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Next to being a lively stable keeper I can't think of nothing that pays less'n being a Russian prince. It's about as dangerous to lend your name as your money these times.

Cove High Ball Schedule Of Six Games Prepared

By Mrs. J. R. Price (Observer Correspondent)
COVE, Ore. (Special)—The baseball schedule outlined for the high school is as follows:

- North Powder and Cove at Cove, April 12.
- Imbler and Cove at Cove, April 16.
- Enterprise and Cove at Cove, April 19.
- Enterprise and Cove at Enterprise, April 26.
- North Powder and Cove at North Powder, May 3.
- Imbler and Cove at Imbler, May 14.

A memorial program arranged by Mrs. Ruth Springer in honor of Miss Ida Roberts was given at the meeting of Mt. Fanny grange Saturday. Mrs. C. G. Springer read two poems written by Miss Roberts, the first entitled "Our Flag," having been written at the age of 14, the other, "Memories," was written in 1924. Mrs. Helene Lincoln and Mrs. Leona McCorkle, of La Grande, sang "Nearer My God to Thee" as a duet. Mrs. Springer gave the poem "Home" by Edward A. Guest, as a reading and Mrs. Lydia Lantz gave a sketch in memory of "Miss Roberts the teacher." Mrs. Springer was elected grange lecturer to fill the place left vacant by the death of Miss Roberts and E. B. Powell was elected chaplain in an address which had been held by Mrs. Springer. The next meeting of the grange will be dedicated to an "Oregon" program in honor of "Oregon Day."

Squire K. Thomas, who has been away for a week or ten days looking for a new location, has traded his timber and near Cove for a farm near Hermiton and expects to move there in the near future. The baseball game between the boy ranger groups of Cove and Union resulted in a victory for Cove, the score being 17-9. Mrs. E. D. Miller and Mrs. Ella Hawley, of Union, met with Mrs. Ralph Comstock and Mrs. W. A. McNeil to select the pictures to be used at the picture contest to be held at the district convention of Federated woman's clubs. The teams will be taken from the eighth grade pupils of Cove and Union.

The new Epworth league officers were installed Sunday evening at the Methodist church. The Rev. T. P. Graham was installing officer, giving before the ceremony a short sermon on the subject "Seek ye first the kingdom of God." Virgil Conley played a violin number accompanied by Miss Vina Conley as a special number. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Halmarck Wednesday evening, April 10. The little fellow weighed eight pounds. This is the third son.

Logs for the cabin to be built for the rangers, scouts and camp fire girls of Cove are being hauled by Melvin Loree. He has brought down 66 of the 46 logs necessary for the cabin. Work will begin on it as soon as can be arranged. The building will be 28x25 feet and is to have a fireplace. The members of Cove lodge No. 91, A. E. and A. M. and Cherry chapter No. 123, are giving a party in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John DeApril 14.

The members of the sewing club under the direction of Mrs. Brooks Hancock have finished the work on group one of their series and are started on the second group of work. This includes hemming of towels. All of the members were at the regular meeting held Wednesday afternoon.

A candy sale will be given in connection with the play which the women's club is giving soon. The play which has been chosen is "The Old Maid's Convention."

Mrs. Bertha DeBorde, Mrs. Hattie Powell and Mrs. Christine Minder were hostesses at the Dorcas meeting Thursday at the home of Mrs. DeBorde. The women are again sewing on the Indian blankets. Refreshments were served to 18 members and four children. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. D. Van Donge.

A surprise party was given for Bessie Goley Saturday afternoon. The party was given at the home of Mrs. Eleanor Towle and it was in honor of Bessie's 12th birthday. Those who attended were Delda Goley, Beba Gray, Mava Gray, Maxine Towle, Jean Miller, Ruth Hartley, Jean Koger, Maxine Conley, Lois Baker, Clara Roberts, Dorothy Goley and the guest of honor, Bessie Goley. Many gifts were received by the birthday child and the afternoon was spent in playing games and enjoying the refreshments which were served by the

hostess and her assistants. The senior play, "Crooks For a Month," will be given at Macca-bee hall April 24. The cast are working well and expect to give a very creditable performance.

