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HE THAT KEEPETH HIS MOUTH keepeth his life, but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.—Proverbs 13:3.

After all, nothing on earth can move quite as rapidly as a thoroughly idle rumor.

Russia seems to be the poor relation that folks are willing to feed but not to recognize.

The Connecticut legislature has killed a bill proposing to tax bachelors. Perhaps it is felt that bachelors should not be punished for conditions they can't help.

The University of Chicago proposes to compile a dictionary and it announces it will require 10 years to complete it. That's a long time to wait for the solution of a cross-word puzzle.

A specialist says that if we lived on spinach there would be no more wars. We haven't been enlightened as to how spinach consumption can prevent wars, but we do know that about one more war and we'll be lucky to be living on even that.

In spite of the most strenuous efforts of bandits, savings deposits in banks increased a billion dollars in the last year. And that was accomplished during a year that recorded the lowest level in agricultural deflation that the past decade has experienced. The country may not be overprosperous but it is at least making progress in that direction.

Speed laws and traffic regulations aren't enforced simply to work a hardship on the sane drivers, but rather to protect them from the fool variety that seems to infest every city and every highway. Strict observance of traffic laws by those who appreciate what the authorities are trying to do is the greatest possible aid in controlling the careless driver and the speed maniac.

The Senate has adjourned its special session and the four insurgents, La Follette, Brookhart, Frazier and Ladd, after many threats are still unspanked. Politics, now as for many generations past, demand that no one be offended and no one be antagonized, because it may prove sand in the political machinery in the next election. No one should court political disaster under any circumstances—especially not in the interest of justice.

45 MILES AN HOUR.

The house of the Nevada legislature has passed a bill which would fix the maximum speed for automobiles in that state at 45 miles per hour. The measure has not yet come before the senate and governor.

The measure is based on the belief that under certain conditions a speed of 45 miles an hour is not dangerous either to the passengers of the automobile or to other traffic and that an automobile can be driven carefully at 45 miles an hour and recklessly at 15 miles per hour. Of course the maximum speed of 45 miles would be permissible only on good roads in sparsely settled sections and where dense traffic and hills or curves in the road would not naturally prohibit it.

It was only a few years ago that a speed limit of ten miles an hour was enforced—or supposed to be enforced—in the open country on untraveled roads. Today some states permit a mixmum speed of 35 miles an hour while others limit travel to a speed of 30 miles. That is the established limit in Oregon. But in all states the trend has been toward higher speeds. Public opinion agrees that a speed of 35 miles an hour is not dangerous under certain conditions, although fifteen years ago it was believed excessive. Already the speed limits now in force are generally exceeded where good roads and traffic conditions permit—a fact that 90 per cent of the motorists of Eastern Oregon, for example, will admit.

Public opinion fixes the speed limits for automobiles. Obviously it believes the existing legal speeds are safe in the hands of the average motorist. Eventually, the public opinion and the motorists may be educated up to a 45-mile limit. At present there are many motorists who are still a menace to other traffic even though restricted to the antiquated 10-mile limit.

THE OLD HOME TOWN • • By Stanley

OFFICE CAT

TRADE MARK REG.

By Junius

The coroner usually has the last word in an argument between a pedestrian and an automobile.

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"Add to list of farm necessities a 6-tube radio set."

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Lady: "I suppose you have been in the navy so long that you are accustomed to sea legs?"

Sailor: "Lady, I wasn't even looking."

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The thief who stole a few cigarettes has gone to jail for fifty years, but the friend who never has any of his own is still at large.

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Paris Journal says that woman does not dress on man's account. But generally she charges it to his account.

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Kriss: "Do you suppose that it will take long for your wife to learn how to drive the car?"

Kross: "It shouldn't. She had about ten years' practice driving me!"

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It used to be the hand that rocked the cradle ruled the world; now it's the hand that rules the cradle rocks the world.

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THE BONES GOLD-DIGGER

I should not love you, dear, so much
Were you not worth a million
And though I dislike gold as such,
I should not love you, dear, so much
If I could only fix my clutch
On someone worth a billion
I should not love you, dear, so much
Were you not worth a million.

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"Any part of the city for twenty-five cents!" yelled the La Grande taxi driver.

"You can't stick me again!" retorted Silas. "I bought the city hall last year and they wouldn't give it to me."

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Some men are never satisfied until they are married, and then are never satisfied.

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A skirt is a garment which always seems to be too long, too short, too tight or too something.

"Mr. Label Leftover was in the city this week buying material for her trousseau. She is engaged to marry Harry Foobler."—Exchange.

Reconstruction in 2 States Continues

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Black rivers which virtually isolated Griffin.

The high water inundated the lowlands about Griffin, and covered the highway, so that the only avenue for receiving supplies is over a branch line of the Illinois Central railroad. Workers today are using skiffs.

BURY 200 DEAD

MURPHYSBORO, Ill. (By the Associated Press) — Murphysboro Sunday honored her upward of 200 tornado victims in a simple funeral service held from the wrecked bandstand in the public square while passing hearses and ambulances bore evidence that the task of caring for the dead and the injured is not yet completed.

Aside from the extreme simplicity, the services were marked by an expression on the part of the speakers of a faith and hope in the future instead of stress on the city's present sorrow.

