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Principal Events of the Week
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Katherine Everett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Everett of Portland, will rule over the May-day festivities on the Willamette University campus May 2 and 3.

Bertram Thorsell, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Thorsell of St. Helena, was killed when he fell from the running board of a friend's automobile as it turned a corner.

The Southern Pacific Railroad company has abandoned its daylight train between Eugene and Marshfield, and as a substitute is running a gasoline car on the old schedule.

Thurman Berry, chief of police at Junction City and for many years a resident there, dropped dead from heart disease just as he had finished locking up a prisoner he had arrested.

Wasco county wheat growers are now represented in a co-operative association, set up under the federal farm board, following an organization meeting in the Columbia district recently.

The Robert hotel of Reedsport, a frame structure, burned recently, with a loss estimated at \$15,000. All occupants escaped without injury, and most of them saved their belongings.

Election of directors of the Apple Growers' association at the annual meeting a few days ago, resulted in re-election of nine members of the former board of 11 and two new members.

Mayor Livesley has vetoed two ordinances passed by the city council of Salem providing for a bond issue of \$7000 to finance the appraisal of the local water system with a view to municipal ownership.

Floyd F. Hoyt shot a black wolf on his farm three miles southeast of Springfield. Farmers of that locality thought dogs had been worrying their livestock. The wolf was evidently an old one and had traveled far.

Taking for its motto, "Let us not live for ourselves alone," the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce has adopted a plan to meet with chambers of neighboring towns for the purpose of working out mutual problems more effectively.

A bill authorizing an appropriation of \$60,000 for the erection of a gymnasium at the Chemawa Indian school, five miles north of Salem, has been approved by the appropriations committee of the U. S. senate, according to a telegram received from Senator McNary.

In the Morrow county spelling contest in Heppner recently, Strawberry school won first place with Doris Kilinger, winner. Heppner won second with Cleo Duncan, winner, assisted by Jennie Swendick, and Ione third with Clifford Yarnell and Marion Hale, spellers.

Construction of a \$50,000 theatre in Lakeview has been announced by a group of Lakeview business men. The new showhouse will fill a long felt need in that city, it is reported, and is to be equipped with the new large size projection screen and sound equipment.

The sum of \$1000 was voted for the purpose of oiling the principal streets of Glendale by the city council. This action was taken after a merchants' committee complained about the annual summer dust nuisance and volunteered to donate at least \$150 to help pay for the oiling.

The new garage hall in Central Point, a one-story and basement building, 44 feet by 85 feet, costing more than \$7000, is nearing completion. The Pomona grange will hold the first meeting in the new structure the last of this month, at which time Governor Norblad is scheduled to speak.

THE MARKETS

Portland
Wheat—Big Bend Bluestem, \$1.21; soft white and western white, \$1.10; hard winter, northern spring and western red, \$1.08.

Hay—Alfalfa, \$19 per ton; valley timothy, \$20.50@21; eastern Oregon timothy, \$23.50@24; clover, \$17; oat hay, \$17; oats and vetch, \$17.50@18.

Butterfat—36¢41c.
Eggs—Ranch, 21¢24c.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$11.75@12.25.
Hogs—Good to choice, \$9.25@10.15.
Lamb—Good to choice, \$9.25@10.

Seattle
Wheat—Soft white and western white, \$1.12; hard winter, western red, northern spring, \$1.11; Big Bend Bluestem, \$1.24.

Eggs—Ranch, 25¢29c.
Butterfat—40c.
Cattle—Choice steers, \$9.50@11.00.
Hogs—Prime light, \$10.60@10.75.
Lamb—Choice, \$9@10.

Spokane
Cattle—Steers, good, \$10.25@11.
Hogs—Good to choice, \$10.35.
Lamb—Medium to good, \$9.50@10.

FARM FEDERATION TO BACK HIGHWAY PLAN

Hopes to Systematize Spending of \$300,000,000.

Chicago.—The American Farm Bureau federation has announced plans for the creation in each of the 3,000 odd counties of the United States to develop an intelligent and economical system of roads for progressive construction according to definite design on a long-time program. The announcement follows close on the heels of a congress of the Dowl-Phipps federal highway aid measure placing \$300,000,000 additional federal funds at the service of the states for highway construction.

