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The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.—Psalm 51:17.

ON BEING A FATHER

American fathers in many sections of the country are beginning to take seriously their responsibilities as parents. They are organizing special classes in some cities, reading books, and actually studying the job of being a father.

This new movement is of more than passing interest, for good homes and good parents are the greatest resources that any nation can possess, and if American fathers are willing to make special efforts to improve themselves, the prospects for our national future are bright.

To be the father of a small boy is to occupy one of the most ticklish positions that is open to men. The small boy dwells in a world apart, and in that world the greatest of men is Dad. To be sure, the rest of the world may look on Dad as a weak and ineffectual sort of citizen, a bluffer or faker, or even a plain dumbbell; but that makes no difference to his small son.

Dad, of course knows better; for among the illusions that die quickly is the average human male's belief in his own importance. So Dad presently finds himself with an impossible ideal to live up to.

This brings Dad—if he ever thinks at all—face to face with the great contrast between what he is and what he ought to be. That contrast, for most of us, is not a pleasant thing to contemplate. But Dad must face it rather frequently, at least until the boy gets old enough to know better.

So it is hardly surprising that fathers are beginning to make definite efforts towards becoming more efficient in the job of fatherhood. The father-and-son relationship can be made a marvelous influence for good in a boy's life—and if his father is the right sort he, too, will profit through that relationship.

A GOOD INVESTMENT

There is apparently no nation on earth today that is not struggling with problems of one kind or another; new and old countries alike have their share of troubles, and the United States is no exception.

A popular remedy for our present problem of unemployment is the construction of highways, and the improvement of old roads. Of course bond issues are necessary for raising the money and thus enabling us to build now and pay later; and that seems a wise course to follow.

There are 2,941,274 miles of roads in the United States and only a small part of that mileage is improved. The constant improvement and extension of this vast system of roads is indispensable to the economic development of the nation. The work will have to be done sooner or later.

The money thus expended would serve the double purpose of building the foundation for future economic soundness and alleviating the ill effects of the temporary slump which has been retarding our progress during the past two years.

One writer suggests that "the telegraph people might boost their business by giving a cheap rate on Form No. 382, meaning, "Tuned out your station. Program was rotten!"

That man was County Judge William Wurzbach, brother of Harry and a Democrat.

Goosip had it that "Brother William" wants the seat badly, and will be in the running next year.

Kieberg's term is for only one year. In the primaries of 1922 he must seek re-nomination. At that time it will not be the free-for-all fight which existed in the special election just held.

Election Fight Looms—

Democrat must fight it out with Democrat to determine who will oppose the Republican candidate in the general election.

That's where "Brother William" is expected to make his showing.

The Wurzbach family is somewhat of a tradition, politically and sentimentally, in the 14th Texas district. Harry served as a county judge before he came to congress, and though he was a Republican in a normally Democratic district, no one was able to defeat him.

William is a county judge also. Goosip further back, the father of the two brothers was an officer of the Confederacy during the Civil war and led troops into battle recruited from students of that district.

Kieberg must make a showing in the next year if he hopes to hold on to what he has gained. And that's a hard thing for a freshman in congress to do.

What with minor committee assignments and the obscure position that is naturally the lot of a newcomer to the house, a sort of "yes" man is usually the rule rather than the exception in a congressman's first session.

AUTO ACCIDENTS IN CALIFORNIA TAKE 19 LIVES

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another machine. C. B. Bow, 52, was killed when his machine sidetracked another car. James Devine, 25, died when the automobile in which he allegedly stole crashed into a building and caught fire.

Glady's Astorbury, 23, was killed in a collision between two motor cars.

FARMERS OF NATION ASK FOR RELIEF

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Edward O'Neal, president of the National Farmers Union, opened the thirteenth annual national convention by demanding a stronger organization for general regulation for grain and cotton and changes, true equality with other industries, an improved market act, less taxes, and more credit.

"In formulating our program we must make it militant," he declared. "Let's more completely organize agriculture, strengthen and coordinate our service organizations, to get greater collective bargaining power, to strengthen and perfect our market system, that the American farmer may have the benefit of the tariff."

"Let us adopt a permanent, long time national land policy; secure a better financial system for agriculture; provide a more equitable tax system and a fairer representation of agriculture in all government agencies; and a co-ordination of all agricultural forces in a common program."

"To carry out that program we must have a huge array of men and women throughout the nation. The only voice that is heard in the nation today is the voice of organization. We must be organized and organized. It is our only salvation."

Farm Board Upheld

President O'Neal said the only ones opposed to the farm board were those previously in "undisputed control of our marketing system and who have profited greatly thereby."

