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Ban the Nets.

THE fish commission of the state of Oregon is giving serious consideration to closing the Umpqua river to net fishing. The fish commission has the power to do this under its authority to "promote industry, to protect and defend the rights of the citizens of the state and to conserve and develop the natural resources of the fish life in our streams and rivers and the natural recreational features pertaining thereto in the interest of the state of Oregon." We quote from the argument submitted to the commission recently by the North Umpqua Sportsmen's club.

It is generally understood that the fish commission operates largely in the interest of the commercial fishermen. The game commission, on the other hand, is mostly interested in the conservation of wild life and its propagation for sport.

In the case of salmon fishing at the mouth of the Umpqua river the interests of the sport fishermen and the game fishermen are identical. The only trouble is that the commercial fishermen have until now at least, maintained the attitude that they would sweep the river clean of fish so long as any remained and let the future take care of itself. To be sure the fish commission has maintained a hatchery on the river but each year the run of salmon has diminished and the number of eggs taken has grown smaller. Thus the commercial fishing industry at the mouth of the river is slowly but surely killing off its own industry and ruining the river as a great sport fishing stream. This last is particularly true because the steelheads, greatest game fish on earth, are taken in the nets as well as salmon.

The fish commission knows the facts. It has the legal right to close the river to commercial net fishing. If it does not do it the matter will come up for legislative action, possibly to a vote of the people and the whole subject will become a political football. The legislature and the people of the state cannot possibly decide on this situation with the intelligence that the fish commission can apply to it.

The News-Review asks that the fish commission close the Umpqua. The commission's policy of leaving the river open to net fishing, attempting to keep the stream stocked by means of propagating fish, has FAILED. The salmon and steelhead are nearly GONE from the river as the result of this policy. Now we ask a change—we ask that the river be closed to net fishing while there is still a chance of restocking the stream. We ask this for the future good of commercial fishing as well as for the sportsmen.

Editorials on News
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sardines. Just about EVERYTHING preys on the sardine. The sardine seems to be just as bad off down there as the poor devil of a taxpayer up in this country.)

When they see the murres and the gulls flapping and squalling and diving over a particular patch of water, they know where to go to work.

WHEN a school of sardines is spotted they cruise into it and the Mexican boatmen toss a stick of dynamite out into the water. The dynamite goes off with a beautiful bang, stunning sardines for yards and yards around. They then throw in their baited hooks, and when the totauva come up to swallow the stunned sardines they get them.

These totauva, you see, are a lot like greedy people. When they think they see some easy picking, they go after it hard and GET HOOKED.

THE totauva is a fine food fish, and the catch is marketed principally in Southern California. Iced trucks transport the fish to market.

The Mexican fishermen earn about 25 pesos a day, when the fishing is fairly good. The present value of the peso is about 28 cents American, but a peso down there will buy about as much as a dollar here.

So these fishermen do pretty well by themselves.

THE fish are cleaned on the beach and loaded into the trucks. After the day's catch is cleaned, the offal is eaten by the dogs and the Seri Indians, who come in from the surrounding brush.

It takes a keen observer to tell the Seri Indians from the dogs.

THEY reached the Gulf of California by way of Nogales and Hermosilla. Between these two points there is a good road, which at one point is perfectly straight for 45 miles. They had a native son of Southern California in the party, and he actually admitted that this is a longer tangent than can be found in the Golden State.

Miracles, you see, still occur.

IT WAS a fine trip and they enjoyed it thoroughly, but came back wholly convinced that the United States is a GRAND place to be living, in spite of all the pessimists say.

One of the great benefits of travel is that it proves to us that our own country is a great place; its people better off, on the average, than the people of any other country.

It's a pity more of us can't get away oftener.

OREGON EVENTS FLASHED FROM WIRE SERVICE

BEND, Ore., Feb. 11.—(AP)—Mayor Joseph K. Carson of Portland told the Bend Kiwanis club that "work, economy and reduction of debt are present factors.

"We nations of America are in their present predicament because we haven't followed good sense—we have followed false leaders, we have lacked leadership and our people have lost their moral and spiritual moorings."

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 11.—(AP)—The state unemployment insurance act is intended as a shock absorber to spread the burden of caring for the jobless over a wider area, and is not calculated to halt unemployment, Otto Hartwig told the Portland chamber of commerce.

Hartwig, who is public relations director for the state unemployment insurance commission, said benefits would begin in 1938.