Through the country farm bureau units of the organization, the farm-to-market road committees will be created. These will work closely with local governing authorities, finance officials, highway engineers and others directly responsible for the administration of highway funds. Careful studies will be made of the highway situation in each community with consideration given, not to political expediency, but to such factors as population distribution, agricultural tonnage and distance to market or shipping point, industrial and manufacturing activities and type of road required. When everything that in any way might affect the problem has been weighed and pondered, the long-time plan will be drafted for the highway building within the country. This will call for progressive construction through a period of years, according to the definite design approved by the planning committee.

In addition to the county committees, state committees will be organized in each state, to centralize work of the county committees and to work with the farm-to-market department of the American Farm Bureau federation.

The need for intelligent and systematic planning of the nation's road system, especially in counties, is set forth by Norman M. Blaney, director of the farm-to-market department at national headquarters of the farm bureau.

"Although billions of dollars have been expended by federal, state and county governments in the construction of roads in the years between 1914 and 1928," says Mr. Blaney, "there were more miles of unimproved roads in the United States at the end of 1928 than in 1914. The percentage of highways improved with superior types of surfacing has also decreased."

"While the discrepancy may seem alarming, it is due to the fact that to the total road mileage of 1914 there has been added in the fourteen intervening years a total of 570,521 miles of new highways. Lack of systematic planning with all sections of the program co-related is also responsible for the failure to make more headway."

McCormick Victory Held as Blow at World Court

Washington.—The sweeping victory of Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick over Senator Charles S. Deneen in Illinois was seized on here by numerous senators as a reason for opposing entry into the World court under the League of Nations.

Comment on the Illinois result concerned chiefly the World court aspect of it and also the fact that it fore-shadowed what will apparently be a hard fight in the state this fall over the prohibition issue with James Hamilton Lewis, the Democratic nominee.

So far as the World court question is concerned, it was predicted by Republican leaders in the senate that in view of the apparent sentiment shown in Illinois, no serious attempt would be made to force action in the senate for adherence under the Root formula until the Seventy-second congress, which will meet in December, 1931. It is apparent that it is too late in the present session to get action on the court before adjournment.

Mexicans May Ban Corn as Aid to Food Supply

Mexico City.—Prohibition of manufacture of alcohol from corn will be recommended to the government by the national anti-alcohol committee, a semi-official organization presided over by the secretary of the interior.

The committee will suggest that by this means the necessity of importing corn for use as food can be avoided and it will be pointed out that sufficient alcohol to satisfy the country's needs can be made from materials now going to waste in the sugar raising industry.

Decision to make this recommendation was taken by the committee as one of the first steps in its 1930 campaign to rid Mexico gradually of the drink habit.

Favors Cubs and Macks
New York.—Wall Street has chosen the Philadelphia Athletics at 1 to 2 to win the American league pennant, and the Chicago Cubs at 6 to 5 to win the National league championship, betting commissioners revealed.

Belgian Senate O. K.'s Young Plan
Brussels.—The Young plan of reparations and accompanying documents, known as the Hague agreements, were ratified by a vote of 100 to 1 in the Belgian senate.

KING BORIS REPRIMANDED



King Boris.

Sofia, Bulgaria.—The Plevna express arrived at that city several minutes late a few days ago, and the engineer was subjected to a severe reprimand from the station chief. When the station chief had concluded he recognized in the engineer King Boris.

FINAL TARIFF VOTE BY MIDDLE OF MAY

Progress of Conference Body
Should End Work Soon.

Washington.—Final enactment of the tariff bill about the middle of May or the latter part of that month at the outside is predicted by senate and house Republican leaders. According to the present rate of progress by the conference committee, that body is expected to complete its task in about a month. While some time will be taken up in debate over the conference report, especially in the senate, it is anticipated that the middle of May will see the bill either ready to transmit to the President or that there will be little delay thereafter in doing so.

The conference committee, which has reached the earth and earthquake schedule, is holding two meetings daily this week and Senator Reed Smoot, chairman of finance, is hopeful rapid progress will be made. Thus far few subjects have come up as to which there has been much trouble in compromising. As to cases, the conferees are in deadlock, but a compromise is expected. The debatable question has been passed over because it will be referred back to the house for a vote.

