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Each time a new plane flies the Atlantic the Lindbergh feat becomes more impressive.

The fact that the dry agent's shooting was accidental doesn't make the victim's wound less painful or dangerous. The treasury department does well to caution federal agents against careless use of firearms in trying to reduce the traffic in liquor. The American public would like to see prohibition enforced—but it doesn't want it enforced to the extent of making ordinary motor travel dangerous for private citizens because dry officers shoot at the slightest provocation.

The Baker-Democrat-Herald has mis-read our comment on the question of additional state highway bonds. We do not favor new bonds for repair and maintenance on the Oregon Trail across the Blue mountains. We do think it sound economy, however, to issue new bonds for the completion of some remaining portions of the state highway system instead of using maintenance funds for that purpose and leaving too little available for such repair projects as this La Grande-Kamela stretch. If new highways are to be built—as they obviously are—during the period when bond retirement and interest payments are making heaviest demands on highway revenue, it is not good business to use new money for that new construction, retaining adequate funds for maintenance of the roads we already have? The highway commission thinks not, but we have a hunch their policy results from fear of what may be done in the future to motor license fees and gas taxes rather than from other causes.

### NORMAL SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

The work of enrolling students in the Eastern Oregon Normal school yesterday indicates a summer session of no small proportions. There are students from various communities in this section of the state, from far corners of Oregon, and there are numerous students from Idaho where new requirements make normal school training much in demand. The school here meets their requirements in location and in course of study.

All of Eastern Oregon is pleased at this beginning. It indicates how serious was the need for such an institution to serve this area east of the Cascades. And it promises an enrollment of 300 to 350 when the first full year is started with the fall term.

But the size of the school is not the thing in which this community or this section is most interested. As The Observer has said previously, La Grande values the normal as a community unit because of its additional population and wealth, but the city much prefers that the school be known for its quality rather than its quantity.

The importance of education—especially the importance of educating teachers properly for service in our elementary schools—is receiving greater recognition each year in Eastern Oregon. The influence that a high standard of education can have in the more rapid and permanent development of the state is keenly appreciated. And it is in the quality of the new normal school's product, therefore, that this community and the state as a whole will take particular pride.

Institutions of higher education that insist on a high standard of scholarship do not suffer from over-popularity, perhaps, among young people who want an easy and good time at school. But those institutions built on a firm foundation and by their demands for scholastic excellence render a far greater and more permanent service to the state.

Normal school graduates that are in poor demand among the schools of the state are a poor state investment. Those that are well trained and are held at a premium either in school work or in other activities will win well deserved support and growth for the institution from which they are graduated. It is that variety of product which this community and the new normal faculty anticipates here. Every cooperation and encouragement within the power of La Grande people is awaiting a student body with that ideal.

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## ABE MARTIN



Mebbe George Washin'ton's picture on the new one-dollar bill 'll have some effect on the feller that promises to hand it back Saturday. "More wives have changed hands under prohibition than during any like period since the dawn o' Christianity," declared Rev. Wiley Tanager, today.

### Pageant Given At M. E. Church At Cove Sunday

By Mrs. A. G. Conklin (Observer Correspondent)  
COVE, Ore., (Special)—A very pretty pageant of "Birds and Flowers" was given at the Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday morning for the Children's Day program. The service began with the invocation and prayer by the Rev. T. P. Graham pastor of the M. E. church. "All Hall Children's Day" was sung by the young men and young ladies of Roy Baker's and Mrs. Donna Towle's classes. The pageant "The Glories of Summer—Birds and Flowers" which included all the Junior Sunday school children portrayed the birds and the flowers. Lola Baker introduced the roses, Ruth Hartley, the lilies, Bessie Golay the flowers, Maxine Conley and Ivy June Allen were butterflies, Don Miller, rain, Elwin Towle, a robin, Robert Witty a canary, Edmund Miller, a blue bird, Virgil Chadwick, a red bird. The children all appeared in costume and were all equally attractive. Mrs. Robert class of little girls sang "Bells are Ringing." "Lift up Your Voices" was sung by the young ladies class. The benediction was given by the Rev. Charles Hancock. The collection is always sent to some educational institution. The committee in charge were the organizers—Mrs. Lillian Allen, Mrs. Eleanor Towle, Mrs. Helen Conklin and Mrs. Georganna Chadwick.

