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QUACK PANACEAS

Many people in this country claim to have infallible cures for business depression, unemployment, and the economic ills of the world. Government officials complain that these business "doctors" have become a nuisance. They flood the mails with their nostrums and pet schemes, and fill the reception rooms of men in high places, wasting valuable time and hindering those who really can do something to encourage prosperity.

Does it never occur to these dispensers of economic patent medicine that nobody is more eager than Hoover and the men of his administration to bring dull times to an end, and that with the best brains in the world at their service, it is extremely unlikely that they would overlook anything good?

THE PRESENT GENERATION

Some time ago someone made the statement that intermarriage of Americans with people from other races would result in an American race much smaller in stature than heretofore.

Now that sufficient time has elapsed to permit reliable observation, we have before us a scientific study made by an anthropologist, which proves conclusively that the present generation of Americans is taller and heavier than any of its predecessors.

The findings are based on measurements of three generations of college men, including 2,000 pairs of fathers and sons, and 501 mothers and daughters in three generations of graduates of three girls' schools.

The present generation of college men is one of the tallest groups in the world, averaging in height five feet, ten and one-tenth inches. The growth in comparison with ancestral generations has been at the rate of one inch every thirty-two years over a period of eighty years. As for the modern girl, she is one and one-tenth inches taller, and seven and one-quarter pounds heavier than her grandmother.

A REAL ADVENTURE

Professor Piccard and Dr. Kipfer return to earth in their queer, air-tight balloon basket announcing that they made highly important scientific discoveries and experiments while drifting about nine miles above the earth's surface. For most people, however, the interesting thing about the flight will be its purely spectacular features—the enormous height to which the balloon ascended, and the strange peril into which the two scientists put themselves.

These things, surely, were spectacular enough for anybody. The two men went more than two miles higher than anyone had ever gone before. They sailed up beyond the ordinary atmosphere into a queer region where the air has only one-tenth of its ordinary density, and where the thermometer sticks at 148 degrees below zero. They looked down and saw the earth vanish in a copper-colored cloud. No living mortals ever came so close to wandering off into the empty space between stars.

In view of this, the ordinary man can be pardoned for ignoring the scientific aspects of the affair. The important thing is that they made the trip. By making it, they helped to swell the pride of all of us.

For there is always something oddly encouraging about the spectacle of men composedly risking their lives; and the reasons that impel them to do so are not as important as some would have us think. We get a new confidence in the human race when we see a man calmly take his chances with death, especially if he be a scientist trying to broaden the scope of human knowledge.

We are debtors to such men. They prove to us, over and over again, that the race can, if it wants to, set itself free from its oldest and most powerful compulsions.

All learned men agree that self-preservation is the first law of human existence. We have scriptural authority for the belief that "all that a man hath, will be give for his life." But as we digest this axiom, along comes someone to upset it—a scientist in a balloon, or an Arctic explorer, or someone risking his life for another.

They suggest the existence of a different set of values.

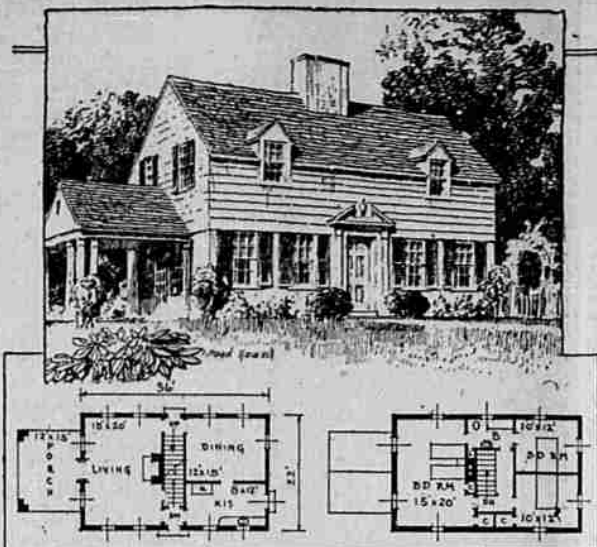
Coroner Believes Vance Was Slain

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 15 (AP)—Expressing his "personal conviction" that Ray Vance, 34, Vancouver musician, "met with foul play," Coroner W. E. Case said today Clark county officials were endeavoring to account for the discovery of the musician's body in a slough near Ridgefield last Friday.

