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THE WAY OUT—Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord. Psalm 130:1.

Sweet are the uses of prosperity, and even Canada is less supercilious toward the United States since our tourists spent \$105,000,000 there last year.

The American Society rose to the occasion when Henry Ford got to London and gave a dinner in his honor. When the famous manufacturer was called upon for a speech he rose and spoke only 32 words, three of which were "I thank you." There were other people present who were willing to make longer speeches and to tell Ford jokes, so the dinner was a great success in spite of the honor guest's reticence. Ford can talk when there is something he wants to say. Unlike the confirmed banquet speaker, he says no more than necessary. We wish he could make his brevity as popular as his cars.

Union county has an opportunity to send one of its citizens to congress—an opportunity that is not frequent and one that promises a long and creditable career of service to the state. Fred E. Kiddle, of Island City, has been prominently mentioned as the republican nominee both by local leaders and those in other Eastern Oregon counties. It is difficult to see how the congressional committee could select a more likely candidate. Mr. Kiddle is young, well educated, a student of politics and government. He has the widest acquaintance of any republican mentioned as a possible candidate, has had important experience as an organizer and administrator in American Legion activities, in the state senate and in the Hoover campaign which he is directing in Oregon. More than that, he is "regular" in party politics, can be counted on to work intelligently and energetically with the party organization. With so many probable aspirants in the republican race, he stands out as the best standard bearer the district can present to its voters. Union county republicans will be solid behind Fred if he seeks the nomination. And The Observer confidently expects that he will win it.

AN IMMIGRATION BLUNDER

The principle of selective immigration is fine. Most Americans are heartily in favor of a soundly worked-out quota regulation. Yet there are times when many of them wish that the existing law were a little more flexibly applied.

A recent instance in which strict enforcement of the law seems both unfortunate and ridiculous is that of Captain Odell, an English professor of geology. Odell was a member of the expedition which came nearest to sealing Mount Everest. Since then he has been doing some work for a Canadian mining company.

Harvard University authorities decided they would like to have Captain Odell in the geology department and offered him the position. He cannot take it because he has been refused a visa by American counsel at Toronto. The law declares that only professors who have actually been teaching in a foreign university during the two years preceding may obtain non-quota visas to teach in American colleges. His practical mining work excludes him.

Captain Odell is the second distinguished foreigner held up at our borders on this technical detail. A lecturer from the University of Aberdeen made the mistake of doing research work at Cambridge before he attempted to respond to a call to head the rhetoric department of Michigan University.

A law is a law, but surely it should have its special provisions to take care of reasonable exceptions. We need outside ideas of outside experts and some one should have authority to make exceptions in such cases.

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ABE MARTIN



Somebody kin talk as soft an' gentle as a dentist with his back turned huntin' among his drills for the most ferocious one he kin find. "It's wonderful how some fellers ever get so rich when they so easy 'a' up," says Ted Binkley, who has allus maintained that Martin's good have been elected for \$0 or \$10.

THE OPEN COURT

CORRESPONDENTS MUST SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO THE EDITOR IF THEY DESIRE LETTERS PRINTED.

169 Edelen Ave.,
Los Gatos, Calif.
April 17, 1928.

Mr. Frank Appleby,
La Grande Observer,
La Grande, Ore.

My dear Mr. Appleby:

My tax assessment on my automobile as personal property has just arrived, and has stirred again my desire to write you about the comparative costs of operating a car in California and in Oregon.

Appropos the agitation to reduce the license fee on Oregon cars, there has appeared argument both oral and in editorial form in the

Observer to the intent that the license fee in California was compensated for by a property tax which equalized matters to the Oregon level. This is a misapprehension.

I own a Durant touring car of the model of 1923. I pay \$2.00 license fee which is the flat fee for all cars here. My car is assessed at a value of \$600.00 on which I pay tax at the rate of \$3.50 per hundred. That makes my tax just \$2.10, or a total of \$4.10 with the fee added. In Oregon my license fee without the tax was \$25.00.

