

FINNEY OF THE FORCE

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Grant as "Slaveholder"
Ulysses Simpson Grant was at one time technically a slave owner. After being graduated from West Point he was sent to St. Louis for garrison duty. Near that city lived one of his classmates, Frederick T. Dent, whose father owned a large plantation known as White Haven and enough negro slaves to live in characteristic southern comfort. In 1848, upon his return from the Mexican war, Grant was married at White Haven to Julia Dent, the sister of his classmate. The elder Dent made the young couple, a present of a slave boy. Of course General Grant never trafficked in slaves.—Kansas City Star.

Vegetable Sales Loss Laid to Boyish Figure
Chicago—The publicized theory of theatrical producers that the ideal feminine figure should have a boyish slowness has done "almost irreparable harm" to certain branches of the vegetable industry, E. S. Briggs, manager of the American Fruit and Vegetable Shippers' association, declared at the annual convention.

Shy on Bathtubs
Washington—One-third of homes surveyed by the General Federation of Women's Clubs had no bathtubs; one-fifth had no kitchen sinks. The federation's deduction is that the home is lagging far behind the progress in every other field of American life.

New Yorkers' Baby Born as Citizen of Turkey
Constantinople.—The first American to be born a Turk is Rudolf Riefstahl, Jr., whose parents are from New York. The baby was born in the American hospital here and was claimed by the Turkish government as a Turkish citizen under a new law.

Motion Picture Art
The motion picture may be magnificent, but is it art? An effort is being made to decide this question, if it can be decided satisfactorily. Walter Russell, president of the Society of Arts and Science, announces that the question is to be put to "10,000 men of talent and genius in all parts of the world," who are to be asked to vote simply yes or no. Ballots are to be sent to the "leading poets, philosophers, painters, sculptors, musicians, novelists and scientists of America, England, France, Germany, Spain and other countries." In this way it is hoped to obtain the verdict of the "brains of the world" upon this matter. But is it really so important? If the motion picture is to be raised to the dignity of the eighth art it will be so raised on its own merits, and not by the dictum of any selected group of 10,000 men of (supposed) talent and genius. Time will decide this question, and time alone.

Noble Roll of Honor
The men who have given themselves in the cause of science would make a noble roll of honor, though of many of them the world at large has heard but vaguely, says the London Evening Standard. Their exploits are not spectacular or, as a rule, set in picturesque surroundings. The imagination of all of us respond to the picture of the airman precariously poised in his frail machine over merciless waters, or to the explorer isolated among the Polar snows, fighting for his life in a blizzard. The scientist in his laboratory overall just off one of our familiar streets is not at first sight so romantic a figure. He has left his commonplace home that morning and gone by the bus or the train, which will carry him back to his commonplace home again at night. We find it hard to realize that in the interval he may have been facing wild adventure with the courage of a Lindbergh or a Scott.

Kenmore, home of Betty Washington, who married Col. Fielding Lewis, is in need of repairs. The women of Fredericksburg, who raised the money to save the historic home from being torn down, are making an appeal for funds at this time, the one hundred seventy-eighth anniversary of the year of Betty's marriage. The amount needed is \$90,000, and a request has been made to all the Bettys of the United States to lend a hand. Kenmore should be preserved, not only for its historic associations, but because of the beauty of its colonial architecture and decorations. Now that the old mansion is dedicated to the public it would be a great pity to allow it to fall into decay.

Oregon State News

The financial condition of the city of Baker is said to be excellent. Records recently revealed a cash balance of \$105,359 on hand and in the banks. The \$9,210,500 appropriation for public buildings sent to congress by President Coolidge contains an item of \$175,000 for a new postoffice at Corvallis.

Tillamook county commissioners have voted an appropriation of \$1000 to pay the indebtedness incurred by staging the 1928 and previous county fairs.

Fourteen canneries packed shad on the Columbia river during the year 1928 and put up a total of 19,192 cases, establishing a new record for the Pacific coast.

Sam A. Moulton, for 10 years mayor of Tillamook, has placed his resignation in the hands of the council, giving ill health and the pressure of private business as the cause.

