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New Yorkers receive 15 per cent of the total income of the United States.

Trotsky says, "Whereas England has most of her future behind her, the whole world is America's field."

Rhineland dairymen have discovered that music soothes the milk cow and induces her to increase her milk supply.

The government has remembered former President Woodrow Wilson by placing his picture on a new 17-cent stamp for use on parcels post packages.

The loss of life in India from snake bites, by the way, is appalling; no fewer than 16,777 deaths from this cause having occurred within a single year.

A man's pet vanity, the crease in his trouser leg, was introduced by King Edward VII of England. The present Prince of Wales is also a great arbiter of fashion.

The anthracite strike in Shamokin, Pennsylvania, meant nothing to a manufacturer of that city who immediately sank a shaft in his back yard, striking a hard coal vein which he worked.

A recent press dispatch from Bombay states that the professional thief class in India, by long practice, have developed pouches in their throats, where they are able to conceal small articles of jewelry, money, etc., for a week's time, disgorging at need.

Donation of \$2,500,000 to aid in the advancement of aeronautics and aviation in this country was announced this week by Daniel Guggenheim, banker, and mining man, who gave \$500,000 last year for the establishment of a school of aeronautics at New York university.

Solomon, in all his glory, would be a pale thing alongside the fashionably dressed woman this spring. Designers have robbed the rainbow of all its colors and combinations of colors to provide a riot of hues in the new spring gowns, samples of which are being shown in advance of the convention of the Associated Dress Industries at Chicago, says the Tribune.

The way the news about the discoveries at the tombs of ancient kings in Egypt is being dribbled out certainly sets a record. It takes two columns of fine type in copyrighted letters from Egypt to tell that "pyramid secrets are near revelation." The attempt to capitalize interest in these stories is certainly a long way overdue. If discovery of tombs made thousands of years ago is the latest news to be found today, the newspapers are certainly being worked for all they are worth in this "King Senefru" propaganda.

There are now more than 40 motor vehicles in use for every mile of hard surfaced road in the United States. There is no likelihood that highway transportation ever will be needed to supplement services of railroads in those fields where railroads are supremely fitted for the task of transportation. Railroads are now able to handle all the business offered them. They had last year the greatest loaded car movement in their history, exceeding by 1,000,000 cars the number handled in any previous year, says the Christian Science Monitor.

Judge Wolverton, in federal court at Portland Monday, upheld the validity of the state's gasoline tax law by which three cents is collected for every gallon sold in Oregon, for road purposes. The suit was brought by the Portland-Seaside Auto Freight Co. and other trucking lines, which claimed that the law was unconstitutional because it interfered with interstate traffic. The stage lines, which use the highways as much or more than do the freight lines, were not a party to the suit, nor were they in sympathy with it.

THE HORSE AND THE MAN

Alexander Phimister Proctor, the sculptor, has been attacked by certain horse fanciers of Oregon on the ground of placing an illy-shaped horse under the bronze statue of Theodore Roosevelt. This statue was located in a Portland park, through the generosity of Dr. Henry Waldo Coe.

Since the controversy has probably reached its height, it might interest the public to know a little more about this artist, so famous for his work in bronze; to know some of the reasons why his judgment is as good as that of Ex-Governor West and other local critics.

Mrs. Proctor is a Canadian by birth, and an artist by training and education. He is from the National Academy of Design and Art, and the Students' League of New York. He spent five years in Paris in the study of technique under Puech and Injalbert, and is a finished artist with many internationally recognized works to his credit. Every exposition since the World Columbian Exposition in Chicago has presented him with medals of the highest honors, and he has been elected a life member of the National Academy of design.

Among the interesting experiences of his life were the many years that he spent as a huntsman in the Rocky Mountains, under practically the same conditions surrounding the experiences of Theodore Roosevelt. This experience would make him competent to judge and reproduce in statuary both horse and man.

Roosevelt spent much of his young manhood in the cattle ranching business, on the upper waters of the Little Missouri River and this experience enabled him to write those inspiring books, "The Winning of the West" and the "Hunting Trips of a Ranchman."

Proctor obtained his intimate knowledge of horses, wild animals and Indians in the same way, and in approximately the same mountain district. It is not surprising then that his figures of Indians, wild animals and horses have received such wide and favorable recognition. It is probably because of the similarity of their experiences in these mountain districts, and because of Mr. Proctor's ability to reproduce wild animal life, that Theodore Roosevelt, while president of the United States, invited Proctor to the White House, and asked him to undertake the work of substituting buffalo heads for the old lion heads in the State dining room.

