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**A DANGEROUS ATTITUDE**—He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.—Prov. 29:1.

Ruth Elder, unusually frank, says she'd like to fly across the Atlantic with Lindbergh. No danger. Lindy always sees 'em first.

"The influence of climate on industrial energy has perhaps not been widely enough recognized," comments a newspaper writer. And that is very strange, because everybody knows what hot weather does to his own industry and energy.

### SANE AND INSANE

There is criticism of California's revised criminal code for permitting pleas in murder cases—"not guilty" and "not guilty by reason of insanity." Either plea may be offered, or both together; and in the latter case, the code calls for two separate trials. This certainly seems to complicate things for the prosecution and give the killer a still better chance of going free whether he deserves it or not.

"Not guilty by reason of insanity" is a plea that first came into national notice during the trial of George Remus, the Cincinnati bootlegger, who maintained that he was sane before he killed his wife, insane at the time, and sane again immediately afterward—and got away with it.

Juries being what they often are, this seems to put a new premium on murder. If such a plea is to be permitted, whether with one trial or two, at least it should be provided that the question of sanity be taken out of the hands of highly paid private "experts" and be determined by an official board of experts on salary by the state for that purpose.

### MORE HORSES

It was hardly to be expected that so modern a business analyst as Roger Babson would seriously advise people looking for opportunity to get into the business of raising horses. Yet he has just done this very thing.

Horse breeders agree that horses are still needed, and good horses are getting scarce because their breeding has been neglected in the last few years. It will take several years more, one breeder says, to make up the present shortage.

The farmers, it is said, will always need them to supplement the tractor. Carriage companies and some other forms of business still find them useful in the city, and may continue to do so. Horses are increasingly demanded for riding and mcing.

Few motorists, however, will grow enthusiastic about any efforts to increase or renew the horse population. Horses are a nuisance on city streets, and little better on country roads. They may be crowded out of all but remote backwoods regions, not because they can no longer serve a useful purpose in the economic scheme, but because they interfere with mechanical traffic in an age of high speed. The happy solution is a by-path for horses as our more modern highways are built.

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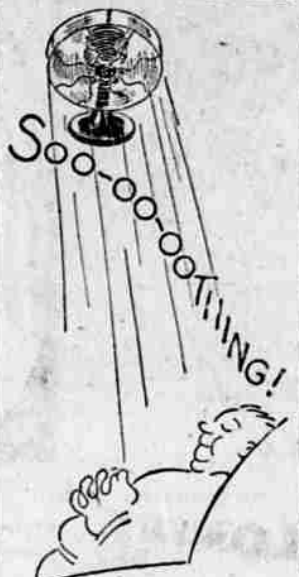
A hick, or E-flat town is one where ever'buddy but a bank examiner knows ever'buddy else's business. Who's backin' young Hickman out in California is almost as big a scandal as how Mrs. Hip Van Winkle paid her rent.

### Road Program Is Held Up By Dunne Measures

Oregon motorists and taxpayers will be interested in the fact that the so-called \$3 and \$5 measures, which would have affected the state highway program, will not appear on the November ballot, as the necessary signature to initiative petitions were not filed at Salem.

The public mind has become confused through extensive preliminary discussion in the state press of these bills and it should be pointed out, as a matter of interest of the highest importance, that the only measures relating to motor vehicle licenses and a tax on gasoline which will have a place on the ballot are those initiated by Joe Dunne, of Portland.

Mr. Dunne's license bill provides for a general reduction in license fees of approximately 50 per cent. If this bill should be approved by the people in November, the state highway fund will lose about \$2,000,000. The other initiative measure would increase the gasoline tax from three to five cents per gallon. If both bills should pass, the state's income from the gas tax would be increased about \$7,200,000, leaving the highway department with a net loss of nearly \$2,000,000. Should the people approve the decreased license fees set up in the Dunne bill and reject the increased gas tax of his other bill, the net loss to the highway fund would amount to a sum equivalent to that now available



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for new construction and betterments. Under this threatening situation the highway commission has been forced to call a halt in its contemplated program for next year and to hold in abeyance any expenditure other than maintenance and the mandatory payments of principal and interest on road bonds.

### Jerediah Tingle's Identity Learned

NEW YORK, July 19 (AP)—The New York Times today says that Jerediah Tingle, mysterious philanthropist whose benefactions gladdened the hearts and lightened the cares of noted writers and obscure poets, unassuming heroes and poor children for many years, has been revealed as William E. Harmon, retired real estate operator and philanthropist, who died Sunday at his summer home in Southampton, Conn.

Many of Jerediah Tingle's benefactors have wondered vainly as to his identity.

**TO TEST OUT BONDS**  
SALEM, Ore., July 19 (AP)—Salem has joined Roseburg in litigation to test the validity of bonds issued for airport development.

**MAKE AERIAL SURVEY**  
SANTA CRUZ—Officials of joint highway district No. 3 met here and awarded George Bunnell a contract for making an aerial survey of a proposed road from here to San Francisco. Another meeting will be held in San Francisco Monday.

**FIRST TO DO IT**  
NEW YORK—Miss Katherine Locke of Youngstown, O., back from Africa, is the first white woman to have visited the Ghoul of Marakesh in his 2,300-year-old home in the Atlas mountains. She trotted across the Sahara and found that the hot sun restored the use of her lost voice.

A girl was severely shocked while using an electric vacuum cleaner in Philadelphia the other day. Most of 'em nowadays are severely shocked just by mention of it.

### 55 Students In O. S. C. From This County in Year

Union county had 55 students among the 5818 total long term students last year at the Oregon State Agricultural college, according to a detailed report of the year's registration just issued by E. R. Lemon, registrar. Total enrollment for the year including summer sessions and other special classified students reached a high mark of 5311 as compared with 5037 the year previous. This county also has seven regular students in the 1928 summer session which has enrolled 707 regular students and a total of 1255 including the junior summer session. For the year 1927-28 students were enrolled from five foreign countries—Canada, China, India, Korea and Russia; three

territories—Alaska, Hawaii and The Philippines; the District of Columbia, 25 states beside every county in Oregon.

**BIRDS OF A FEATHER**  
NEW YORK—Birds of a feather. The girl who can make a tennis ball whiz faster than any other one of her sex is returning in triumph aboard a speed ship, Miss Helen Willis arrives this evening on the Mauretania, the liner seems likely to smash her own record for the trip from Cherbourg.

**PLANES BIG GAS USERS**  
CHICAGO—The airplane is becoming a big factor in gasoline and oil consumption. In flying 23,000 miles daily over 24 routes with an average of three tons of cargo daily, 317 mail planes are using 20,000 gallons of gas and 229 gallons of oil daily. The American Air Transport association reckons,