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A report shows that gifts of the Rockefeller foundation for the year 1931 have totaled \$15,000,000, while the balance of the principal fund remains at \$143,000,000. Universities shared in the Rockefeller liberality, both here and abroad. Yale received over \$1,500,000. A gift of \$547,000 was made to the University of Chicago. Columbia received \$204,000, while over \$875,000 went to Harvard. Other American and foreign universities received liberal gifts including those in France, Poland, England, China, Japan and Germany. Hardly a public welfare activity that was not touched by Rockefeller generosity. Some of the gifts were medical science \$559,000, social science \$642,000, public health \$2,700,000, research programs \$1,300,000, natural science \$198,000, fellowships and grants \$1,180,000 and buildings \$3,000,000, and administration \$872,000.

An increasing demand for public health nurses in schools and in rural and industrial sections is being felt throughout the country, according to Miss Mary Sewall Hardner, national membership chairman. "This is due, I feel to the stringency of economic conditions which have focused the public and professional eye on the importance of public health nursing." Public health nurses will face this year "the most challenging winter in the history of the profession," she states.

In what was perhaps his last public statement, made last summer to the National Electric Light Association, the late Thomas A. Edison said: "My message to you is to be courageous. I have lived a long time. I have seen history repeat itself again and again. I have seen many depressions in business. Always America has come out strong and more prosperous. Be as brave as your fathers were before you. Have faith—go forward."

By comparison, as revealed in statistics given by the United States Department of Commerce, in 1900 there were 20,766 Oregon farms free from mortgaged debt as against 19,754 in 1930, and farms under mortgaged indebtedness increased from 7,010 in 1900 to 23,070 in 1930. The above barometer of farm indebtedness indicates conclusively the gradual slowing up agricultural progress in this state over a ten year period.

Reports of large groups of swans making their appearance again at points in the Pacific Northwest, would indicate that these beautiful birds are either fast multiplying as the result of protective restrictions, or else they are returning to their former haunts after a long period of habitation in other sections of the country. Seattle and Klamath Lake report the swan in large numbers.

That the Josephine county food conservation project is effective is evidenced by the fact that at one field alone more than 50 families called for tomatoes and took them away in 100 or 200 pound lots. This exchange and distribution of food among needy families is carried on through the granges of the county.

In these hard times the necessity and value of agricultural cooperatives have been proven time and again. The farmer who belongs to a cooperative, has, in many instances, received a good deal better price than the farmer who has done business independently. This is especially true in the case of the dairy industry.

If we are to legislate against guns, we may just as well legislate against knives, axes, automobiles, ropes and such household medicines as iodine. All of these have been, and can be, used in the commission of crime. It is true that they have useful and innocent purposes. But so have guns.

Weston keeps the mountain potato on the market map by boosting it with an annual potato show. The show merits a creditable attendance of Athena citizens. Show dates are today and tomorrow and interesting programs have been arranged for your entertainment.

Premier Manuel Azana is said to have the largest jaw of any man in Spain. When he worked it the other day while assuming the dictatorship of his country, he said: "The Spanish republic is not in danger, but we are facing an illegal opposition which must be smashed!"

The difference between University of Oregon and Oregon State in foot-

ball prowess Saturday, was that U. of O. defeated New York 14 to 6 and O. S. C. lost to Washington State College 6 to 7. Nevertheless there will be a great homecoming day down at Eugene soon.

Living on coconuts and wild pork for three months those Coconos island castaways found themselves anemic when rescued. Well, anyway they had three squares a day, even though they found no vitamins in their fare.

Worthless checks were passed on Benton county turkey growers last year and the county agent is warning the growers to be on their guard this season. He advises the establishment of a central buying agency, where all transactions may be cleared.

Here's the way they do it in Hungary. A bank was robbed of \$10,000. Thirty-six hours after, the robber was apprehended and put on trial at 10 a. m. At 6:25 the same afternoon he was hanged. Hungary is showing the way.

Practically all grain in Wallowa county was stored on the farms at harvest time and only a small percentage of the crop has been sold. With the rise in price, Wallowa farmers are now hauling their wheat to market.

Now Sullivan Gulch, once the dumping grounds of the city, is to be a beauty spot in Portland. A Californian named Lloyd is ready to build a \$3,000,000 hotel and the gulch is included in his landscaping scheme.

With a world crop of dried prunes placed at two-thirds as large as last season, Milton - Freewater storage houses should not be so full of prunes after the first of the year.

Almost double in price what wheat was a month ago, it is a hard jolt to those farmers who were compelled to sell their grain when quotations were in the 30's.

