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THE LAW OF LIFE—Verily, verily, I say unto you. Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.—John 12:24.

It's easy to meet expense; the trouble is dodging them.

A week from tonight all shoppers will be late shoppers—too late.

The freedom men really desire is freedom from the mediocrity that keeps them from getting a million.

If it is desired to appoint Grundy to committees for which his experience fits him, somebody in the lobby probing group ought to resign to make room for him.

THE BIG YEAR-END ACCOUNT

This is a season of stock-taking and account balancing. In the individual and general senses, as one year ends and another begins, many of us want to know where we stand. For individuals and corporations, more or less hard work generally tells the story accurately. In the broad sense it is quite another matter.

While the accumulated statistics of business, wages, employment and finance are indices, they are not more than indicative. They merely do well enough as approximations. For the whole question involves skill enough in the science of social economy to foot up the new values created in a year, to add the total existing at the end of the year before and then to subtract the extinguishments which the death of men and worn out property have wrought in 12 months. Quite a task. It suffices the present purpose to say that the available statistics are all to the good and, hence, in this country and this city, afford excellent reasons to contemplate the present with satisfaction and the future with confidence. Not even within several hundred billion dollars will these few words undertake to balance the majestically large general account. The point merely is that it is desirable, every so often, to contemplate the whole business and social structure in this light. What a huge and fascinating problem of balance it is.

An effect is to annihilate at least one old theory. The rule was that everybody's gain was somebody's loss. Recall the fundamentals. When wheat is worth a dollar a bushel, each new bushel each year creates a new dollar. If a man's labor is worth five dollars a day and he works a day's worth, there's then another five dollars' worth of something created at the end of the day. It pyramids in millions of complications which constantly add new values.

All the world would be in a steady way of getting fabulously rich were it not that the extinguishments—death of men and death of worn-out things of all sorts—are going on all the while. It might be an even offset of gains and losses if the world were standing still, which little service to the old adage and to economic stock-taking the world never renders.

The sum appears to be that, as to this big account, the season demands a thoughtful pause. We are going ahead; we know that. More of values have been created in this country and this state than were in them a year ago. As for the pace, we believe it a fast one. It looks so fast and the gains seem so much greater than the extinguishments that there may be substance in the conclusion that the United States, aided substantially by the state of Oregon both made a grand slam in the year 1929 and still hold good hands. On the whole, however, it is healthy and sane to realize that here lies a feat in bookkeeping which no one has yet performed in a convincing way.

Although the state of mind which contemplates the present with satisfaction and the future with confidence helps to continue the progress, it should not hurt at all to proceed with caution which knows that the uncertainties behind are guarantees of a multitude more ahead.



May The New Year

Bring you even greater happiness, prosperity and the joy of living.

Abe Martin



The funny thing about the new bag limit for ducks is that the very women who've got everything to lose are not protesting. There's something about danger signals that seems to make a lot of people take a chance.

FAVOR TROJANS TO WIN BATTLE

Climate Figures in Opinions on Annual East-West Grid Game Today

By Paul Zimmerman (Associated Press Sports Writer)
PASADENA, Cal., Jan. 1 (AP)—On the historic greenward of the Rose Bowl, where annually is unfolded on New Year's day the dramatics of an inter-sectional contest for gridiron supremacy, the golden Panthers of Pittsburgh and the University of Southern California Trojans today assembled their forces for the fifteenth annual Tournament of Roses football classic.

Printed to the minute, these select eleven will pit their skill and cunning against each other before 70,000 enthusiasts in a jealous defense of the honors of the east and the Pacific seaboard.

Trojans Favored
Despite a season's record marred by two defeats, Coach Howard Jones' Trojans were quoted as slight favorites to administer to Coach John Sutherland's combination in their initial meeting.

A much talked of climatic condition—warm weather—had a great deal to do with this partiality shown the coast aggregation. Predictions from official sources were that a clear warm day, which would see the mercury mount to 65 or 70 degrees, would be on the program. Since the day back in 1914 when football stopped in to replace chariot races as the athletic attraction of the annual rose tournament, the west has collected five victories. Three games have ended in deadlock, while four are claimed by aggregations from east of the Mississippi river. This does not account for two games between service teams in 1919 and 1929, during the world war.

Brilliant Players
For individual brilliancy, the 1929 team, which such all-American timber as Octavius Lanza, Joe Donchese, Tom Parkinson and Ray Montgomery holds the edge. The Southern California squad hopes to couple a boosted reserve power of untold proportions with such sparkling performers as Russell Saunders, Francis Tappan and Marshall Duffield.

