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PRAYER FOR HUMILIATED NATIONS—Arise, O Lord; let not men prevail; let the nations be judged in thy sight. Put them in fear, O Lord; let the nations may know themselves to be but men. Psalm 9:19, 20.

Neither the elephant nor the donkey seems to care for bootleg booze as a party beverage.

The diplomacy of the western powers, as regards China, is based on the curious idea that one side can make a treaty.

If President Coolidge moves onto a cattle ranch for his vacation, all that exercise he has taken on his mechanical horse in the White House will serve him in good stead when it comes to the round-up.

Hoover says the United States is in the infancy of its greatness. Education is in its beginnings. Our economic stability has hardly begun. In every respect the nation marches onward. But with all his forward looking, with all his optimism, he stresses the danger and foolishness of waste. Prof. B. H. Barrows of the University of Chicago is depressed and pessimistic about our growth of population. He also urges us to look to our waste. When two people differing so strongly in point of view see so plainly the same evil, the ordinary fellow might well take a look at his day, his health, his back yard and his budget.

Commodity prices in this country, economists find, have fluctuated only about five cents on the dollar, one way or another, during the last five years. This seems to be a natural fluctuation, due to temporary causes rather than any basic cause. It means that the value of the dollar which measures prices appears to be stabilizing itself at a new level, which may be around 65 cents, compared with its pre-war level of 100 cents. This represents a gain of 25 cents on the dollar from its lowest level, which was around 40 cents when prices reached their peak in 1920. If this new level is held, it will be fortunate. Most of the readjustments necessary to accommodate business and finance to the situation have been made by this time. It matters far less what the level of values is than that the level should be steady and that it be real.

DISINTERESTED WITNESSES

Three bills before the Ohio legislature deal with the expert witness problem in trial courts. One of them, already passed by the lower house and waiting for senate action, would provide that in civil actions, the judge of the trial court may appoint not more than three disinterested, qualified experts to investigate and testify under oath and to make a fair and impartial examination and a true report. Their compensation is to be fixed by the county and collected as part of the court costs.

The other two bills make like provision for criminal and insanity cases.

All three of the bills have the approval of the American Bar association and the American Medical association. If they become law and are properly enforced, they should hit directly at one of the outstanding abuses of present court practice.

The conflicting testimony of experts hired by the opposing sides in any law case has come to be a ridiculous and disgusting spectacle. It has not only helped to foster the popular conviction that the "whole truth" is never sought by either side in a trial, but has also helped to bring out distrust of the whole procedure. It is obvious that the experts on both sides cannot be equally well informed or equally honest when their testimony is directly contradictory. If such testimony is to mean anything at all or to have any value in the forwarding of justice, it will have to be disinterested as well as authoritative and honest.

ARIZONA DESERT BLOOMS IN GOLD

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Some days ago are largely responsible, reports say, for the discovery of the new gold field. The water rushed away the dirt from the dyke of rock which bears the gold ore and washed the yellow metal into the adobe house occupied by Joe Lee, a veteran Arizona sourdough, who panned out enough of the yellow metal from the dirt floor of his home to cause in him a feverish activity. He traced the dyke into the hills.

Other prospectors, seeing his unusual interest in the hills, began investigations of their own. Among them was Dan McGraw, who discovered gold on one of his old claims and with his partner, James B. Girard, well known mining man and engineer, made a survey of the surrounding country, always following the surface tracing of Lee's dyke. The results of their investigation, they reported later, were immensely rich.

The news of the reported find traveled by word of mouth in the usual way that such news travels until it reached Phoenix. Then the rush was on.

So abrupt and extravagant were the reports of the new discoveries that seasoned gold hunters waited for more evidence before proclaiming their belief in them.

A Straight Line
They took notice, however, of the fact that the reported discoveries ran in an almost straight line from Phoenix northwest to Trinity County, California, hugging the Nevada-California boundary through Goldfield, Tonopah, Weepah, Calaveras county, California and on to a point not far from the Oregon line, almost as straight as the crow flies. Weepah, meanwhile, remained the center of this glided frontier as one of the best claims changed hands for a sum reported to be \$50,000. Frank Horton head of the Electric Gold Mining company, on whose location the big strike recently was made, looked prospective buyers in the eye and announced that the mine was not for sale.

Revue Promised
The little city took on a deeper shade of gold camp atmosphere when a New York vaudeville manager promised it a revue and a big orchestra, "if the new town hall at Weepah will accommodate the display." A San Francisco promoter offered to bring boxing matches to camp and Frank Horton Jr., co-discoverer of the field, received a proposal of marriage from an unnamed Massachusetts girl who felt that he needed the love and sympathy of a woman in the hectic hunt for gold.

Women began playing a more important part in the life of the older miners as the wives and daughters of the miners took over some of the duties involving brokerage work and other business activities leaving their men free to wield muck stick and pick.

The fair workers have become adept at buying and selling and have like their brothers and husbands, a fair for playing lady luck.

Funeral For 2 Frozen Tots to Be Late Today

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Mar. 17. (AP)—Another chapter in the grim tragedy of Lake county which took the lives of two children and seriously impaired the life of their mother, will be enacted this afternoon when funeral services for Arlo Amburgey, aged 5 and Audrey Amburgey, aged 4, will be held in Lakeview at 1:30 p. m.