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Feb. 11.—(AP)—State police and deputy sheriffs raided five resorts at Oregon and Cascade Locks, seized six pin ball machines and cited operators to appear in justice court here.

SALEM, Feb. 10.—(AP)—The secretary of state's office reported 249,211 Oregon automobile licenses sold to date this year, as compared to 219,099 at the corresponding time in 1935.

AVIATOR POMBO, WEDS INAMORATA

MADRID, Feb. 11.—(AP)—Juan Ignacio Pombo, whose romance with Senorita Maria Elena Rivero stirred up as much interest as his trans-Atlantic flight to Mexico, married the girl today.

The ceremony was performed in the Church of San Marcos in the presence of numerous aviators and diplomats from Latin-America—but with the bride's mother absent.

Senora Concha Rivero, a widow, was said by friends to have refused her consent to the marriage.

Pombo wore the uniform of a civilian aviator pilot with the decorations conferred by the Mexican government last year at the conclusion of his flight to woo Senorita Rivero, then visiting with her mother in Mexico City.

FISH DESTRUCTION CHARGE IS FACED

OREGON CITY, Ore., Feb. 11.—(AP)—Charges of causing destruction to thousands of bass by draining Lake lane, adjoining Oswego lake, were placed against William Simonton, manager of the Land estate company, by state police. He was cited to appear in Milwaukie justice court.

Officers said thousands of crappies, bass, sunfish, carp and crawfish were left to die and flocks of crows feasted on them, many of which were frozen in the mud.

The lake was drained in warm weather last summer but the fish commission was notified then and dipped out most of the fish.

DEATH NEARS FOR 'COIN' HARVEY, 85

MONTE NE, Ariz., Feb. 11.—(AP)—W. H. (Coin) Harvey, 85-year-old free silver advocate and Liberty party candidate for president in 1932, was reported suffering from acute peritonitis today with attendants expressing grave concern over his condition.

Ain't It Grand to Have a Steady Feller!

HIGH SCHOOL TRAGEDY

By MAXINE CANTY

CHAPTER XIII

So soon as I was settled, the inspector returned to his desk. One or two other men came in, one officer, the other in plain clothes. In a short time, Mrs. Sardoni entered. She was dressed in dark red again with black furs and a smart red hat. She walked quickly, gracefully and her voice was deep.

"Good morning, inspector," she greeted him.

He rose, waved to the other men. "You know Grant, Smith, Atwater?"

She nodded to them carelessly.

"Won't you sit down?"

Mrs. Sardoni relaxed into the chair arranged for her, loosened her furs, crossed her knees, and smiled pleasantly. She was really most attractive as she sat there.

"Now, Mrs. Sardoni," began the inspector, as he, too, sat down, "we would like to go over some of the information you have given us before, and check some details we are not quite sure about. We have talked to a number of people, got a number of clues that might involve several, yet I'll have to admit frankly that the trail does not lead to any one person directly. In other words, we want to get a sort of resume of events."

"Anything I can do inspector—"

"Thank you."

O'Brien now took the pale green paper with Mrs. Sardoni's signature from his pocket, the paper that had so occupied my thoughts. All his motions were deliberate, almost slow. Mrs. Sardoni uncrossed her knees.

"During the afternoon and evening of October 20, you have said that Miss Sinclair had a number of callers."

"Yes."

"The first ones were the boy and girl from the high school with whom she entered the house at about four-thirty."

"Yes. They met on the steps, I believe, as I happened to be looking out of the window at the time. They were a long time outside the door. So I opened mine as they entered, to be sure they were with Miss Sinclair. You have no idea how many queer-looking peddlers and agents slip into an apartment house unless you watch all the time. I always step into the hall whenever I hear a tone."

"I understand," interrupted the inspector. "You saw these two students with Miss Sinclair, and you could later identify them as Julie Martin and Richard Ward."

"I believe those were their names. I have never see them at any other time, but from the description you gave me, I think they were the ones. The girl was small slender with curly black hair and bluish gray eyes, quite pretty. The boy was tall, wore glasses, had mouse-colored straight hair, was inclined to be awkward."

I suppressed a giggle; wouldn't Dicky have loved that picture of himself!

O'Brien cleared his throat; maybe he was amused, too.

"Miss Sinclair went on upstairs with them?"

"Yes."

"And when did you see her again?"

