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The plight of the Stanfield irrigation project exists in the private ownership of 5000 acres out of the total 8300 acres in the district. The privately owned 5000 acres is being held by the Bank of California and the Furnish investment company for speculative purposes, and until these interests are satisfied to take a fair price for their holdings, the government refuses to take any action whatever in widening the present canal system of the district, to carry the water from McKay dam. Replying to a plea for government assistance, Dr. Elwood Mead who recently visited the project, is quoted as saying: "We want to sell the water in the McKay reservoir, but the excess land owners must practically surrender their property so that a price can be fixed on the land that will prove attractive to settlers before the government gives assistance. We will not do anything unless the non-resident owners agree to a reasonable price."

Through every newspaper office day after day go all the weaknesses of the world—all the vanities that want to be puffed, all the revenges that want to be reaped, all the mistakes that want to be corrected, all the dull speakers that want to be thought eloquent, all the meanness that tries to get its wares noticed gratis in order to save the tax of the advertising column. Through the editorial and reportorial rooms all the follies and shams of the world are seen day after day, with the result that the average newspaper writer is at times tempted to believe that all humanity is steeped in folly and deceit. There is no room for surprise in finding that men in this profession are more skeptical than others.

A commendable portion of the work recently done by the county health nurse is that of bringing about what is termed "summer round-up clinics." These clinics bring together the children of the county who will be entering school for the first time at the fall or mid-winter terms during the next school year. The method is employed for convenience of examining into the child's physical and mental condition, in order that corrective measures may be taken to rectify deficiencies before the child enters upon its school work.

As though the country were not broken enough through flood calamity, in which thousands of people have been driven out homeless and facing dire distress, the mid-west and southwest states are battling with cyclones and tornadoes. The year of 1927 bids fair to go down in history with a record for catastrophes inherited from elements over which mankind has no control.

Recent astronomical discoveries reveal that the so called canals on the planet Mars are in truth groups of vegetation. The further discovery that Mars has atmosphere comparable to the earth's atmosphere would indicate that the planet, located some 35,500,000 miles from us, is inhabited by grasshoppers instead of canal toads.

For the first time since the war, cattlemen are realizing fair prices for their beef steak. Last week average steers sold at Baker for eight cents on hoof. It has taken a long time for the old saying that "beef will come back again" to be realized by the stockraiser—but when it comes, it's here.

There must be chery cherry prospects in the Milton-Freewater district despite frost damage reports. We read where growers have already pooled 75 per cent of the crop, which we have been led to believe did not exist.

Now that a good grade artificial silk is being made from cornstalks, Peoria, Illinois, is boosting for a \$2,000,000 silk factory, and the ladies of all corn-growing states are "sitting pretty."

Why not change the trans-Atlantic flight from Paris to the British landing field at London, and not disappoint Bertund and Chamberlain as the result of the tempermental French outburst.

The federal government will build \$533,000 worth of national forest roads in Oregon this year, and a few trails on the side.

We find that New Zealand is also infested with radicals. A train carrying the Duke and Duchess of York was stoned.

"The Unknown Soldier" "Her Husband's Secret" Valentino's "The Eagle"

"The Unknown Soldier," which was to have been presented at the Standard last Saturday evening will be shown tomorrow night. Here is a photoplay of high grade, a big theme finely developed, with massive settings and stirring incidents.

Sunday night, Antonio Moreno and Patsy Ruth Miller will be seen in "Her Husband's Secret," taken from May Edington's Saturday Evening Post story, "Judgment" Frank Lloyd, who made "The Sea Hawk," "Black Oxen" and "The Silent Watcher" is the director.

Unity Church Discussed

A group of Athena people interested in organizing a Unity church here, met at the Masonic Hall Tuesday evening to discuss the matter. A splendid musical program preceded a talk by Clifton A. Phillips former pastor of the local Church of Christ. Mr. Phillips and others feel that Athena is too small a community to support the several churches now here, and that by concerted action and unified organization, much more might be accomplished. The meeting closed with no definite plans being made.

Fruitvale Beat Adams

Adams was put practically out of the winning of the pennant in the Walla Walla valley league, when she was defeated Sunday by Fruitvale, score 5 to 3.

Walla Walla Bucks Win

Walla Walla shut out Hermiston 8 to 0, and the Bucks blanked the Indians 7 to 0 in the Sunday games of the Blue Mountain league.

Mr. and Mrs. George Banister of Walla Walla and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Geissel and daughter Beverley of Milton, were in Athena Sunday visiting relatives.

McKay Dedication Exercises Tuesday

Governor Patterson Opened Needle Valves, Letting Waters Out.

With a big celebration crowd, including many notables present, Governor Patterson opened the needle valves of McKay Dam Tuesday afternoon, and the first impounded flood waters gushed forth over the bed of McKay creek.

The governor's act was a part of the dedicatory program, which was participated in by Dr. Elwood Mead of the federal reclamation bureau; Congressman N. J. Sinitz, Senator Steiwer and others.

