

## TONY'S WORLD GAVE HIM NEW VISIONS

Read Story of Lincoln and Feels Influence Country Life Has Upon Him

A Juvenile Story  
By Rev. Ernest H. Shanks

Tony lived in the crowded district of the great city. His home was in a great building that served as the home of a large number of families. Tony did not know how many there were. They were crowded together, and the rooms were small, not well lighted or ventilated. Tony's family occupied but three rooms. That was all his father could pay for out of his meager wages.

Tony's father and mother had come from the "wild country." Tony was born in America and he was proud of that fact. He had several brothers and sisters, all older than he, and they were born across the waters. He was the only real American in the family.

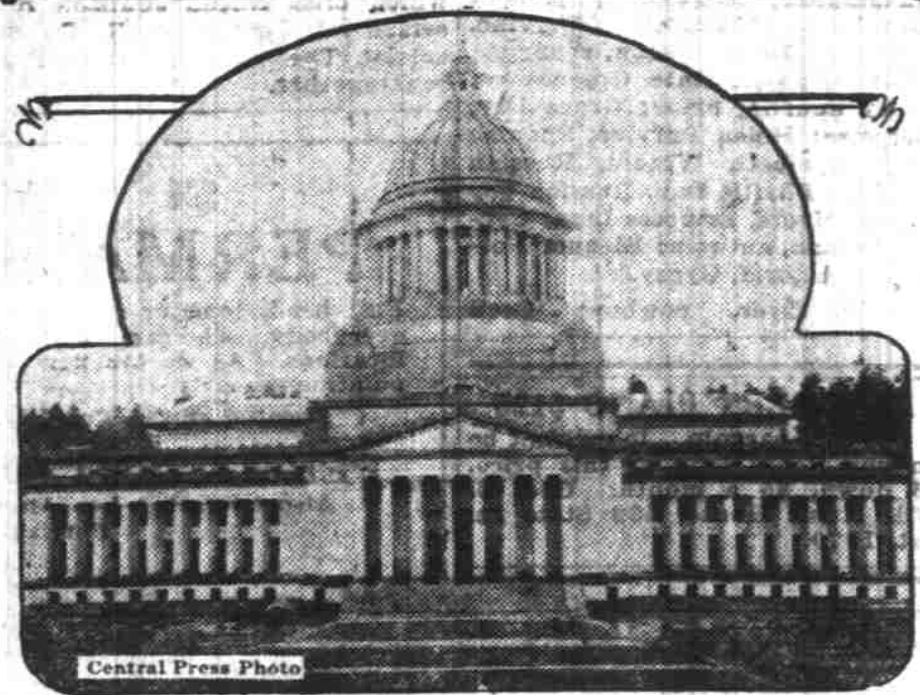
The only playground that Tony knew was the pavement in front of the tenement house, or the little narrow court in the rear. But that was always so crowded with rubbish and broken bits of furniture that there was little room to play. The pavement was also narrow, and the street not very clean.

Sometimes on a hot day he would play on the fire-escape that ran along the back of his home, past the window of the room that did double duty of kitchen and bedroom for the boys of the family.

Tony's world was rather small, that is he did not know much beyond a few short blocks. Up to the time he was old enough to go to school he had not been more than a half dozen blocks from his home. Whichever way he looked there were tall wooden buildings fronting on narrow streets, all very much alike and filled with large families in small rooms.

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## STATE'S NEW CAPITOL READY



Washington's New State Capitol Completed  
(Exclusive Central Press Dispatch)

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 12.—The state of Washington is preparing to celebrate the 38th anniversary of its admission to the union, February 22, with the dedication of a new \$6,000,000 marble-domed capitol building here.

The new structure was completed just as the state's 20th legislature went into session, prepared for a stormy battle with the program of Gov. Roland H. Hartley, against whom a state-wide recall campaign has been in progress.