Mrs. Sardoni's fur slipped to the floor, was picked up by the officer and returned to the chair-back before she answered. When she spoke, her voice was unusually soft; I did not think she could sound so gentle.

"I never saw the poor thing again."

"Did you hear her talking?"

"Yes, to Miss Sass and Miss Whelton she called good-bye when they left at a little after seven. At eight o'clock another student, a boy, came, as I told you. His voice was quite loud, and he seemed to be reproaching and threatening her. I heard her say as he left, 'I shall not change my mind, Melvin.' He was very angry and he slammed the door in the vestibule so hard I thought he would break the glass."

"You can hear a great deal of what goes on upstairs from your apartment?"

"No," she shrugged, "but his voice was so loud. I was alarmed, and I came into the hall as he banged down the stairs."

"The time was 8:30?"

"About that."

"Tell us what else you observed that night."

"I saw no more. I returned to my apartment, wondering why a young boy should be so cross at his teacher. Then, too, I wondered at so many pupils coming to see Miss Sinclair. It seems strange. I have a son, but he does not go to the homes of his teachers."

"Where is your son?"

"He is at a military academy in San Rafael."

"I see. Go on, please."

"Miss Sinclair, I was saying, seemed a funny young woman. These boys came to see her, the tall dark man with the beautiful wife came—"

"That night?"

"No, the Sunday before. The wife came the week before that and left very angry. She had so many callers, and she lived alone, not like the other teachers, in twos. I wonder about it all."

"Did any other people come to see her regularly that you have not mentioned?"

"She seemed to know lots of people. I do not recall any who came what you would call regularly."

"No friend from the high school?"

There was a very slight pause. Mrs. Sardoni seemed to be trying hard to remember. "She had no close women friends, I would say. Once in a while Miss Tyrol and another teacher whose name I did not know came to call on her."

"Men?"

"I don't remember."

"Did you ever see Mr. Perkins there?"

Mrs. Sardoni watched her own fingers pull at the tail of her fox fur as she seemed to think a moment.

"Yes, I have. He called to see her fairly often, I believe. He always left early, and I would see him as he went down the stairs."

"Was he there that night?"

"No!" she exclaimed.

"You are sure?"

She nodded.

"Now, then, Mrs. Sardoni, suppose you tell us just what you did after you saw Melvin go down the stairs."

"I am not sure I can tell you exactly. I live alone, you know. The radio was going for a while, I remember writing some letters, sewing a fresh collar on a dress, looking over my suit for any repairs or cleaning it might need as I was going to visit my aunt in the city the next night. All this I did during the evening."

"Looking out as you heard any noise now and then?"

She regarded him suspiciously as she answered, "Yes. Then I went to bed, about nine, I believe."

"Rather early. Is that hour your usual one?"

She laughed. "No. But I was tired as I had done some washing by hand that day. You see something went wrong with the plunger of my washing machine, and I had not had it fixed as yet. Then I expected to have a busy day in the city as I told you I was going to visit my aunt. I have reached the age, inspector, where I have to be sensible, about sleep."

The inspector might have made a gallant speech, but he did not even look at her. He spoke as if he were thinking aloud, "You must sleep very soundly."

"I do."

"You heard no further noises in the house?"

"None until the police arrived."

"Yet someone went up the stairs, someone was at Miss Sinclair's door, someone must have talked to her, and then someone fired a gun."

(To be continued)

FIRE PREVENTION DRIVE LAUNCHED

SALEM, Feb. 10.—(AP)—State Fire Marshal Hugh H. Earle announced today the launching of a state-wide fire prevention campaign through the rural schools.

By counties, rural schools will be visited by a deputy state fire marshal who will conduct rigid inspection, fire drills and illustrated lectures covering common fire hazards.

The activity was launched as a result of the successful campaign conducted during fire prevention week in the cities, which brought about the removal of $1,000 fire hazards, Earle stated.

The state-wide campaign will start in Josephine county and cover thoroughly in order all counties in the state.

13 STUDENTS MAKE GLIDE HONOR ROLL

Thirteen students in the Glide school won places on the semester honor roll, announced by L. D. Horner, principal.

Honor roll students of the high school were Lavola McMillen and Myron Vleck; junior high, Helen Horner; intermediate grades, Thais Wood, Louise Boise, Marie Vleck, Harold Marr, Marjorie Blakely, Edward Kenney and Robert Peterson; primary rooms, Glen Robinson, Kenneth Daly and Virginia Barker.

