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A GREAT PURCHASE—Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom and instruction, and understanding.—Prov. 23:23.

The Michigan public is excited because a mother of 10 children is sentenced to prison for life for her fourth liquor law violation. It does seem drastic. Still, maybe it's just as well to separate children from a mother whose only idea of supporting them is selling bootleg booze to the parents of other people's children.

Someone, "kidding" Mr. Hoover and the republican party, suggests Senator J. Thomas Heflin for the Hoover Secretary of War. Although cabinet positions require men of action not bluff, we would favor Mr. Heflin's appointment if someone could guarantee that he would explode properly five seconds after taking office. Even disgracing the post of war secretary would be worth while if the country could be rid of Heflin.

The diplomatic atmosphere is always a bit more cheerful when Aristide Briand and Hugo Stresemann get together at a tea table. The Locarno pact resulted from one such tea party. At Lugano the two were expected to arrive at some happy ideas which would lead to a better understanding and final settlement of the German reparations problem. Whether it is sociability promoted by the tea, or whether it is the spirit of the two men who thus meet for friendly discussion, the Briand-Stresemann method deserves wider emulation. Too many conferences have been broken up by displays of bad temper. It is very pleasant to read about one pair of diplomats that have more optimism and good will than temper or jealousy.

UNANIMITY

The great Boulder Dam fight, linked with the great seven-state pact, comes to a close, or nearly so, with the passage of the Senate bill and the acceptance yesterday of the readjusted measure by the House.

Seven states are directly interested in the water and power resources of the Colorado River. They are Arizona, California, New Mexico, Nevada, Colorado, Utah and Wyoming. Those resources were supposed to be divided among them amicably according to an interstate treaty negotiated some time ago. But Arizona fought bitterly in the Senate for what she regarded as her natural rights, and is not yet fully reconciled.

The federal government in such a matter as this has not wanted to override state rights. Congress has preferred to act as a sort of big brother. It has desired unanimous ratification by the seven states to make the Boulder Dam law effective. It was finally impelled, however, to specify that ratification by six states would suffice. So Arizona apparently will be obliged to acquiesce.

The same sort of contest has occurred frequently in the Council of the League of Nations, where action is required to be unanimous. That requirement, necessary at the start, often prevents action. Eventually it will doubtless be modified, to prevent one member from holding up important action for the general good.

We still hold to the principle of unanimity in our jury system. There, too, it will have to yield sooner or later. Unanimity is possible only in an autocracy. In democracies, majorities must rule, merely seeking to safeguard fundamental rights of minorities by making the majority requirements as high as possible.

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ABE MARTIN



"Wake me up yourself, you put me to sleep," said Kenneth Kite, when his algebra teacher ordered a class note to wake him up. Poor old Thanksgiving! We all grog about the price of turkeys, and then mortgage our homes for Christmas.

Doreene De Selvo Murder Case Begins

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18.—(AP)—Doreene de Selvo, 22, of San Francisco, went on trial here today for the slaying of Gilbert Pinto, yeoman, in the saloon of the Union liner Malolo, Nov. 8. The state voluntarily withdrew a charge of first degree murder, substituting one of second degree.

The woman, whose past life was a blend of French convent life and thrilling experiences in the Russian revolution, accused Pinto of repulsing her after having paid attention to her in San Francisco.

"Petrified" Body Suit Is Under Way

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—(AP)—An undertaker, generous in his use of embalming fluid, may have started the chain of events which led John L. Stutz, of Meridian, Miss., to invest his life savings of \$22,000 in a scheme to "farm out" the supposedly petrified body of 21 year old Theron Sawyer, testimony in federal court here indicated. Sawyer died in El Centro, Cal., in 1922 and was buried in the El Centro cemetery.

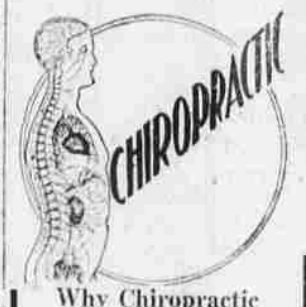
Mrs. Alice Sawyer, mother of Theron, is being prosecuted on a charge of using the mails to defraud in connection with Stutz' allegation that he paid her more than \$22,000 in the belief that he "could make a lot of money by financing Sawyer's scheme."

Seminole Court To Decide Case Of Medicine Man

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Dec. 18 (AP)—Bending over a bottle in which was brewing a propitiatory decoction of roots and herbs, and appealing to the Great Spirit for comfort and guidance in his trouble, Jose Billie, Seminole medicine man, charged with slaying a white man, was today, began the last of a four-day trial of his case today, as enjoined by the custom of the Seminoles. Soon after Christmas, Jose Billie will journey into the far everglades to appear before Indian Billie, great chief of all of the Seminoles. He will be accompanied by W. Stanley Hanson, of Fort Myers, who is leader and spokesman of all the Seminoles. Then he must wait for the time of the green corn dance in June, when all notable fractions of Seminole discipline and custom, and all serious misdeeds are judged, sentence passed and execution carried out. In the case of Jose Billie, it may mean death.

Seminole law will be allowed to take its course by the white authorities, both state and federal.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18 (AP)—The north side had a new inlet to the heart of Chicago today, with the opening of traffic over the new \$2,600,000 LaSalle street bridge. Mayor Thompson and civic leaders had plans on the dedicatory program.



