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A GOOD PRACTICE—It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O most High. Psalm 117-1.

The best orators nowadays don't orate.

Anyway, the United States navy isn't going to disarm by giving up any more oil fields.

A vivid interest in prize-fighting seems to be a test of humanness among men with more money than muscle.

The interstate commerce commission is asked by pullman porters to abolish tips. But George, old boy, you don't have to accept 'em, you know.

A woman in modest circumstances dug into her own little hoard, saved out of her own earnings, which were none too easy, to pay the alimony of her second husband to his first wife. Had it not been paid he would have had to go to jail. She had divorced her first husband. All the optimists—shall we say?—are not dead yet.

The committee authorized by the last legislature to investigate compulsory automobile liability insurance comes up at the next legislative session. Shall the state force motorists to be insured against damage and injury they may do other people's property and other people? Most sane, thinking motorists, carry insurance of that variety now. They think it the precaution they can take. But whether the state can well afford to force that precaution on all motorists is a question. Is that a logical activity for organized society? Which question proves only that our lives are becoming more and more complex, more and more subject to rigid restriction.

### AGAINST BOOK L'ARNIN'

You would hardly expect a professional educator to condemn books as a means of education. Yet that very thing is done by Dr. Charles W. Hunt, head of a well known American school for the education of educators.

"Books," he complains, "are crammed with second-hand experience. They are the records of what somebody else saw, felt or said. We have clung to them year after year largely out of sheer laziness. It is so much easier to teach when all you have to do is to compel the children to read something in a book and then repeat it to you. But life all around us is crammed with educative materials. Within a few years, I predict, children will go out in excursions into shops, factories and on the streets to learn at first hand."

Maybe they will, more or less. But it is certainly going to add to the traffic problem and worry a lot of mothers if all the children in the public schools are to be poured onto the street and towed around town by their teachers, to learn everything by direct observation.

The old Peripatetic school in Greece used to use that method. The instructor talked to his pupils while they trailed after him in the open air. That doubtless helped to keep them awake. But the teacher kept them pretty well outside of the congested districts; and anyway, learning was less complicated in those days.

Now there are a million things for children to learn. How can they learn them all at first hand? A long lifetime would be far too short for the education of the child who tried to learn everything for himself, or for the teacher who tried to show him everything and explain it on the spot.

Books are inadequate, but they are short-cuts to knowledge. The bright child, through them, may multiply his knowledge infinitely, packing into a few years the condensed experience of many ages and millions of lives. It suffices to take the child out to face the real thing occasionally, giving him something solid to stand on. Then books will open up to him.

## A NEW Telephone Directory

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## JUDGE UPHOLDS TRIAL WITNESS

### M. T. Everhart Refuses to Answer Questions Put by Prosecution

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28 (AP)—Balked today in its efforts to force testimony from the son-in-law of Albert H. Fall, the government turned to a meticulous tracing of the \$230,000 in Liberty Bonds Fall is accused of having received for leasing the Teapot Dome naval oil reserve to Harry F. Sinclair.

M. T. Everhart, an unwilling witness, was upheld by Justice Suddons in refusing to answer the question of where he obtained the securities on the ground that it would tend to incriminate him. Thereafter his testimony consisted mainly of a succession of answers consisting for the most part of "I decline to reply" and he finally was excused without cross-examination.

Owen J. Roberts special oil counsel through a dozen witnesses then traced movements of bonds to Pueblo, Colo., Denver, Ft. Pisco, Tex., where Fall had an account, and finally brought into the picture the continental trading company Ltd., of Canada, with which the government contends Sinclair was identified and gained testimony that \$200,000 in liberty bonds had been obtained in New York, in the name of that company and taken away by H. S. Oster, one of its officers, in a brown paper package.

The government charges that a part of these bonds finally found their way to Fall through Everhart after the latter had made a trip to New York after the Teapot Dome lease was signed.