The program was arranged by Hermiston people and the Pendleton Commercial Association, terminated in the evening with a banquet at Hermiston. Following the ceremonies at the dam, a tour of the irrigation projects in the west end of the county was made, many points of interest being visited by a large number of people traveling in automobiles.

Each section of the west end had something impressive to offer in evidence of the beneficial results that have accrued under development through irrigation, and the increase of production when the McKay water is brought into use.

Storm Fatalities Large In Mid-West States

The tornado death toll by cities, as compiled by the press associations; Missouri—Poplar Bluff, 85; Mexico, 6; St. Louis, 1; Ava, 2; other cities, 8.

Texas—Nevada, 17; Garland, 10; Paul's Switch, 4; Wolfe City, 4; Kellog, 2.

Kansas—Scattered towns, 11. Arkansas—Eldorado, 17; Walnut Ridge, 10; Hoxie, 10; Egypt, 9; Carlisle, 5; Randall, 8; Toledo, 2; Imboden, 5; Camden, 3.

Illinois—Chicago, 4; New Columbia 5; Jacksonville, 1; Rushville, 1; Bluffs City, 1; Hinckley 1; Waverly, 1.

Louisiana—Natchitoches, 3.

Besides tornadic storms, other elemental disturbances swept parts of Iowa, Wyoming and Indiana. A woman was drowned near Sioux City, Iowa, and three persons froze to death near Laramie, Wyoming, while more than 100 were rendered temporarily homeless in the Hoosier state.

Weston Won Opener
Weston defeated Milton-Freewater Sunday in the opening games of the Big Four Baseball league, 12 to 3. Batteries were Orwick and Banister for Weston, Humphries and Hudson and Snow and Burke for Milton-Freewater.

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Good Wood—Good clear yellow pine, \$6 per cord; small pine \$4 per cord, all 16 inch cut, at Jim Brittan place, Reservation Mountain.

Range for Sale—A good second hand kitchen range for sale at a reasonable price. Enquire at this office.

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Keep Historical Matter In State, is Request

The following resolution adopted by the Oregon Historical society, is self explanatory:

Resolved, That in view of the fact that much valuable material of historical value and interest, in the form of letters, journals, diaries, printed newspapers and state documents, and museum articles, is passing into the hands of private collectors and being sent out of the state, the residents of Oregon be requested to communicate with the Oregon Historical Society or an officer thereof, before parting with any such material; and that the press be asked to assist in placing this request in the hands of the public.

Salem Won Shoot

With a score of 148 to 146 out of a possible 150 targets, Salem broke the tie with Pendleton, Sunday, and won the Oregonian telegraphic trap shooting tournament contest. For Pendleton, Marion Hansell and Ray Shangle were high score with 49 out of 50 targets shot at. Dr. Hanavan made a score of 48. Hansell made the high score for the entire tournament.

NOTICE OF REFREFEE'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY UPON PARTITION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as referee, under and pursuant to a decree of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County, duly made and entered on the 7th day of April, 1927, in a partition suit then pending therein between William J. Kirk as plaintiff and Mary C. Somerville, Cora Kirk and Clara Josephine Kirk, defendants, will sell at public auction for cash in hand, all the right, title, interest and estate of said plaintiff and of each of said defendants, of, in, and to the following described real estate, situate in Umatilla County, State of Oregon, to wit:—
The South half of the Southeast quarter of Section 28, and the North half of the Northeast quarter of Section 33, all in Township 3 North of Range 35 E. W. M.,

together with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, said sale to be subject to the confirmation of this court.

That said sale will be made at the west door of the County Court House in Pendleton, Umatilla County, State of Oregon, on the 16th day of May, 1927, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon of said day. That the interest of said Clara Josephine Kirk in said real property is encumbered by a mortgage made on October 30th, 1924, by Roy A. Kirk, a single man, A. O. Kirk and Josephine Kirk, husband and wife, to Moses Taylor for the sum of \$6000 on said lands and other lands, which said mortgage was recorded on the first day of November, 1924 in Book 84 at page 150 of the mortgage records of Umatilla County, State of Oregon. That said mortgage will be paid to the extent of \$2500 as agreement between said Moses Taylor and said Clara Josephine Kirk, by the undersigned as referee, from the proceeds of the sale of the interest of the said Clara Josephine Kirk in said real property, and a release of said lands from the lien of said mortgages will be procured by the undersigned, as referee, and filed with the County Clerk of Umatilla County, State of Oregon.

That said lands will be sold free and clear of all other encumbrances except that the purchaser will be required to pay the reasonable value of the summer fallow and cultivation done on said premises, up to the date of sale for 1927.

W. H. MORRISON.

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as administratrix of the estate of Michael J. Ryan, deceased, has filed her final account and report in said estate with the Clerk of the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County; and that the Judge thereof has fixed Wednesday, the 8th day of June, 1927, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M. as the time, and the County Court room in the courthouse at Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon, as the place for the hearing of objections to such final account and the settlement thereof.

MARGARET RYAN
Administratrix of the Estate of Michael J. Ryan, deceased
Raley, Raley & Warner, Attorneys for Administratrix, Pendleton, Oregon. A29M27.



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