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ANTI-PISTOL LAWS IN ACTION

From time to time the Press has noted in these columns the fallacy of trying to curb crime by enactment of anti-pistol laws. The Manufacturer, a trade paper, sees "dangerous possibilities in laws that curb individual liberty, without taking into account cause and circumstances, as shown by a recent incident in New York City."

Continuing, The Manufacturer gives the following account of the circumstance: "A taxi driver was held up and managed to wrest the revolver from his assailant and escape. Later in a restaurant, he was observed by the police showing the weapon to some friends and was arrested under the Sullivan law that prohibits possession of concealed weapons without a license. The man told his story but under the law there was apparently no choice but to arrest him and revoke his hacking license. In spite of the fact that a semi-invalid wife and two children were dependent on him, his bail was set at \$500. He obtained his liberty only when, by a fortunate circumstance, a wealthy banker interested himself in the case and put up the money for bond. Thus a law which, theoretically, is part of society's defense against the criminal, permits the arrest of an innocent man whose sole crime is that he bettered a thug. It is doubtful if the Sullivan act or any similar law has ever greatly discomfited the underworld which continues as ever, armed to the teeth. Restraints of such laws are felt mainly by the law-abiding."

A deputy United States marshal is keeping Representative Michelson of Chicago pretty much on the hike these days evading the service of summons to appear in court to answer the charge of smuggling booze from Cuba into the United States. Inasmuch as the federal court wants him, it behooves the representative to keep aloof. If he was wanted by one of the Chicago courts, he wouldn't need to make himself so scarce. Any old body seems to get along well enough with them.

Railroad heads are estimating that vacation travel through the Pacific Northwest this year will be fully 15 per cent greater than was the tourist travel of 1928. The forecast is based on requests for travel information received by traffic departments. Interest in nature's playground of the world is also stirred in great extent by friends recounting to others the wonders of a motor trip to the Pacific slope. And once they come, they are apt to return.

Myron T. Herrick, one of the nation's greatest diplomats, ambassador to France, is dead after twenty-four hour's illness. Herrick has done much to cement friendly relations between the world's two greatest republics. He first won the admiration and respect of the French by remaining in Paris during the whole of the World War, through which time his advice and support was sought by them.

An enthusiastic and exuberant exchange says this is no "paper prosperity we are experiencing, but definite progress that can be measured either in dollars or in the scale of a greater and happier civilization. At the base of it all is a social and economic system dedicated to liberty and the rights of the individual, that is the envy of the world."

A little frame Mormon church at Manassa, Colorado, made famous as the edifice in which William Harrison Dempsey, prize ring hero was baptised, is to be razed to make room for a new structure. Manassa is showing enterprise and so is Dempsey, now that he is recognized as a successful promoter.

Eastern Oregon farmers would be fortunate in having Roy Ritner on the proposed federal farm board. Mr. Ritner, besides being a successful wheat-raiser, is a competent business man, and as a state senator, proved in different important instances that he knew what it was all about. Give the Umatilla county man a hand.

The little Hungarian pheasant, which has become a great favorite with Oregon sportsmen has been released by State game farms this season to the number of 1500. The Hungarian is the bird that observes leap year every year; the female chooses her mate and once mated the pair never separate.

"To press reporters: "Nothing more to say," reads a placard on the office door of Representative Morgan of Ohio, in Washington. Evidently Mr. Morgan considers the charge that his baggage contained four quarts of whiskey when he recently returned from Panama, to be a closed incident.

The attorney General of the native son state has ruled that the Jones law amendments to the Volstead act are inapplicable in California in connection with the Wright act, that states regulatory measure. So Jones doesn't pay the freight, down in California, at least.

"Prices slashed in stock market; 5,860,210 shares dumped, causing list of \$1 to \$20 losses," we read. No need to be surprised, for it always happens just that way when sane bankers refuse stock gamblers to play their game on credit speculations.

In the Walla Walla territory, farmers are reported to be holding 2,000,000 bushels of their 1928 wheat crop, when ordinarily warehouses are empty at this time of the year. Market conditions indicate that farmers will continue to hold.

We read where a Hollywood actress has been scratched by her pet cat. Very unusual; to say the least. Had she been bitten by her pet poodle, newspapers would never have mentioned it. It's the unusual that makes first page stuff.

Well, for once in a decade the Portland Beavers have opened the league season in regular prize package style. "Oh, waud some power th' giftie gie us" to see the tail end of the season as we are lamping its beginning.

Nay, nay Nanette, no Frenchman was enrolled as a member of the rum ship I'm Alone crew. Every French sailor in the crew is a Britisher except one, and his name is Jock McDonald!

The reading public is tired of the Kennedys. The doings of Aimee and "Ma" have given the newspapers more bunk matter than was ever dug up before. Skidoo the Kennedys.

The latter part of March put one very much in mind of a certain African animal; no need to mention its name. Here's hoping that April will be more "like a lamb."

Gene Tunney is mixing with royalty across the pond. Recently he shared applause with Queen Marie at a Madrid bull fight. Just a case of horning in.

A Varney mail plane flew at the rate of 187 miles per hour, carrying 366 pounds of mail between Salt Lake and Boise. And that's going some.

It is not even a question whether Durant or the bankers are to rule the call money rate for gambling on the stock exchange.

Straw hats are due to make their appearance May 9, 10 and 11—in some places.

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21 Years Ago

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At a meeting of the Umatilla Caledonian Society held in this city Saturday afternoon, it was decided to hold the annual Caledonian picnic in Athena on Friday and Saturday, May 22 and 23.

As the date for the primary election comes near the candidate for nomination mixes with the voter and seeks to repair any weak spot that may be found in his political fence. During the past few days Athena has been visited by several candidates, the most important, perhaps, being ex-Governor Geer, republican candidate for the congressional nomination.

There will be a warm ball game on the Athena grounds Sunday, afternoon between Cartano's "Sluggers" and the regular Athena team. Following is the line up.

Athena—Lieullen, c; Stone, p; Dudley, 1b; Smith, 2b; Gross, ss; Booher, 3b; Maloney, lf; Willaby, cf; Bell, rf.

Sluggers—LaBrasche, p; Hawks, c; Roberts, 1b; Cartano, 2b; Koonitz, 3b; Dell, ss; Christian, lf; Downing, cf; Y. Dell, rf; A. Foss, W. Preston, Tom Taggart, subs; Chas Barrows, manager; J. Parker, umpire.

W. J. Gholson, water superintendent and three men are engaged in removing root growth from the pipe lines at the intake of the Athena water system. The same conditions prevail which made trouble last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coolidge were in Pendleton Wednesday.

Born, in this city, April 1, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. Ora Rhodes, a daughter.

Mrs. Bert Warren, who has been threatened with pneumonia is reported better.

Chas. W. Wall of Pendleton, republican candidate for coroner, was in town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Ingle, who have been guests at the Scott home, returned to Milton Monday.

Rev. Ellis leaves Monday for Baker City, where he has been called to perform a marriage ceremony.

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