April 21 has been set as the date for a hike by the camp fire girls. They will take provisions and cook their lunch over a campfire. This is the first hike of the season.

Mrs. Walter M. Pierce has accepted an invitation to meet with the Woman's club of Cove at their next meeting, which will be held April 25, and speak to them on the subject of "Contemporary Literature."

Beginning April 15 the Co-operative cream truck will make regular trips over the Cove route every other day Sundays included. The truck is now making the trip three times a week. It was also decided at the last monthly meeting, held at Haines last week, that the Eastern Oregon Dairymen's association and the Payette creamery would each donate \$15 for premiums in the boys and girls club work to be awarded at the Union stock show.

The only big game hunt in years at Southboro, Mass., was for a delinquent heifer. Because of her depredations after straying she was hunted down as a public nuisance.

LETTERS INQUIRE ABOUT U S PLANS

Many Wonder Whether America Will Send Minister to Vatican

By C. P. Williamson (Associated Press Staff Writer)
WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP)—Many letters inquiring whether diplomatic relations are to be resumed between the United States and the vatican are being received by the white house and the state department from all sections of the country.

In response to all of these letters and to those inquiring about the American government's attitude in the event the present concordat between Italy and the vatican, recognizing the sovereignty of the latter state, is ratified, the state department sends a brief note informing the writers that the "question has not arisen."

Following the policy of silence established by former Secretary of State Kellogg when the Italian-Vatican agreements were signed recently by Premier Mussolini and Cardinal Gasparri, the papal sec-

retary of state, the state department declines to discuss the American attitude on the question in any way. It was pointed out today that the agreements have not been ratified and the matter could not be discussed until final action is taken by the papacy and the Italian government.

Had Representative Years Ago
The United States sent a diplomatic representative to the vatican more than 80 years ago after considerable debate in the senate over the appropriation for his salary. Those who supported the proposal contended that the minister to the pope would not be sent in a spiritual character, but "to evince sympathy with the spirit of freedom" which had broken out in Italy.

In his message to congress in 1859, President Grant said he had been officially informed of the annexation of the papal states by Italy and the United States had recognized the change in the status of their sovereignty. Since that time, the United States has had no representative at the vatican.

Arthur Day is the man who over-hauls locomotives which transport members of the British royal family. He has had the same task 25 years.

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Ford Financial Statement For Year Is Given

BOSTON, April 12 (AP)—The 1928 financial statement of the Ford Motor Co., filed with the Massachusetts commissioner of corporations, shows a profit and loss surplus of \$582,629,563 as of December 31 last, compared with \$654,851,061 for the year 1927. The indicated loss of \$72,221,498 did not take into account any dividends withdrawn during 1928 by Henry Ford, his wife, and Edsel Ford, the three owners of the com-

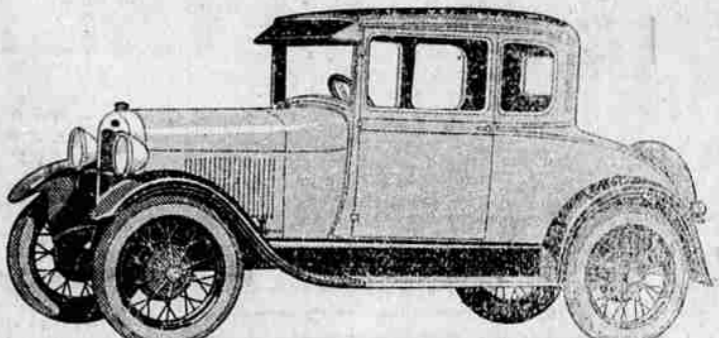
It is believed unlikely however, that any payments were made to the stockholding trio in view of recent expenditures in connection with reorganization of plant and product which caused an indicated loss of \$42,786,757 in 1927. A Russian district has imposed a stiff tax on bachelors. Persons not members of a cultural, charitable or patriotic society also are taxed. Thirty tons of kukui nuts, used by ancient Hawaiians for candles, have been sent to a Pacific coast oil extracting plant for experimental purposes.