DR. CRANFORD DATED AT W. C. T. U. MEET

Rev. William B. Cranford, who has been conducting a series of evangelistic services at the South Methodist church, will have charge of the devotionals of the W. C. T. U. meeting to be held Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. in the Presbyterian church parlors. Mrs. C. A. Chamberlain, president, will conduct the meeting. The program is in charge of Mrs. Fred Fisher.

GALE DEALS DEATH ON BRITISH ISLES

LONDON, Feb. 11.—(AP)—A northeasterly gale lashed the British isles last night, causing several deaths from drowning and exposure and disrupting shipping. The mercury hovered about the zero mark.

VITAL STATISTICS

BORN

ARCHAMBEAU—To Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Archambeau, of Sutherlin, at Mercy hospital, Monday evening, February 10, a son.

POOLE—To Mr. and Mrs. Harold Poole, of Camas Valley, at Mercy hospital, Monday evening, February 10, a daughter.

U. S. POLITICAL OBSERVATIONS

By BYRON PRICE
(Chief of Bureau, The Associated Press, Washington.)

The Landon presidential boom now has attained proportions which qualify it as a major topic of discussion wherever politicians are gathered together.

Opinions still differ widely as to what may happen between now and republican convention time. There are those who contend that, if he conducts himself carefully Governor Landon surely will be nominated; and there are those who are inclined to put the emphasis on the pitfalls he still faces, rather than the progress he already has made.

About the situation as it stands at the moment there is far less dispute. Politicians generally are agreed that, as of February, Governor Landon is a figure of importance in his party, to be reckoned with by every group which aspires to party control.

That situation involves both advantages and hazards for the Kansas governor, and undoubtedly is receiving the most serious consideration on the part of those friends who want to see him in the white house.

Entering "Critical" Stages

Actually, measured by all past standards, the Landon boom would seem to be entering for the first time on its critical stages.

Up to the end of January, or thereabouts, Mr. Landon was just another state governor, with a good record as a vote-getter, praised by his partisans for his executive abilities and for his management of state finances, and well thought of by various eastern business men for the general qualities he had shown as governor.

Now, by reason of the formal launching of his presidential candidacy, he becomes not only a national figure, but one whose friends are actively seeking something for him.

He has made a speech or two on national issues; he will be called upon to make more, and it is well established that speech-making is hazardous.

Also, the search for delegates is beginning actively. And that always means a battle.

From what has been said by those inside the Landon organization it appears that the business of enlisting delegate strength is going forward in Oklahoma, Nebraska, Missouri, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, Washington, Oregon, California and elsewhere. The claim is disputed, but some Landon supporters say he is assured today of more convention votes than any other aspirant.

"Collisions" Inevitable

The dangers which beset Governor Landon, or any other candidate, as his campaign spreads out on a national basis, are well known to every experienced politician.

It is inevitable that any such campaign must collide at various points with the campaigns of others who also seek party leadership. Already some of the partisans of Senator Borah have selected Landon as their special target. Already there are evidences of resentment in the ranks of those who have been working for months for the nomination of Col. Frank Knox.

If Landon is as "far out in front" as some of his friends say he is, the natural thing is for the friction caused by his campaign to increase as the convention nears.

In more than one similar case in the past the ultimate power of that friction has been fatal to the man who was No. 1 on the first ballot. Seldom has any principal figure in a deadlock emerged as the nominee.

The governor's friends manifestly are making a conscious effort to minimize antagonism of this sort and to keep on good terms with all factions. The coming weeks will see what success they will have. Upon this one thing the outcome at the Cleveland convention might easily hinge.

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WEDNESDAY, Feb. 12

Morning Hours
6:45—Early Birds Concert.
7:00—Alarm Clock Club.
7:30—News-Review on the Air.
7:45—Alark Clock Club (Contd.).
8:00—"Good Morning," J. M. Judd.
8:15—Mills Brothers.
8:30—Devotional.
8:45—Salon Music.
9:00—Guy Lombardo.
9:45—Musical Bouquet.
10:00—Woman's Exchange.
10:45—Songs of the Water.
11:30—Musical Scrapbook.

