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Mussolini continues to muss up European affairs. His recent unbridled diatribe against Germany and the Germanic people, caused pronounced disgust throughout the civilized world—Italy perhaps excepted. Being of Irish extraction, we feel qualified to say impartially that comparison may easily be drawn between the people entering the United States from Germany, and the Italian emigrants passing through the gates of Ellis Island. Once here, the German steers clear of the Bowery and the slums of the big city, distributes himself over the country, hops into the "melting pot" and gets busy at home building. You seldom if ever find him among the gangsters. He is absent from the ranks of gamblers, when you round them up there is no trouble in securing juries in the community where the German resides; ones life is perfectly safe serving on juries there. He does not believe in blackhand coercion, would stifle in a cooped-up tenement and couldn't pronounce the word "Mafia" if he had to.

Secretary of Agriculture Jardine says the income of the average farmer in this country last year was \$846-\$810 in cash and \$336 value of food produced on the land. Since the investment of an average farm is a little over \$5000, the interest on the investment at six per cent would reduce the net return per farm to \$546, or \$70 per month. With an average of four persons to a family the per capita return would be \$11.25 per month. Labor has days works to sell and by union strength it has been able to fix its selling price in many lines of industry, in localities where it is solidly organized. Farmers have no such control of what they have to sell—they cannot fix prices—they permit world-wide competition and manipulation to set prices on their products and fix their incomes.

The Press is in receipt of a copy of Joseph Loeb's newspaper, "The Oregon Investor's Friend," published at Portland. The copy at hand bristles with denouncement of the shrewd crookedness of one Frank Keeler and other swindlers, and seems to be published in the interests of an institution, or rather organization, of what Mr. Loeb terms "The Better Business Bureau." From the fact that Athena was Keelerized to the amount of about \$8000 in a fraudulent bond issue some years back, we readily see that Loeb has at least one crook harpooned.

Agitation for a normal school to be located somewhere in Eastern Oregon is under way and undoubtedly the question will be kept in the foreground until it is voted on at an election. The state now has two normal schools; one over-crowded institution at Monmouth, and a new one at Ashland, which will at once serve to relieve the pressure existing at the Monmouth school. The status of Eastern Oregon's claim for a normal school at this time is based on the indisputable fact that geographically, she is entitled to one.

The Toronto Sun gives some startling figures of grain losses from sunt and winter injury of Canadian wheat. In one day, it states out of 1278 cars handled in the western division, 518 were classed as "No grade" against 154 No. 1 Northern, 344 No. 2 and 179 No. 3. The difference in price that day was 42 cents per bushel.

Ornaments similar to earrings and pendants, may soon be seen protruding alluringly from the waves and curls of the bobbed head. In this instance the brunette will have it slightly on her blonde sister, for the darker the background, the more lustrous does the jewels sparkle. Oh, splash!

What would be the matter with a state income tax measure, carrying provision for a property offset? And if it is found necessary to hold state platform conventions to get this proposed measure and others before the people, what's the matter with that?

Chicago medical circles brand as a hoax the arrival in the windy city of Villa's head for scientific study. More likely its destination after exhumation, was to some head hunter in the South Sea islands, where "heads count heads, when tails don't come!"

Ghosts, goblins and graveyards after dark, have no terrors for Peoria, Illinois, girls. Bradley Institute maidens found a man wearing a

sheet, hiding in a cemetery to frighten them, while engaged in sorority initiatory work. After pulling his hair and disrobing him of the sheet, they left him tied fast to a tombstone.

Spring stories are coming from everywhere: One locality reports the cutting of a crop of alfalfa, and somebody down Hermiston way picked a dish of strawberries. Nothing on Athena—they tell us that Billy Pink pulled a bunch of radishes from his garden, six weeks ago, and has been feasting on asparagus daily.

The radio communication record for distance has been smashed. For thirty-five minutes a two-way communication was established between the United States army station at Fort Shafter, Honolulu and OAVV station in South Africa, a distance of 14,000 miles.

McCarnant is a good sport, anyway. He will leave it up to the senate say whether or not he will sit on the federal bench—as a reward for once nominating Cal for vice-president of the United States.

We've seen it, and the Charleston is for the stage, not the ball room—for the very simple reason that there are not enough Ann Penningtons to go 'round.

