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STRANGE BEDFELLOWS—The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason.—Prov. 26:16.

If Herbert Hoover's addiction to peanuts has anything to do with the republican elephant, the question is, what should Al Smith eat—hay or raw meat

The United States Olympic team hasn't been doing so well. For the first time in many an international contest, the American runners flopped in the sprints. They have previously done better than the new champions, should have done so again. But maybe the losses are more advantageous than the victories would have been. The meet, according to preliminary dope, threatened to be a bit too all-American. First places won by other countries for a change will help promote Olympic good will, perhaps. We can well share athletic fame with Canada, for example, with England. The sport's the thing.

To the ordinary layman who is just naturally dumb about the intricacies of building the recent bids on the normal school building are a puzzle. The general bids went from a low of $115,000 to a high of around $145,000—not a bad variation and one that might be explained by difference in efficiency and in profit conception. But take the painting bids, something like $2600 to $5400, the low being just about half of the high. The plans and specifications were the same in each case. A so-called standard was set and will be required of the workmen. Material was specified with reasonable exactness. Yet one contractor figures a fair price is twice that figured by another for the same job. It's foolish to think that the difference is exorbitant profit. The bidding is competitive. Which brings us back to the original observation that such things are a puzzle to the layman.

A SALESMANSHIP CONTEST

The appointment and early activities of John Jacob Raskob, chairman of the finance committee of General Motors and "most potent" of that corporation's high executives, as national democratic chairman and Smith campaign manager indicates partially what the campaign will be. Raskob is "Big Business." He represents unusual executive and organizing ability in a country where that kind of ability is vital to success. He turns powerful salesmanship into the channels of politics for the first time in many campaigns.

Raskob's appointment inspires the imagination and increases one's admiration of Smith. It's not difficult to see that a new generation has come into power in the democratic party, at least for the period of the Smith campaign. When a big executive gives up the leadership of a corporation like General Motors, we come to the conclusion that Smith will not be lacking in men of money and influence. We are also led to assume that a least a fair proportion of the nation's business interests do not fear any serious injury to America's prosperity if Al is able to win the election.

Smith and his advisers have made a smart move. No one ever heard of Raskob in politics before this appointment was made. That's a happy variation from the usual order. In speaking of his new job as director of the Al Smith presidential fortunes, Raskob is quoted as follows:

"I am not a politician and have never been affiliated with any party. . . . This undoubtedly has been the position of many citizens in all walks of life. . . . There come times in the life of a nation when men not in politics feel called upon to take an active instead of a passive interest in government. My belief that such a time is at hand accounts for my willingness to accept. . . . In our business life today we succeed . . . by having better goods to sell than our competitors. There is every reason why the democratic party should follow this constructive business policy in this campaign."

It looks like a selling campaign; which is as it should be. If more people can be sold Al Smith than Herbert Hoover, Al Smith should win. It's one brand against another. A business proposition, with the better organization, the better conception of the market, the better salesmanship determining the final decision. Fortunately for the country, both products are of high quality. Both can be guaranteed to satisfy with reasonable assurance.

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ABE MARTIN

One thing's certain—th' Smith-Hoover campaign'll develop more hypocrites than anything that's happened since th' beginnin' o' time. Th' highways are strewn with dead woodpeckers, an' anybuddy who drives fast enough t' overtake a woodpecker is a menace an' a fool.

Buyers Week To Open August 6 In Portland, Ore.

PORTLAND, Aug. 1—Portland has prepared as never before for welcome and entertainment of the many hundreds of merchants who will be the guests of the city, Aug. 6-11th, on the occasion of the sixteenth annual Buyers' week sponsored by the trade and commerce department of the Portland chamber of commerce.

Plans have been completed by special committees that have been working for weeks, that no detail looking to the comfort and pleasure of the visitors may be overlooked.

One hundred and ten Portland jobbers and manufacturers participating in Buyers' Week activities will display signs of uniform design at their places of business throughout the week, as a beacon of hospitality to visiting merchants. A large sign will be strung across the street intersection at Oak and Fifth streets, Buyers' Week headquarters, and all roads during the week will lead to that location.

Visiting merchants are expected to register at Buyers' Week headquarters immediately upon arrival that they may be qualified to participate in the merchandising accommodations provided, and that they may receive as well, coupon books entitling them to special features of entertainment provided by the committees.

All entertainment, theater admissions and other features will be complimentary to visiting merchants who are registered.

Seven western states and Alaska, with some scattered eastern and southern states will be represented in Buyers' Week attendance.

The event is recognized now as the outstanding undertaking of its kind on the Pacific coast.

Buyers' week arrangements have been made by George Lawrence, chairman of the executive committee, with R. N. Weinbaum as secretary, and Frank W. Howell, chairman of the entertainment committee.

46 Fires Burning In Umatilla Woods

PENDLETON, Ore., Aug. 1 (AP)—Forty fires were reported still burning today in the Umatilla forest. Little information was forthcoming from the fire front. There have been 56 fires in the reserve this season, 28 caused by lightning.

A new fire yesterday on Emigrant hill, this side of Meacham, burned over a small area.

SCORES PHONE RATES

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 1 (AP)—Fred G. Buchtel, former public service commissioner of Oregon, in a letter submitted today to the mayor and city council, charged that rates of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company are "exorbitant, its practices obsolete," and its attitude toward the public "arbitrary."

