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UNTRAMMELED JOY—Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice and sing praise. Psalm 98:4.

A dozen or more disastrous attempted flights across the Atlantic and perhaps people will decide on some safer means of finding fame and fortune.

If Hickman will confess to just one or two more murders, he'll be let free and can spend the rest of his days making thrillers for the movies.

The L. D. S. Recreational hall is a great credit to the vision and energy of the Mormon people of La Grande. Citizens who viewed it for the first time at the opening last night were impressed with its accommodations, with the great need for such a building in the community. It will be available for non-commercial community affairs, we understand, and will become not only a church asset for the owning organization but a real community asset that will be increasingly appreciated as time goes on.

Egypt is considering a plan to dig a deep-water canal from the Mediterranean, 300 miles through the Sahara desert to a region west of the Siwa oasis, where stood in ancient times the famous temple and oracle of Jupiter Ammon, "The Hidden One." There is a depression there below sea level, which might be turned into and inland sea 10,000 square miles in extent. That, the engineers say, would modify the climate and bring rainfall creating a large livable territory. Thus the oasis, which now has a population of 2000 might support 1,000,000 inhabitants. It is an appealing project. A good many Americans will find romance in it. Yet it really isn't any more romantic than deepening the St. Lawrence channels to bring ocean shipping and cheap freight rates to an already existing inland population of 40,000,000, or the Columbia Basin which would support at least a half million new population.

BANISHING AUTOMOBILES

Chicago merchants, like merchants elsewhere, welcomed automobiles to their down-town business section. It helped customers, and helped them, for people to be able to drive up to their doors to make purchases. But that was in the early days of motoring.

The situation changed. Automobiles and trucks jammed the streets, especially when they were parked. Street after street was marked "no parking," and still the congestion grew. Merchants found automobiles a handicap. Parked cars kept trade away, and moving cars swept by in a dense, helpless mass, its units unable to stop and shop as of old.

So down-town merchants began moving outside of the "Loop" district, or establishing branch stores outside. Merchants in the outlying areas began to profit, because there was room there for parking—or they could make room.

Finally the inevitable has happened. The Chicago city council has absolutely forbidden the parking of motor cars anywhere in the Loop. They may pass through, but must not stop there except for letting passengers in and out. Here is seen, in a big city, what is happening, or going to happen, to every growing city in America. The business streets must be cleared of parked cars.

Next to wider streets, more parking space is the greatest need of our cities. Even the congested business districts might yet solve the problem of building enough down-town garages to take care of the cars of shoppers and business men. There is space above ground and underground. The roofs of office buildings, mostly unused, might yet be adapted for that purpose. But the general tendency is to banish parked cars and at the same time spread business out.

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ABE MARTIN

Talk about hard luck, Mrs. Ike Lark has got an exclusive piece o' gossip, but nobuddy t' stay with her children while she puts it out. It hain't allus so pleasant t' be in th' minority, but it's usually a mighty fine sendoff.

UNION PERSONALS

UNION, (Special)—A character dance was given at the school gym Monday evening under the auspices of the Union Sportsmen's club. The hall was appropriately decorated with evergreen, deer heads and other things suggestive of the club. The dance was very well patronized but only a few of the dancers appeared in special costumes. A prize of a toilet set was awarded to Miss Erma Puckett, who represented a girl of the colonial times, and Johnny Bates won a large white turkey for being the best sustained character for the men, his portrayal being that of a mining prospector.

Christmas Sunday at the Methodist church was given over almost entirely to special services in honor of the day. Special carols marked the morning services and in the evening members of the Sunday school and home put on an interesting program consisting of readings, carols, special songs, etc. Following the program treats were given out to nearly one hundred children.

Sunday and Monday passed very quietly in Union. Many of the people were visiting at other places on Sunday and Monday nearly all the stores were closed.

Coach Coburn and his basketball boys are putting in a strenuous week of practice for the games which are scheduled and will begin next week. The team is having three practice games with the Cove quintet; these games being played in the afternoon and being entirely for practice, and not counting in the percentage for the season.

