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THE LORD'S DELIGHT—"If the Lord delight in us, then he will bring us into this land and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey.—Nu. 14:8

If the bootleggers and other riff-raff run out of Seattle by Mrs. Landes all head for Salt Lake, things ought to be picking up in the Utah capital. That is, if the pickpockets go along.

Chicago bricklayers have "consented to continue work for another year at the old wage of \$12 per day. We have always kicked ourselves for not learning to lay bricks instead of rattling around in an editorial chair.—Sutherland Sun.

"The American people," said Frank S. Grant, city attorney of Portland, in an address before the Northwest Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police in Spokane a few days ago, "must be awakened to the truth of things and made to realize that through religion, patriotism and education, by the improvement of social conditions, will be the morale of the people be raised and we will then become a nation of law observers and not a nation of law breakers. Happy indeed is the nation whose people can truthfully make such a boast." That is the situation in a nutshell.

EFFICIENCY AT THE TOP

Mussolini, according to Edsel Ford, who has been in Italy and seen his workmanship, is a great success. Fascism, he finds, is as efficient as Fordism.

And that would be all right if a nation were a factory. But the highly efficient young Mr. Ford, along with many another "practical" observer, happens to overlook the fact that a nation is made up of human beings, not machines. People are blood, not iron; and sooner or later, when the temporary stiffening wrought by a Mussolini is withdrawn, blood will have its way.

The Caesars were efficient, and the best of them ran the Roman empire like clockwork, and then left it a wreck. Napoleon was efficient, and left France so incapable of effective political action that it took more than half a century after Waterloo to establish a genuine representative government. Diaz of Mexico was efficient, and after him came a deluge from which Mexico is but now emerging, slowly and painfully. German autocracy under the Hohenzollerns was efficient, and look at Germany now.

Autocracy gives a false appearance of strength, like a family regulated by a competent and dictatorial father, making decisions for all the rest. When such a father steps out of the picture, what happens to the children, never trained to act for themselves?

Democracy often seems incompetent, in comparison. But it is only in democracy that the people gain experience, poise and confidence which qualify them to function politically and carry on the nation, no matter what happens at the top.

THE BRITISH IN PANAMA

A British company several weeks ago announced that it had a large grant of land in Panama for mining purposes, which it proposed to develop with the aid of American capital. Lately there has been talk of that land being used for growing rubber, and one observer has called it "the best rubber land in the world." Some Americans regard that as a new outrage of the "foreign rubber monopoly." Others see in British control of the area a military menace to the United States, because it is adjacent to the Panama canal.

Gold or rubber, it probably matters not a great deal, especially if American capital is admitted and doesn't get lost. Gold is not particularly needed, but what is got in Panama may do no harm. Rubber is needed. If the British are going to start raising rubber in Panama, they are letting Americans a mighty good example.

We needn't envy our British brethren any little profit they may make there. We have the canal, worth infinitely more than anything they're likely to get out of Panama.

As for military peril from private British enterprise in Panama, including a lease on a Pacific harbor, not many of us will lie awake worrying about that, with Britain at one with America on disarmament and with Anglo-American cooperation the cardinal principle of British foreign policy.

If the Monroe Doctrine is really flouted in this deal, it must be taken seriously. But so far there seems to be no cause for excitement.



OFFICE CAT
By Junius

Prison Reformer (addressing convict)—"My good man are you happy?"
Convict—"Of course not."
"But do you know that "stone walls and iron bars do not a prison make?"
"Then this warden has sure got me hypnotized."

Character is a good deal like muscle. If you are not called upon to use either they become soft and flabby.

A woman will never break off the engagement till a man is broke.

SONG OF THE WATCHMAN
Some days must be dark and dreary,
Some days must be sunny and bright,
Some days must be happy and merry,
But, darn it! I work at night!

A friend is one who sticks around and pats you on the back while the rest of the world goes by.

Girls may blush as much as they used to, but you can't see it under the veneer.

When a woman gets a man up a tree, she makes a monkey out of him.

In New York, it cost \$21,000 to polish the cuspidors in one building last year. The advice to aim high isn't always so good.

A young county minister, noted for his jollity, was dining at a farmhouse one Sunday, and when his plate of roast chicken was passed to him he remarked "Well, here's where that chicken enters the ministry."

"Hope it does better there than it did in lay work," answered the grouchy farmer.

The sea of matrimony seems to be all cluttered up with excursion couples, lately.

If you are dissatisfied with your lot build a house on it and rent it.

SOLONS QUIZ EX-SECRETARY

WASHINGTON, June 25. (AP)—William B. Wilson, secretary of labor under Woodrow Wilson and now democratic nominee for senator in Pennsylvania, was questioned today by senate campaign funds committee.

The witness said his personal expenses in the primary campaign amounted to \$38.31. He added that he was associated in the campaign with William E. Porter, one of the defeated candidates for governor and that their campaign committee spent about \$10,000.

"Four thousand of that has been paid," said Wilson, "and \$6000 has been obligated to be paid later."

"Did you have watchers at the polls at \$10 a day or \$5 a day?" asked Senator King, democrat, Utah.

"Not that I know of," Wilson said.

"We got only about \$4500, and not very many watchers could be employed at that rate."

