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JESUS SAID—Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see GOD. Matthew 5:8.

This fad of women for painting their own furniture is a fine thing. It may be a little hard on the furniture, but it saves their faces.

How new fashions ever get started is a mystery insoluble. Here are American women telling Paul Poiret, the French designer, that they "won't wear his new creations until everybody's wearing them."

What we'd like to see on the New York Stock Exchange, just to add to the interest of life, would be some speculator cornering Exchange seats and holding 'em for a million-dollar rise.

Newton Baker says he greatly admires Al Smith and thinks his nomination would be a credit to the democratic party. Many other democrats—some not so prominent—feel the same way. Opposition to Governor Al, within the ranks of his own party, seems to be dwindling. Southern days aren't as outspoken in disapproval as a few months ago. Maybe they are saving their ammunition for the spring campaign. Or maybe they have decided that Al is going to get the nomination anyway.

If the dry democrats really want some one with enough potential strength to keep the nomination or take the nomination away from Al Smith, they might well turn to Ed Meredith, staunch Iowa democrat, former secretary of agriculture, friend of farming interests, successful publisher of agricultural journals. Meredith is a likely candidate in many respects. He knows agriculture from the dirt up. He has attained notable success in the business world with his publishing business. He is in the prime of life—attractive personality, fine appearance. Ed Meredith might get further in the 1928 campaign than any democratic possibility—and none will get quite far enough according to the present outlook.

## WHERE THE MONEY GOES

Of the \$4,000,000,000 paid by the American people this year, in one way and another, to run their government, Secretary Mellon reports, a little more than half goes for the public debt, which is a war debt. There is 31.8 cents on the dollar, then, for current military expenses. That makes about 82 cents of the taxpayer's dollar for "past and future wars," leaving 18 cents for all the various civil functions of government.

Eighty-two cents for war and 18 cents for keeping all the peaceful machinery of the government in operation, for paying the salaries of the president and congress and scores of thousands of federal employees, for maintaining our federal system of justice, with all its courts, for supporting the diplomatic and consular service, furthering agriculture, commerce, waterways, education and the thousand and one civil purposes for which governments are created.

There's nothing so unusual about it, either. That's about the way it is with most of the nations. We were paying 62 per cent of our national income for war in 1915-16, before our big war preparations began. The total amount spent on war items has increased greatly, but the ratio of war expense is not so much higher as might be expected.

It's as if a city spent about three-fourths of its public income for policing. So it has been for ages. Must it always be so? Or will the nations be able to cut down their armament and use their money for constructive development?

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## ABE MARTIN



"If your ain't good then him's nothin' better'n a pair of book ends," declared Mrs. Em. Moots this morning. "I wouldn't like to say for sure, Judge. It might have been liquor, but it smelled more like a burned out bearin'." said Constable Plum when Judge Pacey asked him about Mrs. Joe Pine's breath.

## HILGARD PERSONALS

HILGARD (Special)—Mrs. Armin Hug was a La Grande visitor Monday.

Emery Ferguson is visiting his brother, Amil Able on his ranch near Perry.

The mercury dropped to 15 degrees below zero here the first of last week.

Mr. Ketter and son were Le Grande visitors Tuesday.

Armin Hug was in La Grande Tuesday.

Dick Burnett was at Hilgard Tuesday from his home in La Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. Benson Burnett, of La Grande, are moving to Hilgard.

Wade Thompson spent the weekend visiting Bert Abel on their ranch near Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cantrell were overnight guests of Mr. Cantrell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Cantrell, Tuesday.

Emery Ferguson and Amil Able were La Grande visitors Friday.

Mr. Conrad was here Friday from his ranch near Shaker.

Albert Burns, of La Grande, visited his sister, Mrs. Mabel Scott here recently.

Miss Eva Weiner was a La Grande visitor Friday.

Mr. Cummins and Don Chandler from the Mt. Emily camp were Hilgard visitors Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Amil Able and family have moved from their ranch near Perry to Hilgard.

Mrs. Mary G. Young was a recent La Grande visitor.

Mrs. Guy Thorburn and children, John, Eva, Harry and Nellie and Mrs. Frank Sanford were recent La Grande visitors.

Mrs. Sam Ferguson left Saturday morning for Dayton, Wash., where she was called by the death of her brother.

## Pay Death Penalty In Belfontaine

BELFONTAINE, Pa., Jan. 9 (AP)—Raymond Winter and William Meyers paid the death penalty for murder today at the Belfontaine penitentiary. Winter, a street car motorman, of Pittsburgh, was executed for the slaying of Helen and Alex Sabo, two children found with fractured skulls in a creek.

The killing of William F. Sloan, Philadelphia postman, and Meyers to the chair.

## SCALE MOUNT HOOD

SANDY, Ore. (Jan. 9 AP)—Paul Callcott, Portland and Frank Miller, Gladstone, yesterday ascended to the top of Mount Hood and were the first to reach the summit this year. Their progress up the mountain was watched from government camp through telescopes.

If you saw mount you'll reap trouble.

## KLAMATH FALLS SEEKING RECLUSE

Believe That John Meek Killed John Ansel, Gun Store Employee

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 9 (AP)—If John Meek, logger, trapper and recluse, had stopped off the earth at Redding, Cal., he could not have disappeared more completely. Tuesday morning this elusive man who is wanted here as a suspect in connection with the murder of John Ansel, Klamath Gun store employee, on the morning of the last day of 1927, drove into Redding, left his car in a garage and disappeared.

