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A MEDIUM OF BLESSINGS—A faithful man shall abound with blessings; but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.—1st Cor. 13:11

"Remodeling Home Attractive Hobby." Also expensive one when Mother gets really started.

Construction work on the Blue Mountain portion of the Oregon Trail is slightly inconvenient but it will be worth the inconvenience eventually. The La Grande-Kamela section is due for rebuilding next year, we hope, and will be a finer road than ever when finally completed. Incidentally, other roads in the state will need work one of these years—perhaps the John Day. Who can tell?

Business conditions throughout the country are showing constant improvement and recovery from the mild depression of 1927, according to a recent statement of L. M. Graves, vice president of the Brookshire Economic Service, Inc. While conditions are still irregular, Mr. Graves says, business activity in general is ending the half year better than a year ago; and though no pronounced change is anticipated for the next six months, the last half is expected to show a good increase over the first six months of the year. An excellent improvement in 1929 is also forecast.

SMALL AMOUNT OF CRIME NEWS
Work of the school of journalism of the University of Oregon finds a place on the first page, top of column, second vs section of a recent Sunday issue of The New York Times. The work reviewed was a survey conducted under direction of Dean Eric W. Allen to determine the amount news space actually devoted to crime news by the newspapers of the country. The report, given at the recent Editor-Association meeting at Crater lake, is described partially follows:

"Ascertaining through a questionnaire submitted to a representative group of business men that the average newspaper reader estimates the actual amount of crime news in a newspaper to be about 30 per cent., the students finished a measuring investigation of 100 newspapers, including The New York Times, disclosing that the modern newspaper devotes only 1.4 per cent. of its total space, or 3.5 per cent. of news space, to crime, divorce and scandal.

"It was conducted along two separate lines—one to determine the popular idea of just how much sensational material appears in the columns of the newspapers and the other to check this with actual measurements of the contents of the papers. Sensational news, as defined before the survey started, consisted of crime, divorce and scandal, in which the interest is personal rather than public, and excluding news events, such as Teapot Dome affair or concerning misappropriation of funds.

"The next step in the survey was to check up on Horace Greeley, to whom critics of the modern newspaper often point as an exponent of crime-free journalism. New York tribunes were measured representing the most active years of his editorship. Papers were chosen at five-year intervals from 1851 until his death, and it was discovered that Greeley himself, the newspaper purist of his time, had considered an appropriation of 1.7 per cent. of his total space legitimate for crime news."

The school's survey seems to explode the theory that crime is over-played in modern newspapers. Surely it shows us far from the truth public conception has been on the subject. Not all papers, of course, could show as small percentage devoted to sensational matter as the average. Unfortunately there are one or two sheets in every large city which appeal to the reading public's taste for crime and scandal. It is significant to note, however, that they are not a rule, predominant in circulation or leadership. The average paper depicts average life in its news columns. It must, therefore, record some crime, some stuff of sensational character. But it is, we can now be confident, a very small portion of the whole.

ABE MARTIN



Ever time a Chicago gangster dies it's a riddle. Life Bud took an 8 cent cigar test blindfolded yesterday an' failed. He said it wuz a horse burnin' up.

OVERNIGHT NEWS

By the Associated Press

IN POLITICS

New York—Executive committee of democratic national committee fixed \$3,000,000 tentatively as sum necessary for Smith campaign.

Stanford University, Cal.—W. J. Donovan, assistant to attorney general, told Mr. Hoover many New York state women favored his candidacy and predicted state would give him majority.

New York—Robert L. Owen, former democratic senator from Oklahoma, endorsed Hoover for president.

New York—Democratic national headquarters made public letter from William H. Woodin, republican, to secretary Union League club, declining to serve on club's campaign committee because inclined support Smith.

Augusta, Me.—Mrs. Gertrude M. Pittsburg, former democratic national committee woman, announced she would support Hoover.

Omaha, Neb.—Bull Moose convention carried on with two registrars, one having returned.

Bern, N. C.—Senator Slim signs from democratic committee.