We are selling out. We are expecting to change hands the 20th. Buy paint and oil and lead and enamels at ridiculously low prices. Farmers, don't forget the barb wire and field fencing I told you about, as this may be your last opportunity in a lifetime to save such a great amount. Remnant wallpaper 1c a double roll. Some odd sash very, very cheap.

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ANIMAL CIRCUS COMING

The gaiety of nations hardly exceeds in joyousness the coming of a big time circus and the Christy Bros. circus will be the only circus here this summer, and will be here Thursday Aug. 9 for two performances. This circus is the only one of its magnitude that still retains the street parade and promptly at noon the two-mile long caravan of beauty will leave the circus grounds for a tour of the down town streets. Open dens of wild animals and an immense herd of elephants, of which Miss Jumbo is the queen, and her trumpeting is law among the elephants, and when any of the other elephants start something, Miss Jumbo shows them where to head in, and shimmies just a little bit, when the big circus band plays a syncopated jazz.

There will be an army of clowns, whose pantomimic stunts will make you laugh.

As for the show itself, it is reported to be the best given under canvas. The instant one act nears completion, in one of the five rings, the other is standing at the ring curb, ready to rush in and keep up the pace. The circus moves along in sections and each typical of some one form of circus daring or feats of professional accomplishments, calculated to surprise even the old stagers.

The sideshow, another great place of interest to all dyed in the wool circus fans, has a myriad of attractions, and a vast collection of strange and curious people.

There are two performances, the afternoon starts at two o'clock and the night show at 8 o'clock.

ABNER K. KLINE SHOW COMING TO CITY AUGUST 6

The Abner K. Kline show, with everything new but the name so it is said, will be in La Grande for a week, commencing Aug. 6, near the freight depot.

The Kline shows cater to the entertainment of both young and old having seven riding devices and eight shows. The rides include a large ferris wheel, three-abreast merry go round, merry mix-up, the new hey-dey ride, kiddie whip, kiddie seaplane and a troup of Shetland ponies. The shows include the palace of mystery, fun in the barn, athletic show, monkey motordrome, etc. The show will come in a train of 10 cars and will bring 150 people to La Grande, advance notices declare.

GRANTED EXTENSION

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 1 (AP)—Orville Davis, young Klamath Indian convicted of the murder of Lawrence Walker, and sentenced to hang August 24, has been granted an extension of days in which to perfect an appeal. The order was signed today by Federal Judge Bean upon the petition of Davis' attorney.

Members of Crew Blamed for Wreck

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1 (AP)—A statement blaming four members of the train crews that collided at Cortena Sunday for the wreck in which more than 40 persons were injured was issued here today by the Southern Pacific company.

The engineer of train No. 44, third section, was T. C. Lenz. The conductor of the same train was W. H. Sanders. T. F. Taylor was the flagman. The fireman of the first section of the Cascade was P. W. Sutcliffe. H. N. Weymouth, engineer of the Cascade train, is in the Southern Pacific hospital here. (All the crew mentioned live in Sacramento.)

Recover $2,000,000 From Sunken Ship

LORIENT, France, Aug. 1 (AP)—A message from Belle Isle today said that sunken treasure consisting of diamonds and precious stones valued at 50,000,000 francs ($2,000,000) had been recovered by Italian divers from the hulk of the Belgian steamer Elizabethville. The vessel was torpedoed off the coast near here during the closing months of the war.

The divers who were employed by the Belgian government found the task exceptionally arduous.

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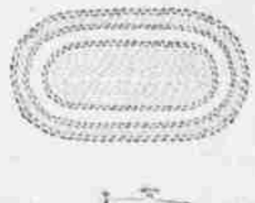

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Italians Cheer General Nobile And Companions

ROME, Aug. 1 (AP)—With the cheers of their countrymen ringing in their ears, General Umberto Nobile and five other survivors of the Italia were in Italy today while the nation rejoiced over their having been snatched from death in the arctic.

Women wept and threw flowers in the path of the survivors when they reached Rome in the special car which had brought them from Narvik, Norway. Two of the rescued men did not return to Italy, Captain Alberto Mariano being left in a hospital in Narvik recovering from the amputation of his foot and Professor F. Behounek returning to his native Czechoslovakia.

General Nobile and his companions were received almost with royal honors by Prince Ludovico Spada Potenziani, governor of Rome, and other high officials in the room of the railway station reserved for the king and his family.

When they came out on the street the crowd went wild and broke through the lines of police and carabinieri. Scores of women embraced the explorers. The automobiles bearing them were only able to proceed at the speed of a slow walk toward the men's homes.

General Nobile appeared tired and his face showed plainly the hardships of the ill-fated expedition.

Marketing Experts Inspect Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 1 (AP)—Marketing experts from all parts of the United States, returning from the annual conclave of the American Institute of co-operation at Berkeley, Cal., today inspected co-operative plants in Portland.

On their way north the delegates stopped at Medford, Eugene, Corvallis, Tillamook and other Oregon cities inspecting co-operative plants. This afternoon they will go to Hood River as guests of the Hood River Apple Growers association, and tomorrow they will return here and cross the Columbia river to inspect Washington organizations.

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