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THE OBJECT OF OUR LOVE—I will love thee, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. Psalm 18:1, 2.

One thing you've got to say for filibusters, anyway—they keep congress from spending money.

Numerous plays originating on Broadway have been the object of recent criticism for what is considered either immoral display, action or words. The comedy shown here last night, "Cradle Snatchers," is enjoying its second year's run in New York and can therefore hardly be one of the objectionable. The lines of some of the characters might correctly be labeled suggestive, perhaps, but at least those few were cleverly and not badly so. The entire production, as a matter of fact, was clever—and cleverness is deserving of tribute. The players were excellently trained and admirably cast, the stage well set. It is unfortunate that such a first-class play was not more generally patronized; also unfortunate that similarly fine pieces of stagecraft are not more frequently available.

The apparent desire of the Board of Normal School Regents to delay actual construction of the new normal building here until after the special income tax election in June is, after all, commendable. They are right in wishing to avoid financial embarrassment for the state. If the tax is approved, they will go rapidly ahead with the plans—and there is every indication that this will be possible. In the meanwhile it is only reasonable that every step not requiring large financial outlay be taken before the election. All details should be taken care of so that actual work can be started soon after the finances are approved. The need for normal school opportunity for the young people of Eastern Oregon becomes more and more apparent each year. Its benefits should not be denied longer than is absolutely necessary.

Progress of the street lighting work indicates that a pre-Easter celebration is going to become a reality. It can be and should be one of the most important and beneficial events of the year.

SUICIDAL YOUTH

Much has been said lately about the "wave of student suicides." The newspapers have carried accounts of many such tragedies, and it has been generally accepted that there are far more of them than usual. So everyone has been seeking for explanations and remedies.

Now the New York World, after looking into the records, declares that there is really no such "wave." Lamentable cases there are, indeed, of boys and girls in high school and college giving way to despair and choosing death as the only solution for the ills they see in life. But figures submitted by the World make it doubtful that the situation is so bad as represented.

Mortality statistics show that more than 1200 young people, from 15 to 24, take their own lives in this country every year, according to government reports. This means more than three a day. Naturally, considering our large high school and college population, a good many of these are students.

The current misapprehension is attributed to the fact that, early this year, several rather prominent students happened to make away with themselves, thus attracting widespread attention, and "after that, the newspapers began to count." Abnormal attention had been attracted to a situation that may not have been really abnormal in itself.

The evil is still great enough to merit all that can be done by way of alleviation, especially greater sympathy and understanding for youth. But it is well not to exaggerate the evil and thereby give it still greater power over the minds of boys and girls of morbid tendency.

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Dry Administrator J. D. Pennington of the western Pennsylvania-West Virginia district is a likely choice for the new federal commissioner of prohibition job to be filled soon. A similar position now held by Roy Haynes is abolished by law April 1. The new commissioner will work under General Lincoln C. Andrews.

Shoots Self With Lawn Mower Today

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 25. (AP)—John Haggerty, of Berkeley, shot himself with a lawn mower today.

Haggerty is a junior at the Le Conte school. This being a beautiful day Haggerty decided to cut the lawn. Some one had dropped a .38 caliber bullet in the grass. The mower picked it up, squeezed it just right and the shell exploded with a loud report. The bullet struck Haggerty in the forehead, chipping off some skin. Haggerty quit for the day.

Now Haggerty has lost faith in the capricious mower.

Famed Prohibition Agent Quits Job

WASHINGTON, Mar. 25 (AP)—A Bruce Bielaski, famous undercover agent of the prohibition department, has resigned.

Making a trip here from New York for the purpose, Bielaski submitted his resignation to Assistant Secretary Andrews in charge of dry law enforcement.

The date of his retirement has not been definitely determined. Mr. Andrews said Bielaski was retiring for personal reasons and that his work had been exceedingly creditable.

Mussolini Praises American Flyers

WASHINGTON, Mar. 25 (AP)—American aviators "are among the first in the world in daring and skill," Premier Mussolini of Italy said in a letter to Major Lester B. Gardner who last year flew 21,000 miles over all three in Europe. The letter was sent here in care of Commander Silvio Scaroni, Italian air attaché in Washington, for presentation yesterday at a banquet arranged in Major Gardner's honor by the National Aeronautical association.

POULTRYMEN MEET
GRANTS PASS, Mar. 25 (AP)—Plans were offered at a meeting here last night of Josephine county poultry men for formation of a Rogue River valley cooperative poultry marketing association. Local poultry men are in Ashland today meeting with growers there to get action underway to bring all Rogue valley communities within to proposed organization. Commercial poultry flocks are increasing rapidly in this county.

BARRICK WINS MATCH
GRANTS PASS, Mar. 25 (AP)—Cecil Barrick, local welter headlocked his way to a victory over Roy Cedarstrom, of Marshfield, last night in a match here. Barrick took two falls and Cedarstrom one. After Henry Burke, Klamath Falls middleweight, had tossed Young Gotsch, of San Francisco, in short order, Cal Herman, of Portland, issued a defy to him and Burke agreed to throw him in 20 minutes. The match went the full 20 minutes.