There is no other living artist so well equipped by experience and temperament, to judge the type of horse which the vigorous Roosevelt would select as his mount either for peace or for war. No sculptor or painter, even with the vivid experience of Proctor, would attempt the modeling of a cavalry horse without a living model of that type before him.

There is little doubt that Alexander Phimister Proctor is a great artist and sculptor, and if in this case he used a model that was slightly unusual in its proportions, or an animal that when checked, threw one hind foot further forward than would appear natural to the average horseman, he did so with a full knowledge of his subject, and with years of training and experience as a background. Alexander Phimister Proctor needs no defense. His reputation is too well established; but as a matter of simple justice his Oregon friends should know these facts.

Brian Lester.

BIGGEST 1925 NEWS STORIES

The two biggest newspaper stories of 1925, from a point of national interest, were those involving the entombment of Floyd Collins at Cave City, Ky., and the Scope evolution trial at Dayton, Tenn., according to selection of an advanced class in the school of journalism at the state university at Eugene.

The class of 20, as a regular assignment, was asked by the instructor, Ralph D. Casey, associate professor in journalism, to select the ten biggest newspaper stories of the past year. Tabulations of the selections showed 23 different stories were mentioned, while only two, the foregoing, were selected by every student.

The Floyd Collins story was declared to be the biggest story of the year by 15 students, while five believed the Scopes trial, with Bryan and Darrow as its principals, should have that honor.

Other stories of the year and the number of times they appeared in the 20 papers were:

Then Shenandoah crash and subsequent investigation, 19; Colonel William Mitchell's attack and Gunner Kasson's dog race to Nome carrying antitoxin for the stricken populace, both 18; the death of William Jennings Bryan and Amundsen's attempted dash to the north pole by air, both 16; the wreck of the PN-2 No. 1 off Hawaii, 15.

Next came the court trial between Kip Rhinelander and his wife, selected by 13 and the Locarno pact, 12. This would be the selections of the

ten biggest stories if the largest number of votes of the class were taken as an authority.

A Pathetic Incident

A Tuesday's press dispatch from New York City says:

The midnight transfer at sea of a mother and her dead son from the liner Southern Cross to the liner Pan-America caused the former ship to dock several hours late today.

Marino de Conde, 9-year-old son of Mme. Juana de Conde, died of heart disease while he and his mother were bound for New York from South America on the Southern Cross. Mme. de Conde, who was coming to New York to be correspondent for La Nacion, a newspaper of Rio de Janeiro, insisted that she be landed or transferred to a ship which would take her back to her home.

Captain J. G. Fels consented and wireless communication was established with the Pan-America. As the two ships drew near each other and a boat was lowered from the Southern Cross, Mme. Conde crouched in the bottom, hugging a small black box, the coffin which contained her son. Silently she was rowed through the night, and strong arms helped her aboard the Pan-America. The transfer took four hours. A toot of whistles and the liners vanished into the night.

Forest Fire Laws Have Teeth

It is becoming a serious matter to break the forest fire laws of Oregon and Washington. One hundred and eighty-five people found this out last summer when they left fire in the woods, were brought to justice by officers of the United States forest service, and were found guilty. It cost them \$2,777 in fine and \$518.95 in court costs.

In addition to these criminal cases, settlements were secured in seventeen civil cases, in which damages were collected by the government to the amount of \$8,238.60. A number of civil cases are still pending.

In the criminal cases, the report shows that ninety-eight convictions were for camp fires, thirty-one were for brush-burning fires, and nineteen were for smokers fires. Five convictions were for camp fires without permit, and two for smoking in a closed forest area.

One hundred twenty-nine of the criminal convictions were in Oregon, and fifty-three in Washington. Of the twenty-two national forests in Oregon and Washington, the Siuslaw with thirty convictions is first; the Mount Hood is second with twenty-five, and the Cascade is third with twenty-two.

Good Prices for Timber

A Roseburg press dispatch of last Monday says that greater competition than ever known before in government timber sales conducted there developed over the sale of section 17, township 29, range nine West, when that tract was offered at auction. This was the only one of six sections, making up 4000 acres of tract offered, that found a buyer.

The tract appraised at \$25,000 was sold to Frank Boutin of Portland, for \$34,000. Conrad and Adelsperger of Marshfield was opposing the bidder, and each submitted 18 bids before the tract was sold.

The section bears 1,800,000 feet of fir, and 3,100,000 feet of Port Orford cedar.

The government offered six sections, all lying on the headwaters of Rock creek and on the border line of Douglas and Coos counties. The entire tract was appraised at \$430,000 but one section was all that was purchased.

Two other tracts were sold, one of 40 acres in northern Douglas county being purchased by Ole T. Oleson, of Brownsville, for \$949.40.