The body, apparently, had been in the water since Vance disappeared Feb. 20. It was badly decomposed and the head was missing. Coroner Case said it was impossible to determine how Vance met death, but he based his theory that the man had been murdered upon the premise that there was no motive for suicide.

Officials were today investigating a report that Vance's wife, Mrs. Violet Vance of Portland, received a note from a Seattle girl a few days before her husband disappeared. It was hinted that this note told of relations with the musician.

RECTANGULAR HOME



(By the Associated Press)
That it is possible to follow an economical rectangular plan without sacrificing architectural beauty is a fact happily apparent in this attractive little six-room house.

On the one hand, the regular shape of the house cuts construction costs, while deft interior planning utilizes space without waste. On the other, exterior treatment makes the most out of the shape by supplying those little touches that lift it out of the mere box-like type that otherwise might be the result.

The exterior is cladboard with about nine or ten inches to the weather and painted white or cream. The shutters are dark blue-green, effectively set off by the lighter clagboard and the white of the windows and other trim.

Most effective is the entrance, the top of which interestingly breaks the long sweep of the clagboards across the front and under the two windows. The roof is of wood shingles in various tones such as sepia, gray brown and warm grays, while the brick chimney is of whitewashed brick with an unwhitewashed coping.

The house, exclusive of the porch, occupies a space of only 22 by 36 feet.

On the first floor there is a large living room with a fireplace on one of its longer sides, the porch opening from the other. It has ventilation from three sides.

The dining room, also cross-ventilated, and the kitchen, conveniently placed near the front door, complete the first floor layout.

One of the bedrooms upstairs has four windows and three exposures, while the other two, though smaller, are cross-ventilated. The single bath connects with two of the rooms and has an opening into the hall.

If the house faces the east, the living room and porch will receive the southern sunshine all day. Proper planting will bring out its good points and add others. A lot 50 by 100 feet is needed.

Cost will range from \$6,000 to \$8,000, depending upon local conditions.

THREE BUILDING PERMITS IN WEEK

Total Amount of New Construction in City This Year \$43,595.

Building permits for the current year passed the \$43,000 mark last week, and this morning the records at the city office revealed a total of \$43,595 spent this year on new construction in La Grande.

The total for the month of June, now half over is only \$600, much below the usual figure.

Permits issued last week follow: June 10—O. M. Holmes, to erect a garage on Jackson between Fir and Depot streets, to cost \$200.

June 12—Ed Hickox, to alter and repair a two-story home on O avenue between Fifth and Sixth, work to cost \$300.

June 12—Ernest S. Carman, to erect refreshment stand on Adams avenue between Willow and Balm streets, to cost \$100.

Livestock Show Given Praise By Seattle Visitor

By Mrs. L. Z. Terrall (Observer Correspondent)
UNION, Ore. (Special)—When a man who has seen the big stock shows all over the country, says that he has never seen better stock than was exhibited at the Eastern Oregon Livestock show last week, it is a high compliment, and one with considerable pride.

That is the remark that W. H. Hewitt, prominent lumberman from Seattle, made when he returned from the show grounds Friday. He, together with Mrs. Hewitt and children, were driving through from Arizona where they had spent the winter and stopping at the Lewis hotel here for the night. Mrs. Hewitt was formerly Elizabeth Barker, who had the task of transcribing the records in the county court when the panhandle was cut from Union county.

J. B. Weaver, veteran fruit grower here, had a stroke of paralysis while visiting in Boise and was brought home last Monday by his son, John, who was with him at the time. He has improved slightly but still has not the use of his left arm. He went to Boise with his son, who has been visiting here from College Place, Wash., and was only there over the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Weaver, who are visiting from New York, expect to be here until about the first of July.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Woll, of Nampa, came to Union the first of last week to visit relatives and attend the stock show, returning home on Saturday.

Mrs. Lulu Handrihan, of Bellingham, arrived in Union Saturday for a two weeks' visit with her mother, Mrs. Maggie Mitchell.

Mrs. Sarah Shappat has been in La Grande under the doctor's care since early last week.