While complaining the work done by the board, O'Neal said "We insist that the marketing act should and must be amended by congress which almost at this minute is being called to order. We insist that this congress give the federal farm board authority to charge all units of any given commodity, moving in the channels of trade, their proportionate shares of all necessary natural costs and losses resulting from the control of crop surpluses."

He said the federation was against the present system of corn and grain exchanges because, without regulation, "a small group have profited by market manipulations for many years."

As to the cry of "get the government out of business," in connection with agriculture, he said "Agriculture is perfectly willing to get the government out of business if it gets out of business for everybody."

"The equalization fee," he continued, "will in fact definitely take the government out of business. The root of the marketing program utilizing the equalization fee will be borne by the farmer himself and not by the government."

The present administrators of the farm loan association, he said, needed to be changed because they were unsympathetic with rural needs and ideals. He also proposed relief of the taxation burden on lands withdrawn from production, and reduction or rescinding of taxes on leucine lands, also a board soil-erosion control program.

ARREST FOUR ON LIQUOR CHARGES IN UNION COUNTY

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drawn, therefore he will have to furnish \$7500 bond. Bond for Lashman was set at \$1000, and at \$2500 each for the other two. None had furnished his bail this noon.

Friday evening six federal, state, county and city officers were driving toward Blakely in search of a still which had been reported in that vicinity. They turned out to the side of the road to let a car pass, but instead the car turned into the barn yard of the W. M. Condit ranch, stopped and two men jumped out. Officers report they found 18 gallons of liquor in the car.

Tracks in the snow led the officers to a nearby barn where they found William Lashman, who is said to have confessed that Pearl Stiles was the driver of the car. After tracking Stiles through deep snow for several miles, he was taken on Buckhorn ridge on Mt. Emily Lumber company property.

Stiles and Lashman were brought to town and officers returned to the scene of the arrest. After a walk of about 20 miles in the snow they circled the still where they found Charles Stiles and Daniel O'Connell, they report. A 216-gallon still was found, with 280 gallons of mash and 91 gallons of whiskey, officers say.

EARNINGS HOLD UP

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (AP)—Dow, Jones & Co. say that despite a probable drop of slightly above one percent in total telephones for the Bell system for 1931, American Telegraph & Telephone Co. net earnings for the year should be equal to around \$9.50 a common share, based on usual contributions from subsidiary companies and without dipping into undivided equities of its subsidiaries.

S. P. TO ABANDON LINE

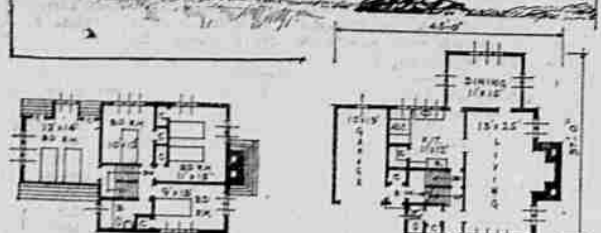
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—The Southern Pacific was authorized today by the interstate commerce commission to abandon five miles of its "west side" branch in Washington and Multnomah counties, Oregon.

The company informed the commission that traffic on the five-mile stretch had so declined, due to paved highways and competition from motor trucks, as to cause a loss of \$4,300 a year.

Extremes in Books

The world's largest book and the smallest, are in the British museum in London.

WATCH THIS HOUSE GROW



By The Associated Press

This picturesque house can be built in its smallest form, for a sum that fits the small pocketbook.

Without the garage and dining room wings this cost will approximate \$4,000 to \$6,000. That is, the house will comprise living room, kitchen, front hall and fireplace on the ground floor and cellar under these units. The cellar is to have playroom, furnace room and laundry. On the second floor there are three bedrooms and bath. This plan is one of the most compact units in house building today and low cost is the result.

The size of the original square building is sufficient for any small sized family, and as the family desires more space the dining room wing may be added, and also the garage wing which adds a bedroom at the halfway level of the stairs. These two wings may be added at a cost of about \$1,000 each. The fully grown house would then cost between \$6,500 and \$8,000—certainly a remarkably low cost for such an extensive house.

The lower exterior construction is local stone and the chimney is the same halfway up, where it changes to brick and is topped off with large chimney pots. The upper story is of stucco. The dormer top on the front is completed with overlaid clapboard treated in natural wood, tinted suitably. The roof can be shingle, flat tile or slate in variegated but warm tones. Windows are of the casement type and may be wood or steel.