Medford is to have a new modern hotel. It will be built by E. T. Allen of Portland, owner of the Nash hotel property, and will cost when completed approximately \$300,000.

Halsey is to have a new up-to-date library building in the near future. Mayor Bert S. Clark has donated the lot and others have volunteered to assist either with work or material.

Portland interests have offered to furnish the city of Estacada water from wells and a pumping system at an estimated cost of \$7000 and a monthly maintenance cost of \$225.

Ancient knives, pipes, arrowheads and other Indian relics are being taken from a mound on the W. W. Hittle ranch near Gold Hill. More than 100 people visited the mound recently.

Surveys have been made for a new bridge to replace the Mary White structure across the Coast Fork river near Cottage Grove, the old bridge having been declared too light for traffic.

The McMinnville school district plans to spend \$100,000 on two grade school buildings to take the place of old structures, and the matter will be put up to the voters for approval or rejection.

Two truckloads of wild turkeys and guinea fowls will be liberated in Curry county during the next week. The guinea fowls take readily to the wilds and have proven a great success in other states.

Development of the oil production possibilities of the Rogue River valley adjacent to Medford are now under way, and oil and gas leases for approximately 2500 acres of land have been obtained.

Goldfish were frozen for several weeks in a pond at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Warner at Mount Pleasant, about two miles from Oregon City, have thawed out, and are now very much alive.

The Farmers' Grain Elevator company at Athena has commenced shipment of 75,000 bushels of wheat which was purchased by outside buyers shortly after harvest and which has since been held in storage.

The Mount Angel Producers' Packing company, by unanimous vote, has decided to come under the federal cooperative act. Reorganization will be completed in time for the gooseberry and strawberry season's pack.

Farmers of Yamhill and Washington counties have filed claims of about \$11,500 for damages suffered because of an order of the state board of horticulture in May, 1928, requiring them to plow up their growing clover crops.

Tobacco culture will be tried in Coos county this season by Al Bezosky, a rancher of Gravel Ford, who has seed for ten acres. Mr. Bezosky had raised tobacco in Wisconsin before coming to Coos county and found it profitable. He will plant between five and seven acres this year.

The Klamath County Chamber of Commerce has received word from Washington that the pine beetle control bill, appropriating \$300,000, has passed the senate and is now in the conference committee.

Completion of a \$5,000,000 merger of Port Orford white cedar interests is announced at Marshfield. The new company will control two veneer plants, one white cedar lumber mill and \$1,000 acres of timber.

Work has been commenced by the United States engineers on the construction of three dikes at the upper end of Walker island near Mayer to preserve the alignment and keep the river channel from shifting.

Ross Francis Chenoweth, son of Judge and Mrs. F. A. Chenoweth, who are prominent pioneer residents of Benton county, died suddenly at his home in King's valley. He was born in 1852 at Port Townsend, Wash.

Pacific university at Forest Grove ushered in the new term with an enrollment of 126, 35 students being registered from Portland.

For three nights, March 6, 7 and 8, an old-time fiddler contest will be held in Estacada. The winner will play at an old-time dance.

Clatsop county poultrymen are ordering numerous lots of baby chicks. The two hatcheries in the county are operating at full capacity.

Conservative estimates based upon telephone and water connections indicate a population in Klamath Falls and its suburbs of 14,138.

Mrs. Fred Wallace was knocked unconscious at Oregon City recently when she attempted to scrape an electric iron with a butcher knife.

Apple growers of the timber section of Union county have completed their packing operations for the season and so far have shipped out 240 carloads.

Births outnumbered deaths in Wallowa county more than two to one during 1928, according to official vital statistics of the county. There were 129 births, of which 59 were boys and 70 girls. Death claimed 59 persons during the year, most of them more than 60 years of age.

The Vale volunteer fire department held a big winter frolic Friday and Saturday nights, March 1 and 2. An antique bar, a souvenir of Vale school days, creaky gaming tables and other relics of the early days, as well as tangerine hats and rodeo attire, made their appearance at the celebration.