Mr. Oscar Croeland, who had been visiting his daughter in Pendleton since Decoration day, returned home Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Jock Coleman. Mrs. Coleman and the children remained here until Sunday.

Mrs. Effie Rosewell and granddaughter, Lucille Sturgill, who had been visiting at the home of the former's daughter, Mrs. Bert Tucker, for sometime in Walla Walla, returned home on Sunday.

Mrs. Chris Johnson and family, from North Powder, and Mrs. Mayme Robbins, of La Grande, visited here Thursday, and some of them attended the stock show.

T. B. Johnson, of Cove, again filled the difficult task of announcer of events at the Eastern Oregon Livestock show. He has occupied this position so long that the stock show would not be a stock show without him to the "crow's nest."

Dunham Wright, pioneer from Medical Springs, who has watched the Eastern Oregon Livestock show grow from its infancy, was an interested spectator in the grand stand on Friday. He gave a short talk Friday night during the distribution of trophies to the successful winners of various contests at the Union hotel.

A. B. Davis and daughter, Mrs. Edna Busick, drove to Portland Friday for a visit.

Mrs. Will Hermesen, of Baker, visited with her sister, Dorothy Busick, on Sunday.

The Misses Elda and Bethene Miller drove in from Seattle Sunday in time to have dinner with home folks. They were unable to attend stock show as school duties lasted until three o'clock on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sommers and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sommers, of Elgin, visited the Levys' Friday and attended the stock show.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jacobs, of North Powder, were Union visitors on Friday. Her mother, Mrs. Josephine Graham, spent the week with Mrs. K. J. Marten here.

Fred Nodine, of Island City, is reported to be the "crow's nest."

Baker Juniors Win Sunday At Baker, 9 to 5

The Jack Allen American Legion junior league baseball team of Union county took one on the nose Sunday afternoon at Baker, the Baker county nine chalking up a 9 to 5 victory and evening the count in an exhibition series. Recently Baker lost at La Grande 16 to 10. Another game may be arranged between the two teams before they go to Burns, July 11 and 12, for the district finals in the Oregon series.

Prisble, Baker pitcher, held the locals to eight hits and five runs, while La Grande used three hurlers—McKinnis, Teutsch and DeBorde. Teutsch was nicker for all of the runs made by Baker, but La Grande errors, at critical moments, made most of the scores unearned.

Baker was playing a much better brand of ball than in the recent game in La Grande, while the local boys were apparently not up to snuff.

J. B. "Toots" Gantt accompanied the boys to Baker, those making the trip following: McKinnis, Teutsch and DeBorde, pitchers; B. Fowler, pitcher; Irwin and Simmons, first base; Jones, second; Frizzell, shortstop; Smith, third base; Blokland, Stanley and Richards, right field; R. Fowler, center field; Bosquet and Richardson, left field.

MENARY TO SPEAK

SALEM, June 13 (AP)—Senator Charles L. McNary will be the main speaker of the day at the Fourth of July celebration to be held at Salem by the local post of the American Legion. The speaking program it was announced, will be held in the forenoon.

One of the features of the day, as arranged by J. T. Delaney, chairman of the program, will be the welcome to the Elk's caravan, traveling about 1000 cars strong from California. The lodge visitors will be officially welcomed to the state by Governor Julius L. Meier. Other events are also being arranged in addition to the sports and amusements customary.

Though E. D. Elley, of Mt. Holly, N. C., has 40 cows, he has grown more feedstuff this season than he can use.

A group of duck-raising farmers near Springfield, O., have provided steam-heated quarters for their flocks.

The leading role that most actors prefer is the one they get on pay day.

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Lindy's Modern Plane Makes Pacific Flight Safe Compared to 1927 Feat

NEW YORK (AP)—There is less peril in Colonel Lindbergh's Pacific adventure than confronted him when, in 1927, he conquered the Atlantic in the Spirit of St. Louis.

With a motor nearly three times as powerful and a plane embodying developments of four years of aviation progress, today's flight appears far less hazardous than his first ocean crossing.

Lindbergh's new low wing monoplane has a speed of 220 miles an hour, but since he has equipped it with pontoons it can make only 175 miles an hour on the ocean trip.

Landing fields are few across the North Pacific route. The pontoons will enable the plane to land and take off on water, and will contain additional gasoline tanks.

