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A UNIVERSAL ANTHEM—Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye the Lord. Psalm 106:48.

"Rebellious youth" is now engaged rather generally in playing croquet on the lawn, as it was in the red days of Queen Victoria and William McKinley.

Here is the old story of incentive cutting through bonds tied by fate. C. Lee Cook of Louisville, Ky., had been an invalid since he was a year old. He was unable to walk. But when he died at 57 he was president of a manufacturing company and had made a very comfortable fortune. He was known as a painter and an orator. His inventions were recognized by scientists all over the country. Why cannot the rest of us, whole and well, do this kind of thing? Well, in the first place, native talent undoubtedly has something to do with it. But in the second, third and last places, the real reason is that we don't care enough.

J. P. Morgan, biggest banker in America, was sworn in the other day as a member of a grand jury at Mineola, L. I. It was not a special grand jury, either, but an ordinary one called in the usual way for routine work. Mr. Morgan had cut short a European trip in order to get back for the express purpose of sitting on that jury. Not that jury-sitting is his favorite sport. He prefers yachting. But when the officials offered to let him off, he demurred, and said he was willing to serve, because such service was the sacred duty of every citizen. If Morgan, with his range of interests and stress of work and personal importance can do that, a lot of other able and busy people might find time. He points the way to one of the things most needed in American courts today.

RAILROAD MERGERS

The railroads evidently overestimated the freedom given them by congress to form new combinations under the present transportation act.

The Van Sweringens, latest railroad magnates in the field, when they projected their ambitious merger, promptly got into difficulties with the interstate commerce commission. Their project dragged along for years, while they sought to satisfy the commission by revamping their plans. Finally they gave up the idea of grouping the other lines around the Nickel Plate, and used the Chesapeake and Ohio as the backbone of their new system. The latest decision of the commission accepts that modified plan with severe reservations and exceptions, notably a refusal to let the new system take over the Erie.

At the same time another bold plan is knocked in the head by the commission. The New York Central, Baltimore and Ohio and Nickel Plate together had acquired control of the stock of the Wheeling and Lake Erie, with a view to dividing it among them. They are told that such action is refused because in acquiring the property without the commission's consent they have violated the Clayton anti-trust law.

The policy represented in such decisions as these crimps the style of railroad operators who seek to build rail systems in Wall street. It may retard somewhat railroad developments that are really desirable on the score of increased efficiency. The commission seems to some critics unnecessarily cautious and obstructive.

This, however, is better than being pliant and over-ready to grant anything wanted by railroad promoters, however honest and able the promoters. It is a relief to the public to find that the interstate commerce commission, supposedly weakened by the transportation act, is still a power in the land, possessing more authority in some respects than before, and determined to use it. It is our hope that it may realize, however, the need for gradual railroad consolidation in the interest of efficiency, that it can work out an improved plan equitable to both operators and public that seems inevitable.

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ABE MARTIN

I don't know how California climate affects folks in general, but murderers who chop little children up seem t' live longer out there than in any other locality in America. Kiss an' make up, humph! Kiss an' wash up sounds more like it.

House Committee To Probe Campaigns

WASHINGTON, May 29 (AP)—The house today adopted a resolution directing Speaker Longworth to appoint a special committee of five members to investigate campaign expenditures of the candidates for president, the vice president, the senate and the house.

The committee was directed to report back its findings not later than Jan. 1, 1929.

An appropriation of $20,000 was provided to meet expenses.

Spokane Man Shot To Death in Room

PORTLAND, Ore., May 29 (AP)—T. H. McDonald, about 55, who registered at a hotel here yesterday from Spokane, was found shot to death today in the bath tub of his room. He had fired a bullet into his mouth, the coroner reported. The man left a brief note asking that no inquest be held over his body.

Farmers Lose In Columbia Flood

PORTLAND, Ore., May 29 (AP)—Flooding of bottom lands along the Columbia river, due to the annual spring freshet has caused loss to farmers near Hood River, Ore., and below Vancouver, Wash., as water has risen higher than was expected.

The approach to the interstate bridge at Hood River on the Oregon side was flooded, and the highway between The Dalles and the Deschutes river was threatened with inundation.

One mill at Vancouver, on the waterfront, that of the DuRois Lumber company, was shut down.

DIES OF INJURIES

MEDFORD, Ore., May 29 (AP)—J. C. Markham, 30, of Bend, Ore., died at Ashland at 6 a. m. today as the result of an automobile truck wreck two hours earlier on the Ashland-Klamath Falls highway, in which Charles Parks, 25, also of Bend, suffered serious injuries. The truck was enroute with a load of fruit and vegetables from California to Bend and was four miles from the Pacific highway when the truck left the road and rolled over four times before coming to a stop at the bottom of a deep gulch.