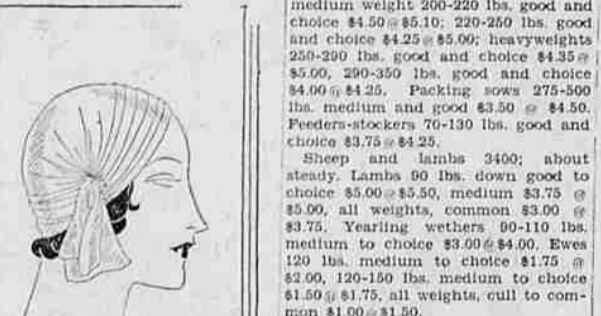
One of the most charming features of the house is the huge chimney and its spacious fireplace in the living room. It is not only charming inside, but the exterior chimney is sturdy and pleasing in appearance. The house is suitable to practically every community and makes an excellent suburban home. It should face toward the west and be placed on a lot large enough to take care of its growth as indicated. A lot 60x100 feet would do, but 75x100 would be more satisfactory.

Grasshopper as Food

Attractive as the grasshopper may be to fish, his possibilities as an edible have never appealed to Americans. Yet John the Baptist fed on locusts and wild honey, with scriptural sanction. We have the testimony of the second chapter of Leviticus that this insect was an acceptable item of diet among the ancient Hebrews. "Even these ye may eat," the locust after his kind, and the grasshopper after his kind."

Origin of Dance Term

Centuries ago there was in Europe a game in which the players danced to the sound of their own voices while throwing a ball to one another. In due course of time the game was forgotten, but our word ball, meaning a dance, still remains.



THE LITTLE satin turban in black or white is the new mid-season fashion. This one of white lustrous satin concentrates its interest in two soft loops over the right ear.

SMALL PORTION OF ROUND HOUSE WALL IS DAMAGED

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mouth of the Columbia River gorge. Marshfield, Tillamook and Astoria were the hardest hit when communication lines went out. Trees falling through wires resulted in crippled service for several hours.



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Building Permit Total Now Near \$70,000 Mark

Building permits in La Grande, with three and a half weeks to go before the first of January, are only a small amount short of \$70,000. Unless some large permit should be granted during the closing days of December, the year 1931 will go on record locally as the lightest building year in the last decade.

Table with columns: Month, Amount. Shows building permit amounts for each month from January to November.

Hail Will Speak In Several Cities

A series of speaking engagements will keep D. D. Hall, Portland attorney and state Eagle president, in Eastern Oregon for several days this week. Mr. Hall will deliver a public address at the Eagles' hall on Thursday evening on "Employment Stabilization" and the "Old Age Pension," and will also attend the district conference which has been arranged, with representatives from Baker and Pendleton attending during the afternoon.

Several Issues Go Lower in Exchange

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (AP)—A sag in the rail shares imparted a heavy tone to the stock market late today, after the list had fluttered irresolutely during most of the session. Rates were about 1,500,000 shares, and several issues closed a point or two lower.

Shares apparently encountered considerable sale selling, as traders were hesitant pending developments in the convening of the new congress, the gathering of railway chiefs at Chicago, and the meeting of the reparations committee at Basel.

DEFINES BOARD'S POWER

SALEM, Dec. 7 (AP)—The state board of higher education has no authority to create office of vice president at the University of Oregon, an opinion by Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle today held. However the board may give the name "vice president" to an employee without any grant of executive power to such employee, the opinion stated.

Difficult Coughs and Colds

Need These Seven Helps. Creomulsion is a better help than some coughs need. It combines seven major helps in one, to do the best that men know for any cough or cold.

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In Washington By Herbert Plummer WASHINGTON—Few men who come to congress for the first time are as well known as will be Richard Kieberg of Corpus Christi, Texas, when he appears in Washington within the next few days.

HERE AND THERE IN CONGRESS

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MOST UNANIMOUS BLOC

The senate's most unanimous bloc reorganized today unchanged from the line-up presented since 1922. It is the Farmer-Labor party in the senate. Leader, Henrik Shipstead; whip, Henrik Shipstead; complete membership, Henrik Shipstead.

PRINCIPAL ROOMS START

Movements for two Democratic presidential possibilities—Governor Roosevelt, of New York, and Newton D. Baker, of Ohio—stepped out briskly just as congress met.

But how about the political future of Mr. Kieberg?

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Conceivably the outcome might have determined party control in the con-

gress. But the 14th Texas now is safely in the Democratic column—the first time in more than a decade. And ruddy-faced Jack Carter has apparently removed the last obstacle in his way for the speakership of the house.

But probably the man who could have given him the closest race with-drew for the sake of party harmony.