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A GREAT DISCOVERY—A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and having favour rather than silver and gold. Prov. 22:1.

If anything is justified in making American communities chesty, it is community chests. Especially when filled. La Grande should operate under a community chest plan. We'll do it some day, too.

An Italian court recently pronounced a death sentence, described as "the first death decree in Italy in 70 years." Italy doesn't like capital punishment. This action was taken under a new law enacted two years ago at the instance of Premier Mussolini, after an attack had been made on his life. The accused man was convicted of murdering two Fascists, simply because they were Fascists. That was unpardonable. Many Italians are said to have been killed in these last few years merely because they were anti-Fascists, and nothing was done. It seems to make a big difference what label one bears in Italy.

For a while there was a general impression among motorists that gasoline was deteriorating in quality. Lately it seems to be improving. Combustibility and power have advanced together. The knock has been taken out of most of the gasoline on the market. Meanwhile engines have been improving. Drivers today get more out of their fuel, and are destined to get still more. It is believed by C. F. Kettering, vice president of the General Motors company, that progress along these two lines will soon make all our "gas" knockless and double the power obtained from it. That would be equivalent to doubling the whole visible supply of petroleum, which this country sadly needs.

Middle-aged citizens remember the economic flurry that went through the country a couple of decades ago when it was announced that the United States was spending a billion dollars a year. "Well, this is a billion-dollar country!" the optimists at Washington replied. The nation, after thinking it over, seemed to feel that there might be something in that, and grew reconciled to the idea. Later on it became more or less reconciled to the argument that it was a four-billion-dollar country—but that is another story. These memories are revived by New York City's adoption of a budget totalling \$518,928,697 for the coming year. This is a gain of \$26,000,000 over the present year. Always there is a gain. Evidently the United States is destined to have, in another couple of decades, a billion-dollar city.

"DEGRADING NEWS"

Premier Mussolini recently issued an order that Italian newspapers should stop printing murder news. Some editors did not take that seriously. Suddenly, just the other day, they got a severe jolt. The police chief in Milan seized for this offense, in the name of the government, Mussolini's own newspaper edited by his brother Arnaldo.

The Mussolini family is game. Benito grins humorously, and Arnaldo announces: "We have just been sequestered and are the first to admit it." Other editors and publishers will now heed the premier's warning against "degrading themselves and their readers by featuring accounts of sensational crimes."

Italian papers have overdone this sort of thing. They have run to "crime stuff" more than our own yellows. When murder stories were lacking in real life, they were always printing bloody fiction. It may be good Italian journalism to get far away from that policy for a while.

On the principle involved, however, the American press cannot agree with the Italian dictator. Editors in this country are pretty well agreed that one of the best ways to fight crime is to publish it. Granting that sensational crimes are often "overplayed" and may unduly influence persons of weak mind and criminal tendency, they argue that far more good is done than evil—that silence encourages crime, and deeds of darkness require the light of publicity. Our people in general seem to agree.

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ABE MARTIN



His Solo's brother was knocked down a killed today while he was thinking about something else. A failure is a fellow who thinks he can get out of debt by borrowing money.

Powder Pond Is Frozen; Skating Now Under Way

By Mrs. Esther Forsstrom (Observer Correspondent)
NORTH POWDER, Ore., (Special)—Ice on the M. & M. company pond is 2 1/2 inches thick, and a number of children skated Friday. Inez Johnson spent Thanksgiving with her parents here.

A car bearing an Idaho license skidded while making the turn in front of Mercer's house and struck the telephone pole and mashing the front of the car, but the two ladies who were alone were not injured.

A number of North Powder people attended the dance at Haines Friday night.

Chris Lee, of Baker, was looking after the Lee and son sheep interests here Friday.

Clyde Dodson, transacted business at Durkin Friday.

The Ladies Aid is holding a bazaar in the Hutchinson-Kelsey building Dec. 7 and 8. Lunch will be served in connection with the bazaar on both days.

Charles S. Moore, of North Powder, and Altha V. Dickerson, of Baker, were married Thursday by Judge George W. Miller. They will make their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Riggs spent Thanksgiving with relatives and friends at Weiser.

Margie Myers spent Thanksgiving with her parents here. She is teaching near Monmouth, Ore.

Mr. Goodenough, of Union, skated over in North Powder on his way to Baker.

T. M. Miller and Perry Simons, of Tulelake, were visitors here Saturday.

Henry Ballard entertained a number of guests Saturday afternoon at a birthday party. Those present were, Edith Williams, Lucille Christian, Jean Forsstrom, Cleo Jacobs, Maxine McGrath, June Irvine. Delicious refreshments were served at the close of the afternoon.

Glen and Dick Parker returned to Salem Saturday after spending the Thanksgiving holiday with their parents, Mrs. Parker accompanied them on their return trip.

Mrs. Irvine was a Baker visitor Saturday.

Tommy Roche, of Baker, is running the Standard Oil truck while Mr. Elsworth is in Portland.

