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ABE MARTIN



It's a poor bomber that can't hit a Mexican hat. The sensational holdup of the Little Gem restaurant today at noon, was one of the slickest and most daring robberies committed here in the last few hours.

BANK RESOURCES AT 338 MILLION

A. A. Schramm Reports on Condition of Oregon Banks, Trust Companies

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 24—(AP)—A report on the condition of Oregon banks and trust companies, released here by A. A. Schramm, state superintendent of banks, shows that at the call of March 27 the 237 banking institutions in the state had aggregate deposits of \$289,495,237.49 and total resources of \$338,741,452.93. This is an increase of \$3,959,162.54 over the total of \$324,751,289.41 for the corresponding call of February 28, 1928, but a decrease in resources of \$15,412,119.26 since the call of December 31, 1928. Deposits since the latter call have decreased \$15,456,497.82.

These decreases are accounted for by increased borrowings and national bank notes.

"While this decrease in deposits and resources is generally regarded as seasonal in character," says the statement, "it is interesting to note that since 1921 there has been an average annual increase in the amount of such seasonal reduction."

In general banks are said to have experienced a heavy demand for money during the last 60 days, due particularly to the unusual winter which has resulted in a heavy demand for feed. The holding of unsold agricultural products is another reason given for the demand for loans.

Nebraska, Wyoming Grain Men Organize

LINCOLN, Neb., Apr. 24—(AP)—Wheat raisers of Nebraska and Wyoming to the number of 300 have effected organization of a wheat pool giving it the name of the Midwest Market association, non stock co-operative. The pool was said to represent 12,000 grain raisers in the two states, and was declared the largest in existence in the middle west.

Directors were elected last night for a majority of the sixteen districts, and a constitution and by-laws adopted.

TO WED IN BALTIMORE

BALTIMORE, Apr. 24—(AP)—Walter Winchester Keith, of Baltimore, and Mrs. Ethel McCormick McAdoo, divorced wife of Francis Huber McAdoo, obtained a marriage license at Towson yesterday. Friends said they were expected to be married this week but Mrs. Isaac E. Emerson, mother of Mrs. McAdoo, intimated that no date for the ceremony had been set.

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Student Of Sacred Heart Academy Writes "Home Beautiful" Essay

Taking part in the "Home Beautiful" week program, several students of Sacred Heart academy wrote essays on this general subject. One of the essays, entitled "Beautification of Our City a Civic Duty," is reprinted below. Written by Paul Donovan, senior in the academy, it was also cleverly prepared with an attractive pen and ink sketch cover.

The essay follows:

"There are numerous problems confronting the growing city, not least of which is the beautifying of the city. The reputation and future of the moderate sized city depends upon its living conditions as well as upon its industrial activities. The homes, the trees and the flowers are qualities which attract desirable citizens. Men and women who have retired to spend the rest of their lives surrounded by beauty and peace. Generally in such a city, the part that trees play in beautifying the city is more important than any other factor. They express a feeling of friendship to strangers and bespeak the city's appreciation for culture, refinement and prosperity. To the traveler arriving in a strange city that is devoid of trees and flowers, there comes a feeling of despondency and desolation, and he moves on seeking to satisfy this yearning in a place where trees and flowers abound. Cities recognize the fact that a city's prosperity is connected with its beauty and have given every possible encouragement to National Garden Week and Arbor Day.

"The mighty forests of stately timbers and the orchards of blooming fruit trees filling the air with the sweet aroma of their blossoms, and bestowing a feeling of tranquility upon all, cannot but remind us of the presence of God in nature. They are all the wonderful creations of the Master Worker. The lone tree in the desert offers the only consolation to the weary and footsore traveler. The refreshing shade and the gentle song of the rustling leaves are consoling to his tired mind. We little think of the value of a tree until we are separated from its friendly companionship.

"Especially should a knowledge of the worth and workings of nature be taught to school children. A reverence and appreciation for Nature's gifts instilled in their young minds makes for the future refinement of the generation. The city of the future must be a beautiful city as well as an industrial center, and it is fitting, therefore, that we be instructed in the proper means for making our own city of La Grande equal to any other of its size in this respect."

Mexican Border Closed For Time During Evening

NOGALES, Ariz., Apr. 24 (AP)—American citizens were held for three hours in Douglas, Sonora, today after Mexican rebels closed the international line here without warning shortly after midnight. Mexicans on this side similarly were cut off from returning to their country.

Shortly after 3 a. m. General Francisco Borquez, rebel commander, got up out of bed and rescinded the order and the Americans who had settled down in the cafes and saloons, to make a night of it, were permitted to cross back into Arizona. Mexicans also were permitted to return to their side.

No notice of the sudden action, which caught nationals of both countries on the wrong side of the line, was given to them or to United States officials. First intimation that the line was closed came when a Mexican citizen tried to cross from the Arizona side into Sonora. He was held up at the gate and the American customs inspector was told that the line was closed and that no one, including himself, could cross it.

Scores of persons attempted to cross from both sides for the next three hours, but only one exception was made to the order. A big car driven by a niece of General Jose Gonzalo Escobar, supreme commander of the rebel armies, came to the gate and after a hurried consultation in Spanish, she was passed through.

The girl explained that "they could not stop me." She has been residing for some time with relatives in Nogales, Ariz., and was passed through by United States officials, upon showing papers entitling her to residence in the United States.

A youth of Fenaville, Mich., planted an acre of catnip and from the crop distilled seven pounds of oil. The oil is used as bait for catching lions and other felines, and brings \$75 a pound.

MEXICAN CHIEF ANXIOUS; WAITS NEWS OF BATTLE

MEXICO CITY, Apr. 24—(AP)—Undistinguished tenness prevailed today at Chapultepec Castle, presidential headquarters, as word was awaited from General Calles in extreme southern Sonora, where a bitter fight with rebels was believed to have been under way for 48 hours.

Considerable mystery surrounded the situation at Masisca and San Antonio, Sonora, where the rebel army of 6,000 or 7,000 men was last reported entrenched, but whether this mystery was of Chapultepec's making—with an eye to awaiting more favorable reports—or actual lack of information was not known.

There were no recent messages from General Calles, believed to have advanced northward out of San Blas with his troops. The last received from him told of movement of three federal columns against the rebel earthworks, with a force of 2,000 federal cavalry under General Talamantes considerably in advance of the main army.

These last dispatches told of an attempted rebel flanking movement under General Rabatte, who had left Masisca in the direction of Choix, northeastern Sinaloa, in a seeming effort to get to the rear of the federal armies. General Calles said a force had been sent to engage the rebels and thwart their plan.

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