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THE MASTER BUILDER—Except the Lord build the house,
they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city,
the watchman waketh but in vain. Psalm 127:1.

This is the glad season when city folk, filled with the love
of nature, swarm out to the country and see how much damage
they can do to it.

A new peril is suggested by the aviators who, when Lind-
bergh was attending an Easter picnic, bombarded him with
egg-bombs from the sky. Suppose some invading enemy
carried a cargo of stale eggs.

The primary concern of the people of Union county and
Eastern Oregon in the contest for secretary of state is the
attitude the new official will take as a member of the Board
of Normal School Regents. Hal Hoss qualifies in that as
well as other respects. He is "sold" on the importance and
early necessity of the normal school, will give it his support
and attention. Competent as a business executive, energetic
and conscientious, Mr. Hoss will receive strong support
throughout this territory.

With only one day remaining for candidates to file for
county office it is obvious that no opposition of any note—
and probably none at all—will appear on the ballots either at
the primary or the general election. The only primary con-
test locally is for the state office of prosecuting attorney.
Granting the efficiency of the county office incumbents, it
is only business-like that they return to their jobs unopposed.
When an official is making good and is rendering a type of
conscientious service in keeping with the responsibilities of
the office, re-election should naturally result. Party lines
are of little importance when party issues are merely candi-
date issues, and the fact that Sheriff Breshears and others
at the court house are unopposed in either "party" is a tribute
to the good sense and practical judgment of the voters of
Union county.

NEXT YEAR'S WAGON TRAIN

Historical-minded Californians are planning to traverse
once more the old Overland Trail from Independence, Mo., to
Futter's Fort in California by ox-drawn wagons. The train
is to set out next April and will arrive at its destination five
months later. Dressed like early pioneers and supposedly
equipped like them, they will jog along, setting up markers
at historic points on the route and going through the motions
of re-living the experiences of the courageous men and
women who crossed the continent in wagon trains to settle
the great western country.

It will be harder to re-live those pioneering days than
these modern trail-followers imagine. History may repeat
itself, but one may reasonably question whether 1929 can re-
peat 1846 in this matter. Those ox-carts are going to tra-
verse some pretty good pavements, some of the way. There
will be no trackless wilderness to penetrate. Pleasant farm
land with homes and scapots and trees will greet the eye
where once were treeless prairies. There will be bridges to
cross where once dangerous streams had to be forded.

It will be difficult for next spring's caravan to get away
from quick communication, from doctors, from stores, from
people. We have a hunch they will carry pocket flashlights
and many other conveniences and comforts undreamed of by
their predecessors. And when they reach their destination
it will be an established community, not the site for one.

Nevertheless, it is good to have the courage of those first
travelers recalled. They deserve all the historical markers
that can be set out along their routes. And the caravan will
be true to history in one important respect, at least—gold-
seekers and Californians are still synonymous.

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and therefore results in a direct damage to us.

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ABE MARTIN



Another Indiana bank was looted
yesterday, this time by bandits.
Love at first sight often turns out
purely good, unless she wuz climbin'
in a rumble seat.

Oregon To Get Federal Money For Waterways

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17 (AP)—
Millions of dollars were set aside
today by Major General Edgar
Jawley, chief of army engineers,
for rivers and harbors improve-
ment during the year beginning
July 1.

The allotments are made from
a lump sum appropriation previ-
ously provided by congress for
that purpose.

Projects for which the money
was set aside include:

- Crescent City Harbor, 250,000;
- Cooms Bay, \$280,000; Coos river
\$2,000; Umpqua river, \$375,000;
- Yaquina bay and harbor \$5,000;
- Tillamook bay and bar \$7,000;
- Columbia and Lower Willamette
rivers, below Vancouver and Port-
land \$550,000; Clatskanie river \$2-
500; Willamette river, above Port-
land and Yamhill river, \$3,500;
- Cowlitz river \$1,000.