Well, anyway a whale 's a whale; in the quick or pickled.

Gandhi is nobody's goat. He has one of his own.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.
In the Matter of the Estate of Mary E. Michael, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern: That Charles A. Michael has been appointed administrator of the estate of Mary E. Michael, deceased, and has qualified as such. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with proper vouchers as required by law, to the said administrator at the office of Peterson and Lewis, his attorneys, in the Inland Empire Bank Building, Pendleton, Oregon, within six months of the date of the first publication of this notice which is the 9th day of October, 1931.

CHARLES A. MICHAEL, Administrator.
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A JUDGE'S INDICTMENT
(Oregon Journal)

What is going on in American cities?
What is not going on in American cities?

Such thoughts flood into your mind as you read Judge Wilkerson's statement from the bench about the Capone trial. The judge said D'Andrea, discovered in the courtroom at the trial with a revolver in his belt, was a member of the "outlaw gang" that intimidated government witnesses and ordered defense witnesses to perjure themselves.

The outlaw organization headed by Capone, Judge Wilkerson asserted, "exercises a control over people with whom it comes into contact that resembles nothing less than insurrection against the laws of the United States."

"The court would have been blind indeed if he had not noticed the intimidation of witnesses under his eye. The respondent (D'Andrea) sat behind the defendant, a loaded revolver in his pocket, while Capone glared at witnesses as they faltered in their testimony and were unable to remember things in connection with Capone's business," the judge said.

It is a picture for the American people to contemplate. D'Andrea, with his loaded revolver, ready and waiting, just behind Capone—and in a courtroom! Capone, on trial, with his gunnman at his back, glaring at witnesses with the ferocity of a tiger! Under Capone's glare and his gunnman's stare, witnesses faltered in their testimony and were unable to "remember!" And all this under the very eye of a judge in an American courtroom—happily a judge with the nerve and courage to describe it and to apply the penalties of the law to the all-powerful gang leader and his gunnman.

Judge Wilkerson said gamblers had been summoned to Capone's "camp" and told to testify concerning his losses on horse race bets. The defense testimony, he added, was a "shocking array of perjury."

Again there arises the question, "What is not going on in American cities?"

And how long, oh, how long, will the American people and their boasted civilization continue to tolerate organized crime and its blood-thirsty exponents?

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22 Years Ago

There will be a jolly, good time for everybody at the Athena Opera house, Wednesday evening November 24, when the Athena Public school, assisted by the Commercial Association, school patrons and school friends will extend to the public a Thanksgiving entertainment.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized in Walla Walla early Wednesday morning, when Miss Nettie Elliott became the wife of Mr. Casper Woodward, Rev. S. G. Fisher of the Central Christian church officiating. The wedding was a quiet one, at the home of the bride's mother, only the immediate friends and relatives of the contracting parties being present.

The big drill is again pounding away at the artesian well, dropping at depth of 820 feet. The casing was put in the first of the week, since when no trouble has been encountered with sand.

Fred Shoemaker, the Wireless Telephone man is in town.

Miss Velma Wilkinson spent Saturday with friends in Pendleton.

S. F. Wilson, T. H. Beverley and H. I. Watts spent Sunday in Walla Walla.

T. J. Kirk is again able to be out, and his friends are glad to see him down town.

J. D. Irenal, formerly a resident of Weston, died recently at Dayton, Washington.

Mrs. Edna Whiteman and the two boys will spend Thanksgiving with relatives in Athena.

James Henderson has purchased the Ed Taylor cottage, located just east of the Baptist church. Consideration \$800.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Hawks left on Sunday's train for Spokane where they will visit relatives for a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Anson Wood and Dean Dudley will leave shortly for California, where they will spend the winter.

H. H. Alexander has returned from

a visit to relatives in Nebraska and California. Mrs. Alexander, who is still in California will arrive home next week.

Among the farmers caught in seeding operations when the snow and freezeup came, is Wm. McBride with only one third of his seeding completed. A. B. McEwen and J. A. Kirk had considerable seeding to do, also.

At a meeting of the school board Tuesday evening, it was decided to put a new stove in the primary room and also install protectors around the stoves in four of the rooms. The board will also investigate the cost of wiring the school building for electric lights.

An incipient fire in the cottage occupied by Mrs. Watts, on Jefferson street, caused considerable excitement in that neighborhood, Monday. The fire which started from an overheated stove, did little damage and was extinguished by Mrs. Watts and another lady.

The members of the Athena band meet regularly for rehearsals, and considerable progress is noted. The band room is a good place for the boys during the long winter evenings. Their time is profitably spent, and by their efforts, Athena will soon have a splendid band.

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