Afternoon Hours
12:05—Copen's "Pinto Pete."
12:20—News-Review News Broadcast.
12:30—Hansen Chevrolet Co. Varieties.
1:00—Sans Soussi Turkey Show.
1:15—Friendship Circle.
2:00—On the Shores of Italy.
2:30—John McCormack Program.
3:00—Vanity Fair and the World Bookman.
3:15—Songs of History.
3:30—Story Land.
4:00—The Editor Views the News.
4:15—Sandwich Shop in Fun and Frolic.
4:30—"Dance Time," Speed Rober.
4:45—"Heart Songs."
5:15—Tavern's Novelty Fun Fest.
5:30—March Time.
5:45—Sign Off.

THURSDAY, FEB. 13

Morning Hours
6:45—Early Bird's Concert.
7:00—Alarm Clock Club.
7:30—News-Review on the Air.
7:45—Alarm Clock Club (contd.).
8:30—Devotional.
8:45—Sacred Music.
9:00—Louis Katzman's Orchestra.
9:30—"Album of Music."
10:00—Woman's Exchange.
10:45—Tango Time.
11:15—Modern Rhythm.

Afternoon Hours
12:15—News-Review News Broadcast.
12:30—Roseburg Motor Co. "Varieties."
1:00—Sans Soussi Turkey Show.
1:15—Friendship Circle.
2:00—Southern Serenade.
2:30—Jessie Crawford Organ Program.
3:00—Vanity Fair and World Bookman.
3:15—"From the Emerald Isle."
3:30—Story Land.
4:00—The Editor Views the News.
4:15—Sandwich Shop in Fun and Frolic.
4:30—Musical Reveries.
5:15—Del Rey "Entertainers."
5:30—"Waltz Time."
5:45—Sign Off.

LETTERS from the People

Communications to the News-Review for publication in this department should be written on only one side of the paper, should not exceed 300 words in length, and must be signed by the writer, whose mail address must accompany the contribution.

QUOTES "RED" MANIFESTO, FOUND IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Editor News-Review: On the library shelves of some of our state schools — schools supported by the taxes of the people of the state — we find copies of "The Communist Manifesto" often called the "Communist Bible."

I have been asked by parents what I thought of its being there. I am not expressing my opinion here but allow some quotations from the writing itself to help parents decide.

On page 58 we read: "In short, the communists everywhere support every revolutionary movement against the existing social and political order of things."

On page 40 we see: "There are, besides eternal truths — such as freedom, justice, etc., that are common to all states of society; but communism abolishes eternal truths, it abolishes all religion and all morality, instead of constituting them on a new basis; it therefore acts in contradiction to all past political experience."

Again this same document makes itself clear: "The communists disdain to conceal their views and aims. They openly declare that their end can be attained only by the forcible overthrow of all existing conditions. Let the ruling class tremble at a communist revolution."

On page 37 it declares: "The bourgeois clap-trap about the family and education, about the hallowed co-relation of parent and child, becomes all the more disgusting, the more, by the action of modern industry, all family ties among the proletarians are torn asunder and their children transformed into simple articles of commerce and instruments of labor."

As regards property relations it says: "In this sense the theory of the communists may be summed up in a single sentence: 'Abolition of private property.' and 'In one word, you reproach us with intending to do away with your property. Precisely so — that is just what we intend'."

"The State and Revolution" by Lenin is intended as a text book wherever it can be crowded in. On page 16 we read: "The substitution of a proletarian for a capitalist state is impossible without violent revolution."

On page 22 anyone may read: "Such a course of events compels the revolution to concentrate all the forces of destruction against the state and to regard the problem as one not of perfecting the machinery of the state, but of breaking up and annihilating it."

If you want to know the ultimate aim, read it on page 31: "The struggle of the proletariat is not merely a struggle against the capitalist class to control the state, but a struggle against the state—the essence of a proletarian revolution is the destruction of the organized forces of the state, and their forcible suppression by the organized forces of the proletariat — until the entire state organization is destroyed, the struggle will not end — that is its aim."

I might quote these subversive statements till a whole page of your paper was covered and then have only made a beginning, but these few should surely bring to view the pitfalls just ahead.

MRS. EMMA P. WOODS.

MISSION WORKER WILL SPEAK HERE

Miss Eleanor Ewing, San Francisco, district field secretary for the western coast division of the National Missions board, will be the guest speaker at a meeting at the First Presbyterian church Thursday night, February 13, immediately following a six-thirty o'clock potluck supper to be sponsored by the Presbyterian missionary society. The public has been invited to attend the supper and hear Miss Ewing.

