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## The Man Who Never Forgot

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AT PRECISELY 8:20 a. m. John Pendleton Booth, plump, red-faced, pompous, successful, fifty, came down the steps of his New Rochelle home and climbed into the waiting limousine. "Right on the dot as usual," he told Will, his chauffeur.

Will let in the gears with a wry smile. He knew only too well what Mr. Booth's daily schedule was. It hadn't varied for the ten years Will had been driving the big car. Lately the chauffeur had found himself hoping that Mr. Booth would be a minute late some time during the day.

"Be punctual and never forget anything," Booth announced to Will for perhaps the thousandth time. "If I hadn't followed those two principles I'd never be president of the New York Security Trust today."

There was no denying that Mr. Booth was president of that great trust company, so Will said nothing. Mr. Booth leaned comfortably back in the heavily upholstered seat and lit his first of the day's allotment of cigars, the first puff of which always left his lips as the car passed Meridian road.

Morning traffic at the crossing was unusually heavy today and Will was forced to slow down to a bare five miles an hour. Glancing about him with an air of interested benevolence, Mr. Booth's eyes alighted on the figure of a man balancing himself on the nearest curb. Now it was not the banker's habit to offer rides to strangers, but today he was in a generous mood and, besides, the man on the curb appeared to be prosperous, well-dressed. Booth ordered Will to stop the car and, leaning out of the window, asked the waiting gentleman if he cared to ride into the city.

He climbed into the rear of Mr. Booth's limousine with alacrity, explaining that he had an important appointment that morning and had been desperately trying to find a taxi to take him down to Wall street.

Mr. Booth chuckled and said Wall street happened to be his destination and that he understood the necessity of keeping an appointment. The stranger then introduced himself as one David Carrigan. Now David Carrigan happened to be president of the Mechanics Savings bank, an institution which Booth had every intention of merging with his own trust company. For months he had been trying to arrange the combination of the two financial organizations, but to date had never had the pleasure of meeting the president of the Mechanics crowd.

Mr. Booth was delighted at this chance opportunity to get acquainted, but was too shrewd a man to take advantage of the situation and to attempt to talk business. Instead he chatted lightly on the latest subjects of Westchester county gossip, the alarming increase in hold-ups of motorists on the highways and by-roads. It was a subject dear to Mr. Booth's heart and he expressed himself strongly. "A man's a fool to take chances," he said. "A little caution is all that's necessary. Never stop for strangers, that's what I say. I've never had any trouble yet. I'm too clever for the crooks. They'll never get me."

As Mr. Booth's car rolled into Central park at the hundred and fourth street, he reached at his pocket for his watch in order to check Will and see if he was running on schedule. His hand fumbled at his vest pocket, then hung there, paralyzed. His watch was gone!

Then in a flash the answer came to him. This man beside him was not David Carrigan. He was a hold-up man! Now as Mr. Booth was in the habit of driving at night on political work in the county, he had secured a license to carry a revolver in his automobile. Mr. Booth acted swiftly. He snatched the blunt nose automatic from the pocket at his side, jammed the muzzle into the ribs of the man beside him and said in hard determined voice: "Give me the watch!"

A startled look flashed over Carrigan's face. With trembling hands he plucked the watch and chain from his own vest pocket, handed the articles over to Mr. Booth and then dived head first from the running car, all in one continuous terrified movement, and was gone.

On his return home that night, Mr. Booth proudly related the morning's incident to his wife, Martha. As she was accustomed to listening to his triumphs she showed no particular surprise. But when her husband reached the part about the watch she sat up, listened intently and then to prove his story and to illustrate it, he took the very timepiece from his pocket and dangled it in front of his wife. She seized it, looked it over and looked on the back, very strangely, she began to laugh. "Look, John," she urged. "Look at the initials on the back of the watch. 'D. C.' That was Mr. Carrigan's initials. I found your own watch after you forgot something! You've made a mistake! Oh, John! This makes you a human being again."

## JONES WINS NEW TITLE



Bobby Jones

St. Andrews.—Bobby Jones won the most coveted of all titles in golf, the British amateur championship, by defeating Roger Wethered 7 up and 6 to play. He had gained a title which he had never before held. He crowned all his golfing ambitions by winning this match. Previously he had won the United States amateur and the "open" of both the United States and Great Britain.

## PROHIB. QUÉRY MAY BE ON FALL BALLOT

Penny. Democrats Wet; Ill. Seeks Voters' Attitude.

Harrisburg, Pa.—The Democratic party of Pennsylvania definitely voted on record as being wet. The state committee, which reorganized here, adopted a platform that recommended the immediate repeal of the Snyder Amendment state enforcement act, the repeal of the federal Volstead act, and the removal of the Eighteenth amendment from the federal Constitution.

The party favors the submission by congress of an amendment to conventions elected by the people of the states provided by the Constitution.

The platform, drafted by the state candidates at a meeting recently, was approved unanimously by the platform committee.

