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JOB WORSHIPPERS—Then Job answered the Lord, and said, I know that thou canst do everything, and that no thought can be withholden from thee. Job 42:1, 2.

Congratulations are due the high school staff under whose direction yesterday's Observer was issued. With the exception of the headlines, the Associated Press wire dispatches, syndicate features, and correspondence, all of the news and editorial matter was written, edited, and placed by the students in charge. According to their own report of the experience, they learned many things about newspaper work. We, the reading public—if we analyse their effort—learned much about the point of view of youth, much about youth's variety of interests. Certainly the members of the staff showed fine adaptability on short notice. Every one deserves special praise and personal mention. And if the students got any fun or knowledge out of the experience, The Observer feels many times repaid for presenting the opportunity.

In the editorial column yesterday the high school students made an apt reference to the civic improvements evident in La Grande and cited the reduction in insurance rates as one bit of proof that tax money was well spent in securing better fire protection. Not all public improvements, of course, result in such obvious dividends, but they exist, nevertheless, and not the least of the returns is the pride of our youthful citizens in a community offering many civic advantages. When boys and girls are proud of their home town or city, when they believe in its progressiveness and its opportunities, when they are instilled with an ambition to take an active part in its development and achievements along constructive lines—then it is that a present-day citizenry may count additional dividends on the expenditure of public money. The Grande Ronde valley of tomorrow will be determined by the youth of today. We cannot better spend our time and effort than in familiarizing young people with industry, with agriculture, with business, and with public affairs. The more adequate the preparedness for citizenship, the more perfectly will they handle the opportunities that citizenship will surely bring them.

WARNING FROM A TRAIN DRIVER

The expert New York Central engineer, Joseph F. Coffey, who holds the world's record for locomotive speed—138 miles in 115 minutes—is a thorough believer in safety first for everybody and particularly for motorists. He has been a railroader for 34 years and has watched the development of the automobile driver who races trains to crossings and is a pest and menace to human life. He has saved a good many fool motorists by his watchfulness and forethought and his prompt application of the brakes.

Because its size, he explains, a train moving at tremendous speed sometimes appears merely to be crawling. There is an optical illusion that tricks many drivers. Coffey is not the only railroad engineer who has tried to warn the foolish motorist or who has admitted that the engineer's life is made more nerve-wracking and hazardous by that type. However, human nature being what it is, the foolish driver who thinks it smart or useful to race a train to the crossing is probably here to stay as long as automobiles and railroad trains stay.

The elimination of as many grade crossings as possible and protection of those which survive are surer means of saving the foolish motorist and his helpless companions from this danger. Progress is being made on Oregon highways to such an extent that grade crossing accidents will be an impossible thing on our main roads before very long.

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Underworld In Portland About Cleaned, Report

PORTLAND, Ore., May 5 (AP)—The Portland underworld is about cleaned out, according to federal authorities whose long investigations culminated in the last few days in a series of raids that trapped several scores of suspects. "Not only has the underworld here been virtually wiped out," said R. P. Boehman, immigration director for this district, "but Portland will be a cleaner city for a long time to come." There will be 25 deportations of aliens by the government as a result of the raids, officials said. More than 150 persons have voluntarily and hastily left the city. Many dozens are still in the city awaiting trial, although several who obtained their release on bail have also fled the city, it is said. The latest raid, carried out last night by government narcotic agents, resulted in 25 arrests.

FRENCH GARMEN WILL HAVE LONG TRAINING

PARIS—French garment makers will undergo long courses of intensive training before international events. Experts, alarmed at the methods showing of their rivals have decided that the French physique is the best in the world for scientific rowing but that training methods in the past have been too haphazard and that technique has been too much neglected. The arduous temperament of the Frenchman is given as one reason for the lack of technique. In his opinion, he brings with a desire for speed, and the long-dragging, plodding pace.

of an American college crew, trained in measured cadence, don't appeal to him.

DENVER, Colo., May 5 (AP)—Administration of the affairs of Colorado by Governor William H. Adams, frontiersman and cattleman, marks the fourth time since 1857 the reins of government of the state have been in the Adams family.

His brother, Alva Adams, three times occupied the gubernatorial chair while the present governor occupied a seat in the senatorial chamber. Governor William H. Adams entered the senate at the election in which Alva first became governor.