My car is of such a date and in such condition that I can get at least \$150.00 for it in used car value, so you see that its assessment at \$600.00 follows the usual practice of assessing property at a fraction of its true value. On that principle a new car in the \$1000.00 class assessed at half value would pay a tax of \$15.00. Add the license fee and you have \$21.00 instead of Oregon's \$25.00. As a matter of experience, I bought my car here in 1923, paying \$1065.00 for it. I never paid more than some four dollars tax on it, making about \$7.00 in all, just a quarter of my Oregon license fee. The law may have changed since then, but I do not remember. It must

have if the present rate is \$2.50. At any rate this is far different from the representation that the property tax here equalizes the high tax in Oregon. And moreover, Oregon did not have last year any provision for reduction of fee on the basis of the age and value of the car. Do they now?

I thought you would welcome this first-hand information. I used to think, and do now, that if Oregon needed the high license to keep up her roads, she ought to frankly say so and collect it, but I saw nothing gained in alleging a comparison which will not bear investigation.

Incidentally, this is not a complaint directed against Oregon, and I will pay my high license fee again for the privilege some of these days of returning to her. Also I am sending cordial greetings to you and the staff of the Observer.

Yours sincerely,
G. A. POLLARD.

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HEAVY HITTING FEATURES GAMES

Ruth Gets Homer—Exception to Slugging Is Blake's 2-Hit Delivery

National League Standings

	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	4	2	.667
St. Louis	4	3	.571
Chicago	5	4	.556
Brooklyn	3	3	.500
Philadelphia	3	3	.500
Cincinnati	4	4	.500
Pittsburg	2	4	.333
Boston	2	4	.333

American League Standings

	W.	L.	Pct.
Cleveland	7	1	.875
Washington	5	1	.833
New York	5	1	.833
St. Louis	4	4	.500
Chicago	3	6	.333
Boston	2	2	.500
Philadelphia	0	4	.000

By the Associated Press

An outburst of terrific hitting has cropped out in the major leagues taking a big toll of pitching material on all the clubs with few exceptions. Fifteen home runs, including one off the blackboard of the mighty Babe Ruth, figured in the batting orgy of yesterday.

Opening the home season at Pittsburgh, the Cardinals forced the Pirates to walk their own plank by the count of 13 to 10 before a crowd of 30,000.

Two-Hit Game

The sparkling pitching feat of the day however, was furnished by Sheriff Blake of the Cubs who put the manacles on the Reds, by allowing two meekly taps for a 13 to 0 decision.

Acting manager Rogers Hornsby of the Braves plotted his warriors through to a 2 to 4 victory in a ten-inning thriller with the Giants. Hornsby crossed the plate with the tying run in the ninth and in the tenth slashed a single with a man on third and two out to save the day for Boston.

The Robins ripped out with three home runs, one each for Elliott, Bremer and Hornsby, but they took the small end of a 9 to 5 score against the Phillies.

Ruth Gets Homer

Ruth entertained Boston fans on Patriots Day by propelling homer No. 1 of 1928 into the right field bleachers in the fifth inning of the Yankees' second game with the Red Sox, winning by 7 to 2 in six innings, the game being abbreviated.

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SABER CHAMPION



Competing against the best sabers on the Pacific coast, H. C. Berls of Los Angeles recently successfully defended his saber championship of the Pacific coast. He is a veteran of the blade.

Gene Tunney To Begin Training In Speculator

NEW YORK, Apr. 20 (AP)—Gene Tunney will leave Miami tonight and arrive in New York Sunday morning. After spending a few days in New York attending to business matters, he will go to Speculator, N. Y., to start training for the defense of his heavyweight crown against Tom Heeney in July.

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Seattle Beaten By Stars; Oaks Trim Seals 4-3

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San Francisco	13	4	.765
Sacramento	12	5	.706
Hollywood	10	6	.625
Los Angeles	8	9	.471
Oakland	8	9	.471
Mission	4	10	.375
Portland	5	11	.313
Seattle	4	12	.250

By the Associated Press

A two-run rally in the ninth enabled Oakland to stave off a last minute spurge on the part of the Seals and hang up their first win of the current series 4-3. Buzz Wetzel, recently acquired from Portland, held San Francisco to two runs until he was lifted for a pinch hitter in the ninth. Batteries: Wetzel, Craighead, Sparks and Head; Moudy, Thurston, Mails and Sprinz.

