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FOOLISH SPEECH—Then said his (Job's) wife . . . Doest thou still retain thine integrity? Curse God, and die. But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? Job 2:9, 10.

Speaking of anniversaries reminds us that The Observer is starting its third year under present ownership.

English church folk are "fighting over the revised Book of Common Prayer." If we may venture a timid suggestion, why not pray over it?

Kansas is going to sell cigarettes openly instead of bootlegging them, and people are going to smoke in plain sight instead of doing it back behind the barn, and many good people are going to be horrified.

Lawyers' wives needn't blame them so much for taking an occasional fee in the form of stock certificates. There was a foolish lawyer, you know, who did a little legal job for Henry Ford, and took his pay in stock that he sold later for \$7,000,000.

An armory, if built in La Grande, like any other public or private enterprise will have to pay its way if it is to be utilized. We think there is adequate demand here for a building suitable for community use. If it is needed with reasonable frequency, the proportionate cost of lighting, heating, and janitor service will be small.

AN ANNUAL PIONEER GATHERING

The banquet sponsored by the Sons and Daughters of Union county Pioneers commemorating Oregon's birthday was so successful and so replete with educational advantages that we hope it is continued year after year. It should be an annual event, a regular occasion when fitting tribute might be paid by word and attendance to those who had the making of a great state, a wonderful county and city. It should be a time when youth as well as age gather together, the one to gain knowledge and inspiration as the other gives from a vast store of human experience.

There is much about Oregon that the average citizen doesn't know, much that can be learned from a birthday observation such as was provided at this banquet and the chamber of commerce program. No state has a more romantic history. Few states have so many events and achievements of the past to inspire the new generation to equal and greater accomplishment.

In Oregon, for example, at Oregon City was established the first newspaper west of the Mississippi, The Spectator, no longer in existence. And when we realize how old are many of the cities and towns in Missouri and Iowa and Texas, this fact is especially compelling. In the court house at Oregon City, which was the first seat of government in the great Northwest, is the original plat and charter application of the city of San Francisco—so we were informed in a recent anniversary edition of the Oregon City Morning Enterprise. Astoria was a river town many years before the great Mississippi valley was pioneered.

To the rest of the nation, Oregon is a new state, a pioneer country. In history it is a rival in age with many of the most staid and densely settled commonwealths. But it is, nevertheless, young and new. It is new in opportunities, youthful in strength and resources. It is young, very young when measured in terms of what the future will bring, measured in terms of the Oregon that can and will be. That confident look forward, made secure by the years that have gone, is the significant thing in Oregon's birthday observation.

The Dalles To Purchase Site For Hospital

THE DALLES, Ore., Feb. 14 (AP)—At a special election here yesterday two bond issues, one for \$15,000 and the other for \$17,000 carried by big majorities. The issue for \$15,000 was for the purpose of buying a site for the Eastern Oregon tuberculosis hospital recently located at The Dalles; for completing the Borwick park, scenic drive which will serve the hospital; and to defray the cost of making sewer connection for the state institution. The vote on this issue was: Yes, 773; no, 118. The \$17,000 bond issue was for cleaning up existing debts against the civic auditorium, about half of the shortage having been incurred at the time the building was erected, and the balance representing loss in operation. The vote on this was: Yes, 604; no, 267.

CALIFORNIA COUNTS DEAD AFTER STORM

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south was demoralized by landslides and high water. Rail communication between Los Angeles and San Diego was cut. La Vida Hot Springs, a health resort in Orange county, was washed away but there were no casualties. A hurricane at Taft ripped the roofs off several buildings.

Miss Renee Adoree, motion picture actress and 50 of her colleagues were snowed in at Mammoth Hot Springs, in the high Sierras. Food was sent to them by airplane. Devil's Gate dam in the San Bernardino valley was a potential drainage point of high water. Some towns there were deluged under four to six feet of water.

127 inches of Snow
The affected area extended from the Aleutian Islands to Lower California and from the coast to the Hawaiian Islands.

Summit observatory in the Sierras reported 127 inches of snow. Mount Wilson reported 7 inches of precipitation. The rainfall since Saturday in most of the area has ranged from 3 to 6 inches. The weather forecast today called for still more.

WORKMEN HALTED

FRESNO, Cal., Feb. 16 (AP)—Workmen attempting to recover the bodies of eleven victims of a snow slide near Camp 72 of the Southern California Edison company in the Sierras east of Fresno, were stopped today as a safety measure, information received here stated. The danger of additional slides was given as the reason. According to meager information, six bodies have been recovered from the slide and three have been placed on a San Joaquin and western train due to reach Fresno this afternoon.