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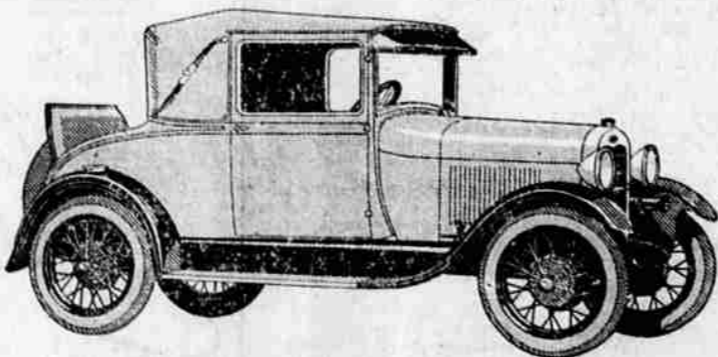
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In Utopia the rents are just as high as they are here, but the tenant probably acquires title to the property after he has paid for it seven or eight times.

One of the troubles of the new commission to study the administration of justice is that nobody knows how many laws are in force. Nor how many are enforced.

Letters addressed to the editor for publication in The Observer's Open Court column must carry the signature and address of the writer as evidence of good faith. If writers do not think enough of their opinions to admit authorship, we can hardly be expected to make other than a wastebasket disposition of their efforts.

A RURAL INSTITUTION

One of the symbols of rural outdoor life which was long overlooked by the reformers is the galvanized iron mail box which stands on its split rail in front of every farm house. The type now in use is almost as old as rural free delivery.

These boxes are gregarious creatures at crossroads, loving their kind and dwelling together in grotesque companionship. Some lean together as if forever whispering sweet secrets; others pull apart as if petulant after a quarrel. Occasionally the group assembles in more formal, orderly fashion and is given the dignity of an upright anchorage in better keeping with the great postoffice department.

With half an imagination one may picture these rural mail boxes chatting with each other interminably like an endless session of a sewing circle. If they could talk, they would probably speak of the eccentricities of the men and women who posted them at the crossroads as sentries of civilization, of the weather and about the condition of the highways.

What happened to the proposal of a year or so ago to install at crossroads and rural centers cabinets of lock boxes similar to those in postoffices? It is to be imagined that the scheme provoked such a storm of protest among rural folk, with whom the traditional type of mail box is a cherished institution, that it had to be abandoned. The present style well serves its purpose.

OUR BAKERY PAYROLL

Increasing local payrolls by adding to the production of La Grande products is as important for community prosperity as insisting on buying those things grown and produced on Grande Ronde valley farms. Bread and pastry provides an example. Here we have as well equipped and as efficiently managed bakeries as can be found in the Northwest. Their products are of uniform high quality. Yet some outside bread and a great quantity of outside pastries and cakes, particularly, are shipped in and are bought by La Grande housewives from local dealers. These foreign pastries represent the work of possibly a half dozen bakers who live in Spokane or Portland or some other community. The money La Grande people pay for these outside products means a living for these outside bakers—and their income is spent in these other cities, not in La Grande. If the same volume of business were diverted to our local bakeries, they would be forced to employ more bakers, would bring new families to La Grande, would increase a payroll that is spent right here for rent, food, clothing professional services, garage services and every other living requirement. The volume of money spent here would be increased and the money turnover speeded up. And the pastry-loving palates of La Grande people would be equally or better satisfied with consumption of the home product. Buying La Grande products is a selfish activity for every citizen. To fail to do it is to ignore an opportunity to increase your own chance for greater prosperity. Housewives who refuse to buy bread and pastries, as well as other products, brought in from the outside, are helping to protect and promote their own family incomes. Ask where these things are made when you buy them. Insist on the locally made brand. It's a good investment.

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