Evelyn Pearson and J. A. Wilson shipped to the Portland, market Saturday, each accompanying their load.

Harold Dodson and Oree Lee were Baker visitors Saturday.

Alicel Man Goes Under the Knife

By Mrs. Carl Poller (Observer Correspondent)

ALICEL, (Special)—Darius Conklin, who was injured some time Saturday afternoon at the Walla Walla county underwent an operation Saturday afternoon at the Walla Walla hospital. His father and mother drove over to be with him.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Buckman entertained a number of friends and relatives at a lovely Thanksgiving dinner consisting of turkey and lots of other good things. Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey (Buckman) and daughter, Mary, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hayes and daughter, Eleanor, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Buckman, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sullivan and daughter, Jennie, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Poller and son, Clyde, William Rinkoff, Walter Phillips, Claude Hayes and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Erikson.

Mrs. Harvey Fisher and children, Josephine and Jay Newton, are ill of the flu at their home south of Alicel.

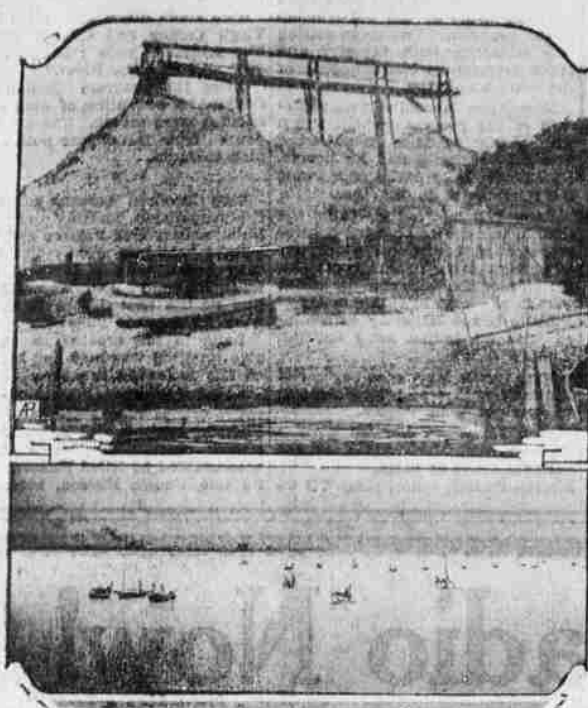
Miss Eva Ledbetter, who has been spending a few days at the home of her parents, left Sunday for Weston where she teaches in the high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Eved Taylor entertained the following guests at dinner Thanksgiving day, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, Harry Gibson, Frank Gibson, Mary and Margaret Taylor, A. L. Taylor, E. M. Murphy, Frank Ryness and Chas. Dinsdale.

COVETED PRIZE AWARDED

PARIS, Dec. 5 (AP)—The much coveted Prix Goncourt has been awarded to Maurice Constantin-Weyer of France for his psychological novel "A Man Incomes Towards His Past." Dealing with the Irish and French in Canada.

LAXITY PERIL TO VIRGINIA OYSTER



Virginia's important oyster industry is threatened with extinction, partly because of non-enforcement of laws, a special legislative commission says. Many tongs working in the oyster beds of Chesapeake bay (below) give a livelihood to a large shore population. Above are shown piles of oyster shells at one of the packing plants along the bay.



THURSDAY PROGRAMS

The National Broadcasting company program for Thursday night follows: 6 to 6:30, Seiberling program; 7:30 to 8:30, Standard symphony hour; 8:30 to 9:30, Memory lane; 9:30 to 10, Maxwell concert; 10 to 12, dance music.

The American Broadcasting company program for Thursday night follows: 8 to 9, artistic ensemble; 9 to 10, American Salon orchestra.

KJR—Seattle (570kc) 6, program; 8, ABC; 10, music; 4, KGO—Oakland (790kc) 6, 6:30, surprise program; 7:30 to 10, NBC.

KFQZ—Hollywood (550kc) 9, orchestra; 12 to 1, m. panatrophe requests.

KFRC—San Francisco (610kc) 6, organ; 6:30, Henry Starr; 7, Cecilia; 7:30, Smith and melody; 8, fancies of former days; 9, Tea Time; three; 9:30, Dr. Strassler; 10, Amos and Andy; 10:10, dance music; 11:30 to 12:30, concert.

KOMO—Seattle (920kc) 6, NBC; 6:30, orchestra; 7:30, NBC; 8:30, orchestra; 9:30, NBC; 10, news; varied program.

KFO—San Francisco (650kc) 6, music; 7, business talk; 7:15, sports; 7:30, duo; 8, Caswell hour; 8:30, violin recital; 9, songs; 9:30, NBC.

KFON—Long Beach (1250kc) 6:05, music; 8:30, band; 11, orchestra.

KYA—San Francisco (1230kc) 6, program; 7, orchestra; 8, studio program; 9, symphony; 10 to 12, dance program.

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