Congressional action was completed last week upon the senate bill to authorize \$35,000 for improvement of the Oregon caves in the Siskiyou national forest, when the house agreed to a conference report conciliating differences of the two houses over some amendments. The bill now goes to the president.

Basement doors were blown for over 50 feet and furnishings were wrecked generally when a water heater in the home of George Pier of The Dalles exploded. Pier declared that the whole house appeared to rise in the air and settle down after the blast, which the family at first took to be an earthquake.

Under the auspices of the Coos county chamber of commerce and Coos county, an advertising booklet will be issued about March 15. Text for the booklet is now being submitted to the various commercial bodies over the county to permit of additions or corrections which may be discovered as necessary before the issue is out.

Spring has been officially announced in Hood River. S. E. Bartmess, pioneer resident, who annually reports the first mid-Columbia crocus, found a yellow blossom of this species on his front lawn. A snow bank occupied the lawn a week ago. Mr. Bartmess says that the first crocus appeared a week ahead of the average date this season.

The Moro State bank, a new financial institution at Moro, in Sherman

county, formed by the merger of the Farmers State bank and the Bank of Moro, opened its doors for business last week. The new bank will operate with a capital of \$50,000 and a surplus of \$7000 and is located in the building formerly occupied by the Bank of Moro.

Spring has come with a rush in the zoology department of the state college at Corvallis, with the arrival of 72 croaking frogs from an eastern supply house. The shipment on arrival there had but 70 croaking, as two had "croaked" enroute from Chicago and were no longer among the living. The new immigrants have been housed in the zoology laboratory aquarium.

Uncle Sam has provided mail service for Malheur county's newest town, the Owyhee dam site. The new post-office opened with D. H. Henderson in charge. Dam site residents will have a daily service except Sunday. Mail goes through the Nyssa post-office. It is transported to Dunaway siding by automobile, and from there by speeder over the new railroad to the dam.

A total of \$2,656,183.97 has been paid to stockholders of the Eugene Farmers' Creamery, a co-operative concern, since its organization in 1914. It was announced at the annual meeting of the stockholders in Eugene. There are 252 stockholders in the concern. This sum includes \$2,546,330.67 paid producers for milk, cream and butterfat; \$70,907.38 bonuses paid on butterfat and \$38,445.92 dividends paid on stock.

A report was received at La Grande recently that a band of wild police dogs had been partly broken up after harassing a herd of deer near Ladd canyon on the edge of the Blue mountains, a few miles from La Grande. Hunters have killed three of the dogs. The animals are said to use the same methods as coyotes in hunting, and to have killed two deer recently. One dog is said to have been killed by a cornered deer.

Twenty-five persons were killed and 325 persons were injured in a total of 1968 traffic accidents during the month of January, according to a report by T. A. Rafferty, chief inspector for the state motor vehicle department. Approximately 760 of the accidents were due to carelessness on the part of drivers. In 248 cases the drivers had defective brakes, while in 271 cases the accidents were caused by failure to give right of way.

A new locomotive for the Junction City-Horton "wooden railroad" has recently been completed at Junction City and has been given a trial run on the wooden rails of the line. The engine was taken from Junction City to Horton on its own power over the county road, as the railroad has not yet been completed as far as Junction City. The rear wheels of the locomotive were left on the road and the front wheels rested on an ordinary motor truck, the latter acting as steering apparatus for the engine.

