

OLD MEN HOLD OXFORD REINS

Oxford, England. (AP)—The twentieth century fashion of raising young men to high places has as yet found no champions in Oxford. The average age of the present heads of colleges is just under 70 years, despite a number of recent elections. A master once lived to somewhat over 100 and several heads who now are well on in the eighties are ambitious of bettering his record. The prodigious age and sturdiness of these very learned men proves the error of the old monastic founders who, with a belief that a man's mind could not exist in a sound body, are said to have picked upon Oxford as the most unhealthy town of their acquaintance.

The duties of an Oxford College head are neither onerous nor arduous. He personally admits all new undergraduates into his College, invites them to breakfast once a year, and besides that does very little of them. Heads of colleges are not called upon to teach, or to lecture, they do not speak at Rotary Club lunches, or indulge in frenzied financing campaigns.

Curiously enough, these men who have so little to do in managing their respective colleges, have everything to do in the administration of the university and do so with powers and authority and object to its schemes, the fact remains that they, for all practical purposes, the university themselves. Meeting in autumn and then in convocation, they transact university business, choose the university proctors and elect one another in turn to the office of vice-chancellor, an annually created office, analogous to the presidency of a great American university.

Convocation meets with much ceremony in a room where no artificial light is permitted, and its meditations cease with the coming of darkness. As it is an afternoon

function, much more business is transacted in the lighter months than in winter.

The headship of a college is a life job, regulated only by the statutes. Here a life job is a long job, some of the present heads having held their places for nearly 40 years. The average age of the present heads at the time of their selection was a little over 50 years. Older and older men are being selected, most of the recently elected heads having passed 60 years of age.

Factors That Increase Monthly Electric Bills

When all the facts and circumstances are known, the explanation of an abnormally large electric light bill is usually simple, states an authoritative report. Consumers who feel that their bills are large are asked to run over in their minds the following questions:

"Does the bill cover the same number of days as the previous bills with which the bill in question is compared?"

"Have I used more light on account of the days being shorter in winter?"

"Has there been sickness in the house which has caused an increased use for service?"

"Have I had company during the period?"

"Have the servants or other wanted electricity?"

"Have any additional appliances been installed during the period?"

"Have I been wasting service because my appliances need adjustment?"

"Have I overlooked any other circumstances or occurrences that will account for the increase in my bills?"

If you recall no reason, then the thing to do is to notify the company so that a man may be sent out to locate the cause and remedy it.

Man Hit by Board Dies
OREGON CITY, Ore.—Ernest H. Messinger, 64, of Bell station died from the effects of being struck by a board while employed in the wood-working department of the Woods Manufacturing company at Swift and Water streets.

The board flew in the air and struck the man over the heart, death resulting about 15 minutes later.

Mr. Messinger had made his home with his family at Bell station for some time. A son, Guy, was working near his father when the accident occurred.

No arrangements have been made for the funeral services.

At an autopsy it was found that the board had caused a portion of a rib to pierce the heart.

America Shares in Spoils
Of Noted London Mansion

LONDON (AP)—The work of demolishing Devonshire House, for so many years the home of the Duke of Devonshire in Piccadilly, is nearing its last phase, and except for the great marble staircase, practically everything worth preserving has been moved to a new home.

Two of the four famous urns have been sold to James Burden of Long Island and the other pair have gone to Mr. Philip Sassoon's house at New Barnet. One of the great gateways also will go to New Barnet and the other entrance gates, with two lodges, have been shipped to the United States.

The Duke of Devonshire has retained many decorative features such as doorways and mantel-pieces.

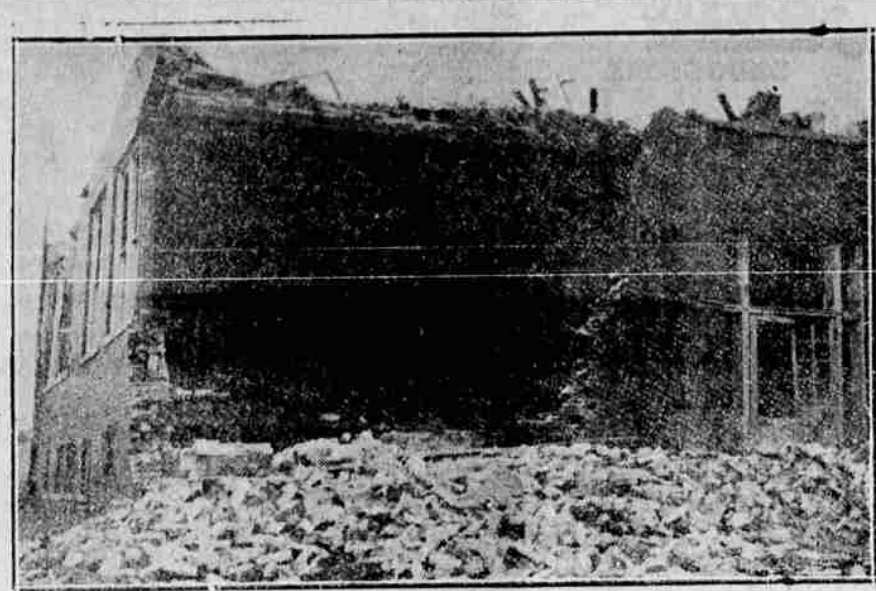
Mill Hand Crushed to Death
KILMATH FALLS, Ore.—Alvin Lindeman, 20, a mill hand employed at Lamm's mill at Mosier Point was killed almost instantly when he was crushed between two logs in the mill pond. Fellow workers struggled for several minutes before they could release him from the log jam, but the man was dead before medical attention could reach him. Lindeman was unmarried. Parents survive in Minnesota.

