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GENUINE PRAYER: Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me; and to him that ordereth his way aright will I show the salvation of God. Psalm 50:22.

Limitless wealth awaits the man who will invent a self-opening can that opens itself.

It may be, as Mr. Mencken says, that a universal language would prepare the way for world peace. Still, we've seen quite a little fighting among English-speaking people.

The Maharajah of Ratlam, who came to America for the international polo tournament and the Dempsey-Sharkey fight, is an unusual Hindu. India doesn't go in much for athletics. "I do like to see a good boxing match!" says the Maharajah. "My interest in boxing is like my interest in all sports. It is immaterial to me, in the long run, who wins or loses. What I like above all else is to see a fine, close, clean contest, with the victory going to the individual or team that earns it." Therein the Maharajah shames us athletic occidentals, who usually want to see our own side win whether it deserves it or not. Wouldn't it be a queer baseball game or boxing match where all the spectators honestly wanted to see the victory go to the side that earned it?

The Metropolitan Life Insurance company, with 18,000,000 industrial policy-holders, finds America's working men healthier this year than ever before. The death rate for May set a low record for the company, and the death rates for the months of January, February, March and April ran well under those for the same period during any preceding year. The industrial population of the United States and Canada appears to be in generally fine health.

Tuberculosis, pneumonia, influenza, measles and whooping cough have been registering a steady decline since Jan. 1. Diphtheria, heart disease and cancer are the only serious ailments recorded as showing an increased mortality rate.

These facts seem to indicate that health education is succeeding in its aim to lessen disease. People have been taught to take better care of their health. Attention has been concentrated on the prevention and cure of certain diseases, such as tuberculosis. The results are gratifying and hopeful, because they show what can be accomplished. In time, heart disease, cancer and some of the others that still baffle the medical profession, will yield to continued investigation and education.

### GIRDLING THE EARTH

Secretary of the Navy Wilbur's idea for flying around the earth at the equator is a good one. There have been polar flights and transatlantic flights, and even round-the-world flights. But the latter, pretentious as they have been, can hardly be said to have achieved much. The famous world-belt flight of the United States navy fliers, successful as it was, might be considered merely as a series of "hops" from one strategic place to another, until the participants of the big air relay finally got around to where they had started from. Following the equator around to the starting point, either eastward or westward, would be a real achievement. For one thing, it would be an honest-to-goodness round-the-world flight. The earth, as the school geographies have always taught, is 25,000 miles around. But round-the-world travelers, whether by land, water or air, have usually hedged more or less on the job, going to the north or south so far that they described, roughly, a "small circle" or parallel instead of a "great circle," such as the equator. If any airplane follows the equator clear around, everybody will know that it has really belted the earth, circling its expansive stomach instead of its neck or ear. There is adventure, too, along the equator. There are great seas and burning deserts and high mountains. There are the bones of ancient civilizations, and vast areas that will be of enormous value to the human race in future ages. Why not get acquainted with them in the newest and most spectacular way?

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## Presentation Of Resignation Is Expected Soon

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 2 (AP)—It is believed here that the resignation of Frank C. Bramwell, state superintendent of banks will be presented at a meeting of the state banking board here early tomorrow. Sam A. Kozer, secretary of state, and the only member of the board in the city today, said he did not know the purpose of the meeting, explaining that he simply had been asked if he could be present. The meeting is to be held at the regular August meeting of the state board of control. It was said at the governor's office that Bramwell's resignation has not yet come in.

There are now four known candidates in the field for appointment as Bramwell's successor. They are Ben W. Otton, former governor, A. A. Schramm, of Corvallis, J. M. Thrane, of Roseburg, and Ed Cusick, of Albany. For a time it appeared that the appointment would go to Otton, but this indication has not been strong during the last week. There is a feeling among some political observers that Schramm has the inside, while some strong Portland influence is being exerted for Cusick. Portland banking men, according to reports here, are divided on the question.

## DECISION HAS BEEN PROMISED FOR TOMORROW

BOSTON, Aug. 2 (AP)—Governor Alvan T. Fuller came early to the state house today to interview a few last witnesses and to work on his decision on the case of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti radicals who are now under sentence of death in the week of August 19 for a murder committed seven years ago. The governor's decision has been promised for tomorrow.

Vanzetti today for the third consecutive day ate breakfast and even asked for an extra glass of milk. His strength was said to be rapidly returning after his two weeks of fasting.

Sacco, however, had not yet broken his hunger strike begun July 27. He was described as showing indications of weakness but the prison physician has seen no signs of danger in his condition. It was recalled that in 1924 he went without food for a month without showing any serious effects. One forcible feeding at that time ended the "strike."

## 150 ATTEND FISH FEED LAST NIGHT

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and a flashlight by the Glass Drug company and the Western Auto Supply company. J. H. Diehl and Charles Marchison caught the largest whitefish and received an outing bottle and a box of cigars given by the Red Cross and Moon drug companies. Al Ray and Ed Coolidge turned in the best party catch of 120 trout. Mr. Ray was given five dollars in cash by the La Grande National bank and Mr. Coolidge was given a five dollar box of cigars by the Laurent pool hall. Nate Zweifel and Rube Zweifel turned in the best party catch of 80 trout and were given a spot light by Jennings and Stearns and a pair of shoes by the New York store.