In spite of the fact many house members want to avoid a vote on the export debenture question, indications are that such a vote will be forced. It will be embarrassing to agricultural members who line up against the debenture.

The conference committee is being bombarded with briefs on various subjects which are before it. The United States Leather company has sent the conferees a brief in favor of free cattle hides.

Hawks in Glider Ends Flight of 2,869 Miles

New York.—Frank B. Hawks, who left San Diego, Calif., eight days ago in a glider towed by an airplane, completed his trans-continental trip by landing in Van Courtland Park, New York City, finishing a flight of 2,869 miles.

The trip across the continent was made in easy stages. It was the first time that a glider ever has made such a journey. In the presence of 15,000 persons, the aerial train was divided by cutting the towing rope while both machines were about 4,000 feet above the northern end of the city. Twelve minutes later Captain Hawks made a graceful landing on the Park Meadow.

The final stage of the trip was made in anything but favorable weather. Stops were made at Syracuse and Albany.

Financial Wizard Gets Penitentiary Sentence

Cedar Rapids, Iowa.—George Huckins, so-called financial wizard of Wisconsin who offered investors huge interest returns, was sentenced to an indeterminate prison term of not to exceed seven years as a result of his conviction of fraud. His son, Elmer Huckins, is in jail awaiting trial on similar charges.

All-Events Bowling Champion

Cleveland, Ohio.—George Morrison of Chicago was crowned all-events champion in the American Bowling congress which was held here.

\$300,000 Fire Darkens City

Altus, Okla.—The municipal-owned light and power plant here was destroyed by fire, leaving Altus, a city of about 10,000 persons, without light and power and facing a water shortage. The loss is estimated at \$300,000.

Flip of Coin Wins Mayor's Job

Almond, Wis.—Joseph R. Walter and Frank Poll tied in the mayoral election. They flipped a coin to decide who would get the job. Walter won.

Verse to Worsen

An eastern poet is arrested for stealing 363 books from libraries and book stores. This is going from verse to worse.

An Ad That Got Results

By H. IRVING KING
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PAUL read the newspaper clipping over for the hundredth time. It was an advertisement offering a large reward for information concerning the whereabouts of Claudia Bogartz, a young lady who had mysteriously disappeared from the home of her wealthy parents in a western city. He had cut it out of the paper the week before because there was something in the description of the missing heiress which suggested to him a face and figure with which he was familiar—the face and figure of the young lady who occupied the room over his.

The name of the young lady was Margaret Downs. The junior, bribed by numerous cigars, had told him that Miss Downs had lived in her present apartment for three weeks. Coming back, Paul figured that her arrival in the house was timed about three days after the disappearance of Claudia Bogartz. From the first time that he had met her on the stairs Paul had taken a deep interest in the new tenant. A bowing acquaintance sprang up between them almost before they were aware of it.

The more he saw of Margaret Downs the more Paul was convinced that she was none other than the missing heiress. "One has only to look at her to see," he told himself, "that she is out of her element in a place like this, that she had been reared amid most refined social surroundings."

The question was: What was his duty under the circumstances? Clearly to notify the proper person that Claudia Bogartz was living at such an address under the name of Margaret Downs. But if he did so there was an end to all those pleasant meetings on the stairs; to the sound of her little feet pattering about over his head; to all the dreams he had unconsciously been dreaming. A word from him and Margaret Downs would be waived away as Claudia Bogartz into a social and financial realm where he could not follow—*as yet*.

And then one afternoon he came to the house to meet Miss Downs on the stairs directly facing him. In order again. "What is the matter?" he asked. "I was in the senate," he said. "It would not be agreeable to many of my colleagues, and with all my desires to be helpful it would probably sometimes be an embarrassment to the administration. To have a former President in Washington exercising political power would result in all kinds of uncomfortable complications. Only the necessity of serving in some national crisis, so great as to subordinate all other considerations, would warrant it."

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Only 3 Powers to O. K. Pact Limiting Navies

London.—The outcome of the twelve weeks' deliberations of the London naval conference was announced here. There will be a treaty signed by the five powers, but containing the assent of only three of them—the United States, Great Britain, and Japan—to a five-year period of limitation of auxiliary classes of warships.

