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FOR THEN SHALT THOU LIFT UP THINE FACE without spot; yea, thou shalt be stedfast, and shalt not fear.—Job 11:16.

OUT OUR WAY



THE SOFT SPOT.

By WILLIAMS

POLITICS TO BE DISCUSSED

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass. (AP)—Problems of international interest ranging from the Mediterranean area and Italy to limitation of armaments, and from agriculture and population increase to the foreign policy of the United States will come up for discussion at the fifth annual session of the Institute of Politics which will open at Williams College July 22. During the month the institute will remain in session, five lecture courses will be delivered, two general conferences will be conducted and eight round table conferences held.

Statements and scholars of national and international repute from Europe and America will participate in the discussions. Poland, France, Great Britain and Italy will furnish seven of the lecturers or leaders and the United States eight. Their fields range from the relations between nations to geology and biology. Among the lecturers Count Alexander Skrzyński, foreign minister of Poland, is listed.

Meet Thrice Weekly. During the four weeks from July 24 when the session acts under way, through August 22, each of the eight round table conferences will meet three times weekly. Of a total membership of approximately 125, only about 25 are assigned to a single round table conference. Each of those attending is chosen as an authority in his field, capable of contributing constructively to the discussion.

Each of the two general conferences will meet twice weekly. These meetings are open to the entire institute and instructional staff. Presiding over each of the conferences, general and round table, it is announced, will be "recognized authorities on the various topics."

Count Antonio Clippico of Rome, Italian senator, Fascist leader and supporter of Mussolini, will conduct a lecture course on "The Mediterranean Area of Italy."

Robert Mason, French banker prominently identified with the operation of the Dawes plan, will conduct a lecture course on "Peace Problems of France."

William E. Rappard, formerly of Harvard, professor of Economic History at the University of Geneva and a member of the Permanent Mandates Commission of the League of Nations will lecture on "International Relations as viewed from Geneva."

Count Skrzyński will deliver a course of lectures on the position of Poland in Europe. "The Spirit of Asia and Asiatic History" will be discussed in a series of lectures by Felix Vajst, editor and founder of the Revue Politique Internationale.

One of the two general conferences will be presided over by Lionel Curtis of Oxford University, editor of the Round Table Magazine and chief secretary of the Irish Peace Conference. "The British Commonwealth," Mr. Curtis will provide experts on the various parts of the Empire to assist in the conduct of the discussion as the conference proceeds.

The other general conference will be conducted by George H. Blakeston, professor of history and international relations at Clark University, and will have as its subject "The Recent Foreign Policy of the United States."

A round table conference on "International Justice" will be presided over by Jesse Siddall Reeves, author and professor of political science at the University of Michigan. "Agriculture and Population Increase" will be discussed at a conference conducted by Edward Murray East, Harvard biologist and author of works on physiological chemistry. Edwin F. Gay, former editor of the New York Evening Post, has professor of economic history at Harvard, will conduct a round table conference on the "Economic Recovery of Europe."

A conference having for its subject "Mineral Resources as a New Environmental Factor in

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Weather reports these days seem to be mostly hot air.

It's unfair to criticize a man's clothes. He may be supporting an automobile.

If, as it is alleged in some quarters, it is now a question of loyalty to Adam or the ape, some people will insist on standing by the latter, considering the grudge they owe the first man.

Law enforcement in this country will never be anything to brag about until there is reasonable assurance that a proper penalty will follow an arrest. Slapping lightly on the wrist or lightly on the pocketbook leaves only an impression of weak and insignificant authority.

The statement of the Iowa state auditor recently that Iowa is headed for bankruptcy unless a program is immediately adopted for the building of permanent hard roads is not far from the truth. The expense of moving crops to market over mud roads in such a huge agricultural territory is tremendous. Here in Oregon, although we are burdened with a large bonded indebtedness, there is no single factor influencing prosperity so much as our permanent highways. Modern methods demand them.

The sale of one of the best farms in the Grande Ronde valley yesterday to a practical farmer who comes here to make a home and an agricultural success is a definite indication of the return of farm lands and farm values to a profitable basis. Land prices are on a reasonable level again and crop returns are sufficient to attract the man who is willing to work for the future. No better land can be found in the Northwest than is available here in the valley and real estate sales should be recorded rapidly in the coming months. It is only one of the many indications that the agricultural depression is a thing of the past and general prosperity—dependent so closely on farm profits—is rapidly returning.

THE POSTAL DEFICIT.

There is no cause for public consternation in Postmaster General New's prediction of a \$40,000,000 deficit in his department for the year beginning July 1. Neither should it provoke I-told-you-so's from the opponents of the recent increase in postal salaries.

The history of the postoffice department shows but few years in which the receipts have exceeded the operating cost and many years with deficits in excess of that estimated for the current year. A postal deficit is of no particular importance.

Congress has doggedly refused to allow the postoffice department a profit. As soon as it promises a surplus congress has slashed postal rates or increased the salaries of the postal employees. There is no law requiring the department to make a profit or to break even.

The budget director and the postmaster general are, and should be, interested in seeing the postoffice department operated without a loss, but there is nothing in postal deficits to concern the taxpayer. What the nation wants is an efficient postal service. It makes little difference whether that service is paid for through the stamp window or the tax collector.

According to New's own figures the 1926 deficit should represent a considerable improvement over the estimated deficit for this year. Last month post offices in 50 cities increased their receipts by 14.72 per cent and 50 other offices showed increases of 16.45 per cent. There is nothing to prevent a further increase in receipts.

OFFICE CAT
TRADE MARK REG.
By Junius

IT IS THE BEST PLACE!
"My goodness!" remarked the old gentleman as he stopped the young lad with a fine catch of trout. "You've had a very successful day, young man. Where did you catch all those fish?"
"Just walk down that path marked 'Private' and keep right on until you come to a notice 'Trespassers Will Be Prosecuted.' A few yards farther on there's a fine pool in the river marked 'No Fishing Allowed' and there you are, sir!"