A bunch of high school boys and girls went to Cove Monday evening to charivari Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Johnson, who were married Sunday. The bride was Miss Helen Saling, a senior in the Union high school, and the groom a resident of Cove. The newlyweds will live at Cove.

Practically all the local stores are busy this week making their annual inventory of stock.

Word was received here Monday of the birth of a baby boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Irwin, in Baker. The Irwins were both formerly Union folks, Mrs. Irwin having formerly been Miss Mertie Miles.

The Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges of Union are planning for a special meeting on the night of Dec. 30. In the subordinate lodge the first degree will be put on, a team from Elkhorn Lodge No. 166 of Baker having arranged to be here. The Rebekahs will hold a sociable at the same time in one hall, while the Odd Fellows are holding their meeting in some other hall, the then two orders will enjoy a joint banquet. This meeting is one of the series planned by the county association and all lodges in the county are invited to attend. A delegation from Summerville is planning to be here with a candidate.

D. H. Crozier, who has been at Hot Lake for treatment for the past few days, is reported as improving and hopes to be able to return to his home soon.

Of the eighty-four billion dollars deposited in the banks of the world approximately five-eighths, or fifty-two billions, are in the banks of the United States.

One of our most enjoyable pastimes is listening in to an irate man orate.

It is generally believed that free love is the most expensive.

PEACE PRIZE HIS

Ferdinand Buisson, French pacifist, who has worked 60 years to put an end to war, has been awarded the Nobel peace prize.

SOUTHERN G. O. P. 'UNPURCHASABLE'

Florida National Committeeman Gives Warning to Republican Leaders

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—All candidates for the republican presidential nomination and their committee managers were warned today by George W. Neal, national committeeman for Florida, that their pre-convention campaigns must be waged "in the same dignified way" in the south as they will be in the north or sentiment will react against them.

Any attempt, he declared to send contesting delegations to the Kansas City convention in the hope of blocking a nomination for any particular candidate will "stir up strife," with bad results to the persons responsible.

Denying that the southern delegations could be "delivered to any single man," the committeeman declared that the delegates from the south would go to Kansas City "unrestricted and unpurchasable" and that the only pre-requisite they would ask of a candidate would be that he be in sympathy with the Coolidge policies.

Favors Coolidge

Neal declared he favored President Coolidge for the nomination "almost to the point of drafting him" but asserted that he would not be a party to a draft movement unless he was convinced beforehand that Mr. Coolidge would accept the nomination if tendered him.

"I have no such belief at the present time," the committeeman added.

The Floridian declared that "every southern national committeeman" resents the statement that the south can be delivered to anyone.

"You will find at Kansas City," he said, "delegates from the south to the number of about 200, all unrestricted and unpurchasable.

Never United

"We have never been united on any one candidate at a convention like the one next year will be and we may not at the next convention, but we are a unit in the thought that the candidate must, as nearly as possible, be in sympathy with the Coolidge policies."

The south is for Coolidge, Neal declared, but with the president out of the race that section is of the opinion that unless the republicans go into the campaign with a candidate in sympathy with the Coolidge policies there will result "the greatest political battle ever known in an effort to elect our candidate over Governor Smith who at the moment seems sure of the democratic nomination."

Production Off In Lumber Mart

NEW YORK, Dec. 30 (AP)—Lumber production fell off heavily last week due to the usual holiday relaxation and suspension of operations for semi-annual repairs, the National Lumber Manufacturers' association reports. Shipments held up relatively well but orders fell off noticeably. Reports came from 116 fewer mills than the week before, making comparisons uncertain. Increases in production and new business were shown by softwood mills. Unfilled orders of 210 southern pine and west coast mills were 520,885,282 feet against 560,717,427 for 214 mills the week before.

Rural and star-route mail carriers operating in any part of America are instructed to report all forest fires to the nearest warden.

The tract of land now known as Tennessee was once named Franklin.

Greenland is practically covered with a blanket of solid ice more than a thousand feet thick.

SHELTERED BY OVERHANGING PINES, this romantic trysting place in Sitka National Park, Alaska, contains the most complete collection of totem poles in existence. Every hundred feet along the road, called "Lovers' Lane," is stationed one of the rare Indian monuments.

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