Four Seattle hurlers looked very much alike to the Hollywood hitters, who cuffed the quartet for 19 safeties and a 15-3 win. Heath and Roth, Hollywood outfielders, each collected four hits. Batteries: Kinney and Agnew; Graham, Nance, Sumner, House and Boreman.

Left Vini held the Angels to eight hits and whiffed eight of them but his southpaw opponent on the hill, Tex Weatherly, was just a little better, and Los Angeles collected a 3-0 victory over Sacramento. Batteries: Vini and Koehler; Weatherly and Hannah.

Rain kept the Missions and Portland idle.

Truth is stranger than fiction, judging by some of the dumb stunts revealed by accident reports.

Marathoners Enter 7th State Today

JOPLIN, Mo., Apr. 20 (AP)—With invasion of the seventh state under way, the 79 odd cross-country runners and walkers today turned toward Miller, 85 miles east of here, under the leadership of Andrew Payne of Claremore, Okla.

Payne crossed the corners of Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri in 6:33:56 to finish sixth and increase his lead over Peter Gavuzzi of Southampton, England, the latter finishing twenty-first in 8:06:02. The Oklahoman's elapsed time was 294:16:18 about 90 minutes ahead of Gavuzzi.

John Sato, Passaic, N. J., was third in 8:22:07, retaining third place in elapsed time with 326:39:39.

Allan Currier, Grants Pass, Ore., finished in 8:40:26 and 381:44:44 elapsed time.

MEDFORD, Ore., Apr. 20 (AP)—The Oregon-California baseball league composed of teams of Weed and Dunsmuir, Cal., and Klamath Falls and Medford, Ore., was formed at a meeting held at Yreka, Cal., Wednesday. A. S. Ninger of Ashland, was elected president. The season will start Sunday, May 20, with Klamath Falls playing at Medford and Weed at Dunsmuir. Games will be played Sunday's and holidays. The pennant winner will receive a cash prize of \$500.

All teams filed forfeits to complete the schedule.

SHOPPING DELUXE

BOSTON—Driving, parking and shopping in the heart of a big city has been simplified by a Boston store, which maintains a free bus service through the shopping district for its patrons.

AUTO ROOM FOR EVERYBODY

BLOOMSBURG, Pa. — The last hitching posts are disappearing from rural Pennsylvania churchyards. Even country dwellers who have no autos are riding to church in cars—with neighbors.

Tan is one of the popular spring colors. That ought to make Will Hays one of our most popular young men. The Senate oil investigators tanned him plenty.

Roast Shoulder of Pork

Salt and pepper your meat and sprinkle lightly with ginger, dash the flour on top with a few specks of lard. When brown bake often with the dripping, adding water from time to time as required. Place sweet potatoes around roast or heat sauer kraut in pan and add pork roast gravy for seasoning in kraut.

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MAIN 26



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Royal Club No. 1 can 20c	Kuner Sweet No. 2 can 28c
Ripe Olives	Cocoa
Curtis Glenwood 9 oz. can 19c	Mother's 1 lb. can 22c
Curtis Supreme 9 oz. can 27c	Hershey's 1 lb. can 33c

Ralston's Checker Oats	
Small carton 12c	Large Carton 26c

Crackers	
Salted Wafers 32c	Salted Sodas 40c
2 lb. caddy	3 lb. caddy

Thompson's Malted Milk	
One 1-lb. can with one shaker, all for 54c	

Sardines	Toilet Soap
Tiny Tot, fancy cross packed— Brisling in pure olive oil 17c	Tropic Palm bar 5c Lana Oil bar 10c Life Buoy bar 7c

Canned Corn	FOUNTAIN
PREFERRED STOCK Tiny Kernel No. 2 can 18c	Country Gentleman No. 2 can 17c

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Silver Spike	
49 lb. sack 2.25	49 lb. sack 2.25
Fancy Patent Family Flour	

Flour market continues higher. We guarantee this flour to be the equal of any brand on the market.