Bitter fights have raged over the interior decorating and furnishing of the new structure, Governor Hartley protesting vigorously against such items as \$50 cuspidors and \$97 coat racks—consisting of a short board with four ordinary coat hooks—for state senator's rooms. Hartley lost his fight for economy, being overruled by the two other members

## GROWTH OF SQUASH TENNIS REMARKABLE

Its Cheapness, Variety and Speed Appeal to Average Business-Man

The real reason for the extraordinary growth and ever increasing popularity of squash tennis in the larger cities, says John R. Tunis in the February issue of "The Sportsman," is that it fits in so perfectly with the tempo of life in 1927.

Mr. Tunis holds that "this subtle game with its mobile variety, its dazingly quick changes and exchanges dovetails perfectly with the external life in the great cities in the United States.

"Its cheapness, its variety and speed, its accessibility, its competitiveness, its opportunity for exercise and concentrated exercise—these are just a few of the qualities that endear squash tennis to the business man.

"With the development of the round-the-court game, that is, letting the ball carom from five walls before hitting it, which has been the means of expression of all the great players, there has been evolved a variety of shots which can perhaps be equaled only in such games as billiards.

"Sheer speed has never won at squash tennis. Position play, a knowledge of court angles, footwork, and the ability to move quickly and anticipate shots are of far more value than speed, as the final results have shown on more than one occasion.

"You have shots that are impossible in any other game. It is three strokes which make the niceties of position play of such vast importance in squash tennis, and it is this wide scope of shots from all sorts of angles and all sorts of positions upon the court which makes it such a delightful mental as well as physical struggle.

This explains why so many men, who during summer play nothing but a little golf, pursue squash tennis with such keenness and devotion during the winter.

According to Mr. Tunis the game originated late in the last century when two Bostonians, prevented from playing tennis by rain, retired to an empty barn. Later they played the game in New York in a fencing room and the idea immediately caught the fancy of such prominent New York tennis players as Harold Hackett and F. B. Alexander.

Although told at the age of 18 by a doctor that she had only one lung, Mrs. Mary Garner of Congers, England, celebrated her 100th birthday anniversary in good health.

The Panama Canal Zone soon will have a distinctive series of postage stamps. Heretofore U. S. stamps and post cards surcharged with the words "Canal Zone" have been used.

## MORSE KNEW SOME PANGS OF POVERTY

He Exhibited the First Telegraph Just 89 Years Ago Last Monday

Note: Dr. W. B. Morse, well known physician of Salem, and head of the Oregon state medical association, is a distant relative of Morse the inventor of the telegraph.—Ed.)

Just eighty-nine years ago Monday, January 24, Prof. Samuel F. B. Morse, an impetuous portrait painter and lecturer at New York university, gave the first public exhibition of the Morse magnetic telegraph which was to revolutionize communication throughout the world and contribute as much to the social, political and economic advancement of the United States as any other single factor.

The exhibition was before an assemblage of specially invited guests in the geological cabinet of New York university, Washington square, New York City. It had been arranged that the gentlemen present should prepare dispatches for transmission which should be translated by some one having no previous knowledge of their contents.

The experiment was a complete success. The messages were transmitted over the somewhat crude apparatus made by Prof. Morse with the cooperation of Mr. Alfred Vail and his father, Judge Stephen Vail. To the admiration and wonderment of the assembled company, the messages were recorded without difficulty and translated from the Morse code with the utmost facility. One message, addressed to the universe and directing it to "wheel round by kingdoms," caused much laughter and astonishment.

Professor Morse took part in this public demonstration of his telegraph with the fullest confidence, despite the fact that nearly six years had elapsed since he first conceived the idea of the magnetic telegraph while on board the packet ship Sally enroute from Havre to New York. Notwithstanding the variety of experiments Morse had conducted, the principles of the telegraph as embodied in the instruments used in the Washington square demonstration, were precisely the same as those originally conceived by him, and even the instruments were essentially the same as those sketched by the inventor in his notebook during the ocean voyage.