MASKED ROBBER WORKS ON TRAIN

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erlier, seized machine guns and re-
volvers, expecting a robber attack.

Spread the Alarm
Most of the passengers were in
the Pullman cars and were not
aware of the robbery until the vic-
tims spread the alarm. A half
dozen were on the observation
platform, waving goodbyes. Crook-
er was completing the filing of sev-
eral telegrams as the robber's
hands up!" sounded through the
car.

It was not until the limited,
which is the crack Chicago-West
Coast train of the Northwestern,
and reached Clinton, Iowa, that an
accurate description of the robber
was available. When the limited
stopped, there's special officers
questioned passengers and learned
that the robber was a small, dark
man in his early twenties, shab-
bily dressed. His weapon was de-
scribed as a blue-barreled revolver.

It is believed that the robbery
was planned in Kansas City,
Mo., conferring with other repub-
lican leaders on arrangements for
the coming national convention. He
arrived in Chicago yesterday, a few
hours before the scheduled depart-
ure of the limited.

The train consisted of a mail
car, one Pullman and the obser-
vation car.

Among the passengers who had
reservations was James J. Jeffries,
former heavyweight champion of
the world, but his name was not
mentioned among those who were
robbed.

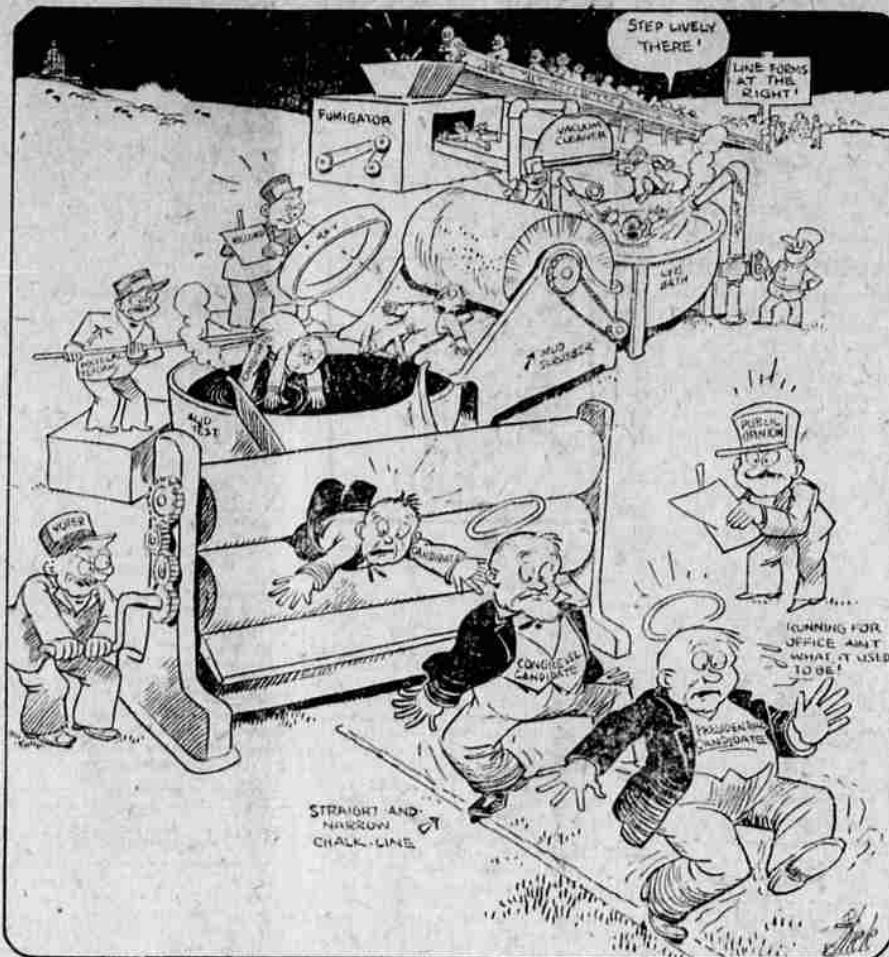
PLANE FORCED DOWN
GRANTS PASS, Ore., Apr. 17
(AP)—A Pacific Air Transport
mail plane was forced down at
Grant's Pass, in the mountains, 29
miles to the north of this city,
shortly after noon today. Low
clouds and shortage of fuel caused
the landing, according to Pilot H.
Miller. The plane was not dam-
aged and the mail was taken to
Medford by auto.