One minister summed up the city's spirit thus:

"Our tears are shed; our loved ones are laid away; the future lies before us to use. Let us rebuild our city and follow in the steps of Him who said, 'I am the way, the truth and the light.'"

NEW HOTEL PLANNED

PALM BEACH (AP) — A new fire-proof hotel arising out of the ashes of the Breakers, burned by the destructive fire of last Wednesday, will be constructed immediately, Henry E. Bemis, vice president of the Florida East Coast Hotel company, announced following a meeting of the directors of the company.

BALL LEAGUE ORGANIZED IN SUNDAY MEET

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MANY ENJOYED M.I.A. CANTATA

Approximately five hundred people attended the Cantata, "The Greatest Love," presented by the Mutual Improvement Association of Union Stake M. I. A., last evening at the L. D. S. Tabernacle. Earl G. Stoddard directed the program and every number was excellent. The chorus, which was composed of members of the L. D. S. Tabernacle choir, consisted of forty voices. Miss Ia Rue Hanks presided at the pipe organ.

The program follows:

1. Opening Chorus.
2. Duet (soprano and tenor), "The Light Has Come."
3. Bass solo and quartet, "The Morn of Victory."
4. Choir, "Lead Me."
5. Tenor Solo, "The Greatest Love."
6. Trio (soprano, tenor and baritone), "Peace Be With You."
7. Contralto solo, "Blessed is the Nation."
8. Quartet for solo voices, "The Lord is King."
9. Soprano solo, "I Will Behold Him."
10. Choir, "He Ruleth Forever."
11. Bass solo, "Love's Victory."
12. Finale, "Unto the End of the World."

Soloists — Soprano, Mrs. G. A. Bean; alto, Mrs. G. Earl Stoddard; tenor, G. L. Dutton; baritone, Paul Knautz; bass, E. D. Towler; chorus, L. D. S. Tabernacle choir.

MAYOR'S WIFE HURT

WALLA WALLA (AP)—Mrs. N. E. Allen, wife of the mayor of Vancouver, Wash., was seriously injured in an automobile accident near here yesterday. She was taken by train to Portland.

The car, containing Mrs. Allen and relatives, struck an Italian gardener's wagon, the wagon tongue rammed through the side of the car, striking Mrs. Allen's chin and fracturing her jaw badly.

Reasons for Political Party Make Arguments

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tooth—or even two or three if you can get 'em.

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In the Senate's political parallel, Borah of Idaho may be likened to the Darrow of the debate. Jim Watson of Indiana is cast in the Stanley role.

Borah contends that Republicans who have transgressed party discipline should be given a chance to repent and reform.

Republicans, like individuals, he holds, are the product of differing environments. They are not all cast in one mold. Allowance must be made for varitations, even for occasional abnormalities.

To Watson, however, a good Republican is a good Republican. He is first and last a member of the clan.

Whoever denies for one day constituted party authority, who runs amuck in the family circle, becomes an outcast, disinherited and condemned.

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"A political party," says Watson, "is in reality organized for one election. If its policies are continuing, the organization may be continuing. "But after all, it is designed for one contest, one election, subscribing to one platform and one set of principles.

"I am not concerned with that was done in 1912, or 1916 or 1920. I am concerned about what was done in 1924. And I know that at that particular time Senators Brookhart, Frazier and Ladd left the Republican party."

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"It is a good idea, in the hour of victory, to look ahead and practice some degree of tolerance," argues Borah, in reply. "I prefer to determine my course by a survey of coming elections rather than by dwelling on those that are over. "I would know where to establish the line of loyalty or party devotion under conditions as they have prevailed in this country for the last 10 or 15 years. I do not know what the test is. And unless I know the test, I fear I may get outside the line myself."

LOSS OF LIFE LARGE SUNDAY

SUNDAY'S TOLL

New Orleans — Thirteen killed in train wreck.

New York — Five killed in tenement fire.

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP) — Thirteen persons lost their lives in a wreck early Sunday when two fast mail trains of the Southern Pacific railroad collided during a fog at Bicohoc, La., between Patterson and Franklin. Four of the dead were white men, the others negro passengers. Five were seriously injured.

According to an official report No. 12, eastbound, ran by a signal in a fog and crashed into No. 169, westbound, at about 3 a. m.

NEW YORK (AP)—Five persons, including two women and two children, lost their lives early Sunday in a fire that destroyed an East Forty-seventh street tenement house occupied by 11 families. Four persons were injured. Fire department officials said the blaze was started by a pyromaniac who set fire to a baby carriage in the ground hallway.

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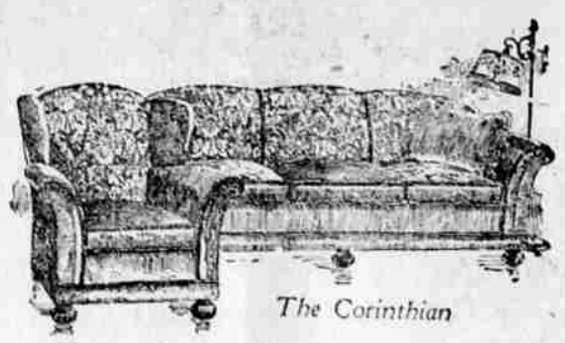

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