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STRENGTH AND WISDOM With God is strength and wisdom: the deceived and the deceiver are his. Job 12:16.

The man who is planning to come here from England in a small boat driven by foot pedals may be a pioneer, all right, but we question whether he'll have many followers.

We suppose it's our naturally mean disposition that makes us hope the people who said this was to be a "year without a summer" are spending these days in some of the country's warmer cities.

Political gossip in the Oregon Voter last week insinuated that E. E. Brodie, of Oregon City, might become a candidate for governor next time. Oregon would be lucky if such a thing happened and, incidentally, he would be a hard man to beat. He is known, admired, and liked by just about every newspaper man in every corner of the state and he's got a big acquaintance outside of the newspaper fraternity. Perhaps his years as United States minister to Siam are responsible for this political ambition, if such he has.

If the corn crop in the middle west were as abundant as the wheat crop out in this direction, Calvin Coolidge could just about win the republican nomination for president again by default. Nothing aids indifference to politics and candidates quite so much as prosperity. Not that agriculture is overly prosperous, but there'll be less discontent this fall wherever the farm crops and farm prices are better. The government usually has nothing at all to do with hard times but gets the blame for it just the same. Neither has it much to do with good times but the administration manages to claim all credit for prosperity and get by with it most of the time because voters are too busy or too satisfied or both when the time for exercising franchise comes around. Few people, among the politically intelligent, are enthusiastic about Coolidge, but they are in the mood to follow the line of least resistance thus far. "What-difference-does-it-make" is the prevalent attitude. That's good for the politicians but eventually hard on the country.

COURT CRITICIZES COURT

An Ohio court of appeal, passing on a case carried up from the lower court, took occasion to criticize the trial judge in a way that may have pretty general application in this country.

"This was a simple robbery case," says the appellate court. "There were no intricate or difficult questions involved. The issues should have been tried and the case disposed of in a day or two. The trial was commenced on the 22nd day of May, 1926, and was not ended until the 4th day of June. The record contains 938 pages of printed matter. The frequency with which these large records in very simple cases have recently come to this court, filled to a great extent with irrelevant colloquy between the court and counsel, makes it necessary that something should be said so that the practice may be avoided in the future. If prolonged trials were in the interest of justice and not such a waste of time, energy and money, we would be willing to overlook the matter. To require several days or two weeks to dispose of a simple case does not aid in the administration of criminal law."

It wastes the time of the trial court and the time of the higher courts. It wastes the public money which keeps the courts running. It wastes the resources of the prisoners, and takes so much more out of their lives. It discredits the courts in the eyes of the public. The more courts we can have where superfluous legal manipulations are discouraged and direct justice speeded up, the nearer we will be to law observance and fair living.

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TWELVE HURT IN STAGE ACCIDENT

Auto Bus Driver Disappears After Wreck Near Yoncalla Sunday

ROSEBURG, Aug. 1 (AP)—Injuries to 12 persons resulted from the wreck of a stage-Los Angeles auto bus near Yoncalla early Sunday morning.

The bus was driven by Carl Sherman, of Los Angeles, who has disappeared. Only minor injuries were sustained, the passengers being cut by flying glass and braked when they were thrown violently from their seats as the car went off the road.

The cause of the accident could not be determined, according to state Traffic Officer E. R. Thurber, who made an investigation, as the driver disappeared before he could be questioned. The wreck happened at 1:20 a. m. while the passengers were asleep, the bus leaving the highway, looping the drainage ditch beside the road and crashing into the high bank on the left hand side of the highway. As the left side of the vehicle slid along the bank the windows were broken out and the interior was filled with broken glass, dirt and boulders, the relief driver, H. F. Schram, who was asleep, being almost buried under the debris.

