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Raspberries: better condition than year ago; blackcaps below last year.

For the United States the pear crop is estimated as the ter that accident Jimmy blew a same as the 5-year average. Peach crop about half of last bubble every time he sneezed. year.

There promises to be an abundance of food grown this year. On the whole conditions outside the southwest winter wheat belt appear normal. Plenty is produced; the problem is to get it into consumption at reasonable profit to the grower and handler.

## **Clowns in Politics**

THE Portland Spectator puts its fi ger on one of the ills of democracy: the delight of the public at the antics thing in the blood, transmitted of the clown. Responsible offices are often filled with jacksin-the-box who bob up to tickle the ears of the groundlings. Bill Murray, while by no means unintelligent, won his office by his hitch-hiking methods of campaigning. Victor Meyers, Seattle orchestra leader, made an amazing race for mayor of Seattle, and the one who was elected was little less a poseur. And Jimmy Walker, debonair, nimble-witted, is the toast of the sidewalks of New York in spite of his official derelictions. The Spectator sums the matter up well when it says:

Mayor James John Walker of New York may be a rogue, a grafter, a conniving politician, or just a song writer of Tin Pan Alley, as have been alleged or intimated at various times; but the people of Manhattan appear to be satisfied as long as he is a clown. Therein lies one of the great perils of our brave democratic ideal. Clowning gets more popular support and sympathetic attention than does quiet good sense and integrity.

"It is not hard to find the cause of this unfortunate condition. The public lack of appreciation for scholarly attainments and serious thinking is at the root of it. Men who think gravely are not apt to be dramatic, but they will form opinions upon certain subjects. These opinions may differ with those held by others. It is a welcome difference, swinging in the balance of fine judgment; but the idle followers of clown and song writers will have none of them. Their public clowns never have opinions and are consequently never wrong. This is a national evil, not confined to New York, and it is the duty of our citizenry to correct it for their own good."

Willamette university closes another successful year. It has day", in last Sunday's Statesman, steel and the flash of flame." hgen a year of trials for students many of whom have subsisied on meagre fare that they might get an education. Strength is forged in prophesy-and the people are boy! . I took the magazine with these fires of adversity however; and the diplomas now awarded the seniors will have greater value because of the consciousness of the for an answer to the question ing more of Warden's stories, I sacrifice made to gain the coveted parchment.

Late reports from the Jackson county feud sector give libel suits burden-why not let it be of such as the sequence of primary election venom. Kkk-ism left a heritage a nature that it will cause the of bitterness in the valley of the Rogue. Now the factions seem to birds of ill omen to flutter, even be battling with even their shirttails off.

The Medford Mail-Tribune thinks the country would be better off if congress and the stock exchange would both shut. Caging the couragement we are already enbulls and the bears, in other words,

The Eugene Register-Guard says some of the U. of O. profs are joining up with a floating university. But it wasn't referring to consolidation.

A congressman said Calvin Coolidge would come out "wet" in the July Cosmopolitan. He was wrong; Calvin says he is "still" dry. Right, mighty "still".

The ability of Judge Hill as a

lawyer and as a judge, his

unquestioned integrity and the

loss to the bench and bar through

his death were stressed in the



W. Lair Thompson of Portland town: Memorial services for the late spoke in behalf of the Multnomah Judge Gale S. Hill were held County Bar assciation. A. K. Mc-Saturday morning in department Mahan of Albany and M. D. two of circuit court at Albany, Shanks of Lebanon addressed the with my laughter." many lawyers from the Linn, court as representatives of the Marion and Multnomah county Linn County Bar association, bar associations attending as well

1876 when Jimmy fell into the soft soap barrel. For a week aft-

> Teller Weaver, over at the First National, incidentally declares himself as being in a state of puzzlement as to the reason for something like a mania which affects fishermen when they return from a fishing trip-a mania for the telling of fish stories.

Outings of other natures do not affect people so. Mr. Weaver thinks it may be due to somepossibly through hook-scratched fingers. More likely it results, I think, from the inhalation of fishfumes.

Each of us must at times solve his own problems. Ezra Erts, back in the Turkey river country, was dear. I crave to shoot a truckfishing one day from a boat. The driver." boat, a homemade one and not particularly well homemade, eith-

loaned Ed 35 cents.

running, anyway."

By chance I picked up a magaer, tipped over and floated down zine at a news depot a day or stream out of reach. Ezra called for help. His cries were heard and two ago, and also by chance I opened it at a story by Clyde A. there was much running to and Warden, who lives in Salem, fro along the bank, but that was all. "So," said Ezra in tellling the somewhere out on the south side. story afterwards, "I had to save where he writes a heap of westmyself. And I swum ashore with ern fiction, for which he finds a all my pockets and my rubber ready market. This particular boots full of water. I was pretty story, I noted, was 40-odd magasure I couldn't do it, but I did. I zine pages long-a sort of young ain't layin' anything up against novel. Smiling at myself in what the fellers. None of them was in I suppose was a superior way. I danger of drownin' and I was, read a few pages. "With a smooth and they showed a real helpful flowing motion, he brought a gun spirit, even if they didn't do any- into his hand. He tipped it up and even before it seemed to clear the thing.

holster flame leaped out from its The editorial under the capmuzzle. . . . . Too swift for any tion "The Depression Ended Fri- eye to follow . . . . A blur of blue suited me first rate. If one is to Such was the hero in action. O hungering for prophecy, thirsting me. I read the story. I'll be readwhich has remained unanswered reckon.