Miss Dorothy Mills left Friday morning for Walla Walla, Wash., to join a friend, Mrs. Cross when they both left for a trip to Portland. Miss Mills may be away for about two weeks.

Miss Thelma Anderson, who is a recent graduate of the normal school at Monmouth, is registered for the summer school at Cove.

Dorothy and Harriet Becker, of La Grande, are guests of their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Becker, at Cove.

Mrs. E. B. Conklin, of Ontario, spent Sunday here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Ekersley, of Portland, who have been in Cove among their old friends for the last two weeks. Mrs. Conklin is attending the normal school at La Grande.

Miss Benova Murchison and Miss Ethel Daron, of Cove, are also attending the normal school at La Grande. Miss Daron is a graduate of Ashland normal and Miss Murchison has spent one year at Monmouth. Miss Lucile Peck is also a student at the normal at La Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Ekersley left Monday for their home in Portland.

Miss Mont Brothers has just returned from a visit among her relatives at North Powder.

Mrs. F. T. Ross and two children, of Salt Lake City, are spending the summer with Mrs. Ross' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Peck.

### Death of Child, Illness of Four Puzzling Medics

CHICAGO, June 18 (AP)—Doctors were mystified today over the death of Chester Koshinski and the serious illness of the six-year-old boy's four brothers and sisters. Some believed the children had been poisoned; others suspected disease.

Neighbors called police attention to the condition of the children late yesterday. When the youngsters—all under eight—were taken to a hospital they were in a comatose state before midnight. His sister Agnes, 5, and brother Richard, 7, are not expected to live. The condition of Lorraine, three years old, was serious. Dora, 17 months old, was expected to recover.

An aunt told hospital authorities that a man had given the children coffee and milk last week and that they had become violently ill after eating them. Police were looking into a suggestion by relatives that the children may have been intentionally poisoned.

LOWELL, Mass., June 18 (AP)—Four employees of the city sewer department were killed by sewer gas in a manhole in Terry street today. Three of them were taken to a hospital in a vain attempt to rescue companions who had ventured into the manhole before them and had been overcome.

## Bill Dollar Recalls Story Printed In Greensboro, N. C. "Daily News"



The Greensboro, N. C., Daily News carried the following story on a phase of the mail-order evil: Some time ago an obnoxious merchant at Buffalo, N. Y., sent me four neckties without being asked to do so. Many others received ties and it seems several Buffalo merchants are sending out ties. Col. Al Fairbrother, of Greensboro got a supply. In reply he sent this letter:

"Greensboro, N. C.,  
"Elmwood Knitting Mills Co.,  
649 Main Street,  
Buffalo, N. Y.,  
Attention: E. Tapp, Manager.  
Gentlemen:

"Your circular letter containing 'Four Beautiful Neckties' came duly to hand. Inasmuch as several other necktie approval houses have sent me the same kind of ties—instead of just four—in-hand I now have sixteen in hand.

"I am holding them all for storage. I am a great believer in 'system.' It is the main-spring of success. Believe me, my dear Mr. Tapp, system is the stuff.

"The way I do is to hold the neckties subject to order of the sender, he being obliged to send a man or a personal representative down to do the packing, and for a small fee I deliver them to him. I also charge a small fee for opening the packages, and then charge ten cents for each 24 hours they are in my possession. That is the regular fee I understand they charge

in large cities where they have depots. My fee for opening a package for four beautiful neckties is only 50 cents. That is pretty cheap but by doing my own washing and ironing I can afford it. You said to keep the ties five days and then send them back or send you \$1.50. The would make our account stand as follows, namely: "Opening packages, 50 cents; five days' storage 50 cents; total \$1. By four neckties \$1.50.