Episosa Leading Western Tourney

H SHORE CLUB, CHICAGO, July 26 (AP)—Al Episosa took the lead with a 71 second day's elimination of the western open golf championship at North Shore, with Chick Evans, former national open and amateur, who took 75. Episosa strokes off par with a one the out nine but he a couple of times on the trip and with a ball out scored 37.

Star Riot Excites Denver

DENVER, July 26 (AP)—Severed members of the Eastern Star stormed the city auditorium last night they were denied an executive session of the biennial convention. hour the large lobby of torium was the scene of and attempts by Gov. Phil, Philip Ferguson and icals of the order to pacifiers failed.

ALL PAY ALIMONY

CHICAGO, July 26 (AP)—Poor ds of Chicago, who have h money to keep a check-nt pay alimony totalling annually by the postal der gate. tures were revealed ynes James A. Kearns, clerk nicipal court, where records are handled.

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Seaman Guards Gangplank On Nobile's Ship

OSLO, Norway, July 26 (AP)—A seaman with fixed bayonet was placed on guard at the gangplank of the Citta Di Milano today when the vessel docked at Narvik with the survivors of the Italia disaster. Onlookers at the docks regarded this move with astonishment. When the ship arrived early this morning comparatively few people were on hand although many had waited for it until late last night.

SHIP DAMAGED

OSLO, July 26 (AP)—A wireless message picked up by stations on the north coast of Norway today said that the German motor-ship Monte Cervantes was receiving assistance from the Russian ice breaker Krasin. The vessel was in Bell Island, Spitzbergen, and in no immediate danger. The Krasin, which was about to go to Norway for repairs after having rescued seven survivors of the Italia, picked up 808 calls from the vessel yesterday and went to its aid.

A diver from the Krasin was lowered into the Arctic waters to examine the damage to the German ship. The Krasin may stand by for two days before proceeding to Norway.

Federal Men Raid Police Station

CHICAGO, July 26 (AP)—Federal prohibition agents raided the Shakespeare avenue police station on the northwest side last night and seized several bottles which they said contained alcohol, then went to a store adjoining the police station and seized a quantity of beer and whiskey, which the agents said was made on the premises.

Archbishop of Canterbury Quits

LONDON, July 26 (AP)—Saddened by the rejection of the revised alternative prayer book by the house of commons, the archbishop of Canterbury, primate of all England, has resigned. The archbishop of York will succeed him. There was speculation today as to whether the resignation would hasten disestablishment of the Church of England.

MAKES APPOINTMENT

CHICAGO, July 26 (AP)—Mayor Thompson today named Deputy Commissioner William F. Russell as the new commissioner of police, succeeding Michael Hughes, whose resignation was announced yesterday. The appointment is effective August 1.

Swimmer Gives Up In Irish Channel

PORT PATRICK, Scotland, July 26 (AP)—Miss Mercedes Gleitz, London typist, abandoned an attempt to swim the Irish channel between Donaghadee, Ireland, and Port Patrick at 5 o'clock this afternoon. Miss Gleitz gave up the 25-mile swim when about 12 miles off the Irish coast. The coldness of the water caused her to give up after swimming slightly more than 14 hours.

Two Worth \$6000 Dead But Only Hundred Alive

HUTCHINSON, Kan., July 26 (AP)—Lee White, a guard, was killed, and Miss Doris Steele, 16, Sterling, Kan., shot through the head as the result of a midnight escape of Glenn Bellfield and Jake Schell, youthful inmates of the state reformatory here, today. Clifford Kennedy, another guard, was injured dangerously, and James Keever, also a guard, and an inmate named Metkin, the driver, were hurt slightly.

Miss Steele was shot when the youths attempted to take a car in which she and three companions were parked at a roadhouse near the state fair grounds where the inmates had been at work with a night shift repairing a grandstand. When the car failed to start Bellfield and Schell ran to another occupied by two men, forced them out, and drove away.

E. E. Fittell, superintendent of the reformatory, said a reward of \$6000 will be paid for the bodies of Bellfield and Schell. If captured alive a reward of \$100 will be paid for their return.

