The mighty traffic of the world Around Mount Hood will soon be hurled, The West and Orient here will vie— All races find their place to buy The fabled wealth Columbus sought Will quickly to our doors be brought.

Our Oregon is kissed by light And soon will glory in her might; Her rivers then will thrill with power, Her wondrous soil will burst in flower, Let's lay foundations firm and strong— Mankind shall o'er our highways throng, Our dawn of triumph has begun— Pacific Coast is in the sun.

## BRINGING UP FATHER



## The OFFICE CAT

Moth balls: A foul smelling stuff that seems to increase moths in woolen clothes.

Many a lady drops a handkerchief and picks up a husband.

Wife—John, you were swearing terribly in your sleep last night. Husband—I had a bad dream. I dreamed there was an angel by my side.

Wife—Surely, that was nothing to swear about. Husband—Well, dog-gone it, the angel turned out to be you.

## EDITORIALS ON THE DAY'S NEWS

(Continued from page 1)

Just enough of the story has been printed in the newspapers to make it quite plain that young Mr. Thorne isn't intrinsically worth anything like the value of the powder it would take to shoot him.

WHEN the founders of this nation of ours made it impossible to entail property, thus passing great wealth down unbroken from father to eldest son and so on indefinitely, they were wise and far seeing.

In a very large number of instances our great fortunes are built up by able men and are dissipated by silly, reckless, good-for-nothing sons like Harry K. Thaw and Gordon G. Thorne.

We go on the theory that if a man can't keep it he shouldn't have it. It is a pretty sound theory.

THE Ashland Tidings, moralizing over the theft of an automobile, asks this question: "Do you know the license number of your car?" Well, do you know the license number of your car? If it were stolen and you undertook to describe it, could you give, off hand, much more than the name of the maker and the color of the paint?

It is really surprising how unobservant the average person is.

## Maybe I'm Wrong

By J. P. MEDBURY

Marriages may be made in Heaven, but after the wedding the couples usually come down to earth.

TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT. Lock-jaw is nature's gas saving device.

AUTO-SUGGESTION. The emergency hospitals are filled with motorists who had the right of way.

SOCIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS. If you can't get to the top, you can still have a lot of fun at the bottom of the ladder.

AMONG THE LITERATI. "Hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil" and you'll never be able to write for the confession magazines.

NULL AND VOID. The fellow who tells everybody that he's a spokesman for a wire wheel factory.

THE GOOD OLD DAZE. "Get the best of liquor" advocates a New York minister. Well, we're getting the best we can.

OUR OWN VAUDEVILLE. Young Co-ed—Has your father written to you lately? College Boy—No, not a cent. Copyright, 1929, Kline Features Syndicate, Inc.

## STREET DIN OFTEN A CAUSE OF "NERVES"

There's No Doubt That the Noises of Big Cities Tend to Impair One's General Health, Says Authority, Citing Recent Laboratory Tests.

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M. D.

United States Senator from New York.  
Former Commissioner of Health, New York City.

YOU need not be told by an eminent scientist that noises are disagreeable. They keep us awake at night and make us nervous in the daytime.

But has it ever occurred to you that noises can actually retard growth? This is a new idea, isn't it?

At a recent meeting in Boston of the National Home Economics Association, a remarkable address was made by Dr. Donald A. Laird, of Colgate University. He is director of the psychological laboratory in that institution and for a long time has been studying the effects of noises on white rats.

Dr. Laird believes that the noises of American cities actually stunt the growth. Let me quote his statement: "For more than a year we have been following through the effects of city noises on white rats, yielding results which it would take about thirty years' observations upon humans to obtain. Rather startling effects have been recorded.

For instance, the rats kept in relative quiet eat two or three per cent more food than their brothers and sisters that are kept under the electrically duplicated city noises; but with only this small advantage in appetite, as shown by food consumption, the rats kept under the quiet conditions grow somewhat around 10 per cent more rapidly.

"These, scientifically controlled observations on animals are paralleled and confirmed by measurements of city and country children, which reveal almost invariably a greater rate of growth among the country boys and girls."

Of course it will take a lot of confirmatory work to prove that Dr. Laird is right. It would be easy to point out objections to his conclusions. For instance, there may be those who will dispute the final statement that "measurements of city and country children . . . reveal almost invariably a greater rate of growth among the country boys and girls."