Eight of the injured were brought to the local hospital and one taken to Yoncalla. Those brought to Roseburg were Mr. and Mrs. John Finlett and daughter Ruth, of Harbor City, Calif.; Mrs. M. C. Henderson, 7217 Normandie, Los Angeles, Calif.; and Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Murray and two children, Robert and Agnes, 734 West Washington St., Los Angeles. D. Betterson, 1522 Pacific avenue, Tacoma, was taken to Yoncalla. All of these had cuts as a result of being hit by flying glass, and were also lacerated quite severely. Miss Gordon Brainard, 1287 North Hazard street, Los Angeles, Louis Buchman, Port Angeles, Wash., and John Burns, 2824 Elm street, Los Angeles also received minor injuries.

The driver, Sherman, according to information given the state traffic officer, was left to guard the bus while the injured people were removed to Roseburg and Yoncalla for medical treatment, but disappeared and has not yet been located.

Selects Board To Make Report On Owyhee Dam

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (AP)—A board of consulting engineers has been appointed by the interior department to consider and report upon the design and construction of the Owyhee dam in Oregon, the Deadwood dam in Idaho and the Gibbon dam in Montana.

A. J. Wiley, of Boise, Idaho; D. C. Henry, of Portland, Ore.; W. H. Naider, of The Denver office of the bureau of Reclamation, will constitute the board. With them will be associated for the respective dam sites the following:

At Owyhee, F. A. Banks, construction engineer, at Lewiston; R. J. Newell, superintendent of the dam project at Gibbon, George O. Sanford, superintendent of the Sun River project and Ralph Lowry, construction engineer.

In the case of the Owyhee dam which will reach the record height of 230 feet, the board will consider both sites and construction details.

Dr. Warren H. Smith, geologist of Eugene, Ore., has also been appointed as a consulting geologist to advise as to special geological conditions at the Owyhee dam.

Marketing Leaders To Meet In Salem

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 1 (AP)—Presidents in a meeting of Oregon Farm growers and business men Thursday in Roseburg a conference of marketing leaders interested in organizing growers will be held tomorrow in Salem.

Among those who will attend the conference are Lucius Paul Mays, of the extension department, Oregon Agricultural college, state market leader, Seymour Junge, manager, H. H. Kipp, of the marketing department, Portland chairman of growers, chairman, Lloyd Bergquist, of the general conference committee at 198, and Chairman Crawford and secretary Kenneth Miller of the organization committee of growers.

Effort will be made to formulate a plan to be submitted to the Roseburg meeting.

Judge To Hear Two Late Today

Judge Martin and Chief Magistrate of Idaho, both about 70, were charged with the murder of Tom Green the heavy 300 pound on July 25, were suspended in Idaho last week and brought to La Grande Saturday by Sheriff James W. Stephens who issued the warrant for their arrest. Martin and Stephens will be given a hearing this afternoon at the justice court.

NEWSBOY MAN INJURED

NEWSBOY, Ore., Aug. 1 (AP)—While negotiating a well on his farm (see other news of Roseburg, James Dodge was overcome with heat Sunday. Just as a companion named Tyler suggested to getting a rope around Dodge's body and giving his head above water, the well caved in. Others dug the boy out. Tyler had received consciousness before the time a physician from Newsberg arrived. Dodge was still in a critical condition today, although it is believed he will recover.

Aged Woman May Not Make Hike To This State

MEDFORD, Ore., Aug. 1 (AP)—Mrs. Fannie Streater, of Belfort, Va., aged 81 years who six weeks ago started to walk to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wyle Koene of Jackson, Ore., and reached Chicago a month ago, through the help of automobilists, is still in the mid-west metropolis, according to her daughter, and not apt to proceed further westward.

Mrs. Koene said this morning that she did not expect her mother to visit her as her last letter said she was contented with a light job in one of the Chicago suburbs. An effort is being made to induce the aged lady to return to her Virginia home.

Mrs. Streater has "walked" across the country three times in the last 11 years, twice to this state, and once to Washington state. This spring she started on her fourth trans-continental hike, giving as her reason: "I want to see my grandchildren." She reached Chicago, where she announced her destination with the comment: "I would rather travel than stay home."