Still more interesting is the fact that from the nucleus of this apparatus, demonstrated publicly for the first time exactly 89 years ago, has grown the gigantic electro-magnetic telegraph system of today, embracing 6,549,556 miles of wire throughout the world, and connecting virtually every center of population of apparatus, the

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## Man Treasures Apology From Abraham Lincoln

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP)—Seventy years ago Abraham Lincoln accused a 9 year old boy of stealing eggs, or a week the false charges rankled in the heart of Jonathan Goodwin Crouch. Then he was called to the office of the struggling lawyer who was later to become the Great Emancipator to receive an apology.

Now Crouch, who lives here and at 84 is hale and hearty, cherishes the incident in his heart. He considers he is the only person living to whom "Honest Abe" made a personal apology.

It happened in 1852. Crouch had gone with his father to Springfield, Ill., to sell farm products. He strayed from his father's wagon to explore a barn. As he emerged, Lincoln drove up in a light buggy, called the boy to him and quickly searched his clothing, explaining someone had been taking his eggs.

A week later word came to the Crouch farm Lincoln wanted to see Johnny at his office. Johnny went and the lawyer, offering him his hand said, "I am sorry I accused you of stealing eggs. I want you to forgive me."

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## BETTER ENGLISH SOUGHT IN DRIVE

Improved American Speech Week Sponsored by Women's Club Society

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(Special.)—In an effort to arouse children and grownups to a greater appreciation of the beauty and strength of the English language, Better American Speech week has been inaugurated by the General Federation of Women's clubs, and February 20-26 is the week proclaimed for 1927.

"The common language heard upon the street or even in the homes where there are young people is a fearful and wonderful thing," said Mrs. Katherine Knowles Robbins of Chicago, chairman of the Better American Speech committee of the general federation. "Although our language will probably never be brought back to the fine dignity of the King James Bible and the works of Shakespeare, we may, however, come back to at least a respectful handling of our mother's tongue and the great interest among laymen and educators as shown in lectures, magazines and newspapers supplementing the work of the general federation, is most encouraging.

"Vocabulary study is one of the latest and most fascinating developments in language work and it has been found to assist materially in eradicating the use of slang. One learns to feel a pride in the number of words in good standing that are at his command, for language and diction can be as great an asset as fine clothes or automobiles.

"We have silent reading, in school and 'silent drama' out of school in the ever present and absorbing movies. What is going to counteract the undermining influence of the bad and often vulgar English of the newspaper 'funnies'? And what shall we say about the cheap sentiment and bad grammar of the popular songs with which our homes are flooded?"

All women's clubs, schools, churches and other organizations interested in better American speech are asked to plan some suitable observance of the week by the organization of study classes of different kinds by the preparation of programs that will arouse the interest of whole communities, by poster contests, plays, lectures and radio talks.

The following better American speech pledge for children is suggested for use at the opening exercises of school during Better American Speech week:

"I love the United States of America.  
"I love my country's flag.  
"I love my country's language.  
"I promise:  
"1.—That I will not dishonor

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## Friendship Links Dog, Water Snake

Harry R. Brown with his friendly pets, a terrier and a water moccasin

PEORIA, Ill., Feb. 12.—The story of one of the strangest friendships in the world of dumb animals is told by Harry R. Brown, Peoria retail coal dealer, whose two pets are a five-foot water moccasin and a terrier. And it's a friendship that's been tested, too.

Three years ago, the Illinois river floods caused the moccasin to leave the river bank and glide to the back steps of Brown's residence. Brown heard "Fanny," his pet terrier, barking viciously and running out in the back yard saw the coiled moccasin and "Fanny" facing each other, cold enmity glittering in the reptile's eye and a combination of hate and curiosity in that of the other.

Brown, amused, tossed the reptile several bits of bread. He stayed. Brown named him "Mike," and soon the strange wanderer became a pet. Brown lost his fear, although believing "Mike" "brand" of snake poisonous.