### POLICE SEARCH FOR SLAYER OF SOUTHERN WOMAN

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his wife, the slayer left his weapon, a knife two feet long and two inches wide used in bucking sugar cane stalks. The bodies were found by two insurance agents called by the negro woman who found traces of blood.

**Brother's Report**  
Joseph Mottly surrendered to police yesterday afternoon and expressed the belief that his brother had killed the woman through jealousy. Joseph declared both he and his brother had been having difficulties with their wives because of attentions they accepted from other men. Joseph said he took his children and left his wife Tuesday after a quarrel. Henry stayed on hoping for a change, Joseph said.

Joseph said the last he saw of Henry was when he appeared at his room late Wednesday night with his three children and asked that they be allowed to stay. He had been drinking heavily, Joseph said. Frank Kimonell, whose name was found pencilled on a wall in Mrs. Theresa Mottly's room, was arrested and is being held for questioning. He admitted being intimate with the woman police said.

### ANNUAL GRIDIRON FIGHT TOMORROW

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Presenters will fight it out for the championship this year. Both teams are as yet undefeated and Mac-Hill trounced Pendleton 40 to 8 last Saturday.

**Take 16 Players**  
Coach Ralph W. Christie will take 16 players to Baker with him, leaving here at 2 o'clock tomorrow morning. The 42-piece high school band will also make the trip, playing during the game, which is scheduled to start at 7

## ABE MARTIN



With all our laws it's really a fear of what others'll think that keeps us in the straight and narrow track. Barnum figured that there was a sucker born every minute, but a long-side sent for his circus only cost fifty cents.

clock in the field next to the Baker natatorium. A number of students and fans are also expected to drive to Baker for the contest.

Principal E. D. Towler has received word from Baker that students with student body tickets will be permitted to see the game at a reduced price.

Homer Jamieson, of Enterprise, will referee the contest.

At the pep assembly this afternoon at which Student Body President Tom Bruce presided the junior class presented its annual stunt. Lawrence Day, class president, announced the "one-act drama" in which the chief characters were Miss La Grande, played by Harmon Wolfe, Miss Baker, played by Vincent Newlin and The Spirit of Victory, played by Adolph Siegrist. The Spirit of Victory inspired to the heart of Miss La Grande but when that spunkster scorned him turned his impassioned pleas upon Miss Baker who quickly accepted him. Miss La Grande later has a change of heart, however, and after a stormy encounter with her rival won back the affections of the Spirit of Victory. Students and visitors applauded the skit, which is the second of the annual class stunts, enthusiastically.

President Bruce called upon Hi-Dud Warren Gilbert who told the students that a fighting spirit from the sidelines was as necessary to victory as a fighting spirit within the team. Later Hi-Dud Warren led the students in several yells. George Harnde, head and member of the school board, was also called upon for an address to the students. Leslie Keffer, Ray Harlowe, Norman Stutz and other members of the football squad were called upon for brief talks. Several addresses by the high school band, which is to accompany the team to Baker tomorrow were well received before the assembly adjourned. W. W. Nussbaum is band director.

### Strangler's Wife Will Be Witness

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WNNIPPEG, Man., Oct. 28 (AP)—Possibility of the postponement of the trial of Earl Nelson, convicted with strangling to death a dozen women of the U. S. and Canada, was dispelled today when his wife, regarded as an important defense witness, arrived from San Francisco. Advice from the California city had said that Mrs. Nelson was ill and would be unable to appear Tuesday for the opening of the trial of her husband on a charge of slaying Mrs. Emily Patterson here last June.

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### FOREST FIRE LOSS

GRANTS PASS, Oct. 28 (AP)—Only 62 acres of forests within the boundaries of the Siskiyou national forest were destroyed by fire this summer, despite the use of these forests by 71,414 persons. This is a new low record in this forest, fires having taken less than four-thousandths of one per cent of the total of the forest acreage. Twenty-nine fires were extinguished, 18 of them being man-caused.