The other in Coos county, near this city, a tract containing 160 acres was sold to James A. Hobson, of Myrtle Point, for \$11,836.12. The last tract was in the Coos Bay Wagon road land grant, the others in the O. & C. railroad grant lands.

Lack of Rain in California

Lack of rain in the valleys and snow in the mountains seem to be the principal barriers in the 1926 business outlook in California. Unless they get heavy rains and snows within the next 30 days, California valleys will be confronted with one of the driest seasons ever. This is already reflecting itself in buying for the future, F. A. Warner, of the Coos Bay Lumber Co., tells the Times.

Letters seven feet in length to spell out "Salt Lake City" or "Salt Lake," easily perceptible at an altitude of 3,000 feet above the city, will be painted across the top of the world-famous tabernacle on the temple grounds at Salt Lake City, to guide army and other fliers.

Warranty and Bargain & Sale Deeds for sale at the Sentinel office.

Brewster Valley

Walter Laird got a telegram from his wife from Roseburg to meet her at Myrtle Point.

Miss Parks, the Sitkum school teacher, is suffering from poison oak. D. A. Moore and J. F. Miller made a trip to Coquille Wednesday.

Jessie Laird has been working in camp but came home Monday with a cold and poison oak.

A special meeting of the Myrtle Leaf club was called Thursday to quilt for Mrs. Richards, of Sumner.

Mrs. Walter Laird, who was called to Whittier, Calif., on January first by the death of her mother, Mrs. J. W. Hall, arrived home on the fourteenth. She was accompanied home by her daughter, Mrs. Bonnie Dutton, and two children, of Wilmington, California, who will visit for some time with relatives. They came to Roseburg by auto with Harry Hall, a brother of Mrs. Laird, who had driven down from Portland for the funeral.

A sister, Mrs. T. J. Glickerson, of Bozeman, Montana, also came up from Whittier with them, going on from Portland by train.

The Hall family, having lived in Coos county for several years, have many friends here, who will be sorry to learn of Mrs. Hall's death. She leaves her husband, two sons and five daughters, fifteen grand children, and four great grand children.

Broadbent Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace and daughter, Ruth, were at the Bay last week end visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Clausen returned Saturday from a two week's visit in California.

The intermediate grades had a spelling contest Friday and Dorothy Warner won the prize.

The Ladies Aid met last Thursday and quilted a quilt for Mrs. Nelson.

Wanda Wilcox and Audra Wagner spent the week end with the Tice Wagner family.

John Robbins has been unable to work the last week on account of an injury to his arm that he received in the Chaney camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Schroeder and Aunt Carrie had Sunday dinner with the Geo. Hermann family.

Mr. and Mrs. Thorne were visiting her father, T. V. Johnson, last week.

The county road grader has been leveling our roads the last week, which is a great improvement to them.

Chief Jackson Holds the Sack

Police authorities of North Bend are seeking Fred Russell, who left the city last Friday night after molesting residents and business men out of sums totaling about \$500, according to Chief F. R. Jackson. Formal charges of obtaining money by fraud have been filed against Russell.

December 12, Russell entered into a partnership with Jackson in a garage business on the North Bend water front at the foot of Front street. Russell, who is an expert mechanic, was put in charge, while Jackson gave him financial backing. At the end of the month Jackson went over the books and discovered that receipts had been over \$400. Yet a number of checks given out by Russell had been returned because of lack of funds. All in all, Jackson was forced to pay about \$200 on bad bills contracted by Russell.

Last Friday, Jackson told Russell to dissolve the partnership, and the latter left town.

After his departure it was discovered that he owed other people of North Bend sums amounting to over \$250. Howard Belding, jeweler, told Jackson that Russell had obtained a credit a diamond ring valued at \$150 and had paid very little on it. Henry Kern is another North Bend business man who is said by Jackson to be \$110 short as the result of dealing with Russell. Several others are also said to have been misled.

Where Russell went after leaving North Bend is not known, but Chief Jackson said that efforts will be made to locate him.

Floras Creek Bridge Opened

The Floras creek bridge was opened to traffic in Curry county a week ago and a dangerous bridge is abandoned and will probably be torn down. The new bridge is one of the finest along the Roosevelt highway and had been in building for nearly a year. It was supposed to have been open for travel in November, but delays occurred and the work was not completed. People who have passed that way have seen the great fill, approach to the bridge, all gravel and 18,000 yards. The roadway out of Langlois is east of the old grade which had a right angle in it, and the new grade has been in use several months. Trucking in Curry county has been increased in the week the bridge has been in use. On the old bridge there was but one-way traffic, for the structure was narrow.—Harbor.

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