VIOLENT ROW IN CLOSING HOURS

U. S. Senate Scene of Excited Clamor—Boulder Dam Bill Cause

WASHINGTON, May 29 (AP)—A violent row broke out in the senate today on the future position of the Boulder dam bill after the senate had voted to adjourn at 5:30 this afternoon.

After ten minutes of scrapping with Bruce of Maryland, objecting to the bill being granted any preference at the winter session of congress the senate went into executive session on motion of Borah, of Idaho.

This cleared the galleries and left the senate in position to continue its row behind closed doors if it so desired. The motion came while Bruce and Heflin were having sharp interchanges as to how long each usually held the floor and came as a distinct disappointment to those who crowded the galleries and the floor bent upon witnessing the closing hours of the session.

Bruce Opposes Him

Bruce was the only senator to oppose Johnson's effort to lay aside the Boulder dam bill for the remainder of the day with the reservation that it would become the unfinished business immediately upon the convening of congress next December.

The Maryland senator wanted to know if there had been an understanding between Johnson and the democratic leader, Robinson of Arkansas, and Senator Curtis, the republican leader, on this program as a basis for the vote on adjournment.

Johnson Angered

Johnson resented any implication that he had entered into an agreement sacrificing his chance to push the bill through at the present session and Robinson assured Bruce there had been no such an agreement. Bruce was not satisfied, however, and Robinson told Johnson to move to make his bill the special order in December.

"I assure the senator that if he does that, every senator on this side will vote with him except the senator from Maryland," Robinson said with every sign of anger at Bruce, who was poised in the center aisle.

The Californian made the motion, bringing another attack from Bruce; but before the Marylander could get started, cries of "vote" came from every section of the chamber. Robinson of Arkansas rose from his seat shouting "Vote—vote—vote." Bedlam reigned for several minutes as Robinson gestured to his colleagues to vote and join him.

Clamor Insistent

The Arkansasan swung his arms against the democratic side and changing his shout to "ayes" and "no"—"ayes" and "no".

The clamor became more insistent with Senator Edge, republican, New Jersey, and Senator LaFollette, crying above all the noise for recognition. Meanwhile, Bruce was trying futilly to get in a word, but he could not be heard.

Finally the vice president recognized LaFollette, of Wisconsin, who heatedly protested against the demonstration and emphasized that Bruce held the floor. While quiet was gradually restored LaFollette demanded that "some respect be held for the integrity of the rules," and insisted that Bruce be recognized. This was done after which the Maryland senator thanked LaFollette and praised him "for always standing up for the right."

If Hoover and Smith are nominated the drys won't have much chance, with a flood candidate opposed to a wet.

LOSTINE PERSONALS

LOSTINE, Ore., (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Jess Warnock, of Imnaha, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Candle, Sunday.

Oscar Keil returned home last Thursday after having spent the winter working in California.

Mrs. Proffit, of Dayton, Ore., arrived here last week and spent several days with her son, Claud. Mr. Proffit has been the superintendent of the Lostine school for two years. They left Friday by car for their home.

Mrs. Mary Bell Ward has been confined to her home the past week. She is ill of the flu.

William McGee has been confined to his bed at his home with flu and rheumatism ever since they arrived here from Missouri. He is some better at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wisdom, of Minam, have moved up the river where Mr. Wisdom has a logging contract.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Crossland have left for their home at Union after an extended visit with friends in Lostine.

T. L. Pierce is having his house remodeled. O. J. Foley is doing the work.

Miss Opal Thompson assistant high school teacher for the past two years left Monday afternoon for her home in Nampa, Ida. She has accepted a position in the high school of Emmett, Ida., for the ensuing year.

John McKinzie, Mrs. Anna Nolan and daughter, Miss Clara attended a meeting of the American Legion Monday evening at Wallowa. Mrs. Nolan and Miss Clara were initiated into the auxiliary.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Parsons and family left Thursday for Walla Walla where they will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallas Spiner returned home from Umatilla Sunday where they had been to attend the funeral of Mr. Spencer's father, Mrs. Vera Ward, a sister of Mr. Spencer, returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Candle and Miss Sara Sherman left for Idaho where they will visit Mrs. Candle's mother.

Ben McGinnis, Powwatka, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Coleman, of Wallowa, were guests of Mrs. Mary Douns Sunday.

Ralph Graham has returned home after a short visit with friends in Portland.

The South Fork river is at the highest stage it has been for years. Every precaution is being taken to keep the bridge from going out.

Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Courtney drove out to La Grande Saturday to meet Mr. Courtney's sister, Mrs. Josie Gates and son, Robert from San Diego, Cal. Mrs. Gates visited relatives in the country for a short time and returned home while her son will remain with the Courtney family.

Mrs. Grace Willett left last week for La Grande where she will spend the summer.

Mrs. Maxine Redfern, of Pendleton, arrived last week and stayed a short time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Childers. She was accompanied home by her young daughter who has spent the winter here.