As the days pass and the silent trapper is still absent, police suspicion is heightened. Much the same as they would piece together a picture puzzle, police are picking up scraps of information here and there. They have to do with Meek's actions before the Ansel murder, and immediately after, with his character and habits and with his sensational flight when the sheriff's office called him by long distance and requested him to come to Klamath Falls for questioning.

Meek has a wealthy sister residing in Cuba. Her home will be watched.

Chief of Police Keith K. Ambrose left yesterday for Portland where he will ask the criminologist expert of the Portland police department to determine whether or not two bullets fired from Meek's 38-40 calibre gun in target practice on his farm, came from the same gun which was fired at Ansel on the morning of Dec. 31.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 9 (AP)—After submitting bullets fired in practice on the farm of John Meek, to Inspector Robert Craddock, ballistic expert of the Portland police station, Chief of Police Keith K. Ambrose, of Klamath Falls, said today the bullets were the same as the bullet which killed John Ansel.

"They are the same bullets," said Ambrose. The Klamath Falls chief said he would return to his home tonight. He did not care to discuss the case further, pending his return.

"Nobody will start any snow shovel this winter," remarked the Optimist. "I have just discovered it is under seven tons of coal."

The man who acquires the reputation of being a good business man has difficulty in exercising his talents.

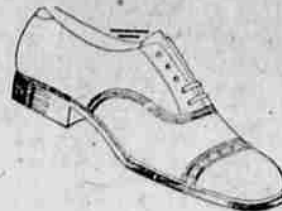
New is the time to talk 1928 touring.



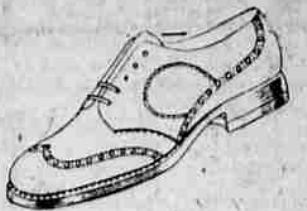
HERE'S THE SECRETARY of War, Dwight Davis, in one of the army's most deadly tools, a caterpillar tank. The secretary, however, doesn't look a bit



STEADY THERE, FROSH! This picture illustrates what hard knocks really mean, speaking of freshmen. Rose Brandt and Ethel Allen are those not sparing the rod and Helen Large is the young lady for whose sake it is not being spared. They're all students at Temple University, Philadelphia.



## January Clearance Men's Shoes



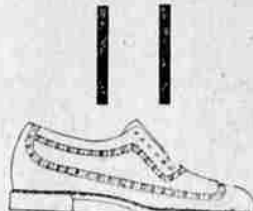
ALL 'FLORSHEIM SHOES In all styles, both high and low shoes in kid, calfskin and patent leather at 20% less. This includes everything in dress and semi-dress shoes made by Florsheim. \$10.00 VALUES \$8.00

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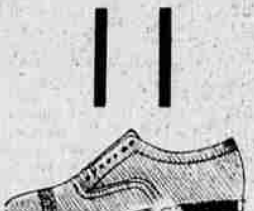
THIS is a group of Florsheim Oxfords in colors of tan, brown and black. These are serviceable shoes suitable for dress or work in both narrow and wider toes. Priced specially for Clearance at \$3.95

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## Age-Old Custom Of Japan Causes Murder of Three

MONROVIA, Cal., Jan. 9 (AP)—Age-old code and customs of Japan caused a triple slaying under investigation here today by sheriff's officers.

Called for the coroner's slaying yesterday of her husband, Susanto Hirano, Japanese truck gardener, and her two daughters, ages 3 and 5 years, was Mrs. Mayme Hirano, 27. Her suicide attempt was prevented by neighbors.

Officers who went to the Hirano home found the bodies of the truck gardener and the two children lying on the bed. There were three brilliant round "Tennant" hair was brushed into perfect order and the clothes they wore had been freshly washed.

The wife and mother of the three explained to the officers that she had followed an old Japanese custom of prearranging death following the slaying.

She told a sad and somewhat disjointed story of Japanese pride and honor in recounting the triple slaying. Her husband, who doctor said was ill, could not live, had accused her of infidelity and a quarrel arose. The two children

had the same illness as their father. Three other children, because of the family's destitution, were wards of a Japanese institution and the mother went to the home of neighbors to obtain a promise that they would be cared for before she attempted her own life. Friends tore the pistol from her hands.

The depreciation of Japanese is greater than the wear and tear of activity. Get 'em interested in touring—It pays.

## RECOGNIZES WAVE BAND

NEW YORK, Jan. 9 (AP)—

Universal recognition of the wave band from 550 to 1,500 kilocycles for broadcasting was one of the important results of the recent radio telegraph conference at Washington, W. D. Terrel, chief of the radio division of the department of commerce, told the institute of radio engineers.

The broadcast band except for 220 meters allotted to small ships, is reserved exclusively for entertainment, he said, the entire band, however, may be used for mobile service where there is no interference.

once with broadcasting. In addition he reported, the conference definitely recognized the amateur standing in international radio communication.

Even the handy man about the house can't always nail a ft without hitting his fingers.

A small town is where people tell time by the court house clock. You've got to have some sand to leave any footprints there.

The minute you save may be your last one.

## "In Sickness --In Health"

Promises the bridegroom. But shortly after comes the deluge of housekeeping bills which staggers most newlyweds. This and that must be added to the new house; "installment plan" becomes a familiar phrase.

As for the resolution to put aside a certain portion of the salary — too often the young couple decides to start in saving "tomorrow." It is alright unless sickness comes — then — well, it's an old story to bankers.

The best way — the way pointed out by experience — is to start systematic saving at the start. Then, truly, in sickness or in health, you can provide.

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