The aged lady left Jacksonville last January by train for Virginia, and in June, again started for this way.

Men Refuse To Let Order Scare Them

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 1 (AP)—Warning that if they ever returned to the Umpqua national forest as squatters they would be held for contempt of court failed to daunt E. H. Best and Emory Davis, government officers reported today. After being advised on June 25 that they were forever barred from squatters rights, they returned to the reserve, officers said.

Yesterday they were served with subpoenas by Deputy U. S. Marshal Loren Cochran, citing them to appear in federal court Sept. 2 to show cause why they should not be found guilty of contempt of court.

Both men live below Crescent Lake. No settling is permitted by the government on the reserve.

Walter Johnson 25 Years in Show

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (AP)—When the sun sets this evening, Walter Johnson will have rounded out a fifth of a century as a major league pitcher—and he has served only one club, the Washington Senators.

Twenty years ago tomorrow the "old master" as the fans call him, took the mound for his first start in the big show. He pitched seven innings against Detroit and was relieved in the eighth by Long Tom Hughes with the score 2 to 1 against him, after he had given the Tigers six hits. Detroit subsequently won, 2 to 1.

Tomorrow Johnson will face the Tigers again. It will be "Johnson day" and the hurler instead of being a raw recruit looking hopefully into the future will gaze backward over a career bulging with achievements that have made him an idol not only in the capital and in other major league cities but on every sand lot where baseball is played.

Mrs. Harry Lauder Called To Beyond

DUNGOON, Scotland, Aug. 1 (AP)—Mrs. Harry Lauder, who has lightened the hearts of hundreds of thousands throughout the English speaking world by his clever drolleries, was prostrated with grief today over the sudden loss of his devoted wife and constant companion for 37 years. There were even reports that he has resolved never to appear on the stage again, but he did not make a public statement, and was so crushed with grief that it is not likely he will talk for publication for some time.

Less than a fortnight ago Lady Lauder went to a nursing home in Glasgow, for an internal operation. She bore the ordeal well and was progressing satisfactorily towards recovery, when, early yesterday morning her heart failed and she died. 80 Harry at the bedside Saturday afternoon was delighted to find her cheerful and getting strong. The same evening he received a message at his home, Lauderdale in Dunoon saying she was still doing splendidly. This terrible news was scripturally broken to him by his friend, the Rev. John Fulton, Sunday morning, came with the force of an overwhelming blow.

HOT SPELL WILL CONTINUE AWHILE

Forest Fire Warnings Broadcast Daily—Malheur Woods Ablaze

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 1 (AP)—Very slight relief from a hot spell is to be expected today and tomorrow, according to the weather bureau. Humidity this morning was 75 and was running about 10 points lower than the humidity Sunday.

Forest fire warnings to campers and tourists continue to be daily features of the weather forecast issued.

Nineteen small forest fires started in a lightning storm Saturday night and Sunday in and near Mount Baker national forest have been reported to forest headquarters here. Crews are working on all of them.

Malheur national forest in Eastern Oregon has had 24 fires so far this season, all but six of them caused by lightning.

FIRE UNDER CONTROL

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 1 (AP)—Fire which Saturday threatened the watershed of the Bull Run reservoir today was crackling halfheartedly through charred underbrush and was thoroughly under control.

It started one-half a mile below the construction camp of the Bear Creek dam, now under construction. Wind fanned it from the brush into the trees.

Jap Jumps 30 Feet To Bridge and Dies

ALBANY, Ore., Aug. 1 (AP)—After drifting for many hours all efforts to coax him down from the top of the Albany bridge, Y. Tanawawa, Japanese logger, leaped head first 30 feet to the flooring early yesterday and was killed. He had been employed by the Corvallis Logging company, at Bellefontaine. He took up his perilous perch shortly before noon Saturday.

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