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Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom.

OREGON LOSES TO CALIFORNIA A striking example of how politics discourages industry, is witnessed in Oregon, which recently passed through the convulsions of a campaign involving the enactment of legislation to encourage public ownership and development of electric power.

In spite of every honest endeavor, the California-Oregon Power Company was blocked from completing a large development on the Klamath River in Southern Oregon on which it claims to have made a preliminary expenditure of \$308,000, and which involved a further immediate expenditure of \$4,000,000, and an ultimate \$21,000,000.

The company has now filed an application with the Federal Power Commission for a site just a few miles across the California line from the point at which it would have built in Oregon, and it is welcomed with open arms by California citizens.

This means that Oregon will lose a great new industry, a big payroll and, according to the attorney for the company \$100,000 a year in taxes.

Politics discourages private initiative and enterprise whenever it attacks investment in any line. States with back-breaking loads of taxation, can ill afford to drive out old industries or prevent new ones from locating within their borders.

Workmen and taxpayers are always the greatest sufferers in such a situation. Years of constructive work required to secure investments and industries can be undone in the heat of a single election.

When a great industry is induced to come into any state, many individuals, commercial clubs, etc., like to claim credit for the accomplishment.

When such a great industry is forced to leave a state, which of its citizens will accept responsibility for creating the conditions which cause the loss?

—Manufacturer & Industrial News Bureau.

NO OVERPOPULATION DANGER One of the pet worries of certain folks in the United States has been that its rapidly increasing population would lead to overpopulation and thus to the poverty and disorders common to countries which are too densely populated.

Those of this belief have spent many anxious hours considering this subject, and now it would appear they have tried to cross a bridge that never existed; for Dr. Robert K. Mearns, a recognized authority on population trends, claims the country's future population can be determined far ahead and that present signs leave no cause to expect overpopulation.

The real key to the situation, according to this scientist, is that American women are not giving birth to enough girls to replace their mothers a generation hence. In 1870 there was an average of three daughters for each mother. Five years ago this average dropped to 1.8, and today it is even less. The next generation is expected to produce fewer girl babies than there are women of child-bearing age.

Dr. Mearns' prediction is that within a few decades the country will attain a population of 144,000,000 and then begin a steady decline, unless the gates are thrown open to immigration.

In expressing his opinion as to what is wrong with present-day matrimony, the writer says "Many people are putting less into it than ever before and expecting more from it than ever before."

As yet the average book does not fretful strapping the car at the front door and heading for bed—but it should.

In Washington WASHINGTON—There will be a big fight in the Senate over the proposed bill to amend the act of March 3, 1879, which authorized the establishment of the postoffice at La Grande, Oregon.

It is expected that the bill will be passed by the Senate in the near future, and that it will be signed by the President.

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Hand, commissioner of accounts and deposits, and W. B. Stark is the secretary of financial and economic research.

From the three the secretary and undersecretary prepare their forecasts.

How the actuary goes about his work is pretty much his own secret.

His Work Counts—He must figure out how much Uncle Sam can expect from sources like income taxes. He must speculate on how much tobacco will be consumed. He must take into consideration how many rich men will die and leave large estates.

Sometimes he is made out as a worthless prophet. The question of his accuracy often furnishes a rare morsel for debate in congress. When he talks of surplus and deficit great interest is aroused. Such figures make excellent material for political stump speeches during campaigns.

But when he errs, more than likely it is on the side of caution—that is, over for deficit, under for surplus.

Over Night News (By The Associated Press) Washington—Tison says he expects to be considered for the speakership.

Yonkers, N. Y.—Body of girl, taken on death ride, is identified as that of Virginia Hunter, night club hostess, of Bangor, Me.

Washington—Prof. James H. Brewster, archaeologist, says human race is at the dawn of greater civilization.

New Orleans—Robert Ewing, newspaper publisher and Democratic national committee man, dies.

Albany, N. Y.—Many automobiles stranded in snow drifts block highway in northern part of state.

Washington—Boss refuses to apologize to Shouse for making falsehood charge.

Washington—Gridiron club lampoons Winkersham and other prominent figures at annual dinner.

Purchase N. Y.—King of Siam says he intends to grant royal assent to his people.

T. A. COURTNEY, OF BAKER, DIES SUNDAY NOON BAKER, Ore., Apr. 28 (Special)—Thomas A. Courtney, veteran railroad engineer of Baker, died from the effects of a heart attack at his home, 1000 Rose street, Sunday about noon. He was not considered by his family as being in poor health.

Mr. Courtney was born in Jefferson county, Iowa, December 28, 1864. He lived in Kansas for a time and then came to Baker, Ore., about a year after his arrival in Baker, Mr. Courtney took employment with the Stump Valley Railway company and was employed by that organization at the time of his death.