Henchman Shot By Chicago Gang

CHICAGO, July 26 (AP)—Ambushed as he drove his automobile into his garage, Salvatore Canale, 24, reputed henchman of the Aullio gang, was shot and killed today. Police endeavored to connect the slaying with rivalry between the Aullio faction and Al Capone's gang over beer and vice control.

GRAIN FIRE NEAR PENDLETON

PENDLETON, Ore., July 26 (AP)—A grain fire was burning today on the 500-acre Talloch-Smythe ranch, northwest of Pendleton. The origin of the fire was not known, and no estimate of damage was available late today.

CAPTAIN DIES

AUCKLAND, N. Z., July 26 (AP)—Captain Goodwyn Archer, under whom King George of England served as a naval cadet, is dead here. He once boxed the royal ears in punishment for a breach of discipline.

Harrah Outlines Things Grainmen Of State Desire

PORTLAND, Ore., July 26 (AP)—W. W. Harrah, Umatilla county farmer, continued on the stand most of this forenoon at the interstate commerce commission grain rate hearing. He declared a farmer should be able to give his children a common school and college education, should be able to keep up the rural churches, should have swimming pools and libraries the same as are in cities, that he and his family should be able to live like other folks.

"We should be able to have automobiles, take vacations, have community enjoyments, and the right to live and enjoy life like city people," he declared. But conditions on grain farms have been such of late years that all one can do it to go into debt, Mr. Harrah said. He said that on his investments he should have an annual return of \$10,000 on his wheat. With this, he thought that in ten years he could pay off his mortgages and begin to live. But freights must be reduced, also taxes, and wheat should bring at least \$1.50 a bushel.

"I am doing the best I can now and am hardly making a go of it," he testified. Mr. Harrah said freight rates should be based upon distance of haul and natural conditions.

BREAKS AMERICAN RECORD

NORTH TRURO, Mass., July 26 (AP)—An unofficial American record for a glider flight was established today when Peter Huffelbach, a German pilot, remained aloft 57 minutes in a solo flight above the cliffs of the Cape Cod coast at Highland light, near here.

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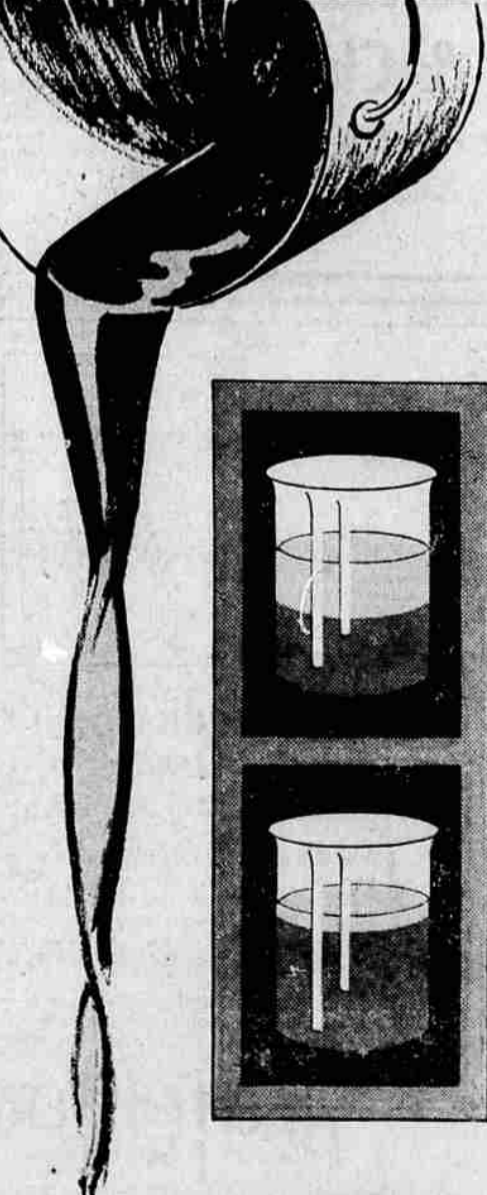
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