"I take it that by the time this reaches you and I get a reply another five days will have elapsed, which not counting the 50 cents fee for delivering the package on your order to your personal representative, would make you owe me a balance of 50 cents or one dollar. We will figure that out later.

"We have some stores here in this town, home merchants who pay rent; who take an active part in our city's building; who respond to call of charity and progress, and I feel that all citizens should patronize them always—and for that reason I do not endorse your scheme at all. Some one said 'A sucker is born every minute'—but the neckties seem to come in faster than that.

"You, my dear Mr. Tapp, can readily understand that if I had nothing to do but receive neckties and remit for them, especially when I didn't want them and didn't need them, I would be in one helluva fix. That is why I charge for my services if I serve. If this isn't satisfactory about the charges send your man down and get the ties.

"I know you are a busy man, Mr. Tapp, but your expression of friendship in sending me the ties on approval makes me feel that I have found a true friend in you. Do you know Mr. Montgomery Ward? He lives in Chicago. He does not send me the ties, but being a true friend of mine, also, he first doubtless heard of me and got my name—he sends me a nice catalogue every once in a while with colored pictures in it. It is a great work.

"Sometime I would like to visit a big city and see the tall buildings. I may come and see you in the spring. How much does a room in a hotel cost in Buffalo?"

I mean one without a bath. I could take a bath before I start and save some expense. "By the way, could you use a good 'coon dog'?" "Is there much state in Buffalo?" "Do you know a good dandruff cure? I feel that maybe I'm getting the mange." "Well, it is getting late, so I must close for this time. Please excuse haste and any bad-spelling, as I have an in-growing toe-nail. "Yours respectfully, "AL FAIRBROTHER."

## GOVERNMENT ENTERS INTO HIX SLAYING

COLUMBUS, Ohio, June 18 (AP)—Federal authorities were drawn into the Theora Hix slaying today when Assistant United States District Attorney Bartels announced he would start an investigation to determine if traffic in narcotics formed a background for the slaying. His announcement came after reports were circulated that Miss Hix had been engaged in drug traffic with Dr. James H. Snook, former university professor, held for investigation. Detective Chief W. G. Shellenbarger denied today that drugs played any part in the slaying.

Lieutenant Walter Graham of

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the detective bureau admitted however, that reports that Dr. Snook and Miss Hix had been engaged in narcotic distribution had come to detectives, but he said that they had not been verified.

**Clinched Independence**  
Just as the Revolutionary war is called the War of American Independence, the War of 1812 is sometimes called the War of American Independence.

### So that all may enjoy healthful vegetables

Cook with sugar in only a little water

The vegetables were cooked in various ways. The various dishes were numbered. Then the experts tested them and voted. In every case the vegetables prepared with sugar and little water won unanimously.

Try, for example, this delicious **Corn Pudding**. Use either fresh or canned corn. To 2 cups of corn add 1 canned pimiento and 1 small green pepper shredded coarsely, 1/2 small grated onion, 2 well-beaten eggs, 2 level tablespoons of sugar, 1 teaspoon of salt, 1/2 teaspoon of pepper and paprika, 2 tablespoons of flour, 1 teaspoon of baking powder and 1 cup of milk. Mix all ingredients together, add 2 teaspoons of melted butter. Drain into a well-buttered casserole and bake half an hour. Then remove cover and delicately brown.

Try this new discovery every time you cook a vegetable. Note how much more both children and adults like vegetables cooked in this way because the added sugar develops and brings out all the natural, tasteful flavors of the foods. Sugar restores the flavor of freshness to vegetables that are wilted and to canned vegetables. Add a dash or more of sugar, depending on quantity, when cooking peas, lima beans, string beans, corn, carrots, beets, parsnips, sweet potatoes, squash, onions and tomatoes. Good food promotes good health. The Sugar Institute.

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