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GOD'S CONSTANCY—"The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth. Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty."—Ex. 34:6, 7.

WILL IMPROVE ROAD IN PARK

Members of the Riverside park board and their families met at the park last evening and enjoyed a picnic dinner at 6:30 o'clock. After inspecting the new playground furnishings, consisting of a "rocking boat" for the small children, and a "bump-the-bump" for children of all ages, members of the board decided to have it graded and macadamized, the work to start about October 1. The new market road, which leads by the park, will be completed by that time and will be a wonderful improvement.

From now on automobiles will not be allowed to park at the side of the road inside of the park, members of the board decided. Several children have narrowly escaped being hit because of parked autos so far that reason members of the board decided to prohibit parking.

When there are crowds at the park the road through the park proper will be closed at the third bridge and traffic will be directed to the outside gate, eliminating the danger of someone being hurt.

The shrubbery and trees planted this year were inspected and found to be doing exceptionally well.

Twenty-six people were present for the dinner and meeting.

ANTI-DRYS QUESTIONED IN HEARING

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and the Volstead act.

726,000 Organization.

"What's the membership of your organization?" King asked.

"I think it is 726,000."

"Distributed over the states?"

"Yes, fairly generally, a little larger in Ohio and New York than in other states."

Stayton said when the association was organized there was a discussion about its taking part in any political activity as might bring about the repeal of the dry act.

"Does your association conduct a newspaper?"

"The parent organization does not but some of the states may have done so."

Mentions Officers.

He testified that Dr. J. J. Seelman of Milwaukee is vice president of the national association, and that Gordon C. Hinkley of Washington is secretary and treasurer. The headquarters here are in "eight small rooms," he said, with a staff of about 30. Stayton said that in those states where the associations were strong it would go ahead with activities in the election this year, and proceed with a "program of education" to build up the organization in other states.

Tells of Plans.

"To what extent do you attempt to control primaries or elections?" King asked.

"To as great an extent as we can through our membership."

"Do you urge Democrats to go into republican primaries and vice versa?"

"Yes, ours is a non-partisan organization and we aim to keep it so."

Stayton said his organization sought to ascertain the position of candidates on the wet and dry question and then to urge its members to support those favoring repeal of the 18th amendment.

Campaigns are conducted through newspaper advertising, mass meetings and by letters.

Under questioning by Senator King, Democrat, Utah, Stayton told how the parent organization and its state branches came into being to seek repeal of the 18th amendment and the Volstead act, but he declared they stood also for observance of the dry statutes so long as they remained law.

BRIDGE OPENED

SACRAMENTO, June 29 (AP).—The opening of the temporary bridge on the Klamath river highway in Humboldt county to traffic was announced yesterday by the state highway commission. This temporary structure replaces a bridge destroyed three weeks ago by fire.

OUR PIONEER DAY STORIES

There has never been anything printed in The Observer in its history that is of such value and interest as the essays compiled and written by the school children of the county in the contest conducted through Supt. Sayre's office. The stories of pioneer days in the Grande Ronde valley and of its earliest historical events serve a three-fold purpose that is extremely gratifying to The Observer, which has had the opportunity to sponsor the writing.

In the first place, the essays record for all time a great number of incidents and events, and picture a large host of pioneer characters, that had a most important part in the making of our present-day community and the building of the Northwest. They also provide for the young people of the county an acquaintance with early history and the life of pioneer days that serves as a most admirable background for young citizens and gives an inspiration to youth for accomplishment that cannot be equalled. Lastly, the essays have presented to all readers a most interesting and authentic history of the first years of a wonderful valley—feature stories that cannot be duplicated nor exceeded—reading that has been as valued as The Observer anticipated.

Much of the material gathered by the contestants would have been lost forever in a few more years because it was secured from the passing pioneers themselves. Certainly the school children deserve a great deal of credit and commendation for their work in recording. Not all of them could receive the larger prizes but every boy or girl who took part will gain much satisfaction in later years, if not now, in having participated in the contest. Their work is a source of pride to The Observer and was most admirably done.

OFFICE CAT

A woman used to leave her mark on a man with a rolling pin. Now, she uses a lipstick.

"Lafe Legg's wife sings to him every evening, in the postoffice at Booger Holler," related Jig Fiddling. "Just sets and sings for hours at a time."

"Does he complain much about it?" asked some one.

"Not precisely; but he says he's about made up his mind to get a divorce from her or kill her, and he hasn't quite decided which."

BANG!

I work in an office, the books I keep

For thirty dollars flat;

I stayed over time and fell asleep.

You can't blame me for that.

Now in that office are twenty girls

Who pound the typewriter key,

And after the twenty had quit and gone home

This vision came to me:

The typewriters all turned into girls

And started to dance and sing;

With a well-oiled click—these maids would kick,

And shimmy and everything.

Each had a letter upon her head,

And some funny things were spelled;

Some were really nice,

But the rest were best withheld.

These maidens and I became good friends

I could not stand their toms—

Til some one rapped me on the bean

And I woke up to find 'twas the boss!

She—What makes you think you understand women so well?

Me—I've been engaged to four different girls and never failed to get back the ring.

A man who stays out all night is sure sooner or later to get in the habit of looking on the dark side of life.

Wife (reading): "They reckon very shortly all work will be done by simply touching a button—"

Husband: "I can't imagine you touching a button! Look at my shirt!"

Teacher—Johnny you may tell us about the Boston tea party.

Johnny—I guess you will have to ask ma. She is the only one out of our house who reads the society page.

