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The Oregon State Board of Health reported thirty-two new cases of smallpox last week. Apparently this disease has become epidemic in the state, and the fact that cases are reported to exist in nearby towns, its appearance in Athena at any time, is probable. Medical science prescribes vaccination as a preventative against this disease, and despite the fact that vaccination is opposed by some, and perhaps on conscientious grounds, nevertheless the greater fact remains that where vaccination "takes," smallpox is invariably whipped to a frazzle.

The women have a "crow to pick" with Dr. David Snedden of Columbia University. The Doc made this statement at Portland, before the Oregon State Teacher's Association: "The hobo is the honest to goodness American leisure class. Eastern cities are producing another leisure class: the idle wives of prosperous husbands, living in hotels, having no children, or perhaps one child, which is not a real child but a pet. This is a growing class; it is almost as numerous as the hobo class."

That the way of the transgressor is hard is exemplified in the discovery at Walla Walla that Mike Regger, long a county charge, had almost \$3000 hidden away in his belongings. Also deposit slips for \$1200 in eastern banks were found in his possession. Now Regger must pay \$10 per month for care given him for five years and \$200 to the county physician for professional services. It goes without saying, that the discovery made the medicant sit up and take notice.

Republican in politics makes no difference to the Press in its findings for Hal E. Hoss, prospective candidate for the office of Secretary of State, for Hoss has all the qualifications and more, to creditably perform the duties of the office to which he aspires. And that isn't all. The boy is as clean as a whistle made from a willow switch; honest, energetic and capable.

To some extent, Los Angeles police have proven themselves mediocre in unraveling so-called "mystery" cases, so why try to connect up a confederate in the Parker case, when Hickman confesses he alone was the arch murderer? The police force in the southern city yet have the mystery of the Desmond Taylor murder to toy with.

The state tax apportioned to Umatilla for 1928 is approximately \$8000 more than for 1927. For 1927 the state tax apportionment was \$312,715.67; for 1928 it is \$320,524.45. Well, here's hoping for another good wheat crop to pay it with.

Making a "clean breast of it," Hickman, unknowingly perhaps, has contributed to the welfare of society by assisting the police to unravel the identity of the murderers of a Pasadena druggist by naming himself and his pal, Wilby Hunt.

We can see no material difference in whether Fred Steiwer resides in Pendleton or takes up his residence at Portland. When a fellow is elected to the United States Senate, he always writes it Washington D. C., anyway.

The Press has no disposition to find fault with letter golf puzzles, other than to express the fear that many a good "muleskinner" will be spoiled in the gratification of a consuming desire to write poetry.

With the capture of some twenty-seven gallons of hootch by officers in the west end of the county, the Stanfield West Umatilla News tells "how dry I am" during the holiday period.

Professor Herbert P. Goodrich of the University of Michigan tells us that Latin is done for, but whatever difference it makes, the professor didn't state.

Sir Thomas Lipton is over here from England, and is reported to be drinking again very hard. Yes, very hard indeed—taking tea.

Fortunate again is the Athena wheatsraiser, in that snow came again just in time to protect growing grain from the grasp of zero weather.

There is no need of Lindy meeting up with Nicaragua bandits; thanks to the width of the air lanes.

The race is still on; Chevrolet vs. Ford.

PARKER BRANIN, NEWS MAN

(Portland Telegram)
Parker Branin, Pendleton correspondent of the Associated Press, might easily have been one of those who will share in the reward for Hickman's capture, if it were not that he held duty above immediate personal gain. When he got that first "tip" that Hickman was on the road, he had no thought of using the information for his own benefit, but only of covering the story that must follow and giving it promptly to the world through the far-reaching arteries of the Associated Press.

It was well and loyally done. The Telegram is peculiarly happy to congratulate and commend this quiet hero of a character-testing emergency since Parker Branin, in his student days, was this newspaper's correspondent at the University of Oregon, and then showed in his work the mental and moral qualities that have led to his rapid advancement.

But all his unselfish devotion, Parker Branin has only lived up to the accepted traditions of the Associated Press. The supremacy of this great news-gathering agency is largely due to the fact that it is served by a vast army of similarly alert and devoted workers.

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The promptness of the service has been proved on innumerable occasions and this is properly a matter of pride, since it is the result of a world-wide organization, geared to the maximum of speed and efficiency.