These three powers will also agree to a holiday in battleship and aircraft carrier construction. Whether the French and Italians concur depends upon their claim that fighting fleets should be limited by units and not by separate categories. Unless the Italians are willing unconditionally to agree to a capital ship holiday, France will also abstain from signing this part of the treaty. Both these nations, however, have made clear their aversion to further building of heavy ships.

Queen of Sweden Dead of Pulmonary Trouble

Rome.—Queen Victoria, sixty-eight, of Sweden, died here. She had long been an invalid and for some time had suffered from pulmonary trouble. Her husband, King Gustav, had just returned from Naples because of her decline. She was a daughter of Grand Duke Frederick of Baden, Germany, and was born at Karlsruhe. Her mother, Grand Duchess Louise, was a daughter of Emperor William I. She was married to Gustav, then crown prince of Sweden and Norway, in 1881. The coronation in 1907 was by her request very simple and devoid of most of the pomp usually marking such ceremonies.

More Chinese Cannibals
Peking, China.—Reports of additional cases of cannibalism among the starving population of the Wei river district have been received, the China international relief commission announced.

Signs Bill for Farm Board Funds

Washington.—The deficiency bill appropriating \$100,000,000 of which \$100,000,000 is immediately available for the federal farm board, was signed by President Hoover.

WOULD BOOST MAIL RATE



Walter F. Brown.

Washington.—For years every one has been complaining over the annual deficit of the post office department, which has grown from \$50 in 1789 to \$85,000,000 last year. Now Postmaster General Walter F. Brown boldly presents the suggestion that the deficit be wiped out annually by a rate of 2 1/2 cents on first class mail instead of the prevailing rate of 2 cents.

COOLIDGE WILL NOT RE-ENTER POLITICS

Ex-President Does Not Yearn
for Public Office.

New York.—Former President Calvin Coolidge, in a copyright article in Hearst's International and Cosmopolitan, writes that he has no intention of returning to public life.

The former President gives his views on prohibition, the tariff, playing the market, the suggestion that he run for senator, the talk of another term and "minding one's own business."

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Kansas Only Dry State in Prohibition Ballot

New York.—A slight relative gain for the enforcement and continuance of the present prohibition laws is noted in the fifth weekly tabulation of ballots in the Literary Digest nationwide poll on prohibition, made public here.

Though the drys gained in the general total, they lost their majority in Tennessee, leaving Kansas as the only one of 44 states giving a majority for enforcement.

The addition of four states and more than 500,000 new votes during the past week resulted in a gain in the enforcement vote of slightly less than the Vetoed ratio of one-half of 1 per cent. This gain was taken from the vote for repeal, with a "rather minute increase" in the vote for modification.

States listed for the first time were Colorado, Idaho, Montana, and Utah. Colorado and Utah were classed as "medium dry," with pluralities but not majorities for enforcement. Montana gave a large plurality for repeal, and in Idaho repeal led enforcement by twenty-three votes.

The 44 states were evenly divided, 22 giving a preference or plurality for enforcement, and 22 a preference for repeal. The District of Columbia also showed a repeal plurality.

Poll Shows Congress Is Strong for Prohibition

New York.—A poll of congress, undertaken by the North American Newspaper alliance, shows that the present membership is in favor of prohibition by a large majority.

Thirty-four of the ninety-six members of the senate replied to telegrams asking them to state their position. Of these twenty-one declared themselves for enforcement, one for modification and four repeal.

One hundred and sixty-five of the 435 members of the house of representatives replied. One hundred favored enforcement, twelve modification and fifty-two repeal.

Southern legislators, except in Louisiana, voted solidly for enforcement. Nine states accounted for 85 per cent of the repeal votes and 85 per cent of the modification replies. They were Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Wisconsin, Maryland, Missouri and California.

Fall River Wins Soccer

Cleveland, Ohio.—Fall River defeated Cleveland, 2 to 1, to win the national soccer title. It was the fourth national title Fall River has won in 17 years of national challenge cup competition.