But setting aside such objections, there can be no doubt that the noises of a city have created a serious public health problem. This troubled me all the time I was Commissioner of Health of the City of New York. In that great community of six millions of active persons, to say nothing of the millions of autos and trucks, there is bound to be clutter and din that are almost deafening.

If these noises actually retard the appetite, there can be no doubt that growth would be unfavorably affected. But even though growth is not affected, broken rest and irritated nervous systems are bad for the human race.

Every city should give heed to the broken rest. There are so many devices for deadening sound that a systematic and earnest campaign would result in great improvement.

## Good Manners

By MRS. CORNELIUS BECKMAN

Selecting Bridal Attendants

DEAR MISS BECKMAN: I have been a reader of your column for the past seven years and have found it so helpful that I am writing to you now in the hope that you may be able to help me with my problem.

I am engaged and expect to be married shortly. While discussing the marriage plans with both families, I mentioned the bridesmaids and ushers—and there the difficulty lies. My fiancé has one sister and a brother younger than himself, and one brother who is older. I have a younger brother and two very young sisters. My fiancé's sister insists that she should be maid of honor, since I have no sister old enough to fill that place, while I would rather have my girl friend as my chief attendant, with my fiancé's older brother as best man. My future sister-in-law says it is proper for her to be coupled with her brother, while I say it is not. She also says she does not think it necessary for her oldest brother to be best man, while I feel that

## By Geo. McManus

## Heads American Surgeons



Dr. C. Jeff Miller of New Orleans, who is president-elect of the American College of Surgeons, took recently concluded his annual meeting in Chicago, Ill. Dr. Miller will take office in 1930. He will succeed Dr. Merritt W. Ireland, surgeon-general of the United States Army. Dr. Miller, who has been practicing medicine in New Orleans for the past 25 years, has been professor of gynecology at Tulane University for the past 18 years and has long been recognized as one of the foremost international authorities in his chosen field.

you think they are too young, then, by all means, invite your girl friend to be your chief attendant. Explain to your sister-in-law that this is your choice, and that you are very anxious to carry out this plan. Be as pleasant as possible. If you are to have bridesmaids, it would, of course, be correct for you to invite your bridegroom's sister to be one of the bridesmaids, but even this is not absolutely necessary, even though customary.

Just as your sister-in-law-to-be should not have anything to say about your choice of your chief attendant, so you do not make the choice of the best man. The best man is chosen by the bridegroom, and is invited by him. It is according to custom for the bridegroom to invite his brother to be his best man, and it would seem strange if your bridegroom did not do this.

Don't Be a "Goop!" DEAR MRS. BECKMAN: My father criticized my using a toothpick in restaurants. He says it is about the same thing as using one's toothbrush in public. Do ladies do it? What is your opinion? Should a man?

DO YOU remember the "Goops?" "The Goops, they lick their fingers." "The Goops, they lick their knives." If you don't watch out, you'll be banished to live with the Goops!

All the people who use toothpicks in public places should be made to eat alone—behind a screen, so that no one would have to behold them. Did you ever do this when you were in a restaurant? And were you ever invited again? Or were you invited by the Goops? The Goops! "I suppose wouldn't mind having such primitive personal habits themselves. It's just as atrocious manners for women or men."

(Mrs. Beckman will be glad to answer questions on etiquette submitted by readers.) Copyright, 1929, by Premier Syndicate, Inc.

## Divorce Wanted—

Suit for divorce has been filed in the circuit court by R. J. Childers against Flora Childers, charging cruel and inhuman treatment. They were married at La Grande, April 1921. Attorney J. H. Austin of Reedsport represents the plaintiff.

## 1 DEAD, 2 MANGLED IN HUNTING MISHAPS

(Associated Press Local Wire)  
PENDLETON, Ore., Oct. 28.—Sunday hunting accidents in Umatilla county took one life and caused two men to lose parts of their arms.

Reischel Lackey, 37, of Milton, was killed when his shotgun discharged as he fell down a bank, rear of his head was blown off. He is survived by his widow and four children.

Howard Walker, 15, of Milton, lost his right arm when his shotgun was accidentally discharged.

A. C. Houghton of Hermiston suffered a shattered left hand when his automatic shotgun discharged as he was taking it from his car. He lost two or three fingers.

