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A NEW CREATION: Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Psalm 51:10.

They didn't have curfew sirens during the war so we will hardly expect the Legionnaires to know there is such a thing the next three days.

Only one major entertainment event of the convention program will be charged for—the public wedding and fireworks display Saturday evening. An admission of fifty cents has been settled on for this and no one will object to the contribution after they see this pageant of fire. The fireworks represent an investment of over \$1100 and will be worth several times the admission charge. The high school athletic field should be crowded to its limits.

Legion delegates—official, unofficial, and incidental—are arriving. The convention toward which the people of this community have been looking, for which they have been working, gets under way tomorrow. The official welcome of the city and the local American Legion post will be extended then. The busiest, most crowded three days of La Grande history are starting. Visitors from all over Eastern Oregon will be here to enjoy the program of entertainment in addition to the thousands of World War service men from all over the state. It is a rare opportunity for La Grande to make itself long remembered as the most progressive, most hospitable city of this inland empire.

Not long ago the North American Review gave some eye-opening figures on what it costs to move freight by different methods. By horse and wagon, a dollar will pay for carrying a ton a little more than four miles; by truck, the dollar will haul that ton 20 miles; at the average freight rate on American railroads, 133 miles; on the Erie canal, 333 miles; on European canals, 500 miles; by the lake route through the Soo canal, according to 1913 freight rates, 1500 miles; at the rate for coal on the Great Lakes and on the Mississippi river, 3000 miles. Here are facts to keep in mind in the development of the country's future transportation systems. They have an obvious application to present projects for inland waterways.

FORD FOR PRESIDENT?

According to a Washington interpreter of events, "Henry Ford's recantation of his anti-Semitism, his abandonment of the theory of a vast Hebraic plot to dominate the world, and his declaration that the so-called 'protocols of the Wise Men of Zion' on which he based his attacks, are exploded forgeries, are taken by the politicians to be his first step towards entering the 1928 campaign for the presidency."

That may be. There is no fathoming the Ford mind. In spite of past disclaimers, the flivver king may have political ambitions. He has thrown out hints occasionally which seemed to imply that he thought he could run the United States government better, after office hours, than it was being run. And Henry certainly has some good ideas about government, picked up somehow in the course of his flivver-making.

Nevertheless if Henry is as shrewd as he is reputed to be, he will probably lay off that line of ambition. For painful as it is to say it of so excellent and useful a citizen, Henry has never shone in his public appearances, whether in court or in print.

As a witness he has been easily flurried and overwhelmed. As a publisher, by his own admissions, he has not known or understood what was being printed in his name. As patron and commander of the celebrated peace ship which went over to stop the World War, he was soon driven to seek shelter in the privacy of his cabin. Could he stand the guff as president, and keep the government running as smoothly as his factory?

It might be a sad day for Ford if he announced his candidacy, and a sadder day if he were elected. The master-manufacturer might blow up as a politician.

RUBBER YIELD IS TO BE INCREASED

Budgrafting Discovery Is Hailed as Likely to Settle All Difficulties

NEW YORK, July 20 (AP)—The Herald-Tribune says that scientists experimenting on rubber plantations in Dutch East Indies have developed a system of budgrafting through which the yield of rubber trees can be increased four fold.

Through application of the new discovery, says the newspaper, which comes just at the time when Thomas A. Edison hoped to give the market a rubber substitute the price of crude rubber will be cut from 25 to 30 cents a pound.

"The new discovery is tremendous," Frank H. Henderson, president of the New York Rubber exchange, is quoted as saying. "It means that the rubber industry has been able to solve its problems from the inside and it is only a question of time when competition will speedily eliminate the supply of all existing areas with new plantations employing the new method."

The principles of budgrafting established by the late Luther Burbank, naturalist, form the basis for the new discovery, the Herald-Tribune says.

Spreading of the new process will ultimately result in the reduction of tires, surgical supplies and flooring materials. Mr. Henderson is further quoted as saying, and will mean the demise of the present manufacturing process, through which old tires and scraps produce 35 per cent of "crude" rubber, used in this country at present.

DEATH TAKES NOTED RULER OF RUMANIA

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Aversco, in whom dictatorial dreams were credited in some circles, was removed from the head of the government and a more inclusive government was formed under Prince Sathis, one of the richest Rumanians and long a favorite at court, to hold the reins until the Rumanians were ready to step into power again.

Regency to Rule

Those who know Rumania are quite unanimous in the prediction that the regency for Prince Michael, Carol's six-year-old son, will rule as provided by law and that there is almost no possibility of Carol ascending the throne. His friends in Rumania are few and far between, it is said, and certainly are not strong enough to force him upon the country. Nor have there been any indications that Carol craves to come back home. That he is not wealthy and that he does not work, every one knows, but that he has sufficient sources of income to live a leisurely life near Paris is obvious to all who have observed his comings and goings at the French capital. In all appearances he is quite content with things as they are.

The Rumanians and their party candidates won an overwhelming victory in the recent elections to parliament and the Rumanians, now strongly entrenched in power, are solidly opposed to Carol as he is widely regarded as a foreigner. He is a little group of the richest and most powerful men in Rumania politically and economically. What Queen Marie, who for years has been better known to the world than her more retiring husband, will do in European politics now that she is retired from the throne, is a question which already is being thought of. Whether she will be as influential as international affairs with the regency ruling as she was during the throne with Ferdinand is the problem.