Thus it is men like Parker Branin who help to justify the universal confidence in any news story that appears under the familiar talisman (AP). Every reader knows that trade-mark which means that the news is fresh and that it is true.

AUTOMOBILE KILLINGS

(Seattle Times)

Unless there is a marked change for the better, the year 1928 holds the melancholy prospect of 23,000 deaths and 700,000 serious injuries in automobile accidents. The records of the last two years indicate that somebody is either killed or hurt in a motor car accident every fourteen seconds. Apparently we have not reached the peak of traffic killings; we have done little to check this appalling toll of human life.

The Bureau of Census recently announced accident figures for the fiscal year ending June 30. In the registration era, which includes 89.8 per cent of the total population of the country, 20,891 deaths were reported. Assuming that the ratio of deaths per 100,000 of population prevailed throughout the United States, the total number of fatalities from traffic accidents would be 23,264. The mortality rate from this cause is 19.9 per 100,000.

Although complete records for 1927 will not be available for several weeks, enough is known to demonstrate that the accident curve still has an upward trend. Next year, in all probability, will show an even more distressing record.

When we realize that the great majority of all automobile accidents are preventable, the record is a reproach to our national intelligence. We have solved many difficult problems, but this one appears to be beyond our powers.

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SUBMARINE SAFETY

(Walla Walla Union)

The sinking of the U. S. submarine S-4 with its heavy loss of life will quite naturally lead to a congressional investigation with the usual result—a long delay, a mass of evidence and finally a report which may or may not lead to anything in the future to protect the men on the subs. Construction of these vessels is of necessity of the sort which can hardly cope with result of a collision with another vessel. When an undersea vessel is rammed and the shell cracked or broken there seems little hope for those within. Occasionally rescue is effected but it is so infrequent that there is little use considering it. Several submarines have been lost in the last few years. In 1922 the British lost one with 23 lives snuffed out; in 1923 the Japanese lost one and 85 were killed. In 1924 a British sub sank with a loss of 43 lives and the same year the Japanese lost 49 men on one sub.

1925 marked the sinking of the U. S. sub S-51 with loss of 33 and an Italian submarine with loss of 50.

If some method can be worked out to prevent such a loss of life it certainly will be a valuable contribution to the navy. But how to do it is another question.

The Churches

Baptist Church

Sunday school at 9:45 A. M. followed by the opening discourse, by Rev. Neil J. Barnes in our series of meetings, at 11:00 A. M. Junior and Senior Young People at 6:30 P. M. The evening service at 7:30 P. M. will be in charge of Evangelist Barnes. This series will continue for at least two weeks and longer if the Lord wills.

NOTICE.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Umatilla County.

In the matter of the Estate of Clarence Ogilvy, deceased, to be dead. Notice is hereby given by an order of the above entitled Court made and entered in the latter herein on the 16th day of December, 1927, the above entitled Court has found that the legal presumption of the death of the said Clarence Ogilvy is made out.

Notice is hereby further given that the said presumed decedent, if alive, or any other person for him, is required to produce to the Court within twelve weeks from the date of the last publication of this notice, satisfactory evidence of the continuance in life of said presumed decedent; and that if no such evidence is produced within said time the above entitled Court will proceed with the administration of the estate of the said presumed decedent.

This notice is published pursuant to an order made and entered by the above entitled Court in the above entitled matter, on the 16th day of December, 1927, which said order directs that this notice shall be published for a period of two successive weeks in the Athena Press, a newspaper of general circulation as defined by Section 58, Oregon Laws. Watts & Prestbye, R. T. BROWN, Athena, Oregon, Clerk. Attys. for Petitioner. D23J6.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Umatilla County.

In the matter of the Estate of William P. Willaby, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his final account and report in the above entitled matter and that the above entitled Court has fixed Saturday, the 7th day of January, 1928, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m. of said day, as the time, and the County Court room in the County Court house at Pendleton, Umatilla county, Oregon, as the place, for the hearing of said final account and report. Objections to said final account and report should be filed on or before that date.

Dated at Athena, Oregon, this 9th day of December, A. D. 1927.

HESTER WILLABY, Administratrix of the Estate of William P. Willaby, Deceased. Watts & Prestbye, Athena, Oregon, Attorneys for Estate. D9J6

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