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MR. BANKS WRITES A BOOK

Llewellyn A. Banks, convicted of murder in the second degree and awaiting sentence in Lane county prison, has written a book. This was better employment than brooding darkly. It lifted the mind of the prisoner out of the abyss, and though in all likelihood the volume is not a contribution to letters its preparation was important to the well-being of the author. And to his credit it should be said that the book does not treat of his own troubles.

Yet the obsession which drove Banks the editor to murder, until he becomes Banks the criminal, is evident in the brief review of this work that thus far has been afforded us. From his cell, as he did in the sunlight when he was free, Banks believes he perceives the world to be decadent and doomed. The messianic delusion persists, we may safely assume. And how the author reconciles his own disregard for authority and order, which culminated in the worst of crimes, with his opinion that he alone knows what is amiss with humanity, does not appear. These zealots that deal in confused and pathetic generalities, assailing things as they are on the theory that whatever is, is wrong, do not regard themselves as under least obligation to be logical. For illogic to them is logic of the first water, lucent, irrefutable. Thus Banks in his book, as in his sad life.

The book is called "Weighed in the Balance," meaning of course that our civilization has been weighed and found wanting. Poor fatuous scribbler. There is much amiss with the world, and a deal that might easily be righter, but it wasn't the world that was weighed and found wanting. It was the zealot who, without sufficient intelligence, or the requisite information, convinced himself that he was a man with a mission, and drummed up a following of unwisdom, and pursued his conceit to an end bitter as gall and wormwood. Words were the undoing of Llewellyn A. Banks. The orotund, ponderous sound of them.—Oregonian.

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Ancient History FROM OUR FILES 26 Years Ago

From the Gold Hill News of August 9, 1907.

Messrs. Walker and Elmherst, of the new automobile garage at Medford were in town Monday. They made the run from Medford to Gold Hill in 43 minutes. The machine they used was a Ford four cylinder run-about.

The shower of the past two days is not apt to produce any great shortage of crop in Oregon.

Attorney Joseph Hammersley left for Portland last night where he will hold a conference with Governor Chamberlain regarding the fish question of Rogue River.

Chicken thieves have been operating in Gold Hill this week and a number of complaints have been made. The guilty parties had better look out as the next losses that occur in this line will result in the arrest of certain parties.

Nolan Hammersley is getting to be the center of attraction in the accident line in Gold Hill. Last week he was mixed up in the runaway of W. A. Carter's horse, and fortunately escaped injury, and on Sunday of this week, he was the victim of another accident in which he did not escape so fortunately. He was playing in a tree near his home and in some way lost his footing, and fell to the ground, a distance of about 25 feet, cutting a long gash in the back of his head, in which Dr. Chisholm was compelled to take two stitches.

Citizens of Southern Oregon are becoming more wrought up over the fishing conditions in Josephine county, daily. The people of Gold Hill are planning a meeting between themselves and Governor Chamberlain if the condition is not changed. This affair gets more interesting every day and before it is over there will be certainly something doing.

Oregon and Washington 1932 Lumber Cut Nearly Four Billion Feet

The lumber production of Oregon and Washington in 1932 amounted to 3,867,826,000 feet according to the preliminary report of a recently completed canvass of the industry by the Pacific Northwest Forest Experiment Station, Portland Oregon. This was 41 per cent below the 1931 production, 58 per cent below that of 1930, and 68 per cent below that

in 1929. Of the 1932 cut, Washington produced 2,260,892,000 feet and Oregon, 1,606,934,000 feet. Douglas fir constituted 72 per cent, ponderosa pine, 12 per cent, and western hemlock 5 per cent of the production. Multnomah County reported the largest cut in Oregon, or 329,642,000 feet, and Pierce county the largest in Washington, or 353,164,000 feet. In 1929 both these counties reported a cut of over 900,000,000 feet. Only 634 mills of the 1,240 on record reported as operating at some time during the year.

100,000 C.C.C. Boys In Northwest Forests Are Making Good Record

More than 100,000 stump-and-shovel soldiers from civilian life have been in the army now for more than three months. They have been snatched from the streets of cities and the poolhalls of small towns, soft and discouraged. Many of them had never known the meaning of hard work.

This 100,000 has been marooned in the far forests, the deserts and the mountains of the unpampered northwest. They have been worked like mature men at every sort of strenuous labor. They have endured isolation and slender fellowship, immune from all amusement but that they furnish themselves.