D. H. TALMADGE

for so long that it has become a Our leading optimists are still optimistic, but they seem a bit more thoughtful than they seem- to put in-repeal. The present though they do not immediately ed a while back. fly away? Certain it is that more

discouragement added to the dis-Miss Garbo, so the newspapers report, had a million dollars on tertaining will not add to the deposit in the bank at Beverly Hills, Calif., that closed its doors pleasure of the party. a few days ago. Floyd Gibbons, There are tongues that are peralso according to the newspapers, suasive and there are tongues receives \$1750 every time he fathat are not. Ed Cutty is a broker over in the Idaho country. I am informed by letter that a bum dropped in at Ed's office the other day and asked for two-bits to quarter, and the president has to instill ready-made opinions in-stave off an attack of starvation signed the bill creating a new rev- to his head."-Sir Leslie Stehe felt coming on. Ed argued the enue law due to raise one billion phen. matter with him, and before the u m p t yump-tump-tumpetty-ump dollars, however many dollars bum was able to escape he had that may be, and life continues to Mrs. Stanbrough is be just one sweet song as here-A cluster of colloquial gems addresses deligered at the meet- gathered here and there in the these days is somewhat bewildertofore. The news in the papers course of a short stroll about ing to the individual who finds difficulty in rising to an under-"Well, the office clock is still standing sense of any sum great-

> "Something has gone wrong dollars. "Who is this Mussolini person

I hear folks talking about. Why and Judge Harry H. Belt repre- do they call him the ace?" (They future be proven to have been all

000 ties. If these can be floated successfully to West Stayton, a big contract of 1500,000 ties will be forthcoming."

The members of the state railway commission were in Portland yesterday holding a conference with railway officials and stockmen and conducting an investigation relative to the condition of stock shipping.

college of music will be presented to Marguerite Bowers, plano, Mernie A. Hug, voice, and Freda Ethel McPeck, piano, at the 36th annual commencement exercises at the First Methodist church tonight.

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E. A. Rhoten, Curtis B. Cross and H. L. Clark are the nominees for the school board position to be filled at the June 19 election. Many citizens, believing that the closing time for filing of nominations was a week later, failed to

printed on the ballot.

New

Statesman reporters.

to the wet side."

migration bureau. Marion and Polk counties have been the scene of two raids in which 13 of the Orientals were taken.

everlasting parties?"

Diplomas from the Willamette

get their candidates names to be

Views

What kind of a plank do you

predict the Republican party will

adopt on prohibition?" This was

the question asked yesterday by

A. C. Bohrnstedt, real estate

agent: "I hardly know. I don't

look for them to go very much

During the past five weeks 30 Japanese coolies, smuggled into this country through various avenues, have been captured by R. P. Bonham, chief of the Oregon im-

wire. . . . You don't suppose this their strings and brass. In the "How much do you know about could be another of Dougherty's ef- warm air drifted the smells of wo- my investigation?" pouted Doughforts to rope me in on one of his men-powder and perfume and per- erty. "We'll compare notes later. Ge spiration blending with tobacco

ahead!" As I looked at Thatcher Colt, tall, smoke. "Anyway, I don't have to tell you

As we hesitated, the lumpy figure slender, black-haired, Miami-tanned, I felt a twinge of sympathy. True, of Merle K. Dougherty appeared, how many big jewel robberies have the Police Commissioner of New lumbering rapidly toward us. The been pulled off in the last few York was not a party man. But District Attorney was one of Colt's months. The total runs into stag-Manhattan's favorite bachelor had oldest and most unreasonable gering figures. The insurance comnot always been bored by social friends-a stout and noisy but com- panies are on my neck-and yours. frivolities. His monastic life began petent man, with dangling jowls, a The thieves force their way into only after the fickle lady of his mop of red curls, and protruding houses and apartments disguised fancy ran off with a contract cham- blue eyes that always seemed in- as delivery men, mechanics - all sorts of ruses. Now, Thatcher, those pion. Since then Thatcher Colt had dignant and alarmed. jewel thieves are certainly in calost interest in his old world of "Thatcher, I know how you dishoots with somebody higher upgalety and fashion. Born to money like all this," apologized Dougherty, and social position, he put aside all panting as he shook hands, "but to- somebody who hob-nobs with the distractions when he accepted the night, old man, you've got to trust swells and plans the jobs!"