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Christmas List

MOTHER

SEWING CABINET
CARD TABLE
COMFORTABLE CHAIR
COFFEE TABLE
LAMP
CLOCK
TEA WAGON
FERNERY
NESTED TABLES
BOUDOIR CHAIR
SPINNET DESK
GATELEG TABLE

SISTER

CEDAR CHEST
PICTURES
ORIENTAL RUG
HOOK RUG
BRAIDED RUG
TELEPHONE SET
MIRROR
VANITY DRESSER
TAPESTRY
TABLE SCARF

BROTHER

STUDENT CHAIR
BOOK RACK
STUDENT LAMP
DESK
MAGAZINE CARRIER
BOOK CASE

FATHER

SMOKERS STAND
COWELL CHAIR
LOUNGING CHAIR
HUMIDOR
FLAT TOP DESK
FOOT STOOL

Bohnenkamp's

Two Escape From Federal Prison

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 18.—(AP)—Sawing their way through steel bars to the strains of hymns being sung by prisoners and guards during morning devotional exercises in the prison chapel, two prisoners, one of them serving a life term for murder, escaped from McNeil Island federal penitentiary about 6 o'clock this morning.

The prisoners who staged the daring escape are Jesse E. Watkins, 25, a lifer, and Alvin Hodges, serving a sentence of a year for violation of the national motor vehicle act.

The two fugitives made good their escape from the island.

BOXER FALLS—IS INJURED

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Izzy Schwartz, recognized as fifty-weight champion by the New York state boxing commission, has suffered injuries to his right leg when he fell down the stairs at his home that will keep him out of action for three weeks, his manager announced. Schwartz was scheduled to meet Al Martin, of Baltimore, next week but the match is to be postponed for three weeks at least.

MARRIAGE IS DATED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Miss Janet Newbold, Washington society girl, and Allan A. Ryan, Jr., of New York, grandson of the late Thomas Fortune Ryan, multi-millionaire, are to be married here on February 5, formal announcement of the engagement having been made.

REAL MONKEY BUSINESS

CULVER CITY, Cal., Dec. 18 (AP)—Monkey business as a business soon will be a reality here. Persons who heretofore have taken no stock in monkey business now may do so. Corporation Commissioner Friedlander has granted a permit to the Los Angeles Monkey Farm Inc., to sell stock and to conduct a business of breeding, selling, renting and exhibiting monkeys.

Conductor Plays Santa Claus Role

PRATT, Kan., (AP)—Santa Claus travels by rail instead of sleigh from here to Tucuman, N. M.

Every year, E. M. Barton, one of the oldest conductors on the Rock Island railroad, selects a day shortly before Christmas for appearing before his passengers in the cheerful garb of old St. Nicholas instead of the severely blue uniform he ordinarily wears.

He plays Santa's role not for the passengers, but for the children who live in the towns and on the farms that break the monotony of the prairie along the railroad through Southwestern Kansas, Western Oklahoma, Northern Texas and Eastern New Mexico.

Slips of paper are dropped by the conductor from the car windows early in December. The notes are addressed to all children who love Santa Claus, telling them on what day they can expect to see this remarkable character himself on the rear platform.

Saturday Deadline On Xmas Airmail

Saturday, Dec. 22, will be the "deadline" for the greater portion of the Pacific northwest's Christmas greetings sent "Via Air Mail" to the east and middle west if they are intended for delivery by Christmas.

These days the post office department and airmail service announce.

Holiday greetings given "wing" to California, however, may be mailed as late as Sunday for Christmas delivery, it is said.

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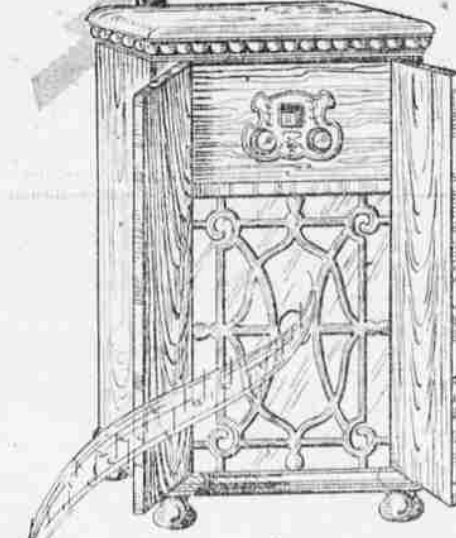
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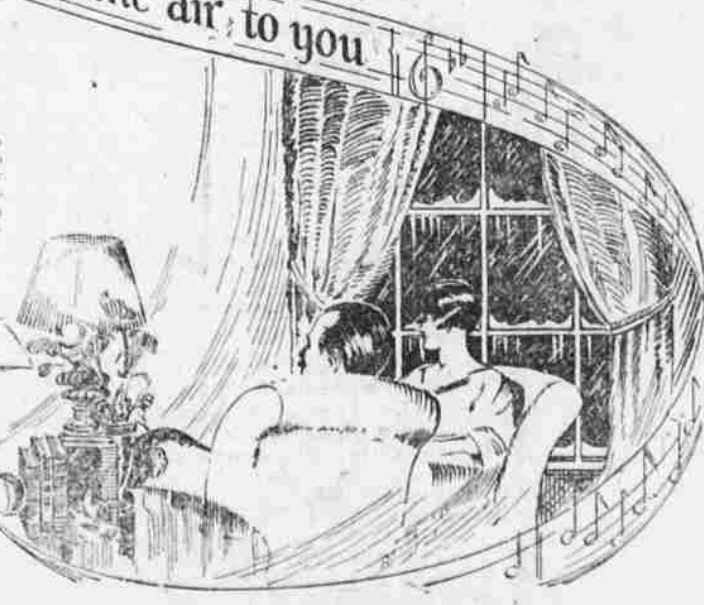
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