If the anthracite coal industry were located on the Pacific slope, no one out here would have realized the strike was going on.

Once in a while Oregon does a thing exceptionally well in athletics—basketball, for instance.

British Expert Sees Addition to Wealth

Experiments in producing oil from coal, in which various science departments at Birmingham (England) university have been collaborating for three years, have shown that 61 per cent of liquid can be extracted from Lancashire coal by powdering it and subjecting it to very high pressures of hydrogen gas. Professor Nash, who has taken a leading part in research, when asked as to the significance of the discoveries from the standpoint of industrial utilization of British coal resources, said he was only able to announce that the laboratory tests had demonstrated oil could be got from coal. The commercial exploitation he was not competent to discuss. The liquid products have not been investigated in detail, but apart from small proportions of unidentified substances they consist of hydro-carbons which are basis of all fuel oils. South Staffordsire coal gave 37 per cent of liquid, while a South Wales coal gave 26 per cent.

As Dad Sees It

"My boy," said the Billville father to his literary offspring, "this here so-called 'fire of genius,' is well enough in the lazy, dreamful summertime, but when the winter wind is rumbling in the hollows and cawtlin' round the frosty hills, it can't hold a tallow candle to cordwood and hard coal. Here's a new ax that has never cut down a pine saplin', or a oak tree, and split 'em to kindling wood. Suppose you christen it, and make the chimney blaze? There's no better way to keep up your college athletic exercises. It beats an apple a day for downright good health and spirits. So roll up your sleeves and get busy."—Atlanta Constitution.

Viviant's Memory Prodigious

One of the sources of the late Rene Viviant's eloquence was his profound knowledge of French literature. He knew by heart thousands of verses and could recite entire acts of the classic tragedies without an error. He demonstrated this at the time of his baccalaureate, when he agreeably surprised the examiner by his accurate analysis of "The Cid." "Can you recite a few verses of it?" the examiner asked. "Certainly," said Viviant, and had recited the whole of the first act before he was halted. On another occasion he recited the whole of "Horatius" and "Phedre" from beginning to end.

Cause Enough

A camel has its limit of endurance as the old saw concerning the ultimate straw and the broken back will testify. Mrs. North also had her limit, which was finally reached when an argument, about which little could be understood, continued with unabated fury for two hours in the Smith household next door.

Calling to Willie Smith, who was playing in the back yard, Mrs. North asked the seven-year-old shining light of the warring Smiths:

"What is all the row about, Willie?"
"Oh, mamma put her cushion on daddy's chair and he sat down on it," replied the small lad.
"Why, that is no cause for such an argument, is it?"
"Sure it is! It was mamma's pin cushion!"

22 States Reject Child Labor Measure. Washington, D. C. — Twenty-two states have rejected or postponed action on the child labor amendment to the constitution, while four, Arizona, Arkansas, California and Wisconsin, have approved it. Secretary Kellogg informed the house.



Don't talk so much about your hardships. Conserve your energy and use it to plan, create and work. If you suffer keep still about it until you have succeeded and then probably you won't feel so much like talking about it.—Max.

FOOD FOR THE FAMILY

To serve a variety and at the same time maintain economy, is the aim of every thrifty housewife.

Combination Salad.—Take one cupful of chopped cabbage, one-half cupful each of diced pineapple and apple, shredded almonds and diced marshmallows. Mix the ingredients, sprinkle with salt, add boiled dressing, using pineapple juice and lemon instead of vinegar. Garnish with spoonfuls of whipped cream and almonds. Serve on lettuce.

Fruit Imperial.—Arrange on rounds of cake, halves of peaches. Cook together one-quarter of a cupful of water, one-half cupful of brown sugar, two tablespoonfuls of flour; when thick, add a tablespoonful of butter and one and one-half cupfuls of peach sirup; then add one-half cupful of raisins. Arrange the peaches on the cake and pour over the fruit sirup. Serve hot or cold.

Peppers Stuffed With Raisins.—Par-boll six medium-sized peppers in salt water five minutes, after removing the tops, and seeds. Fill with two cupfuls of bread crumbs, one-half of the pepper tops, a few chopped walnut meats, a little minced ham, three-fourths of a cupful of raisins, salt and butter to taste. Moisten with soup, stock or water and bake, setting the peppers in gem pans in a little water. Bake one hour.