The Persian hound is becoming the popular dog in London. The hound is the popular dog here.

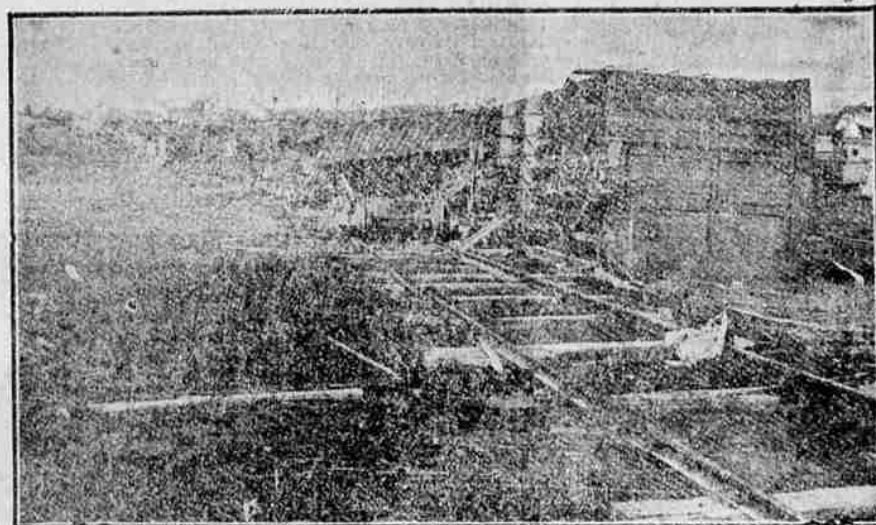
Actress Ill

Said Marymore, noted actress, is ill at Kansas City and has been compelled to cancel a week's engagement. She is suffering from arthritis.

Latest Storm Pictures



Pupils had just left this school at Griffin, Ind., when the storm tore out a wall of a room, leaving the room intact.



Freight and coal cars were lifted from the tracks and overturned at Princeton, Ind.



Lucine Majors, 18, of Griffin, Ind., saw her father and brother killed when their home was destroyed.

TREES PLANTED ON TRAIL

PENDLETON, Ore.—The dream of S. H. Boardman of the town of Boardman to have the Old Oregon Trail lined with shade trees is beginning to be realized, because young trees already have been set out over the greater part of the course between Pendleton and Reedman. Mr. Boardman was in Pendleton making arrangements to have the planting continued between Pendleton and Emigrant Hill on the foothills of the Blue mountains.

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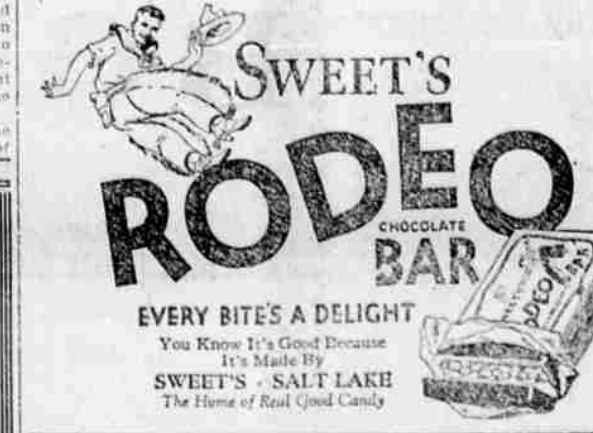
Alleged Forger Arrested
EUGENE, Ore.—Ora Young, arrested here on a charge of passing a bad check for \$100 at a local jewelry store, will be taken to Chehalis, Wash., where he is charged with a like offense, officers stated. Young is said by the local police to have presented a \$100 check at the jewelry store as first payment on a \$400 levalliere, making arrangements to pay the balance monthly.



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KANSAS PICKS A STATE FLAG

TOPEKA, Kan., (AP)—Kansas the largest of the states without an official flag, is now ready to add its standard to the collection on display at the Postoffice Department in Washington. After a controversy extending over ten years, the state legislature has adopted a design proffered by the Women's Relief Corps.

The new state honor is of solid blue, bearing at its center a sunflower, whose petals enclose and surround the state seal. Above the sunflower is the word Kansas. This was the sunflower given official approval as the state

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flower along with the state banner, and this year, too, the meadow lark was elected state bird by the school children of Kansas. Wheat and the sunflower vied with each other for the honor when the legislators debated the adoption of the flag, but the house of representatives upheld the name of the Sunflower State despite the popularity of Kansas' motto: "Kansas Grows the Best Wheat in the World."

Selection of a flag design has been controversial issue in every legislature for a decade. The two rival patriotic organizations, the D. A. R. and the Women's Relief

Corps, G. A. R. auxiliary, have contended with every legislature for the adoption of their designs.

Clerks Lose Jobs
WASHINGTON, D. C.—The war department recently dispensed with the services of 450 clerks in the adjusted compensation division, due to the rapidly diminishing number of applications for the bonus. Within the past three months applications for the bonus have been greatly expedited through the efforts of the American Legion and the bulk of those who will apply have now sent in their applications.

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