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THE NINTH COMMANDMENT.—Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.—Exodus 20:16.

King Boris of Bulgaria is reported to have been poisoned. How could he have got hold of American moonshine in such a distant land?

Court-martial of Colonel Mitchell would be welcome if through it we might learn the truth about army and navy aviation. But court-martials don't work that way.

Whatever the real reason for Stanfield's arrest at Baker, the incident will be used to the limit by his political opponents. Such are the joys and sorrows of a political career.

Now that the country has learned how much income tax everybody paid and we have expressed our surprise that it was so much, or so little, we may settle down to minding our own business.

Russian writers are required to pay sixteen dollars annually for the privilege of writing. If a similar ruling were in vogue for Americans possibly we might be spared some of the drivel that now receives printer's ink.

The fair season will soon be upon us. In spite of the fact that some good county citizens believe that fairs are out of date and no longer beneficial to a community, there are many advantages still retained. The county fair at Elgin, the various grange fairs, the Wallowa county fair—all of them add to the activities of the various communities. They maintain interest in agriculture and livestock, in home-making, in better living. They make it possible for friends to gather and exchange ideas and compare notes. It's a time of year when farmers and ranchers can "talk shop" with greatest benefit. Fairs are merely community conventions, and seeing what the other fellow does and learning how he does it is always beneficial. Our fairs are valuable events in our community life and deserve general support.

RAILROAD CONSOLIDATION.

Within the next ten years the United States will probably witness the further consolidation of the several railroad companies into a half dozen or less great systems. Many of the big companies today have shown a willingness to work out a consolidation plan, public opinion seems to be more appreciative of the advantages and economies it would afford, and President Coolidge has been reported as considering the introduction of legislation along this line to congress this winter.

There is much to be said against our present railroad organization throughout the country, its frequent duplication of territory and effort, and its tremendous overhead in executive departments that consolidation might eliminate. Although such a movement would constitute a complete right-about-face from the favorite policy of the trust-busting Roosevelt days, yet there seems to be no other solution for transportation at decreased cost.

Consolidation into a few systems who would control all the railroads of the country will, of course, be opposed by those believing in government ownership, yet that method is not likely to find much favor with the present administration and the present type of congressmen. Senator A. K. Cannon, of Iowa, in a recent address on the railroad problem, presented the objection of a consolidation plan such as he had just outlined before the senate. As long as the government, through the interstate commerce commission, could be retained, it is a successful plan seems to possess less danger than any other plan now proposed. In many instances, it does much better than the method of consolidated ownership.

OUT OUR WAY

By WILLIAMS



OFFICE CAT
By JUNIUS

A diplomat is a man who can remember a woman's birthday and forget her age.

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.

A Spanish matador returns with the announcement that he has slain a mouse. Still, he is not the only man who has slain a mouse.

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OFFICE CAT FISH BECOME SICK AT SEA

NEW YORK (AP)—Fish, when traveling in trucks on steamships, get washed just like humans, but go a step further, and often bring flying tank passengers to the verge of death by the poison they emit. Authority for this statement is Louis Morbrey, widely known fish collector who is credited with having transported the first fish across the ocean.

than any other person, Mr. Morbrey, who makes regular trips to Florida waters for specimens for the New York aquarium, explained his method of transporting the fish at the conclusion of a trip recently.

After a lengthy expedition completed the species are packed and placed in 750 tanks on the ship. The tanks are completely filled with water which, circulating water is pumped into the bottom from the top of the boat.

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Obituary

FUNERAL HELD SUNDAY
The funeral of George Gibson, who died at Baker Thursday was held Sunday at the Bohnenkamp chapel at two o'clock, with the Rev. O. W. Jones of the Christian church officiating. Interment was made in the L. O. O. F. cemetery.

Secretary Jardine dismissed the complaint against the Armour-Morris-Packing merger.

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Must Be Irish



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