REGENCY SWORN IN

BUCHAREST, July 20 (AP)—The regency council was sworn in at 4:50 o'clock this afternoon before the national assembly. The assembly entered little king Michael, who was accompanied by his mother, the Princess Helen.

ELMER STEELE



Elmer Steele, known as the "steel man," who will begin a 146-hour endurance drive from in front of the Observer office tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Mr. Steele is conditioning his car today.

Oregon Attorney Sentenced to Pen

PORTLAND, Ore., July 20 (AP)—Clarence E. Henry, alias Bertton Leland Stanford, pleaded guilty before Federal Judge John H. McNary today to two indictments charging embezzlement and misappropriation of funds from the United States National bank in 1922. The indictments charged him with theft of \$5,000 in United States certificates of indebtedness and liberty loan bonds.

Henry was sentenced to six years at McNeil Island penitentiary. Henry disappeared in 1922 and was a fugitive from justice for three years. He was arrested by department of justice agents in Jackson, Fla., three months ago and returned to Portland.

Henry is an alumnus of Willamette university and was admitted to the bar in Oregon. He is about 28 years old.

DR. STRYKER BURIED

PORTLAND, Ore., July 20 (AP)—Members of the Mamma monument association today held a funeral for Dr. W. M. Stryker, Portland dentist, whose death followed a stroke about 11 o'clock last Sunday. The Oregon commandery of the Knights Templar had charge of the service.



If any soldier boys want a place to sleep, send them down. My father and mother used to live in Western Kansas in a one-room dugout and we always had plenty of room for visitors even though our table was set outside in the prairie grass. And we had one old goose with a long neck that was fond of eating pancakes off the table. It took one or two of us boys to keep the goose away while mother got breakfast ready. Those were the happy days but I don't care to go back and live in a dugout. It takes a long time to dig out of a dugout and when you do get dug out you don't care to dig back in.

I have got to quit right off now. That drum major leader that is so full of electricity just drove up here in a Ford car—and I am sure he drove up over the speed limit—and he began to point his finger at me and talk some kind of foreign language. I began to understand that he wanted that lumber quick. I have to quit right now or he will be trying some of those stunts on me with his baton. And he tells me to "ring off, for the love of Mike," so good-bye.

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Salem Clerk Is Killed By Hit And Run Driver

SALEM, Ore., July 20 (AP)—Maynard Sawyer, who for five years has been employed as a clerk in the Capital drug store here, was instantly killed about 7 o'clock last night when he was run down by a "hit and run" automobile at State and Church streets. A few minutes later Mrs. Ruth W. Lockwood was arrested at State and 13th streets and at the police station she was said by City Health Officer Vernon Douglas to be under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

Sawyer was 29 years old. Mrs. Lockwood is owner of a farm near Turner.

The woman admitted that she had struck some one with her car, according to police who said blood was found on the front of the vehicle and blood marks were found at the scene of the accident where Sawyer's body was dragged by the car for a distance of 83 feet.

Died Instantly

Sawyer's body was taken to a hospital, but was lifeless upon arrival there and he is believed to have died instantly.

Sawyer was identified by a letter in his pocket and further identification was made by J. H. Whit, proprietor of the drug store where he was employed. Sawyer was unmarried. His father lives

at Tuxton, Ore. He formerly attended school in Salem and is well known here.

Mrs. Lockwood was held at the city jail overnight, and will be given a preliminary hearing today.

SALEM, Ore., July 20 (AP)—A charge of manslaughter will be filed this afternoon by the district attorney's office against Mrs. Ruth W. Lockwood who was arrested last night after she had run over and killed Maynard Sawyer, druggist at State and Church streets. At the police station Mrs. Lockwood was said by health officer V. A. Douglas to have been under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

Increase Noted In Run of Fish

PORTLAND, Ore., July 20 (AP)—A marked increase in the run of fish in the Tillamook, Rogue and other coast commercial fishing streams has been noted in the last few days, according to reports reaching Acting Master Fish Warden Hoy. Off shore trawlers are also having more success at Yaquina bay. Commercial fishing had previously been operating at slow toll because of the languishing run of fish.

The Columbia salmon run has also picked up, Mr. Hoy said, but it has been fluctuating all season. Today's reports from Astoria told of 500 pound catches in diver nets

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Carol Notified Of King's Death; Troops Mustered

BEIGRADE, Jugoslavina, July 20 (AP)—The Rumanian government has wired Prince Carol, the news of his father's death, at the same time telling him that Rumania is firmly decided to respect the decision of Jan. 15, 1926, which accepted his renunciation of the throne, and established the regency of the young Prince Michael, says reports received here from Bucharest.

and measures taken by government in the event of the return to Rumania of former Crown Prince Carol.

PARIS, July 20 (AP)—Former Crown Prince Carol of Rumania who left his villa in Neully early this morning for a trip into the country, returned shortly before noon and was still in his home at two o'clock this afternoon.

No apparent preparations were being made at the villa this afternoon for a hurried departure and unless Carol leaves Paris by this evening he will be unable to reach Bucharest in time to attend his father's funeral.

"His royal highness regrets that he cannot see you," a correspondent for the Associated Press was told by the maid who answered the door at the villa. Only a few months ago this same maid here merely said: "Mr. Carastina does not receive newspapermen."

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