"They ought to put a stop to it," said young Mrs. Perkins, who had been to a lecture on radio. "The idea of scattering all those messages indiscriminately through the air we breathe. It must be very unhealthy."

"That's right," agreed her husband, "and there are so many bedtime stories floating around that half the time I feel sleepy."

ENGINEERMAN GORDON IS BLAMED FOR TRAIN WRECK

WASHINGTON, June 29 (AP).—Failure of Engineerman Gordon, of the Cincinnati Limited, to control his train as required by automatic block signals was given by the interstate commerce commission today as the cause of the wreck June 16 of two Pennsylvania railroad passenger trains near Gary, Pa.

The failure on the part of the engineerman, however, the commission's safety bureau reported, was believed to have been due to his "sudden death or physical incapacitation."

The collision, which also involved the Washington Express resulted in the death of 12 passengers and four employees and the injury of 82 passengers and four employees.

QUEEN WEARING HATS

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BLACKSNAKE, RATTLER STAGE SLUMBER PARTY

HOUSTON, Tex., June 29 (AP).—A "fight to the death" between a giant Texas rattlesnake and a Missouri blacksnake here last night turned out to be a "slumber party" with both "battlers" cutting up on the respective corners of a huge plate glass arena and bidding good night to the thousands of cash customers assembled to witness the "battle."

The "fight" was sponsored by a local athletic association and drew a record audience because of protests of the humane defense league. The promoters of the event won the right to stage it on the plea that should the blacksnake come off a victor it might be possible to rid the state of the poison rattlers.

OPERATE ON LAEMMLE

LONDON, June 29 (AP).—An operation was performed here last night on Carl Laemmle, the American motion picture producer, for appendicitis. It is announced that it was successful and that the patient had a fair night and today was making satisfactory progress.

Mr. Laemmle was ill when he arrived at Southampton yesterday on board the steamer Berengaria.

ITALY UNDER RESTRICTIONS

ROME, June 29 (AP).—The lengthening of the laborer's work day, is permitted in a new decree by the fascist government which recently forbade strikes.

The decree is one of a series designed to strengthen the fire and effect last year's unfavorable trade balance.

No new cafes, hotel or dance halls may be opened. New housing is restricted. Newspapers are limited to six papers and special supplements are forbidden.

Severe Restrictions.

Restrictive measures even more severe than were prevalent during the world war are still contemplated by the government, according to the semi-official Popolo Dirittoria. Sale of soft drinks, tea and coffee, as well as alcoholic beverages and of food of any kind after 10 o'clock at night will be forbidden in forthcoming decrees, the paper says.

Even daytime coffee drinking will be hit by the imposition of a 300 lire direct tax on each coffee percolator in cafes, bars and restaurants.

A Mussolini Stroke.

The newspapers today hail the decrees, which were entirely unexpected by the public, as another of Premier Mussolini's strokes, characteristic for its surprise at the "opportune moment."

Answering objections concerning the increase of the normal working day from eight to nine hours, Popolo Dirittoria says that it is preferable to use this method to prevent a possible economic crisis with its subsequent serious unemployment, than to drift along aimlessly.

TWO DEATHS RECORDED OVER NIGHT

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The quake was accompanied by violently disturbed surf, but this did no damage.

Many Towns Shaken

Nearly towns, among them Santa Paula, Ventura, and Oxnard, also sharply felt the tremor, but no property loss was reported.

In Los Angeles area, though, the quake was distinctly felt, it amounted to little more than a gentle sway.

Pasadena was the most inland city to report having felt the disturbance.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 29, (AP)—Fire in nine California counties set by lightning storms were being combated by hundreds of men today. Hundreds of brush, grain and timber blazes were reported, telephone and telegraph communication interrupted, one man killed and one seriously burned.

Worst in 15 Years

The electrical storm which was responsible for most of the fires was said to have been the worst in the state for 15 years. Low humidity conditions and fresh winds increased the hazard.

Forest service reports from Siskiyou county indicated the fire zone extended 20 miles. Many ranch houses and buildings have been destroyed. More than 1,000 acres of standing and stacked grain in Stanislaus and Merced county ranches near Mount Pelier, were destroyed with damage estimated at \$20,000. This fire was reported to have been started from a tractor.

A grain fire in the San Luis

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60 FIRES BURNING

Sixty lightning fires were reported burning in Sequoia national forest. None of them is serious, Colonel John R. White, superintendent of the park said.

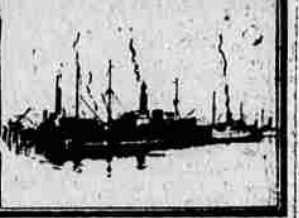
One hundred had thirty five turned out.

men were fighting a fire in the big creek district in Madera county, and 14 other fires were reported in the county. A fire on Crooks mountain was still out of control last night after burning over 8,500 acres. Employees of the Madera sugar pine company were fighting a fire on Taylor mountain which covered 3,500 acres of brush lands and was threatening one of the company camps.

Some Fires Controlled

Many of the fires started in the storm were put out without damage by rain which accompanied the lightning.

Four hundred men had been recruited by the forest service to fight a fire near Briceburg in the Yosemite valley. Much valuable timber was threatened.



district of the Santa Barbara national forest had swept over 400 acres last night and was reported out of control. No ranches are in its path. This fire was started by lightning.

Hundreds of graded and volunteer fire fighters were attempting to stem the progress of fires in Guya and Shoeneyer gulches, west of Grenada in Siskiyou county. George Wilson fire fighter, was burned to death in Guya gulch, and a companion, Thomas Baker, of Gazelle, was badly burned.



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