"Who guaranteed the remainder of the \$10,000?"

"Vance McCormick."

He referred to the Harrisburg publisher and former chairman of the democratic national committee.

Medical Springs Will Be Host to Grangers

The regular quarterly Pomona grange meeting, held consecutively at the various grange headquarters in the county, will be held tomorrow at Medical Springs. The last meeting of the Pomona grange was held at Cove, March 27.

Several candidates will probably be initiated into the grange at the meeting tomorrow. Several visitors from Baker county granges are expected to attend.

Rooms to "couples without children."

A woman may wear a man's coat. A woman may wear a man's trousers. She may carry a cane. She may clip her hair short. But you can bet dollars to jolly-buns that she'll have a powder puff and a lip stick in his pocket.



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We sell Khaki Outing Suits at lowest prices.

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Infants' and Children's Wearables

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Rayon—the increasing popular summer frock material. Myriads of patterns in dots, stripes and checks, in all of the warm weather colors.
75c to \$1.25

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Voiles—that launder so beautifully, coming out fresher at each washing. The new patterns are here in dainty coin dots and floral patterns.
50c to \$1.00

Stamped Goods

This group of stamped numbers include Pillow Cases, Lunch Cloths, Vanity Sets, Glass Towels, Card Table Covers, Laundry and Shoe Bags and a number of dainty Underthings.
50c to \$4.00

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The practical Apron for use in the kitchen these warm days, comes in several styles and a number of colors in plain rubber and rubberized cretonnes.
50c to \$1.75

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More Accidents This Year in Oregon Area

SALEM, Ore., June 25. (AP)—For the first five months of this year ending May 31, the volume of industrial activity in Oregon protected by the workmen's compensation law increased nearly 7 per cent over the same period last year, according to a statement issued today by the state industrial accident committee.

The total of accidents reported during the five months of 1926 was 10,149 while for the same months of this year the total reached 10,998, an increase of about 8 per cent.

Officers Return From Convention in Spokane

Chief Clint Haynes and Amos Helm, deputy sheriff, arrived home last night from Spokane, where they attended the four-day convention of the Northwestern Association of Sheriffs and Police.

The program was packed with worthwhile speeches by prominent enforcement officers over the territory represented, the chief said.

Fooled



E. E. Ellinwood (above), lawyer and banker of Phoenix, Ariz., announced his candidacy for governor on the platform, "Smash the Hunt machine—referring to Governor F. G. W. Hunt, now serving his fifth term. But the day before he made his announcement Governor Hunt withdrew from the race.

Five Normal Eggs Is Yield of Large Hen

EMBLER, June 25. (Special)—Bruce Holman killed one of his Plymouth Rock hens, last Saturday, which when killed and dressed weighed 5 1/2 pounds. Five normal eggs and other smaller ones, all perfect in every respect were taken from the hen. The eggs were taken to Grants Pass and will be preserved in alcohol. The eggs weighed 1 1/4 pounds or 1/4 pound each. The hen had been laying since March. C. Bruce Holman owns a poultry farm near Wolf creek.

CROP SPECIALIST TO VISIT COUNTY; PLAN FIELD TRIPS

E. R. Jackman, farm crop specialist of the Oregon Agricultural college extension service, will be in Union county from July 6 to 10, according to word received this morning by H. G. Avery, county agriculturist.

Farm crop field meetings are being planned during that week to be held in the various communities. Field crops will also be inspected for certification of seed during that week. The crops inspected will be grain, potatoes and possibly alfalfa.

Farmers who want their fields inspected are requested to make application at the county agent's office as soon as possible.

OPEN WEEK JUNE 28. SALEM, Ore., June 25. (AP)—At 11:11 o'clock on Monday, June 28, the official time of the opening of the American Independence week, bells in the churches and schools of Oregon will begin ringing in that event according to a proclamation issued today by Governor Pierce. At the same moment old Liberty Bell in Philadelphia is to be rung. The week will include the July 4 celebration which this year marks the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the 100th anniversary of the death of Thomas Jefferson. The Daughters of the American Revolution are arranging the Oregon program.

Getting so when you see a picture of a knock-kneed person you think it is someone dancing.

There were 20,290,392,746 eggs-arets produced in the United States in the first quarter of 1926.

HAS REAL PROBLEM

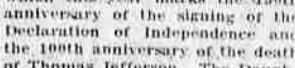
SACRAMENTO—Governor Richardson will have to decide whether John Betzner Martin, kidnapped John Betzner Jr., an infant in Battle Creek, Mich., or adopted him. The child's mother has charged kidnapping and obtained a requisition for extradition from the governor of Michigan.

It's a poor corner that hasn't one gasoline filling station.

Sign on Back of Ford. "Please excuse our rust."

Don't "Late again! Have you ever done anything on time?" Clerk: "I bought a car."

Traveling with one hand, and waiving with the other, can't be compared to the old time way of wrapping the lines around the whip socket.



Take A Kodak With You

You may only spend two weeks on vacation—but you can spend years with the pictures you make.

It's all easy from the first with a Kodak or Brownie. This store wants to show you.

Brownies \$2 up
Autographic Kodaks \$5 up
Printing, developing and enlarging of the quality kind.

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