"Have you found a-clue to this mysterious personality?"

er. With an eagerness that was 'iks Through narrow twisting lanes Thatcher Colt's expression was an obsession, he plunged into the of skylarking show-folk the Disamiable and interested; not by a Department work and of the 19,000 trict Attorney led us with confident policemen he commanded, Thatcher tread. As he had bos-ted, his table flicker of an eyelid did he betray Colt was the best all-around ath- was on the edge of the dance floor, that the Headquarters jewel squad lets, the hardest worker, the most We sat down. Colt's grave eyes tak- had been searching for the brains ing in the scene with one swift and of the gem thieves for many exinvincible crook-hunter. "Let's find the District Attorney lustrous glance. It was a jovial as- citing weeks, and were now ready

now-and remember, Tony, I don't semblage, and the excitement was to ask for the indictment of a palpably rising with the approach downtown insurance broker and want to stay long."

BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS-

(Continuing from yesterday:) ably the idea of navigating a

Neither of us dreamed how brief of the midnight hour. "Well, Dougherty ?" our stay was to be, as we briskly descended the staircase at our right. A flight of red-carpeted steps led there was an over-tone of skeptical down under the pavement level of challenge.

appointment as Police Commission- me. This way!"

"Well, Thatcher," grinned Dough-In the Commissioner's question erty, "I think I have found the higher-up."

seven fellow-conspirators.

(To Be Continued Tomorrow) Copyright 1931, by Covici-Friede, Inc. Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc. the fashionable East Side. From be- "I'll come right to the point

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road, the trade of Scottsburg with

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Swan of Captain Hahn) were en-

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That is how the matter appear-

"Since the coming of the rail-

road rights of way and track facilities, with fast and frequent train service, in the new field being opened by the German railroad systems. Many new things will be seen. It will transpire that the river, or, rather, it does not American railroad rights of way and franchises alone will be appear that they have tried. Probworth more than the present total The community had not by this stream that fails on an average value of all their vast holdings time recovered from the pleasant of three feet in each mile is suffioutside of these. And, likely, air sight of seeing a steamer floating cient to deter every experienced navigation in many particulars will be made cheaper and more advantageous than any other.

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But, even so, and admitting all these things, and many more, certain to come to pass-still the writer for Walling in 1884 was not a good prophet. Within the present imagination of man, no "The steamers of the Merchants means of transportation, for low cost, will ever transcend water borne transportation.

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gaged on the lower river, between Scottsburg and Gardiner, and Thus, the dreams of Roseburg's dreamers in the seventies will come true. The Umpqua will be cleared of its obstructions to nav-STEAM COMMUNICATION with Captain Hahn, the veteran navi- igation. Canalizing of the stream the coast for seven months of gator, the Columbus of the Ump- will at the same time make it qua, removed from the scene of navigable and render it safe from his triumphs and perils, and destructive floods, while renderwithdrew to California. The rail- ing it and its tributaries the sourroad projected from Roseburg to ces of major and minor irrigation Coos bay will finally remove all projects that will bring into argued manfully in the rainy sea- necessity for navigation of the fruitful use all the idle and slackor acres in its vast water shed.

Then there will be a possible ed to the writer in Walling's His- wharf and warehouse on both were their topic, until the advent tory in 1884. The, prospective sides of the Umpqua every few rallroad from Roseburg to Coos hundred feet, from where it minbay did not materialize, but what gles its waters with the salt amounted to practically the same waves of the Pacific up to Rose-"The appropriation becoming thing happened July 26, 1916, burg, and to Canyonville-for, the accommodation of water expend it became an important ed its line to Marshfield from Eu- borne freight and passengers to one for the whole county. Con- gene-the same thing for the every deep sea port of the world, tracts were let for removing the purpose of this discussion, or ra- with a small charge for tonnage

sure." Daily Thought "The only way in which one vors the country with a radio human being can properly atbroadcast. And at this writing tempt to influence another is the strawberries are being offered in encouraging him to think for the markets at nine boxes for a himself, instead of endeavoring GRAIN!'

**Hostess For Baptists** 

C. Stanbrough, assisted by her er than nine or nine and a half daughters, Mrs. Les Peyton and Miss Helen Stanbrough, enter-

Take a think. Matters that to-day seem all wrong may in the Mrs. F. R. Bowersox led the de-

tained Thursday for the Mission-

road.

of the Oregon & California rail-5 5 S available, the question of how to when the Southern Pacific open-

"Aided by the reports of the the interior has almost ceased, government engineers and the ac- and the demand for river traffic R. P. Boise, loans and insurance: "I know what they ought tion of the state legislature, an has ceased with it. appropriation was secured, conscheme isn't working, that's

gress giving the sum of \$22,600 for the purpose of removing ob- and Farmers'- Navigation comstructions to navigation. This pany (they had purchased the took place in March, 1871. \$ \$ \$ "In the same month the Plaindealer said: 'We are confident after a time the Enterprise' was

that ere two years have elapsed taken around to Coos bay for Roseburg will have DAILY service on that body of water. the year. FARMERS, PLANT

Navigating the Umpqua:

'boom' had been built up.

\$ \$ \$

burg, and on that event quite a

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in the South Umpqua at Rose- navigator.

\$ \$ \$ "It is noticeable that for two

or three years the newspapers

son in favor of steamboats on the Umpqua."

Umpqua, In summer, with the diminished floods, their thoughts took another turn-and railroads

MONMOUTH, June 11 - Mrs.