Ray Millerling was given a crank radio by the Play-Oil company for the largest net haulage on the trip. J. H. Diehl was given 10 dollars of gas for having the largest catch of trout of anyone being a Ford car in the trip. J. A. Annisworth was given a gallon of motor oil by the Blue Mountain garage, which was given to the party in a Chevrolet car having the largest catch.

Nate Zweifel was given the prize for having the best food luck story to tell at the banquet.

## General Secretary To Resign Office

EGGERS, Ore., Aug. 2 (AP)—Frank Marchant, general secretary of the Eugene V. M. C. A. for the past seven years, will tender his resignation to the board of directors at a meeting of that group tonight. Mr. Marchant has been in V. M. C. A. work for 25 years. His resignation will take effect on Oct. 1. The end of his contract year. He has made an announcement as to his future course.

## FAVE STEALING CHARGES

PHENIXTON, Aug. 2 (AP)—M. Maynard and H. Maynard, brothers residing near Mission, face charges of stealing which arose following the discovery of 19 watches on their place last night by sheriff's officers. Some of the watches have been identified. Numerous reports of grain stealing has been issued by growers in this county.

## LOST OVERBOARD

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 (AP)—Hubert Henry Wilson, a fireman who was missing from Marshfield, Ore., was last sighted yesterday from the steamer Astoria, in Clifton, where the navy department was advised today.

A small company was ordered to stop price fixing. Now let's get after the cheating post trusts. There's a lot of difference between being one of a million and one in a million.

## OUTDOING "ABIE" CAL WILL NOT BE CANDIDATE IN 1928 RACE



In "Abie's Irish Rose" the plot merely involved rejudging religious attitudes. But when Solomon Oppenheimer, New York real-estate man, married his Irish secretary, Gertrude Gruen, there was the additional involvement of discrimination in ages. Oppenheimer is 58 and his bride 21. They were married at St. Patrick's cathedral, N. Y. After a courtship that started seven years ago when Miss Gruen won a beauty prize in St. Louis.

## Coolidge Favors Oil Conservation

RAPID CITY, S. D., Aug. 2 (AP)—Any reasonable program to conserve the nation's oil supply which would not conflict with the Sherman anti-trust law, is in the opinion of President Coolidge, in the interest of public welfare. He would like to see order brought into the oil industry whereby a stable supply at reasonable prices could be assured, but he realizes that the things governed by supply and demand, it is not always possible to work out a satisfactory solution.

It was recalled at the summer white house today that some negotiations are under way to conserve the country's oil resources. Mr. Coolidge favors conservation and hopes that some way toward this end may be found which would not run counter to the anti-trust laws.

## HELD IN JAIL

EGGERS, Ore., Aug. 2 (AP)—James A. Hamlin, of Sen. Francis, is being held in the city jail here today on a "hit-and-run driver" charge. He was stopped by Sergeant Earl B. Houston, state traffic department, and Det. F. P. Evans, Eugene traffic officer. Officers say that Hamlin struck a coal worker with his car near Jefferson this evening. It is said that the man was severely burned by hot tar that he was carrying.

## ANNOUNCEMENT ELECTRIFIES WASHINGTON

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president's announcement in Rapid City means his elimination as a 1928 presidential possibility. "I deeply regret the announcement," he said when informed of it, "but I am not convinced he will not run if nominated." Mr. Butler, who was here for the day on personal business, declined to express his opinion as to whether there would be any concerted movement to urge the nomination upon Mr. Coolidge.

CHICAGO, Aug. 2 (AP)—Vice President Charles G. Dawes received without comment the information that President Coolidge had announced he did not choose to run for president in 1928. Brigadier General Dawes has been actively interested as a possible presidential candidate. He was busy at his desk at the Central Trust company when President Coolidge's statement was laid before him.

## VICTORY FOR AGRICULTURE

DES MOINES, Iowa, Aug. 2 (AP)—Senator Smith W. Branch just said today "what ever else happens, President Coolidge's decision not to run for re-election means a victory for agriculture." The senator has for several years been an outspoken opponent of the administration.

"The president's announcement," Senator Brookhart continued, "is a triumph for agriculture even though a reactionary is nominated in next year's convention. There will be a real chance now to make a fight for agriculture along the line."

"I think they will not dare declare a re-election nomination next year, that is, in agriculture."

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 2 (AP)—Senator James A. Reed of Missouri, today declined to comment upon the decision of President Coolidge today not to run for another term in 1928. Senator Reed has been mentioned as a possible candidate for the democratic nomination for president.

Those closest to him in his official family had taken occasion on this day—the fourth anniversary of Mr. Coolidge taking the oath of office—to express the private view that he would not make any statement of his plans for another term and would accept the nomination if given to him without expressing himself.

It was pointed out later by these same staunch supporters of the president that the door to the nomination had not been closed by the statement in the event of his selection by the convention.