Declining to run for re-election Alva Adams retired in 1909, only to become governor again in 1927, for one term. His third occupancy of the executive office lasted less than eight months. He served this portion in 1902 when an election complication resulted in Governor Adams, Governor Peabody and Governor Jess P. McDonald taking office in one day as governor. Governor McDonald later gained the office.

REINDEER IN FRANCE

MIRBEVE, Haute Savoie, France.—A pair of reindeer brought here two years ago have thrived and multiplied and more are to be imported.

JACKSONVILLE SURPRISED BY NEW STORY

(Continued from Page 1) There were no other pockets. Was it necessary for him to do that? The city special prosecutor looked to his feet with the shout:

THESE PICTURES SHOW WHY RED CROSS NEEDS \$5,000,000 FLOOD RELIEF



Throughout the flood-devastated Mississippi valley scenes like those pictured above are characteristic. At the top and right (left to right) are shown refugees in a hastily constructed raft near Hickman, Ky. At the lower left a Salvation Army worker is shown with some of the first refugees that arrived in Memphis, Tenn., from flooded districts.

"We object. It's unfair and you know it!"

The court sustained the objection and when the suave Portland attorney repeated his question, the special side of the state again flared. The antagonistic query was for the third time asked and when Attorney Roberts again fired a vigorous protest, the court admonished the barristers to desist.

Titter of Amusement

A titter from the audience brought a rebuke from the bench: "This is a trial of a serious nature. I want no interruption from spectators. One warning should be enough."

The laughter passed as quickly as it started.

Dr. W. W. P. Holt, county physician at the time of the murders, who conducted an autopsy over the victims was on the stand as the morning session drew to a close, the state setting forth to establish a corpus delicti.

Objects by which the state of Oregon hopes to link the defendant to participation in the Siskiyoun tunnel holdup, were introduced as evidence and exhibits by the prosecution this morning, marked by sharp exchanges between the opposing counsel on their admissibility.

Battery Exhibited

The stolen detonating battery with which the blast killed Mail Clerk E. E. Daugherty was fired, the 100 feet of insulated wire that led from it to the door of the death car, the crooked gimlocks from which the odor of creosote had long since faded, the denim overalls, cut off below the knees, the knapsacks, the state claims were purchased in a Eugene, Ore., store by Ray De Autremont two weeks before the crime, and a photograph of the slain postal employe, were introduced. The photo was identified by the widow of the mail clerk, now remarried, and Dr. Lawrence George of Tacoma, Wash., the former a nervous witness who spoke but a score of words, and the latter a precise speaker.

The defendant, throughout the introduction of the exhibits and the legal tiffs that centered about them manifested keen interest, as he sat between his father and mother. Soberness marked his features, and there was just a hint of worry on his face. Both parents clung to every word, and when recess was called they went separate ways, while the defendant went to the rest room for his mid-morning cigarette, standing apart from the jurors, who went to the same cramped quarters for the same purpose.

Sensational Evidence Disc

In the morning testimony the state continued to establish base fact and lay the foundation for sensational evidence to come.

When court opened, Paul De Autremont of Eugene, Ore., father of the defendant was seated by his side, across from Mrs. Belle De

Autremont of Lakewood, N. M., the wife from whom he has been estranged for many years.

COURT HOUSE, JACKSONVILLE, Ore., May 5, (AP)—Information was received here at noon today that the man under suspicion in the Philippine Islands as Ray De Autremont has proved not to be the alleged Siskiyoun homicide, according to Chief Postal Inspector C. D. Riddiford, attending the trial of Hugh De Autremont.

GRAY QUIZZED WOMAN'S LAWYER

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"Yes."

"Why did you go there? You weren't forced, was it?"

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"Oh, and this magnetic power was so strong you could not resist it?"

"I could not resist it."

"But you didn't do the murder that night of March 7, did you?"

"No."

"So you did overcome that magnetic power, didn't you?" The spell wasn't complete, was it?"

Gray replied.

"I made up my mind not to do such a thing."

"But you didn't throw away the implements?"

"No."

Tells of Daughter.

Gray almost lost control of himself when Wallace asked if he didn't have a daughter about the same age of Mrs. Snyder's daughter.

"I certainly have," he said, and gulped with the effort to keep back his tears. "You had a fine wife and daughter and yet went with this woman when you knew her home relations were strained?"

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