Burglars in New York got \$100,000 worth of aspirin. This may be part of a campaign against the night clubs.

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to carry out Admiral Williams' orders which, in conference with the American policy, would be limited to employing the marines in the protection of American lives and property. The marines would do what was necessary to that end.

He said he made no request for further reinforcements. He justly remarked that his first task would be to learn the names of the rapidly changing list of Chinese war lords. He spent most of the day inspecting the marine dispositions.

SITUATION CRITICAL

SHANGHAI, Mar. 25. (AP)—The Shanghai situation was still causing foreign authorities much anxiety and the defense cordon was being strengthened today. Sandbags and breastworks were placed at vulnerable points.

Attempts by the southern forces to clean up the native district of chapel were only partly successful. Hand to hand struggles between Cantonese regulars and armed civilians continue and there has been looting by the Cantonese. One party of southerners broke in the Roman Catholic church and desecrated the statues and hurled them into Soochow creek.

The strikers are slowly dribbling back in response to the calling of the General strike. The customs employes resumed work yesterday.

NEW YORK, Mar. 25. (AP)—Fifteen or twenty women and children of the families of Nanking missionaries of all denominations had either reached Shanghai in safety or taken refuge on warships. It was announced in a cablegram received by the Methodist board of foreign missions this afternoon. About the same number, most of them men, were still in Nanking, the cablegram said.

FATE OF NANKING UNKNOWN

NEW YORK, Mar. 25. (AP)—A cablegram received today from Shanghai by the National Y. W. C. A. council said that "facts concerning the fate of Nanking were uncertain" but that three Y. W. C. A. secretaries stationed there were reported on their way to Shanghai. The message declared four secretaries in Hangchow and Soochow also had been instructed to go to Shanghai.

The Nanking secretaries are: Miss Anna Faith Williams, of Park Hill, Yonkers, N. Y., a daughter of Dr. John E. Williams, vice president of Nanking university, who was reported killed in the shelling of the city yesterday; Miss Nell Davis, of Long Beach, Cal., and Miss Josephine Brown, of Grand Island, Neb.

Miss Jean Perkins, of Germantown, Pa., and Miss Margaret Chisholm, of England, are stationed at Soochow while Miss Margaret Mack of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Miss Mildred Owen, of Topeka, Kan., are the Hangchow secretaries.

COMMANDER BELIEVED

LONDON, Mar. 25. (AP)—Liu Long-Hsi, self styled "commander of the defense force of Shanghai," is reported by the Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express to have been summarily executed at the headquarters of General Pui Tsung-shi, Cantonese commander, along with 11 others.

On instructions from Hankow, the correspondent says a so-called "provisional government" composed mostly of notorious communists has been formed in the Chinese quarter of Shanghai. Among those making up the government, it is declared, is a woman lawyer named Chen Yoh-Sien, who was educated in Paris, and other well known extremists.

Would Suppress Communists
The dispatch adds that moderate



Why is the Pratt Lumber company like a Ford car?

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I went down last evening and saw that big car that King George used to drive. It sure is a wonder. About the only thing on it that I could see that would be of any service to us would be the horn.

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Huge De Autremont Plans His Defense

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 25. (AP)—That he did not participate in the robbery of a mail car in Oregon in 1923 culminating in the murder of four men, will be defense of Hugh De Autremont, Attorney Elmer E. Robinson, associated with Oregon attorneys in the defense of De Autremont, declared today.

The defendant will be taken to Oregon in a few days by Sheriff Ralph G. Jennings.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Union County.

In the matter of the Estate of E. E. Groat, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that from and after the 11th day of April, 1927, T. J. Scroggin, administrator of the estate of E. E. Groat, deceased, shall proceed to sell, at private sale, at La Grande, Oregon, for cash or the assumption of any mortgages not due upon any parcel of property sold with the payment of the balance in cash, the following described real estate belonging to said estate, to-wit:

Tract 1. The S½ of the S½ of the S½ of the NW¼, N½ of the SW¼, and the N½ of the SE¼ of Section 16; also all that part of the N½ of the SW¼ of Section 15 lying South and West of the O-W. R. R. & N. Co. railroad track and right of way, containing 44 acres, more or less, in Twp. 3 S., R. 38 E., W. 3 N.

Tract 2. The NW¼, and the NW¼ of the SE¼ of Section 24, Twp. 3 S., R. 37 E., W. 3 N.

Tract 3. The SW¼ of the NE¼, Twp. 3 S., R. 37 E., W. 3 N.

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Tract 4. Lot 1 and the N½ of Lot 2 in Block 21 of Chaplin's Addition to La Grande, Union County, Oregon.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this 11th day of March, 1927.

T. J. SCROGGIN,
Administrator of the Estate of E. E. Groat, Deceased.
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