### GRANTS PASS MAY BE HOST IN YEAR 1929

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The 1928 Southern Oregon district convention, if the plan of district meetings was decided upon and the invitation was accepted by the convention. The Grants Pass chamber of commerce and the Parent-Teacher Council of Josephine county sent a communication stating that Grants Pass would be glad to welcome the 1928 Parent-Teacher association convention there.

The invitation could not be accepted as the next meeting of the Oregon congress will not be until 1929. However, if Grants Pass wishes the convention at that time the convention voted to accept the invitation.

**Union County Wins**  
Mrs. C. V. Ross, state chairman of the membership committee, presented silver cups to the winning association and county council in the year's membership contests. The Seaside association received the cup presented in the association with the largest percentage increase. This association, of which Mrs. A. H. Dorris is president, increased 55 2/3 per cent.

The Union county council, of which Mrs. Charles Cheever is chairman, was given the silver cup for the most new memberships in a county council during the year. Mrs. Cheever received the cup and gave a short talk, expressing thanks to Mrs. Carl Helm, district vice president, for her assistance in the work. The Oregon Parent-Teacher association was given honorable mention.

**Miss Hair Speaks**  
Miss Maudie Hair, of the University of Oregon, spoke during the morning on adult education, telling what the University of Oregon can do to help the parents to learn better how to raise their children. She told of the education stereopticon slides available through the university and the correspondence study courses, which more than 2000 persons are now taking advantage of. She spoke briefly on the large number of subjects offered by the university through its correspondence courses.

After the report of the resolutions committee, Mrs. C. W. Hayhurst gave a report of the resolutions passed at the National P-T. A. convention.

Four resolutions were carried by the convention this morning and

one referred back to the board of directors for further investigation. The convention resolved to continue to cooperate with other legislative bodies in the endeavor to have the Oregon legislative assembly ratify the national child labor amendment; that the legislative committee be authorized and empowered to use all its energies toward the enactment of a free text book law; and to urge the passage and enforcement of all laws and ordinances that will reduce the terrible mortality by automobiles.

**Resolution of Thanks**  
The fourth resolution passed was an expression of thanks to the La Grande Council of Parents and Teachers for the efficient and splendid manner in which it entertained the convention, thanking especially Mrs. L. Faus, general chairman of the convention, Mrs. C. P. McPherson, assistant, the executive committee, the various speakers and singers, W. W. Nussbaum, Mrs. Harley Richardson, the La Grande Municipal band, the faculty and pupils of the La Grande schools, the Bohan Flower shop, the Neighborhood club, the women of the Episcopal guild, the publicity department, the chamber of commerce and others.

The report of the resolutions committee was signed by Mrs. Ross.

**Touring Valley**  
The convention closed with a short prayer by Mrs. Gabriel and the singing of the parent-teacher song.

This afternoon many of the visitors are enjoying a ride through the valley, and this evening those who remain in the city will attend the program at the L. D. S. tabernacle, where the Williams' colored Singers will appear.

use Johnson, Mrs. J. D. Smith, Mrs. Rosa D. Galey, Mrs. Irene Rippey and Mrs. C. W. Hayhurst, the chairman.

Another resolution was made from the floor by Mrs. Lamb, of Eugene, to follow the keynote in Mrs. C. W. Hayhurst's talk yesterday and resolve to love and unite to serve. The resolution was adopted.

**Mrs. Brown Reports**  
Mrs. M. J. Brown, chairman of the child welfare magazine gave a report. Other reports were given by Mrs. H. R. Hanna, conference chairman, Mrs. P. E. Alger, chairman of the Service Shop committee, and Mrs. J. F. Chapman, manager of the service shop.

After the formal report on the election Mrs. Gabriel extended thanks to the parliamentarian, Mrs. A. King Wilson, of Portland, to Mrs. Faus, Mrs. McPherson and the state officers and presented each with a shoulder corsage.

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