MARKETS

PRODUCE

PORTLAND, Feb. 11.—(AP)—BUTTER—Prints, A grade, 37c lb. in parchment wrapper, 38c lb. in carton; B grade, parchment wrapper, 36c lb.; carton, 37c lb.

BUTTERFAT — Portland delivery: A grade, deliveries at least twice weekly, 37-38c lb.; country routes, 36-37c lb.; B grade, deliveries less than twice weekly, 35-36c lb.; C grade at market.

EGGS—Buying price of wholesalers: Fresh specials, 18-19c; extras 18c; standards 16c; extra medium 15c; do medium firsts 12c; undergrade 12c; pullets 12c dozen.

POTATOES—Local, $1.50 cental; Klamath $1.75 cental; Scappoose Netted Gems, $1.60 cental; Deschutes Netted Gems, $1.75 cental.

Cheese, milk, country meats, mohair, cascara bark, hops, live poultry, onions, wool and hay, steady and unchanged.

One Word Led To Another

By Bugs Baer

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Is Deep Breathing Healthy?

We share the joys of Florida as orally portrayed by its governor. This sovereign peninsula rates two senators for a neck of land, has no bonded indebtedness and no severance tax. It has sunshine, it has tourists and it has cocoanuts.

Its frost line is found only on mint frappes and there is no sales tax. It never snows in Florida without a two-thirds plurality of the state legislature.

But Florida's most prominent scenic beauty is that it has no state income tax.

Of course, there is a government income tax even in such a beautiful state as Florida. But once you have taken the federal wallop the state does not slap you on the other exhausted cheek.

There are no property taxes on homes costing less than five thousand dollars. And, like Valhalla, Eden and Paradise, the state would be a poor man's heaven if the railroad fares weren't so high.

The climates of California and Florida are so perfect as to be monotonous. The inhabitants who wish a little shady relief from the overcooked sunshine are forced to make their own clouds from smudge pots.

Florida has sliced so many grapefruits that it is now going to cut itself in half like a tourist's bankroll. There will be a boat canal bi-secting the state on a lateral diagonal, running on the bias against the grain from Jacksonville to a spot on the gulf too important to mention.

The climates of California and Florida, in the odor mentioned, have always been the subject of patriotic and partisan argument. We do not choose up sides.

All we know is that the atmosphere of both states must be very robust and tonic. Proof of this statement follows: Muscle Shoals is half-way between Miami and Los Angeles. And at Muscle Shoals, there is a plant that extracts nitrogen from the air. Nitrogen is the stuff they use to manufacture nitroglycerine, which will blow a cruiser loose from its feathers.

Now, if they can get nitrogen fifteen hundred miles from either place, what do you think you can get when you are actually on the spot?

Persons breathing in Palm Beach do so at their own risk. We were introduced to a society lady in Hollywood who was afraid to take a full breath. All she did was look at us and sniff.

SALEM CHECKS UP ON ORGY OF CRIME

SALEM, Feb. 11.—(AP)—Crime in Salem, usually considered a quiet city, has become a real problem during the past six months, a checkup of police records since August 1, 1935, revealed.

During the six months period Salem police discovered or received notice of 73 burglaries, nine robberies, six cases of larceny involving losses of more than $50, 73 automobile thefts and 73 cases of petty larceny.

Loot in cash totaled more than $500 plus $2,000 in personal and business goods.

Five persons were arrested for burglaries, clearing only seven of the cases. One of the robberies was solved by the capture of an ex-convict in Los Angeles. Five cases of petty larceny were cleared.

All but one of the stolen automobiles were recovered.

RETAIL BUSINESS OF U. S. INCREASES

CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—(AP)—Retail business activity in the country as a whole for the five weeks ended Feb. 1 was 4.5 per cent ahead of the 1935 period, Advertising Age said today.

These figures were based on the total display advertising placed by retailers of 64 major cities, an index which the publication termed the speediest and most accurate gauge of retail activity. During the period newspapers in these cities carried 13,424,326 lines of retail display advertising compared with 13,665,241 lines a year ago.

MINNESOTA'S COLD FATAL TO PYTHON

ST. PAUL, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Frank Buck's 27-foot Malayan jungle python got a whiff of Minnesota's arctic weather today and died.

"It probably got just one whiff of this icy air and died within a few minutes," Buck said. "Real cold air collapses a tropical snake's lungs and death is almost instantaneous."

The python was brought to St. Paul for an exhibition.

Buck said it was worth $500.