But "Fanny" could not be reconciled. She was jealous, "Mike" undisturbed, found an old barrel under the back porch and established quarters. The opposition remained in her dog house.

With the first "hippy" morning, however, Brown, who was pottering in his yard and peering into the dog house, found "Mike" peacefully curled up inside "Fanny" was dozing near-by. The war was over, Brown was convinced, and thereafter, hisses and barks were out of order.

The bond of friendship was solidly cemented when a huge Alredale ran into the yard. "Mike" was sunning himself on the back steps and was caught off guard. The intruder grabbed the snake in his teeth, shaking the writhing pet furiously.

Brown, hearing the growling, ran from the barn in time to see "Fanny" bolt out of her dog house and sink her jaws into the flank of the enemy. It was an easy victory. The Alredale, howling, dropped "Mike" and fled.

Now according to Brown, who is now in the hospital, Mike and Fanny are still together. Mike is a venomous hiss and a strike like lightning is the invariable greeting. The invading party usually figures that bones are plentiful elsewhere.

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## RECOLLECTIONS OF EARLY SALEM DAYS

Old Timer Gives Many Facts That Are of Much Interest to Our People

(The following interview in the Portland Journal of February 8th, by Fred Lockley, in his famous department in that paper, contains an array of historical facts that are of much interest to Salem people.)

Leonard C. Smith of No. 375 Michigan avenue is a native son of Oregon, having been born near Dayton on August 8, 1863.

"My parents came to Oregon the year before I arrived in Oregon," said Mr. Smith. "My father, Jacob D. Smith, was born in Ohio in 1811. He was an expert mechanic. My mother, whose maiden name was Sarah Griswold, was born in New York City. When I was 3 years old we moved from our farm to Salem. Father bought the Mansion house, at that time the leading hotel at Salem. It was located on the corner of State and Liberty streets and was a two-story hotel. We moved to Salem in the early spring of 1862. Just before, Salem had been visited with a destructive flood. The water was about at its highest early in December, 1861. That winter was a queer winter, for it was not only the winter of the big flood, when the river was so high boats could come and go over the falls at Oregon City, as the high water had wiped out the falls, leaving only a ripple to show where the falls should be, but it was also the winter of the big freeze and heavy snows.

"I started to school at Salem in the spring of 1862. When I was about 13 I started to school to the Willamette university. When I started to the university we were living on our 20-acre farm midway between Salem and the fair grounds. There is a brick and tile yard on our old place now."

At Historic Play in the spring of 1864, my father started to add a third story to our hotel, the Mansion house. A stage driver, who drove between Salem and Albany, had a room at our hotel. He started for Albany with the four-horse stage each night at 6, drove to Albany, and drove the northbound stage back to Salem, reaching Salem at 8 a. m. One Saturday it was July 23, 1864—this stage driver went to bed, and after rolling in he lit a cigar. I think he had been drinking some. In any event, he went to sleep and the bedclothes took fire from his cigar. He jumped up and ran downstairs. If he had thrown a pitcher of water on his bed he could have put out the fire, but he got rattled, and by the time he had located my father

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## ALL WOMEN MUST BE IN HERE BY 10 O'CLOCK IN EVENING

HASTINGS, Sussex (AP)—Magistrates in this little seaside town near where the Norman conquered King Harold in 1066, say that all women should be in their homes by 10 o'clock at night.

They were asked by a saloon keeper, who wished to give a party to his women customers, for permission to keep his premises open after ten o'clock, the usual closing time. His application was refused on the ground that all women should be in their homes at that time.

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## DUCHESS PREFERS CARRIAGE AND PAIR

Rides in Motor Cars; but Favors Prancing Steed and Iron Tired Vehicles

Nothing but a "carriage and pair" of the style popular in the days of Queen Victoria has any interest whatever for the Duchess of Buckingham and Chandos who spurns the automobile.