The plane has a wing span of 42 feet, 10 inches with a length of 27 feet, 6 inches. Its fuselage and the cantilever wing are of wood construction.

Broke One Record
A year ago, with the colonel at the controls, it spanned the continent in 14 hours and 45 minutes, a record later broken by Capt. Frank M. Hawks. Its retractable landing gear, only recently replaced by pontoons, made a speed of about 220 miles per hour possible. It was an idea credited largely to Lindbergh.

At the time of the transcontinental flight the plane had a 425 horsepower Wasp engine, which has been replaced by a 600 horsepower Wright Cyclone motor.

The low wing monoplane is fully streamlined in design and the engine is housed in a cowling that minimizes air resistance.

He bought the ship in January, 1930, after testing it in California. The cost was \$17,825.

The license number obtained for it was NR-211. That of the Spirit of St. Louis was NNR-211.

More Costly Ship
The price was in excess of that of the trans-Atlantic plane which now reposes in the Smithsonian institution at Washington.

The "Spirit of St. Louis," exclusive of motor and instruments, cost \$6,000 while the 225 horsepower Wright Whirlwind J-5 radial air-cooled nine-cylinder motor and the instruments brought the total cost to about \$13,000.

The Spirit of St. Louis was a stock model Ryan monoplane with a wing spread of 40 feet and a fuselage 27 feet three inches long. The cockpit was glass enclosed and Lindbergh saw through a periscope.

But he used equipment which was the very latest in 1927. There were the earth inductor compass, tachometer, bank and turn indicator, air speed indicator, magnetic compass, speed and drift indicator, altimeter and oil gauge.

Carrying no navigator and without a sextant, Lindbergh in his Atlantic flight arrived over Ireland within ninety miles of the point at which he aimed.

"Detective Story" Cop Head of City of Chicago's Scotland Yard

CHICAGO (AP)—Chicago's police department has gone London, and a two-fisted detective-story "copper" of the old school will head its newly created "Scotland Yard."

He is big, burly grey-haired Capt. William "Shoes" Shoemaker, and they call him an "iron man" of the force.

It will be his job to uncover corruption in the police department, to conduct secret investigations independently of the rest of the force—and he reports only to one man, Acting Commissioner of Police John Alcock.

A veteran of the force, he has a "card index" mind that has every prominent Chicago criminal and gangster catalogued. He knows them all—their records, pedigrees, height, weight and appearance.

Independent, deliberate, with a flair for studying a case in the detective-story manner, Shoemaker is known as a policeman who "won't take a nickel from anybody."

Once he conducted a secret investigation for the state's attorney's office that brought the indictment of six police captains in a million-dollar slot machine scandal.

Chicago's Scotland Yard, however, is only part of the plan to put the police force on a more efficient basis.

When Mayor Anton J. Cermak was inaugurated, he gave Commissioner Alcock carte blanche to run the department as he saw fit. Alcock has been doing it.

"The real crime preventative," he said, "is uniformed men on post. I intend to keep as many in uniform as possible."

His latest move in that direction was to replace inefficient detectives and plain clothes men by others who were ordered to patrol duty in uniforms. His shakeups of personnel have included hundreds of policemen in the last few weeks.

"Under the new system," he said, "every captain is held responsible for conditions in his district. He must make a report every 15 days of the number of crimes committed in his district, and the number that have been cleaned up."

places with Paul Bunyan. He said he was attracted to the Baker country in 1862 by the gold boom and for 5 years was a resident in that section, where he was known as a stock breeder.

Virginia Wright, who recently graduated from the Ellison-White conservatory of music in Portland, came to Union Friday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. McKennon, of La Grande, for a visit at the Bell Wright home. She was on her way to her home in Mandan, S. D., where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wright, live.

Esta Johnson of Wallowa, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Benson from Friday until Sunday when she left for La Grande to enroll for the summer course in the Normal school.

We haven't seen any clear explanation of the surplus of wool in the nation's warehouses this year, but after looking over some of those new 1931 bathing suits that the girls are wearing we have our guess.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Murphy and daughter, Mrs. Jane Tucker last week later visited her mother, Mrs. Sam Bannister and Max Bower, of Enterprise.

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