A delicious sauce to serve with sliced roast beef is:

Bordelaise Sauce.—Take two tomatoes, one small onion, one green pepper, two tablespoonfuls each of butter and flour, a clove, half a teaspoonful of salt, a salt spoonful of red pepper and a half cupful of water. Chop the vegetables, except tomatoes, add seasoning and simmer five minutes, rub through a sieve. Melt the butter, then add the tomatoes, and water. Simmer ten minutes, add another tablespoonful of butter. Serve hot.

Nellie Maxwell

ROAD FUNDS APPORTIONED

Northwest States Will Receive \$4,801,247 in 1926.

Washington, D. C.—The four Pacific northwest states—Montana, Washington, Oregon and Idaho—will receive \$4,801,247 for federal road aid for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1926, Secretary of Agriculture Jardine announced. The total apportionment for all states was \$73,125,000.

Montana receives the largest share of any of the northwest states, \$1,551,660. Oregon follows closely with \$1,132,945. Washington gets \$1,130,980 and Idaho \$936,589.

California leads all western states with an apportionment of \$2,484,706. Texas receives more than any other state, \$4,426,917.

GIRL WOUNDED

Lillian Nelson, 1004, West Alder street Walla Walla, was struck in the knee by a bullet fired from the gun of Special Officer Brice of the police department, when he fired at the automobile of Herbert Morrison. The bullet passed through the radiator of Morrison's car and penetrated the wall of Miss Nelson's bedroom. She was taken to the hospital where an X-ray will be taken.

MONEY FOR FIGHT

Walla Walla, Yakima and other cities in the district are joining in an effort to reduce power rates charged by the Pacific Power and Light company, will be called upon for more money to fight the case, it was announced during a conference of committee men representing the cities. Frank M. Lowden, of Walla Walla, announced that the committee's fund of \$20,000 is depleted.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Little Miss Virginia Eager was honored last Saturday afternoon when ten little girls were invited to

The Social Side

WILL MAKE NOVEL QUILT
A novel means of raising funds is being employed by the ladies of the Baptist church. Each lady has agreed to make a block upon which will be embroidered sixteen names to be secured from residents of Athena. The privilege of having one's name on the block will be paid for at the rate of a cent a letter. When the quilt is completed it will be sold and already there are several customers in prospect.

EASTER CANTATA
Another musical treat is in store for Athena people, as the Etude club is making plans for an Easter cantata to be given Easter night. It is the intention to make the affair a union service and the choirs of the several churches have been asked to take part. A committee has been appointed to select and order appropriate music, and further notice of its activities will be reported in the near future.

HARD TIMES PARTY
That the Jolly Twenty-five club lives up to its cognomen was again evidenced last Friday night when members and their husbands enjoyed a hard times party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Art Douglas. At a table spread with colored cloths and lighted by old fashioned kerosene lamps about thirty-eight sat down to a dinner at six-thirty. Tin dishes were used exclusively but were bountifully filled as the reputation of the club warrants. Some of the guests were garbed in old fashioned costumes while others wore clothes patched for the occasion. After dinner the men were required to trim spring bonnets for their partners, and in the judging that followed, the hat trimmed by Will Piper and worn by Mrs. C. L. McFadden won the prize. Five hundred was played during the remainder of the evening.

FIVE HUNDRED PARTY
The home of Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Baker was the gathering place of invited guests at a five hundred party Tuesday evening. The following were present, Mr. and Mrs. Justin Harwood, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Hirsch, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gross, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Prestbye, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Prestbye, Mrs. Jennie Gross, Miss Jennamae Read and Norman McIntyre. Prizes were won by Mrs. E. C. Prestbye, who received first and second went to Mrs. Hirsch. Mrs. Baker served seasonable refreshments.

BRIDGE CLUB MEETS
The Athena bridge club was entertained last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. I. L. Michener on Jefferson street. There were three tables in play and special guests were Miss Merle Best and Mrs. Charles Dudley. High score was held by Mrs. H. I. Watts, second by Mrs. H. A. Barrett and Miss Merle Best the consolation. The hostess served a dainty lunch following the play.

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY-CLUB
The newest club in Athena recently organized by eight school girls and known as the Happy-Go-Lucky club will entertain at a basket party Friday night. There will be eight guests and baskets will be sold to start a fund for the treasury of the club.

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