She has ridden in motor cars, with some of her friends, but "never again," she always says, as she prefers the prancing steed and the old fashioned four wheeled vehicle with tires of iron which rattle over the pavement when the paces comes along.

The Duchess, who was a personal friend of the late Emperor and Empress of Russia, often visiting them in old St. Petersburg, is the only member of the aristocracy who still clings to the carriage and pair which rolls up in front of her Cadogan Square residence every morning at half past ten to take the owner for a ride through the parks.

The Duchess, formerly a great traveler, still devotes part of each afternoon to writing and painting. She is known as the "versatile peeress" because of her interest and enthusiasm in charity work as well as her own affairs. The Duchess' best known books are "Glimpses of Four Continents," "Letters from Egypt," "Whilly Wind and Jock and the Cheeses," and "War-time Ditties."

The dukedom of Buckingham and Chandos became extinct on the death of the last duke in 1889.

## Clerk's Office Compels Visitors to Wear Hats

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—All visitors to the office of the clerk of the civil courts of Philadelphia County are required to wear hats, regardless of their business or sex.

Clerks not only refuse to serve any bareheaded man or woman, but request them to get their hats. Before this rule was effective outsiders frequently approached visitors seeking information and charged them a fee for searching through the files. To prevent this the bare head was made a badge of office.

## BAPTISTS NEEDING CHURCH BUILDING

Phenomenal Growth in Members Shown During Period of Three Years

By LANE MORLEY  
The First Baptist Church of Salem now has a membership of 922, a gain of 398 in a period of three years. After deducting 151 for loss by death, by letter or erasure there is still a net gain of 247, a record in the history of the church.

The church is confronted with a serious handicap in the way of providing class-room accommodations. At the present time several classes are compelled to hold their meetings in the basement, where the ventilation and lighting system is very unsatisfactory. The Brotherhood, a men's organization of the church, and one of the largest bodies of men in the city of a like order, are compelled to hold their business meetings and banquets in the basement, with no modern conveniences, in the dining room or kitchen, poor ventilation, low ceilings and a very poor grade of furniture.

The Young Married people's class on account of a lack of accommodation in the church building of Sunday school room, were compelled to build a garage some two years ago for a temporary classroom. This class has grown by leaps and bounds under the able leadership of the present teacher. Now the class is confronted with the proposition of providing additional housing space as the building is overcrowded.

Realizing the many handicaps in the general church work on account of the conditions above

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## STANDARD SIZED COURTS PREDICTED

Basketball Floors to Be of One Size in Few Years, Says Coleman

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Ore.—(Special.)—Basketball courts will be standardized within a few years among colleges in the Pacific coast conference, because of disadvantages of varying sizes of courts, believes Ralph O. Coleman, director of inamural athletics.

Several gymnasiums providing for standard size basketball floors are under construction on the coast. University of Idaho has plans drawn for a gymnasium with standard size court. Washington State College is also building with regulation court in view.