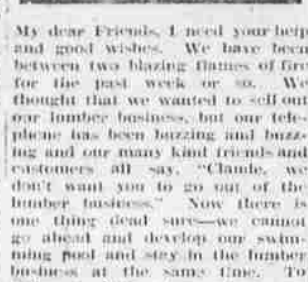
There is every possibility that the president might have said which could have surprised those with him here. The manner in which he made his announcement, was almost as spectacular as the statement itself. Not more than a dozen words were exchanged during the entire conference.

As the newsgroup filled into the president's private office he sat looking up at them, smoking a cigar held in an ivory holder and with just a trace of a smile lighting up his face.

He rose before all had entered but seeing that more were coming he paused and then asked: "Is everyone here now?"

All Present.

He was asked what all were present. Then Mr. Coolidge walked to the end of the long author-



My dear friends, I need your help and good wishes. We have been under two blazing flames of fire for the past week or so. We thought that we wanted to sell out our lumber business, but our telephone has been buzzing and buzzing and our many kind friends and customers all say, "Claude, we don't want you to go out of the lumber business." Now there is one thing dead sure—we cannot give up and develop our swimming pool and stay in the lumber business at the same time. To make a long story short, we haven't the money to develop a first-class swimming pool and run a successful lumber business at the same time. We have purchased the entire block of land known as the old Harding place, just a little east from La Grande's water artesian well. We can probably be able to go ahead in the spring and develop the swimming pool and make La Grande a good place for the boys and girls to live in. Every boy and girl should learn how to swim. You may think it was a selfish motive and a money-making scheme that prompted us to buy the old Harding estate, but it was not. It was the voice of the children of this city that almost caused us to sacrifice our lumber yard and put in a swimming pool that any city ought to be proud of. The question is now, my friends, "What can we do to make La Grande's swimming pool a living reality?" We want your advice.

I suppose the reason that our friends are so interested in the swimming pool is because he was almost raised in the water. If I have gone swimming once I have surely gone in thousands of times. I don't know of any more healthful pleasure that any boy and girl or man and woman can enjoy than a good clean swimming pool. But what's the use of talking about it. Money seems to be a scarce article at the present time.

I'd like to call a mass meeting down underneath the arc light of the Pratt Lumber Company next Friday evening at 7:30. We would like to have all the La Grande citizens that are interested in the pool, please meet with us there. There is absolutely not a single speck of selfish motive in our heart in bringing this swimming pool about. We would like to have all the boys and girls, likewise, to come down. Let us talk the situation over and see what we can do.

Today is our day, in giving our final answer to our Spokane friend who is only waiting with the cash in hand to buy our lumber business. I have either had a heart failure or something else, as it seems that when it comes right down to a final decision, I can't turn loose. Somewhere, I can't find, I've had kind of a trembling feeling when the time kept coming at hand for my final decision. Last evening after office hours my wife, Uncle Claude sat here in the office when everything was quiet and made his decision to continue the lumber business.

Now there is quite a number of farmers who have placed their orders for a quantity of material at cost price. However, they have not paid their money down or come and get the material. For their benefit, we say, "Come, and hand your fencing away and other articles that we agreed on."

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any table which is his desk and stood there for a moment a pile of the little folded papers in his hand. "Will you please file past me here?" he said. "I have a little statement for you."

The line quickly formed and as each filed by he was handed one of the statements by Mr. Coolidge. No sooner had they been given than they were opened. A look of complete amazement spread over the correspondent's face. Those who had not yet received their folded paper looked almost pleadingly at those ahead as if for some ray of light as to what it disclosed.

Immediately after leaving his statement, the president put on his hat and overcoat and, smiling broadly, apparently at the consternation he had caused, among his newspaper friends, walked with Senator Capper of Kansas, a white house guest, to his automobile.

A large crowd, as is usual upon the president's departure, had gathered and as Mr. Coolidge walked down the steps to his car, he smiled continually.

Stepping into his car, he sank back into the cushions, still with a broad smile and nodded to an acquaintance who stood close by. Senator Capper followed him into the car, the first one to obtain the president's attention after having issued his statement.

Senator Norbeck of South Dakota, also was present. He had come to the executive offices to present some friends but instead, unexpectedly with the rest, when the word was given out that there

would be a statement. Certainly there was a complete surprise.

To Open Bridge Over Rogue River

MEDFORD, Ore., Aug. 2 (AP)—The Pacific highway cement bridge at Gold Hill over Rogue river will be officially opened for traffic on or about August 15, according to County Engineer Paul Rynning. The bridge proper is completed, and ready for accept-

ance. It cost \$52,000. Of this sum \$19,000 was paid by the Southern Pacific railroad; the balance being evenly divided between the state and Jackson county. The contract price for the bridge was \$13,500.

The work of making the approach to the bridge from the south side is now under way by Contractor C. Frank Rhodes. It consists of a fill of 20,000 cubic feet, and will be ready for the gravel coating by the end of this week.

We hope all the athletically inclined girls will have strength enough to do plain house work.

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We repeat, the pleasure is never-ending, if you get a good radio receiver and good accessories.

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