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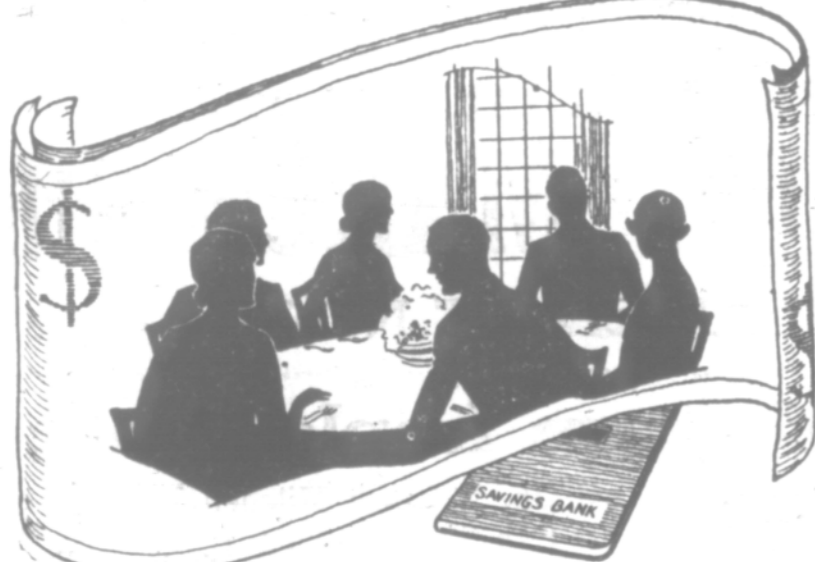
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- Savory Meat
- Baked Potatoes
- Baked Spinach
- Rolls and Butter
- Pumpkin Pie
- Demijou
- Red and White Salad

Six people can dine very well on food prepared for two dollars, as witness the above menu. Recipes for preparing the foods are:

Savory Meat: Shred one pound of lamb, beef or pork and brown in its own fat in a frying pan. Add one cup of chopped celery and celery tops, one tablespoon minced onion and one tablespoon salt. Cover and cook about ten minutes. Add two tablespoons flour and two tablespoons butter mixed together and two cups canned, strained tomato juice. Stir until the mixture is thick and bubbling, then serve.

Baked Spinach: Open a can of spinach and put a layer in a greased baking dish; sprinkle with grated cheese, cover with spinach and repeat until both ingredients are used up. Have cheese on top. Bake in a moderate oven for fifteen minutes then put under broiler flame to brown the cheese on top. It will take about one cup cheese.

Red and White Salad: Mix one cup shredded cabbage, one-half cup canned grapefruit sections, one-half cup salted peanuts and one-half cup can-

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Pumpkin Pie: Mix two cups canned pumpkin, one and one-eighth cups sugar, one teaspoon salt, one and one-half teaspoons ginger and one teaspoon cinnamon. Stir in three well-beaten egg yolks and two cups milk. Fold in three stiffly beaten egg whites. Turn into a pie-tin lined with pastry and bake for fifteen minutes in a temperature of 450 degrees F., reducing it at the end of that time to 325 degrees and baking until done — about thirty minutes.

Total costs for the foods are: Savory meat, 60 cents; baked spinach, 29 cents; baked potatoes, 4 cents; rolls and butter, 15 cents; red and white salad, 25 cents; pumpkin pie, 55 cents; coffee, 8 cents; total, \$1.96. The remaining four cents will go for incidentals such as spices, condiments, and fuel.

A Meal On One Dish



Typical Menu
Fresh Fruit Complete
Apples Stuffed with Vienna Sausages
Savory Corn Hot Roll
Hot Cabbage Salad
Apple Betty Coffee

THE newest thing in the planning of one's meals is to have them a one-dish affair. That is, the entire meat course is served in the kitchen and the plates arranged with the food brought into the dining room. Often such a meal is served at luncheon and is complete in itself. But with the addition of a cocktail or soup and a dessert it becomes more formal.

In making savory corn add to two cups of canned corn, two well-beaten eggs, two tablespoons chopped, canned pimiento, two tablespoons melted butter, three-fourths cup milk and salt and pepper. Pour into a buttered baking dish and cover the top with buttered crumbs mixed with an equal amount of grated cheese. Bake in a moderate oven until set and browned on top.

Hot cabbage salad is prepared by slicing one-half a cabbage as for cole-law. Make a dressing by mixing two slightly beaten egg yolks, one-fourth cup cold water, one tablespoon butter, one-fourth cup hot vinegar, one-half teaspoon salt, one-fourth teaspoon mustard and a dash of pepper; stir in the top of a double boiler until thick. Add the cabbage and stir until heated.

To prepare the apples, scoop out their cores, leaving the bottoms intact. Fill the centers with tiny canned Vienna sausages, about six to an apple, placed on end. Put in a covered baking dish with half a cup of water. Bake until apples are tender and delicious.