Information from Big Creek stated it was raining in torrents, making attempts to uncover the bodies more difficult.

QUIT HOMES

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Feb. 16 (AP)—Many residents of Laurel Canyon, west of here, were preparing at 11 o'clock to vacate their homes as a heavy downpour of rain threatened new landslides. Scores of officers and volunteers were working at the scene of a big slide to determine whether a buried house contained human occupants.

DRIVEN FROM HOMES

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Feb. 16 (AP)—Between four and six hundred persons have been driven from their homes in the south beach section of Venice, near here, by the storm during the past 24 hours. This was revealed in a check by police and newspaper men today.

The flood situation was relieved somewhat today when authorities dynamited the old flood gates at Playa Del Rey, permitting the waters in the Venice canals and the Del Rey lagoon to escape.

Senators have complained that they have felt "depressed and tired" after a day in the senate. Read the Congressional Record and you'll see the reason.



A TIMELY PICTURE! Clocks on the stockings no longer are considered startling. Miss Beatrix Goudat, of Los Angeles, is showing them here.

Bride of Count



Maybe east never meets west, but Missouri and Paris aren't so far apart. Miss Olga Quentell, former Missouri girl (above), has just been married in New York city to Count Gilles de Ballincourt, descendant of the old French nobility.

Death Toll Now Figured at 100 In Herzegovina

BELGRADE, Feb. 16 (AP)—Reports today from Herzegovina, Bosnia and Dalmatia indicated that the death toll from Sunday's earthquake would not exceed 100.

The fact that the regions shaken in Jugo Slavia were sparsely settled prevented an extremely heavy death list. The number of houses that collapsed is estimated at 200.

Communication remained difficult today. Only a few doctors with emergency medical supplies could get to the scene by airplane.

Twenty tremors came within an hour, just before dawn Sunday. The damage will take weeks to repair. Railroad tracks were completely ripped up in many places, as well as telephone and telegraph lines.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16 (AP)—

Either severe earthquake shocks were registered on the weather bureau seismograph at the University of Chicago over a period of nearly five hours ending at 12:38 a. m. today. The quakes started at 7:47 central standard time. The disturbance was about 8,500 miles from Chicago.

Efforts Made to Save Entombed Dog

SPARTANSBURG, S. C., Feb. 16 (AP)—A dog imprisoned in a 30-foot underground passageway caused considerable concern today to Spartanburg county farmers, several of whom have tried with dynamite to liberate the animal.

Yesterday a muffled bark was heard and Vandy Kelly, farmer, owner of the bound, was encouraged to believe that his dog would be rescued. Since last Saturday when the dog became lodged in the opening of a fox den, farmers have sought to reach it.

A shaft was being sunk today and workers found that progress could be made only by using dynamite. Considerable earth had been removed and a sizeable oak tree uprooted but still a bit of solid rock separated the dog from its master.

Suggests Ring in Senate for Fighters

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AP)—The era of flying congressional fists found humorous outlet today in a movement to apply the orderly processes of the prize ring to future bouts among senators and representatives, but when the proposal was presented on the house floor, senators threatened to take a serious course.

In the midst of a joking discussion of the need for a capital boxing commission, Representative Blanton of Texas, who yesterday wrestled with a colleague in a committee meeting, challenged two or three of those who were tantalizing him. The challenge was laughed off and later an effort to raise it from the record failed.

DR. COE DIES

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 16 (AP)—Dr. Henry Waldo Coe, donor of four statues to the city of Portland, including a famous equestrian bronze of Theodore Roosevelt, died yesterday at Glendale, Calif., of heart disease. He was stricken three weeks ago.

UNION PERSONALS

UNION (Special)—Twice during the past week have the school buildings here been fumigated because of scarlet fever cases developing in the schools. One case occurred in the high school and one in the grades. Principal W. V. Connor of the South grade building was quarantined away from the school for several days because one of the cases was in his home. The other one was a small child in the Andrew Mulvehill home.

Gilbert Hillman, small son of Wash Hillman, of South Union, was taken to Baker for an appendix operation the latter part of the week. From last reports the boy was doing nicely.

While working in the manual training department of the Union high school the first of the week

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The first of the week to her work in the hospital.
Miss Edith Rovig, a primary teacher in the north building in Union schools, is at Hot Lake where she underwent an appendix operation a few days ago.
Mrs. Sterlie Wigglesworth and her daughter Myra, who is a teacher in the Wallonia high school, were visiting in Union over the week end. The Wigglesworths formerly lived here.
Miss Bertha Moyette, a nurse from the Grande Route hospital at La Grande, who has been visiting during the winter at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moyette here in Union, returned

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