## OREGON WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL NEWS

The following record of industrial activity lists items showing investment of capital, employment of labor and business activities and opportunities.

Portland—Plans under way for construction of English court apartment house on Webster street between East Forty-third and East Forty-fourth streets north.

Portland—Plans completed for construction of \$150,000 four-story apartment house at Warren avenue near E. John street.

Portland—Contracts awarded for erection of plant for Frodoist Ice cream company on East 11th street between Belmont and Taylor streets.

Dufur—Grading operations on East road market road practically completed.

John Day—Building being erected by Boy Scouts of this place for processing rapids.

Good Friday—Construction of mining plant on beach one mile north of mouth of Rogue completed.

Myrtle Point—Swift & Company acquired Sugarloaf creamery in this place.

John Day—Construction will start soon on 60-room hotel building.

Vacuna—Construction work well under way on Yaquina golf links.

Corvallis—Prominent plans underway for erection of two fraternity houses which will represent proposed expenditure of \$55,000.

Newport—Midway theatre being extensively improved.

Portland—Bids opened for construction of gymnasium for West Portland school.

Springfield—Recently burned Al Schenck blacksmith shop will be reconstructed on site of old structure.

Pendleton—Northwest Cities Gas company expending \$15,000 here to improve distribution of gas.

Widening of John Day highway between Vale and Junction completed.

Portland—Northwest headquarters opened in Terminal Sales building for distribution of Buette dry cleaning and washing machines.

Klamath Falls—Southern Pacific passenger depot, located at Oak and Spring, will be remodeled immediately.

Portland—Plans completed for building to house Labor Auto Springs company on former site of ecclesiastical of Roman Catholic church at 11th and Davis streets.

Dufur—Hanna building being remodeled.

Gresham—New additions being built on Walker Fox ranch just east of this place on Powell Valley road.

Gresham—Plans under way for erection of up-to-date paint shop in the future for Baker & Son, local Ford dealers.

Construction of Drain-Reedsport highway progressing rapidly.

St. Hood loop road, between foot of Laurel hill and government camp, being greatly improved.

Astoria—Old McClure school playground on Franklin avenue being improved.

Klamath Falls—Forbes Drug store in recently completed Wayman building on Ninth and Main street corner.

Klamath Falls—Construction of

agriculture building will be completed in near future.

Astoria—City's street improvement program for the year completed.

Portland—Contract awarded for construction of ice cream plant for lower Columbia dairy firm.

Klamath Falls—Construction of Pelletier Cleaning and Dye Works plant completed.

Main—Plans under way for construction of \$25,000 sewer system for this city.

Clatskanie—Doumitt Bros. department store considerably improved.

Clatskanie—J. C. Penney company held formal opening.

## GRAVE GHOUL GETS 13 MONTHS' TERM

(Associated Press Local Wire)  
PORTLAND, Oct. 28.—Tom Wood, Indian, arrested last week by Umatilla Indian reservation officials on a charge of being implicated in the robbing of several graves on the reservation, today was sentenced to thirteen months at McNeil Island federal prison.

This sentence, however, had nothing to do with the alleged desecration of the graves.

Wood pleaded guilty to burglary of a house on the reservation.

"Have you anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced?" the court asked.

"Yes, I would like to help catch those other fellows—they did the dirty work," Wood declared.

Thirteen months from now, the court intimated, he will have an opportunity to search for the conspirators.

## COUNTY GARAGE WILL BE CONVERTED INTO HOME

The large garage building on the continuous grounds is to be moved to the county home and will be remodeled to provide living quarters for the superintendent and family, County Judge W. S. Hamilton announced today. The contract for moving the building has been let to F. F. Patterson. The structure is well built and can easily be converted into a dwelling. The county home is frequently overcrowded, so that by having the superintendent and family in separate quarters will release several additional rooms for the use of the inmates of the institution.

## TWO INJURED IN AUTO MISHAPS IN UMATILLA

(Associated Press Local Wire)  
PENDLETON, Ore., Oct. 28.—Frank Buskirk, 7 years old, was recovering today from injuries received Saturday when he was run over by an automobile driven by Frank Fuller of La Grande. He suffered injuries to his head and chest.

Buchell Doms, 18, was badly hurt when the steering gear on his car broke and the machine ran off the road. He was found unconscious with his feet caught and his head hanging downward.

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