\$2,900,000 for R. R. Equipment

Richmond, Va.—John J. Bernet, president of the Chesapeake & Ohio lines, announced that orders for 91 pieces of passenger car equipment to cost \$2,900,000 have been placed.

URNS GRAIN CO-OP TO FARMER OWNERS

Stockholders Represent Mar-
keting Associations.

Chicago.—The administration of the \$20,000,000 Farmers' National Grain corporation, the first national co-operative set up by the federal farm board, was turned over at a meeting here to stockholders representing 21 regional farmers' grain marketing associations.

It was the first annual meeting of the concern, a brief business session during which two farm board members spoke encouragingly of results thus far in the administration of the federal agricultural marketing act. Samuel R. McKelvie, former Nebraska governor, and a representative of the board, was followed by Carl Williams, cotton representative. Both indicated that farmers of the country generally are favorable to the new marketing movement.

Nineteen farmer stockholders were named on the new board of directors of the grain sales co-operative, which takes the place of the original board, which incorporated the organization. Two of these original directors were dropped—P. A. Lee, Grand Forks, N. D., and H. G. Keeney, Omaha, Neb.

The five new directors added are: E. E. Kennedy, Kankakee, Ill., Farmers' Union; C. B. Steward, Omaha, Neb., Farmers' West Central Grain co-operative; Oscar Slosser, Fostoria, Ohio, Ohio Farmers' Grain and Supply association; F. J. Wilmer, Rosalia, Wash., president North Pacific Grain Growers' association, and W. J. Kuhrt, Minneapolis, Northwest Grain association.

C. E. Huff, Salina, Kas., was elected president; John Manley, Enid, Okla., vice president, and Lawrence Farlow, Bloomington, Ill., secretary, at the directors' meeting.

Officers of the Grain Stabilization corporation, operating under the farm board's auspices, stated that 800,000 bushels of the 1,247,000 bushels of wheat "posted" recently as being out of condition was government owned grain. George S. Milnor, vice president, said that he had ordered an inspection of the damaged grain "to see what shape it's in and how it got that way."

The stabilization corporation made effective its contracts with several leading domestic millers in the farm board's plan to store grain in miller's bins and sell it out to them as needed for processing for foreign demand.

Fortune in Silk Passes Through Seattle Port

Seattle, Wash.—Nearly \$190,000,000 worth of silk for millday's wardrobe passed through the port of Seattle during the last year.

A silk train is a thing of romance. Huge value, a million or so dollars, is in the cars behind the engine. A clear track and a bonus for extra speed to the Atlantic seaboard often is the rule. Insurance and interest are important factors.

A total of 202,300 bales of silk, worth approximately \$900 each, was received in Seattle during the year, with Japan supplying most of the product. In addition to the raw silk the port last year shipped \$3,905,428 worth of finished silk articles through the port. Of that amount China sent goods valued at \$343,988 and Japan, \$51,435.

Flyers Help Enforce Canadian Fishing Laws

Vancouver, B. C.—Pirating of fish traps in British Columbia and Alaska has been reduced materially since the flying service of Western Canada Airways has been established. The pilots make fishery patrols in addition to flying for mining exploration and for other purposes.

The pilots also detect fishing by purse seiners or fishing craft during closed seasons or in closed areas, the use of illegal nets, and the employment of Oriental fish. They inspect spawning streams and lakes, covering a wide area in a few hours' flying, thus rendering valuable service to the fishing industry and to the government's efforts toward conservation.

St. Patrick Has Rival; Man Kills 600 Snakes

Forsyth, Mont.—Tom Halverson challenges St. Patrick. Halverson stumbled upon a prairie dog town infested with rattlesnakes. Like St. Patrick, the sheep herder decided to rid the little community of reptiles. He killed snakes until he was weary; then rested and killed more. Unable to exterminate the entire reptilian population, he ceased finally and counted his kill. He had slain 600.

Makes Whoopee at 75; Sings Way Into Jail

Washington.—"A few of us boys were just having a little fun," explained Edward Chapman, seventy-five, in police court recently. Chapman was one of four arrested for singing "Sweet Adeline" on the street at midnight. "Boys of your age should be in bed by nine," reported Judge Scheldt. "Ten days."