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There would be many more than humans in this fair land of ours if it were half as much fun taking it off as putting it on.

Speaking of endurance tests, something should be said for the wife who must hear a be-nickered husband talk about his golf game all summer.

Three years ago Eastern Oregon suffered a disastrous frost the last week in May, which makes us hope that the weather man will not go to extremes with his cool temperatures right now.

Smith "Wildman" Brookhart, Iowa's erratic senator, proposes that the federal government spend two billion dollars building four highways from coast to coast, one of them through Oregon, and a fifth from Oregon to Los Angeles. We wish Smith would come out here and travel over the roads that run over those routes now. We could stand more, of course, but the present facilities are somewhat better than he probably imagines. More federal money might well be spent for roads but, from a national standpoint, it should be concentrated in the mountain states new lacking in heavy population and in highway revenue.

The rumor of a suit to test Mr. Carkin's appointment to the new state tax commission, if it threatens his service, is not good news to those who know his ability. Mr. Carkin is a keen student of tax problems and has acquired a tremendous knowledge as head of the special commission which considered property tax relief measures last year. Unlike Mr. Fisher, the present tax commissioner and appointed to the new board, he will sense the necessity for going slow and effecting improvements and adjustments in a gradual manner that will not upset business nor result in unjust distributions. Carkin is one of the best men in the state for work on this new full-time tax commission and, we hope, will be available for this service to Oregon.

PRISON BARS

Obviously the nation is not wholly in sympathy with the jailing of Harry F. Sinclair. There are a great many worthy citizens who are distressed at the thought of sending a man to prison, even for a day, for refusing to answer questions propounded to him by a congressional investigating committee. And there are others who condone the Sinclair sentence only because they feel some punishment is due him for his connection with the Teapot Dome affair.

This case is a contradiction of the popular superstition that you cannot send a multi-millionaire to jail. It is extremely doubtful if any court could or would send a poor man to jail for the offense that has put the prison stigma upon the oil magnate. Sinclair is not in jail for what he did, but for what he was. A poorer man, to whom a fine would have meant real punishment, would have escaped a jail term. Moreover, only a courageous judge would have let Sinclair off with a fine at such a time. Had the imposition of sentence been deferred until the present, it is doubtful if it would carry a term of imprisonment.

There seems to be a growing tendency among jurists to send people to jail. The practice amounts to a mania in some sections, where judges seem to be swayed by the mistaken idea that public opinion and the public weal require keeping the jails full. Judges who believe too well in the purifying and regenerative powers of prison bars forget that fear of the prison stigma is the greatest crime deterrent, and once it is removed by a "stretch" crime becomes easy. It is not difficult to understand how 90 days for defying inquisitive senators or "making whoopee" might start a normally honest individual on a career of crime. But the law is the law and Sinclair must suffer for his silence.

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ABE MARTIN



There seems to be something about being a good, dutiful husband that causes him to toe in. I think the crime wave is holdin' out wonderfully well considerin' it has no speakers or banquets.

Origin of Sodas

It is not definitely recorded just who first suggested ice cream sodas in their present form. Snow-cooled beverages were known to the Jews, ancient Greeks and Romans. It is recorded that in Rome a certain Quintus Maximus Gurgis, nicknamed the "Glutton," wrote a recipe for a similar preparation in one of his books.

GRAF ZEPPELIN BACK IN HANGAR

Passengers Enthusiastic About Return Trip of Dirigible's Base.

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, Germany, May 24 (AP)—The Graf Zeppelin returned at dawn today to Friedrichshafen from Cuers, France, where it made an emergency landing just a week ago after turning back near Gibraltar from an attempt to cross the Atlantic.

Aboard the dirigible when it landed here were 14 of the 18 passengers who made the outward bound trip, and in addition seven French naval officers, invited as the special guests of Dr. Hugo Eckener, the ship's master, in appreciation for French aid in landing his machine in its emergency last week.

A landing crew seized the hawsers the Graf let down and brought it to earth at 5:06 a. m. (11:06 p. m. Thursday eastern standard time).

Airship in Hangar
By 5:30 a. m., the airship was safely in its hangar. The Zeppelin's constructor, Dr. Ludwig Duerr, who was almost grief-stricken at the failure of its four motors on the abortive American flight, superintended the ground operations himself.

The flight from Cuers to Friedrichshafen, over a course of some 600 miles, occupied eight hours and 41 minutes.

The Zeppelin cut south to the Mediterranean and dropped a wreath in commemoration of those who lost their lives abroad the Dixmude, turning northward then

and passing over Marseilles shortly afterwards.

Passengers were enthusiastic about the scenery during their moonlit journey skirting the Swiss Alps. Alexander H. Von Krytha, Ukrainian inventor who was a passenger said: "We had splendid weather. There was a magnificent spectacle when we flew over Zurich at an altitude of 14,000 meters in the light of the full moon. Nearly all the passengers remained at the windows all of last night.

"During the trip the motors functioned perfectly, and a speed sometimes as high as 80 miles an hour was attained."

Mrs. Pierce Fatigued
Mrs. Mary Pierce of New York arrived fatigued, but happy after having spent most of the night at the windows of the Graf, watching the moonlit panorama below her. After landing she discovered she had lost a hat box; it was only after hours of search she found where she had left it aboard the Zeppelin.