PIONEER DIES

MEDFORD, Ore., Mar. 17. (AP)—Francis Marion Ferguson, a resident of Oregon for 75 years, died March 15 at his home near this city. When two years old he crossed the plains with his parents and settled in the Willamette valley and 16 years later moved to



Be sure and come out tonight and hear the Evangelist Rev. Nelson Knight as there will be no meeting Saturday night and the revival may close Sunday evening. Quite a number made a start last night to seek the Lord. Church of God chapel, corner of Victory Way and X avenue.

Cinder Artists To Compete at Corvallis, May 14

CORVALLIS, Ore., Mar. 17. (AP)—The state high school track and field meet abandoned some years ago, will be revived and sponsored annually by Oregon Agricultural college.

May 14 is the date for this year and the second Saturday in May will be the date for the meet each year.

All difficulties as to eligibility rules and other questions were ironed out at a meeting in Salem this week, attended by officials from Portland and the state-wide high school athletic association officials here announced today.

This action insures a state meet that will in reality be statewide in character it was agreed.

Decline in northwest college track, field athletics, as compared with such activities in other sections brought insistent demands for resumption of state-wide high school competition this spring.

With an annual relay meet at Eugene, and the general meet at O. A. C. athletic officials feel that amateur track will come back.

A standard quarter-mile cinder track is available here.

IMPROVEMENT WORK TAKEN UP BY CITY

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used the city manager to hire a man as soon as possible. To date only 108 dogs have been licensed, last year more than 500 sported tags.

A petition for an arc light at Greenwood and Z was referred to the city manager. An ordinance providing for the payment of a \$25 fee to connect onto sewers when it is necessary to cut the pavement was passed.

Obituary

RAY AMBICH

Ray Ambich died at 1528 Monroe street late yesterday. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made. The body is at the Bohnenkamp mortuary.

HENRY BORK

Henry Bork, for many years a resident of La Grande, died this morning. Funeral arrangements are yet indefinite. The body is at the Bohnenkamp mortuary. The decedent is survived by his widow and several children.

NOAH DRAPER

MEDICAL SPRINGS, (Special)—Noah Draper, age 77 years, died at his home here Monday morning. He was born near London, England, May 1, 1850. He came to this country when a young man and lived for many years near Chicago. For ten years he has made his home with Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Powers at Medical Springs. The funeral will be held at Union.

MEDICAL SPRINGS PERSONALS

MEDICAL SPRINGS (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. F. Whitten and Mrs. C. Allen motored to La Grande Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winth and baby and Mr. and Mrs. B. Harrison, of Baker, are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Kennedy entertained several friends Sunday evening. Music was enjoyed, after which refreshments were served.

Henry Wanker has returned to his home after spending the winter at the Park.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wanker and daughter and Mrs. T. E. Kennedy and children were at Baker Sunday.

J. R. Wanker is at Baker looking after his cattle. He has lost several head because of blackleg.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fleming, of Baker, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Dean.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hall and Mrs. Ben Pope, of Baker, spent the week end at the Cottage.

Jackson county. He was one of the old time freighters. He never married. He is survived by a brother, Robert Ferguson, of the Pendleton district, and five sisters, Mrs. Jane Morgan, Mrs. Mary Abbott and Mrs. Sarah Oviatt, all of Ashland, Mrs. Hannah Fisher, of Oregon City, and Mrs. Clara Barkdull, of this city.

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COVE PERSONALS

COVE (Special)—The revival at the Baptist church closed Friday evening. Thursday evening the program consisted of a song service by 50 children, trained by the evangelist, the Rev. R. S. L. Blalock.

Glen Roberts, of Portland, is a guest at the home of his father, E. F. Roberts.

Archdeacon Sydney W. Cressney, of Pendleton, will conduct a preaching mission here March 27 to April 3, inclusive.

Mrs. Cora Bloom spent several days last week visiting her daughter, Mrs. Don Gale and Mrs. Oscar Forham, of Union.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Carter, of Radium Springs, spent the week

end at Cove at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Conley.

Bernie Barker has been out of school for a week on account of illness. She has the measles.

It is thought that the epidemic of flu here is about ended. No new cases have been reported within the past ten days.

Henry Muir is ill at his home here. Mrs. Muir is visiting her parents at Roseburg.

Alda Blank, who underwent a serious operation for an abscess back of her eye last week at the Grande Ronde hospital, has returned home and is said to be much better.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Williams, who have been away for the past three months, returned home Friday. While away they visited their former home in Indiana and spent some time with friends in Kansas and Colorado.

Mrs. Case, of the Oregon Agricultural college extension service, will conduct a class in nutrition here April 2 at 10:30 o'clock.

Classes will also be held at Union, Imbler and Elgin. Other classes will be held in May and June.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Twite are the parents of a baby daughter born to them at the Grande Ronde hospital Sunday, March 13. She has been named Verna Roth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Studdert, of California, were here for the funeral of T. G. Wilson. Mrs. Studdert was Mr. Wilson's sister.

Sherman Goodell, who has been living with his father in Yakima, Wash., arrived a few days ago to be with his mother, Mrs. Julia Wilson.

Workmen are busy here tearing up the rails of the Central Railway of Oregon.

SINCLAIR PLANS TO FILE APPEAL

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locked in the same where 12 other men just three months ago, agreed upon a verdict of not guilty in the conspiracy against Albert B. Fall, former interior secretary, and Edward L. Doheny, California oil operator.

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