Mrs. Flora Graham, of Pomeroy, Wash., was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Fleenor's for several days. She left for her home Wednesday.

Mrs. Chas. Fishback went to La Grande last week to meet her granddaughter, Miss Leona Mowbray, of Caldwell, Ida. They came in from La Grande Sunday.

Miss Ednabelle Myers, who taught school here, has returned to her home near Summerville.

Roy Cook who left several days ago for Walla Walla has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Graham, of Igin, have spent several days in and around Lostine demonstrating a new milking machine.

John Bush of California, who arrived here last week, is visiting at the home of Joe Allen and Jesse Allen.

Fred Edwards and mother, Mrs. Alla Nolan drove out to Flora Saturday after Miss Clara Nolan, who has closed a very successful term of school. This was her second year at Flora.

Mrs. Elsie Bade finished her school at The Buttes Friday and is visiting for a short time with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Earl Allen.

The high school students and their instructors spent Friday at the Wallowa lake where they enjoyed a day's outing.

Miss Ena Glenn and David Warnock, of Zumwalt, were quietly married at La Grande Wednesday evening. They left by auto for Portland and Seattle and other coast cities. They will make their home at Imnaha.

Mrs. Dave Hug, who has spent several weeks at Lostine with her daughter who has been very ill, has returned home to Elgin.

S. L. McGill sold his ranch to Mantis Witty of Elgin. Mr. Scott who is now farming the place, will keep it until fall when Mr. Witty will take possession.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Evans, of Wallowa, visited with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Fleenor.

Viola Crow, daughter of G. J. Crow, of Hurlcane creek, visited a few days at the home of her grandparents, S. P. Crowe.

Clayton McKinzie, of Wallowa, is staying with his brother, O. W. McKinzie.

Murphy and Deller have a contract cutting some timber up the South Forks. Quite a number of men have taken their families there for an outing.

Mrs. O. J. Foley and daughter Margaret and Mrs. Geo. Childers were at Joseph Friday calling at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Childers whose little daughter Lois is quite ill of appendicitis.

Daniel Courtner has recently purchased the Van Pelt homestead up the South Forks. He also has a homestead adjoining where he will make his home in the future.

Charlie Barnes arrived here from Walla Walla and is spending a few weeks at the Wm. Hunter home.

Mrs. Willard Lewis who has been very ill with intestinal flu was taken to the Enterprise Hospital. The last report she was getting along quite well.

Mrs. Georgie Harris, of Walla Walla, arrived this week and visited a few days at the William Hunter home. She came after her daughter Jeanette who has been going to school the past winter here.

The Rev. W. A. Shields left last will attend the general assembly week for Tulsa, Okla., where he will attend the general assembly of the Presbyterian church. Dr. D. A. Thompson of Portland, filled the pulpit here last Sunday evening.

Lowden on Stand

NEA Washington Bureau
Frank Lowden, former governor of Illinois and presidential candidate who is making farm relief his issue, is pictured here as he appeared before the senate committee investigating campaign expenditures.

We have barn paint here to sell that you can't possibly figure against. First the quality is better; second the price is less.

We expect the carload of field fencing in right away. It isn't quite 10 o'clock this morning and our sales have amounted to over $500. There is a reason for that. I would like to have you come around and find out why. In fact, I am so busy I can't talk to you right now, but I want you all to come around and see me. By the way, I did spend three years of my life in Arkansas. Someone made the remark that Arkansaw was the only name of any state that is given in the Bible. They said that Noah looked out of the ark and saw—" Well, I am glad I am here because when I was in Arkansas I had to gather acorns to feed to the hogs. A hog was ready for market in three years. When a hog's belly would balance his head, he made mighty good bacon. There is lots of lean back bacon in Arkansaw. I am going to quit before some of my customers stick a rag in my mouth.

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RAIL WORKER BEFORE WAR, HE'LL BE ARTIST NOW

WASHINGTON (AP)—Leaving a job as railroad section foreman to fight for his adopted country, Angelo de Martino contracted an illness that kept him hospitl bound for six years and has left him determined to become an artist.

Martino, an inmate of the Naval hospital, soon will become a student at the Corcoran Art gallery. He came to America in 1908. Ten years later, at the age of 22, he enlisted.

In France he fought with the Thirty-second Division. The rigors of life at the front affected his health and on his discharge from the army he entered the government hospital.

Martino picked up drawing to brighten the long days indoors. His first painting is now on display at the Allied Artists' association. John P. Waring, a director, is financing the veteran's course in the art school.

YE CHICAGO SCRIBE, TOO, MEETS THE TRAIN

CHICAGO (AP)—On Main Street there's news in who came in on the 12:15 and who went out on the 1:05.

In Chicago the newspapers also include in regular assignments the arrivals and departures on the many crack trains that span the continent east and west from here.

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