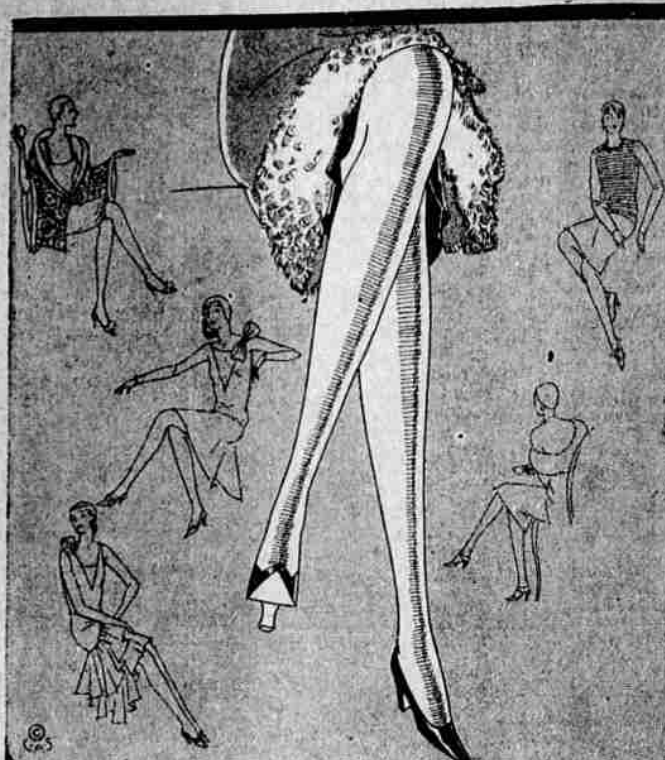
She said she was now a confirmed aviation enthusiast and would go to Paris shortly to accept the invitation of the French balloonist, Lieutenant Grullot, a fellow passenger, for a flight in a free balloon. She will return then to Friedrichshafen where she expects to board the Graf Zeppelin for its flight to America, whenever that is made.

Explorer Enthusiastic
Sir George Hubert Wilkins, noted explorer, who was a passenger aboard the Zeppelin, was enthusiastic over the behavior of the ship. He plans also to make the next trip with the Graf to the United States and expects to make a world flight and a Polar flight in the airliner.

Dr. Eckener gave a luncheon today in honor of the French officers carried on the flight from

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3 Bunches 25c

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3 Bunches 10c

Chiefs. The Frenchmen, who are the guests of the Zeppelin works, also have been invited by the Ukrainians to visit their plant at Dessau. The officers expressed delight that they were given complete freedom and permitted to wander over the ship and examine every detail during the trip.

FAST TRAINS TO START ON JUNE 9

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6 1/4-hour schedule.

There will be no change in the time of trains No. 23 and 24 and also no change in the time of the Joseph branch trains.

Train No. 29, which leaves Portland at 9:30 a. m., will arrive in La Grande at 7:50 p. m., and will leave La Grande at 8 p. m.

Train No. 18 will leave Portland at 6:10 p. m., arriving here at 3:10 a. m. and leaving 10 minutes later.

Train No. 19, west bound, will arrive in La Grande at 6:30 a. m. and leave at 6:40.

Train No. 17, will arrive in La Grande at 12:10 a. m. and leave for Portland 10 minutes later.

The O.-W. also announced Memorial day special excursion rates in coaches to Portland and return. The sale date is May 29, the tickets to be good on Train 23 and 25 on May 29.

The passenger may return on any regular train leaving Portland May 30 or 31 and arriving in La Grande before midnight of June 1. Fares will be \$8 for adults. Children under five years accompanied by their parents will ride free, children over 12 years to pay full fare. No stopovers will be allowed going or returning and no baggage will be checked on the special tickets.

TEXAS PLANE IS NEARING WORLD MARK

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today after a quarrel indefinitely postponed any further attempt to set a refueling endurance record.

A dispute between H. B. Clarke, chief pilot, and Martin Jensen, who started in the air on their second attempt to pass the record of the army plane Question Mark resulted in Clarke's withdrawal from any future attempts.

Clarke brought the plane down at 6:19 o'clock last night after 22 hours and 28 minutes in the air when a hook used in the refueling device tore four rips in the fuselage fabric. Jensen contended he could have repaired the damage in the air as he did twice during the day.

DAVID CARTER BURIED

PORTLAND, Ore., May 24 (AP)—Funeral services were held here today for David A. Carter, 37, said to be the oldest white native of the Oregon territory. He died Wednesday, Mr. Carter was born March 19, 1842 on the old Methodist mission farm at Wheatland, not far distant from Salem.

Great Art Collector

It is often said that the late John Pierpont Morgan was the greatest art collector of modern times. His collections were the largest, most varied, and many of them the most important owned by a single individual. He has been compared with Lorenzo de Medici, and it has been said that he surpassed even that prince in the catholicity of his taste.

Torrential Rains Fatal to Twelve

TOKYO, Japan, May 24 (AP)—Twelve persons are known to have perished and great damage has been done property and crops by torrential rains which swept over the prefecture of Fukushima yesterday. More than 5,000 houses were inundated by floods, 38 bridges were destroyed and the railways were damaged at several points.

Hey!

Kathryn, age four, does not take kindly to some of the modern diet brought home by her older sister, who is experiencing the thrills of a first year in school. The following was overheard the other evening: "Hey, Kathryn, don't do that!" to which Kathryn retorted: "Don't 'hey' me, that is to call pigs, cows and hens by."

Hard to Beat

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