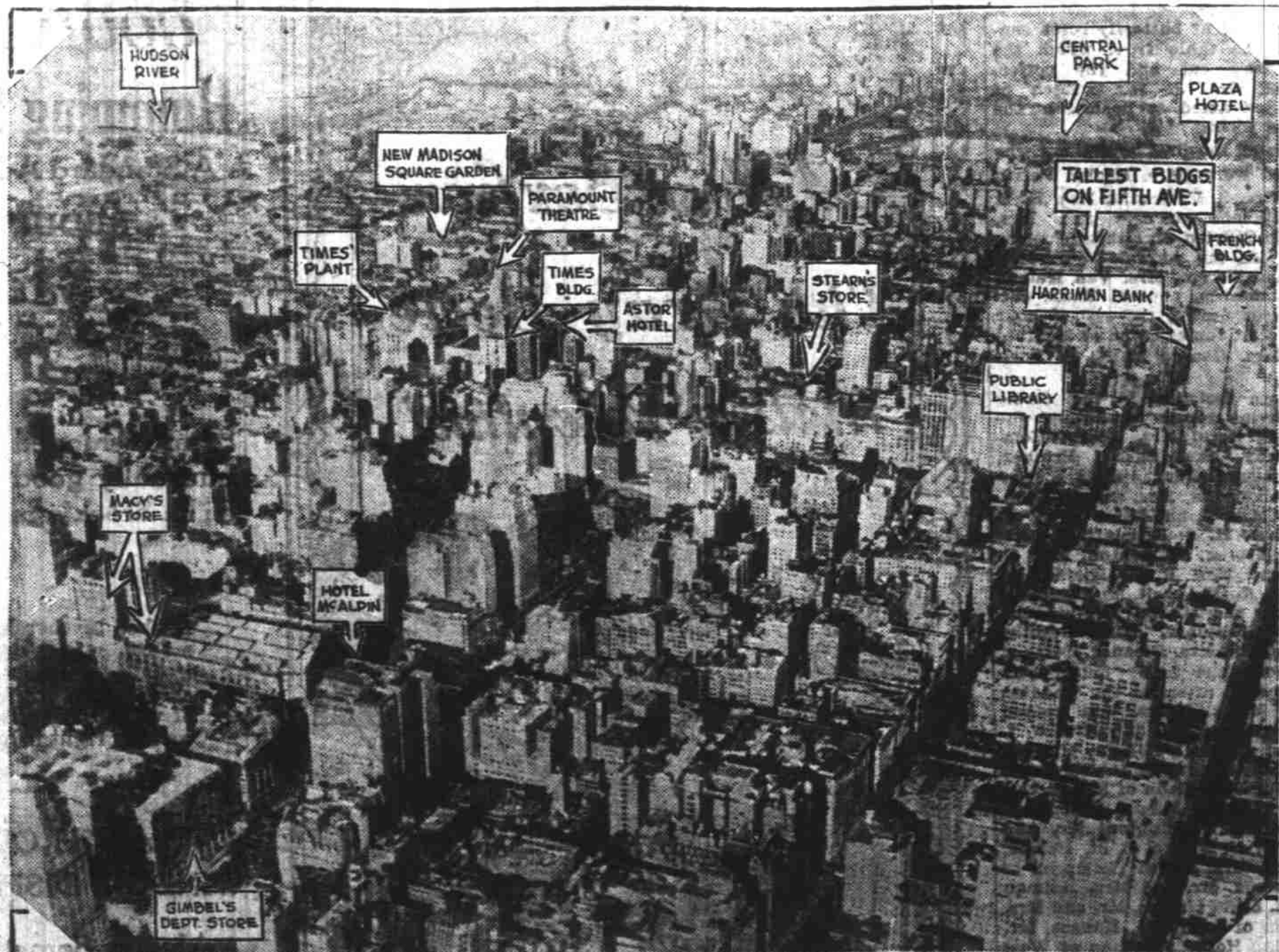
Montana's floor is one of the best in the conference being well lighted and of standard size. The OAC and Montana floors are much the same.

"Large pavilions will be in style if interest in basketball keeps growing because of seating capacity for spectators," says Coleman. "At present it seems that University of Oregon is setting the pace in pavilion building.

"Standardized floors will affect team play a great deal. A team used to playing on a large court is handicapped when playing on a small court and vice versa. A small court like the one at Idaho is hard to officiate on because of increased chances for personal contact.

"The largest floor in the conference is 91 feet long and 54 feet wide. If floors get to be much larger, officials will have to use roller skates to follow the plays," said Coach Coleman.

## REMARKABLE AIRPLANE VIEW OF A MAGIC CITY—GOTHAM



In no other region in the world are there so many tall and costly buildings congregated as in the mid-town or Forty-second street district of New York. This view, made by the Airmap Corporation of a record, shows rows and rows of new structures, the majority of which have the set-back style of architecture, providing light and air to the crowded streets.