Especially in the backfield, do the Troy warriors possess potential strength which all but eclipses that of the starting lineup, and the forward wall is not without its rugged supporting cast. Superior weight was expected to be claimed by the Coach Jones aggregation.

The probable lineup:
Pittsburgh: Ives, So. Calif. Tappan
Dunlop, L.E. Tappan
Tully, L.T. Holt
Montgomery, L.G. Hartman (C)
Daugherty, T. Igo
DeMott (C) R.H. Galloway
MacMurdy, L.T. Anthony
Collins, R.H. Arpeltide
Baker, G.H. Saunders
Lanza, L.H.H. Etelonen
Walshew, R.H.H. Finckoff
Parkinson, H.W. Shaver
Officials: Referee, William Cross; Off. Sutherland, umpire; Arthur Baldwin, Chicago; field judge, Herbert Dana, Nebraska; head line-man, John Egan, Duquesne.

DID YOU KNOW THAT—

A 15-year-old kid, Clarence Prock, from Baltimore, has been the sensation of the racing season at Keeney Park. . . . He rides like Laverne Taylor. . . . he has a powerful pair of hands and that's what a jock needs to keep those runners close to the inner rail. . . . Kid Cholovay's victory over Donatich before the other night was his 15th straight win. . . . In his first fight in America, the Havana Kid came close to defeat, however when Joe New-Toro rushed out of his corner at the first gang and nipped him with a haymaker. . . . The Kid went down on his ear and fought three rounds without knowing where he was. . . . Leta Blackstone was in Canada the night Art Shires lost to Trafton and he wired Whataman "Use a beerstake on that eye. That's what fixed him." . . . And Shires replied, "My eye. Yours too, when we meet again."

Franklin's Burial Place
Benjamin Franklin was not buried in the old Canary burying ground in Boston where his parents lie because his life was spent for the most part, in Philadelphia. It was the home of his heart, and he was buried in that city.

Eugene Schools May Quit State Athletic Group

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 1 (AP)—Reports current here said the University high school of Eugene is considering withdrawal from the state high school athletic association as the result of association refusal to readmit coaches, university high instructors and largely ender instructors from the University of Oregon, and Coach Gordon Riddings comes under that category. This was the first year University high ever turned out a football team.

A special ruling on the case has been asked by Principal R. U. Moore, of University high, because of the situation.

Eugene high school, also considering itself legislated against, is not considering withdrawal as it is believed the situation can be worked out better there than at University high.

BAG LIMIT FOR DUCKS TO BE 15 THIS YEAR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (AP)—The bag limit for ducks this year will be 15 and after a man kills four geese he will be through for the day.

Secretary Hyde announced yesterday that the changes in federal regulations would go into effect after the present hunting season and that the possession limit would be reduced to 25 ducks and 8 geese. At present the bag limit under federal law for ducks is 25 and for geese 8.

An extensive investigation by the department of agriculture which showed that the water fowl were not holding their own was a factor in the decision to reduce the limit as were representations made by conservation agencies and sportsmen's organizations.

Blame for the decrease in the number of wild fowl was placed largely upon the elimination by reclamation of former breeding grounds in the northwest states and Canada.

JACK O'BRIEN ISSUES FIGHT CHALLENGE

Jack O'Brien, heavyweight who hails from Yakima, is in La Grande for several days, and issues a challenge to fight anyone that weighs 150 pounds or more.

O'Brien states that he fought three times in December, winning all by knockouts in the first and second rounds. He also fought at Bendleton during the Round-Up he said.

Among his victories he lists a knockout over Fred Goulette, of Yakima, in the sixth round, giving him the Okanogan championship, with a man he defeated include Gordon Logan, of Wenatchee; Paddy Murphy, of Portland; Joe Chomoye, of Yakima; Siller Jack Woods, of Vancouver, and Wilbert Smith, of Portland.

Some Job

I don't know of any more fresh positions than held by the father of a fifteen-year-old son—Abe Martin, in Farm and Fireside.

Odd Biblical Error

The "Vinegar Bible" was the name given to an edition of the Bible published at Oxford, England, in 1717. It was so called because of a printer's error. The head line over Luke 22 contained the word "vinegar" for "vineyard."

Horseman Pal Is Henry Stimson's Aide In London

By Denning Seymour (AP Feature Service Writer)
NEW YORK (AP)—Henry L. Stimson's comrade of many a morning center over Long Island holds paths will go with the secretary of state to London as his personal aide at the conference on naval limitation.

For his right hand man at the session on armament reduction, Mr. Stimson has chosen Arthur Wilson Page, vice president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, former editor of World's Work, and son of the late Walter Hines Page, ambassador to Great Britain in the Wilson administration.

Stimson and Page are neighbors.

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