Mr. Courtney was married in Pauline, Iowa, to Mary Sneyer. She died in Iowa in 1914, and the body was brought to Baker for interment. Mr. Courtney was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge.

The deceased is survived by two daughters, Mrs. C. T. Brockman of Chicago and Mrs. Truman Hendrick of Baker; four sons, Mrs. Fred Melville of Baker, Mrs. Anna O'Neil of La Grande, Mrs. May Eide of St. Paul, Minn., and Mrs. Vera Eide of Pauline, Iowa; two brothers, N. W. and J. L. Courtney, both of La Grande, and one granddaughter.

All funeral arrangements have not been made. The body is at the family home, where it will remain until time for the funeral services, which will be held at the West and Company mortuary. Interment will be in Mt. Hope cemetery.

AIR TOUR TO STOP AT ONLY 15 AIRPORTS PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 28 (Special)—What is called the longest airplane trip in the Pacific coast was started by four owners in this week's Pacific Northwest States International Air Tour in becoming acquainted with only the better airports in this section could be used for this "legger and longer" air show.

That is, according to the announcement, according to Russell N. Larson, promoter for this event for the National Aeronautics Association, and general manager of the tour, which only 15 cities in the Pacific Northwest would be included this year in the tour.

This week's tour, an outgrowth of the Pacific Northwest States International Air Tour, is being conducted by four owners of the tour, who will be in the air for the next several days.

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NEW YACHTING WEAR HAS PATRIOTIC TOUCH PARIS (AP)—The French tricolor and the American flag have offered inspiration for the last word in feminine yachting costumes.

White flannel skirts and brass-buttoned blue jackets have given way to jaunty pajamas of red, white and blue.

One of the newest yachting suits, with trousers as full and long as an evening skirt, has dark blue pajamas and a white blouse belted with a red cord.

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Grange Program On May 6 Will Honor Mothers By Mrs. Charles Spencer (Observer Correspondent)

GRANGE HALL, (Special)—The program to be carried out at the next Blue Mountain grange meeting May 6 is to be in honor of "Mother."

Mrs. Bessie Bagin, lecturer, has arranged the following program: roll call, "The Birth of Mother's Day," "Mothers of Famous Men," Mrs. Tom Bates, "Tribute to Mothers," Mrs. C. E. Spencer, "Tribute to Mothers," L. A. Kennedy, "There will be good singing of the songs that were sung in mother's day."

In honor of her birthday anniversary, Mrs. I. D. Smita delightfully entertained the members of the Birth Day Dinner club and their families Sunday at her home. At 2 o'clock a lovely dinner was served by the club. Miss French, of La Grande, being a special guest for the occasion. Preceding dinner, Sunday school services were held with Ernest DeLong, superintendent, in charge. The next meeting of the club will be at the home of Mrs. Ben Schroeder May 20.

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Two 'Champions' In Prospect In American Rings NEW YORK, Apr. 28 (AP)—The United States is due to defend itself in the crowning of two recognized world heavyweight boxing champions.

The country has boasted at least one heavy champion since 1920, and is a country, but only the most optimistic ever dreamed of possessing a pair. Their valour and foresight at last is to be rewarded.

Jimmy Johnston, dapper Brooklyn promoter, yesterday gathered all the boys in the same room and announced, very formally, that Jack Sharkey and Primo Camera had signed for a 15-round championship engagement the night of June 10 at Ebbets field.

That makes it a pair as Max Schmeling and Young Stribling already were under contract to clash at Cleveland July 3 for the very same purpose. They are naturally speaking only one available heavyweight title, but that is beside the question. Four of them are going to fight for it just the same.

The attention has yet to receive the official sanction of the New York Athletic commission, which no longer recognizes Schmeling as heavyweight champion, but prospects are good that little matter would be attended to at today's regular weekly gathering. The commissioners have indicated they will give the match the go-ahead. One or two weeks ago they tried a suspension they had dropped over Camera, supposedly paving the way for yesterday's announcement.

It will be noticed that good manners and obedience were not mentioned although these are attributes over which many parents expend their chief energies. They were omitted because the first is a by-product of other qualities mentioned, while the second is not a virtue but a tool to be judiciously used for the child's own development.

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Chats With Parents LEAVE THEM ALONE By Alice Parkins Peck

Probably the hardest lesson which any parent has to learn is when to let his child alone.

At one extreme is the parent who continually picks on every least fault of the child, and who never lets the child alone.

Again there is the all too familiar parent who treats a child as if he were a piece of property, and who never lets the child alone.

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