Justice Stone says the grafting prohibition agent should be smitten hip and thigh, but they don't carry anything on the thigh.

"What's that girl doing with a tobacco pouch?"
"She's coughing nothing. That's her bathing bag."

Maybe one time a girl had on an evening dress as large as her bathing suit, but we were absent.

People who sleep on sleeping porches should live in clean pajamas.

Children are so foolish, anyhow. They feel much better when you tell them just what to do.

"Should we have female architects?" is being discussed in a daily paper. A male critic unparagonably protests that there are quite enough designing women about already.

"Officer, if I stay on the street will it take me to the public library?"
"Yes, ma'am, if you keep moving."

She's a farmer lass, so we call her Tillie.

Cleaning up crop remnants, litter, rubbish, and weed plots add very materially in cleaning out the starling pest, the O. A. C. experiment station has found. These heaps of refuse are hiding and breeding places. Vacant lots in earwig districts are good refuge grounds for the pest. Promises cleaned up in the fall favor a pestion mass campaign that will eradicate or greatly reduce the pest.

RAIN LESSENS FIRE HAZARD

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In some sections at least.

Heavy losses reported. STOKANE (AP)—Forest fires in northern Idaho and northeastern Washington were continuing to spread Tuesday in valuable lumber after destroying two lumber camps within the last 24 hours.

The fire on the Panhandle Lumber company buildings near Idaho, Wash., which destroyed a lumber camp and three million feet of logs Monday, was burning in the acres of timber and fought by 125 men.

The camp of the Betlick Lumber company in Dry Canyon, near Lone, Wash., has been destroyed. The dry canyon fire leaped its trench Monday but was controlled again. It has burned over 2000 acres and is being fought by a crew of 175.

But a mile of trench remained to be dug today to surround the smoke-widened fire in the Kamin national forest, with seven and a half miles of trench. The Smith creek fire, north of Blinners Ferry Idaho, is still burning slowly after having covered an area of 1100 acres. Other fires in the Bend, Ore. national forest, were reported to be quiet although not all are under control.

LOSS HEAVY IN NORTH

WALLACE, Idaho—Nearly 800 acres in the timber district along the north fork of the Coeur d'Alene river, 40 miles north of Wallace, have been burned over by a forest fire which started Sunday night, forest officials reported here.

Banned by high winds the blaze jumped the river and was burning southward last Monday night. More than 200 men were fighting the fire.

After burning over more than 200 acres of forest in the St. Joe river district, 20 miles north of Wallace, the fire was reported under control.

Deposits and Resources

OF BANKS at High Mark. ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)—Deposits and total resources of the banks of the United States are larger than ever before, and figures given reflect as a whole a healthy condition of that nation's banking institutions. R. N. Stone, secretary-treasurer of the National Association of Supervisors of state banks, told the annual convention of the association here Tuesday.



THE OBTENTIONED Jack-of-all-Trades is still extant in these days of specialization. Witness John Weis, chief quartermaster on Eagle Boat 47, answering an unexpected S. O. S. from Miss Helen Fredericks, a fair caller upon shipboard.

INFORMANTS ARE MURDERED

MONTEREY, Cal. (By the Associated Press)—The body of a man believed to be Chris Gerich, Moss Landing fisherman, and supposed informant against a ring of rum runners operating in this vicinity was found in a slough of Elkhorn slough near Moss Landing yesterday, coincident with the issuance of warrants in San Francisco against a number of men believed to be involved in boot-legging activities in this region. The body was in such condition that it could not be immediately identified.

A week ago the body of Mae Gerich, wife of Gerich, was found on the beach some distance from Moss Landing, and an autopsy could not determine whether she was murdered or met death accidentally.

The finding of the body came as an aftermath to a pistol fight between a gang of rum runners and a citizen posse, in which a member of the posse was killed.

New Method Improved For Catching Dirigibles

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board the launch, an iron cross is fastened securely. A large knot would do as well but an iron cross was used in the actual experiment.

The cable is held as taut as possible between mooring ship and launch, about a fathom apart, just at the water's surface.

The dirigible, approaching, drops its line as before, but at its lower end is a snap, large enough to enclose the cable but too small to slip over the iron cross tied to it, on the launch.

The dirigible steers across the cable at right angles. The snap, swishing through the water, hits, opens and closes on the cable. The launch instantly heaves its end, crung and all overboard.

The snap slides along the cable until the cross comes on board, makes the cable fast, and then, in turn, the mooring ship calmly reels in the dirigible.

Defense Expenses in Scopes Trial \$25,000

DAYTON, Tenn. (AP)—A misdemeanor case, carrying a fine of \$100 and costs of the trial brought an expenditure by the defendants of John Thomas Scopes of approximately \$25,000.

The actual court costs are estimated at well over \$200 or more than twice the fine assessed by the court.

By far the greatest expense of the trial, however, has been the costs of bringing expert witnesses who were not allowed to testify, from different parts of the country, defraying their railroad fare, their hotel bills and maintaining a home for them in Dayton after their arrival here. Members of the defense counsel Tuesday estimated the cost to approximate between \$20,000 and \$25,000.

Attorneys on both sides of the case, it has been announced, bore their own expenses and served without fee.

The completion of the record for its presentation in the higher courts will add several other thousand dollars to the defense expenses, it is estimated.

E. P. GIVES JUNE FIGURES

NEW YORK (AP)—The Union Pacific increased its June net operating income \$448,529 to \$2,122,378 compared with June last year, although gross revenues of \$13,344,421 were several thousand dollars less, according to Wall Street announcement.

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