Coolidge Aide



One must be snappy when one is
appointed military aide to Presi-
dent Coolidge. Maj. Louis A.
O'Donnell, cavalry (above), has
just been designated for this
honor by Secretary of War Davis.
Notice the way he wears his cap.

For Better and Cleaner Politics



Expect New York Will Get Battle

NEW YORK, Apr. 17 (AP)—Re-
turning from Miami, Fla., today,
Tex Rickard said the possibility
that Gene Tunney would defend
his heavyweight title in London
against Tom Heeney was growing
more and more remote and that in
all likelihood the match would be
staged in New York July 26.

Robbers Escape After Gun Play

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 17 (AP)—
After robbing a man and woman
in a room on lower Washington
street last night two armed men
escaped from police in a specta-
cular dash by commandeering two
automobiles and intimidating a
crowd by firing shots at First and
Washington streets.

Henry P. Dennis, who, with Har-
bara Mitchell, were held up in
Dennis' room, called through the
window for help as the robbers
fled. One of the robbers jumped
on the running board of an auto,
indulge and forced the driver to
carry him to Front and Harrison
street, where he dropped off and
disappeared. The other robber
forced a garage man on Main
street to drive him to Front and
Columbia streets.

NORTH POWDER PERSONALS

Court was held at North Powder
Saturday against Sam Smith,
charged with selling a horse to
Elmer Gilkison, which it is al-
leged, belonged to Matts Nico. He
was bound over to the grand jury.

Prosecuting Attorney Carl Helm,
of La Grande and Jim Donald, of
Baker, were attorneys in the case.
Sunday evening about 7:30 the
farm dwelling belonging to Wil-
liam Keoster on the Sunny Slope
tract burned to the ground, the
fire starting from an unknown ori-
gin. No one has lived in the house
since early last fall. Mr. Keoster
had just been down to the house
early Sunday morning. The dwell-
ing was partly covered by insur-
ance.

The Parent-Teachers association
of Haines gave their play "Smile,
Rodney, Smile," here Saturday
night. The P-T. A. is due a lot of
credit as the play kept the audi-
ence constantly laughing and every
character was perfectly matched to
the part. Due to much sickness
the attendance was small. A dance
was given in the gym afterwards
by the Katy Klodhoppers of
Haines.

Dean Rogers left Sunday morn-
ing for Hermiston to purchase

Noted Portrait Painter Suicides

LONDON, Apr. 17 (AP)—The
Evening News says that Charles
Rims, R. A. noted portrait painter,
whose death was announced last
night, was found drowned, his
clothing weighted with stones. The
artist had been in ill health for
some time and suffered from in-
somnia.

Sim's portrait of King George in
1924 caused a storm of discussion.
The portrait appeared in the
Royal Academy exhibition and de-
picted the king, wearing the robes
of the Order of the Garter, as thin

and almost overwhelmed by the
magnificence of his garments. It
was later withdrawn.
"What was the name of the
hotel you stopped at in Denver,
Jim?"
"Oh, I can't remember the name,
Jim took through my towel."

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21 Marines Killed In Nicaragua, Word

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17 (AP)—
Marine casualties in the Nicaraguan
expedition have totaled 21
killed and 45 wounded, the navy
department today informed the
house in response to its resolution
asking details of the marine occu-
pation of that country.

PICKING JURY

ASTORIA, Ore., April 17 (AP)—
Ten places in the jury to try
George Hannula on a first degree
murder charge had been filled
early this afternoon. Hannula

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