Can they take it? Or are they troting home to mamma and ways of greater ease? Remember that there is nothing to prevent their leaving, most everybody has been asking this question. A definite answer comes this week from the CCC head-quarters at Vancouver barracks and from General Malin Craig, commander of the 9th corps area, embracing Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Alaska, California, Nevada and way points. Down to the last of July only 263 men out of the 100,000 in the 9th corps area have gone A. W. O. L. Most of them have been homesick. Some couldn't endure the isolation. Others wouldn't work. A few were afflicted with wanderlust. But only one-fourth of 1 per cent of the total walked home—a fine tribute to the fine quality of the men themselves and to the quality of the company commanders.

In the Vancouver barracks area definite figures are not available, but the estimate is only 20 actually "deserting" their camps. Deserting has no military meaning here, since the men are not under any sort of military discipline other than that they impose upon themselves. The total needed to bring the companies in this area up to their full strength this month was slightly more than 60, but most of this number received honorable discharges for any of several reasons. From the evidence, it must be concluded that "they can take it," these tough timber troopers.

Natural Bridge Now Located in Crater Park

Crater Lake National Park, Ore., Aug. 8, (Special)—A natural bridge or arch has been located within the park, adding to the many attractions greeting visitors. The arch is located on the slopes of Annie creek canyon near the summit of the canyon wall.

Although not easily accessible, it can be reached from the south entrance highway after some climbing. The arch, the result of centuries of erosion, is approximately 20 feet long and 15 feet high, and is being given careful study to clarify its geological significance.

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Oregon Boasts 45,000 Children In High School

Oregon has a high school population of approximately 45,000 attending the 272 standard high schools of the state, reports Superintendent of Public Instruction C. A. Howard, at Salem.

Nineteen schools with more than 500 students each, including those of Portland, enroll nearly half the total, 21,226. Students attending 12 high schools of between 300 and 500 number 4276; 26 schools of 100 to 300 enroll 4659; 82 union high schools 9338, and 133 high schools of less than a hundred 5421.

Lane has 24 standard high schools, most of any county of the state. Douglas is second with 18, while Jackson, Linn, Multnomah and Umatilla have 12 each.

Other counties are: Baker, 8; Benton, 7; Clackamas, 8; Clatsop, 6; Columbia, 6; Coos, 11; Crook, 1; Curry, 5; Deschutes, 4; Gilliam, 4; Grant, 7; Harney, 2; Hood River, 4; Jefferson, 2; Josephine, 6; Klamath, 8; Lake, 3; Lincoln, 9; Malheur, 3; Marion, 11; Morrow, 8; Polk, 10; Sherman, 5; Tillamook, 6; Union, 6; Wallowa, 5; Wasco, 7; Washington, 8; Wheeler, 2, and Yamhill, 10.

Jackson county has one high school with 830 attendance, one with 320, one with 115, and one aggregating 442.

UTILITIES COME UNDER CODE

The full cooperation of the gas and electric utility industry in the President's Emergency Reemployment Program was promised to National Recovery Administrator Hugh S. Johnson by a committee consisting of George B. Cortelyou, president of Edison Electric Institute, Floyd L. Carlisle, chairman of the Special Code committee of the institution, and Herman Russell, chairman of the Special Code committee of the American Gas association.

In view of the fact that the utilities are service industries in continuous operation day and night, some modifications of the President's Reemployment agreement were requested by General Johnson to bring in their code as soon as possible in order that the provisions covering these special conditions may be substituted for the provisions in the standard agreement, thereby, entitling the members of the industries to receive the Blue Eagle, upon execution of the modified agreement.

General Johnson stated his satisfaction with the expressed desire of these industries to cooperate one hundred per cent in the movement to increase mass purchasing power and spread employment.

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Hoover Goes Fishing In Rogue River

Ex-President Herbert C. Hoover went fishing Monday morning at the Frank D. Madison lodge on Rogue river, but he was unable to land any fish, a telephone conversation with Mr. Madison at noon revealed.

Mr. Madison, San Francisco sportsman who fishes the Rogue every year, said that Mr. Hoover who is traveling alone, by motor, was an overnight guest at his place and plans to return south to his home at Palo Alto Monday afternoon.

The ex-president was out fishing when Mr. Madison was called. Mr. Hoover's presence in the valley had been kept a secret.—Mail Tribune.

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