Chicago.—The first step to determine the attitude of the voters of Illinois on prohibition at the election next November was taken the past week by the Republican organization of Cook county.

Chairman B. W. Snow of the county central committee announced that three petitions under the public policy act had been put in circulation throughout the city and the country towns. Each covers a separate question sought to be placed on the little ballot in the state election.

The first is the question whether the Eighteenth amendment shall be repealed. The second is the question whether congress shall modify the Volstead act by giving the individual states the power to determine for themselves what alcoholic content of beverages is intoxicating. The third is the question whether the state legislature shall repeal the Illinois prohibition law, sometimes called the secret and seizure act.

A few days ago the Republican Washington state convention adopted a plank calling for the modification of the Volstead act.

**\$356,144 Davis Ticket;**  
**Pinchots Give \$100,000**  
Washington.—Expenditures aggregating \$356,144 in behalf of the ticket headed by Secretary of Labor James J. Davis, Republican senatorial candidate, and Francis S. Brown, Republican candidate for governor, in the recent Pennsylvania primary, were reported to the senate's election expenditures investigating committee.

In comparison, Senator J. H. Grundy (Rep., Pa.), who lost to Davis, has reported expenditures of approximately \$238,000, while \$200,000 was spent for a wet ticket headed by Prof. Francis H. Bohlen.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Gifford Pinchot contributed \$24,000 to his own successful campaign for the Republican nomination for governor and his wife gave \$15,000. His statement of campaign expenditures revealed when it was filed with the state election bureau.

—Legion Building for Athens  
Athens, Greece.—The cabinet has decided to grant a site in the center of Athens for the American Legion's building.

Halts Canadian Liquor to U. S.  
Ottawa, Ont.—With notifications issued to all Canadian customs officers that the liquor export ban is now in effect, the Canadian government has officially cut off all liquor exports to the United States.

Awards \$13,000,000 Contracts  
New York.—Nearly \$13,000,000 in rapid transit contracts, mainly for the city's new subway system, were awarded recently by the board of transportation.

## OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Assembled for Information of Our Readers.

At the opening of the Lake county wool market a quarter of a million pounds was sold for 19 cents a pound.

The Medford Elks lodge has voted to approve the petition of Grants Pass residents for a lodge to be granted Grants Pass.

W. W. Work of Albany suffered a broken arm when his automobile became unmanageable on the Newport-Albany road and overturned.

Laundrymen of all sections of Oregon gathered in Salem recently for the annual convention of the State Laundrymen's association.

"Construction work on the Owyhee project is progressing rapidly with more than 400 men employed on the dam and tunnel contracts.

The Pendleton Pioneer club has dedicated a concrete bench in Pioneer park to the late Mrs. Aura M. Raley, often referred to as the "mother of Pendleton."

A warning to merchants and individuals to beware of bringing infected cherries into Douglas county has been issued by A. C. Allen, horticultural commissioner.

The Oregon-Washington Water Service company of Salem spent \$5479 in its unsuccessful campaign against the municipal ownership amendment at the recent election.

Recent rains have increased the prospects for average yields in all the major crops of Baker county. Less wheat and more barley and oats were planted this year than usual.

The Eastern Oregon Librarian association has been organized at Baker by librarians from all parts of eastern Oregon. Miss Mabel Doty of La Grande was elected president.

The Marion county court has purchased a new concrete mixer and hereafter no small bridges will be built of wood. The old wooden bridges will be replaced with concrete culverts.

Contracts for the installation of ornamental street lighting on Klamath avenue and for the 14th sewer unit were awarded by ordinances passed by the Klamath Falls city council.

Extensive limestone deposits have been found in the Black Butte quicksilver mine in southern Lane county. It is said the deposits are sufficient to warrant commercial development.

E. V. Matthews of Fossil was killed, and Dan E. Flory, also of Fossil, was injured when their automobile crashed into a Columbia Gorge auto stage near Warrendale on the Columbia highway.

The Oregon strawberry crop this year was estimated by the department of agriculture at 12,229,000 quarts on an area of 9450 acres, as against 11,700,000 quarts on 10,500 acres last year.

A pledge of cooperation in the effort to bring the 1931 convention of the state department of the American Legion to Roseburg has been given Umpqua post by the Roseburg chamber of commerce.

Except in cases of extreme emergencies and when the distance is reasonably close, the Eugene fire apparatus hereafter will not be taken out of the city limits, according to a decision of the city council.

A union high school building will be erected at Lovell, near Eugene, at a cost of \$25,000. The voters of Lovell.

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The Jackson County Game Protective association will oppose the granting of permits for the construction of any power dams in the Rogue river of the taking of water for any purpose other than irrigation, that will reduce the stream flow.

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Signal, Eula, Warner, Unity and Fair Creek met and voted by a large majority in favor of the bonds.

The secretary of state apportioned among the various counties in Oregon a total of \$56,249.43 for county fair purposes. The tax for county fairs is one-twentieth of a mill, based on all assessable property in the state.

Checks aggregating \$12,229,14, representing a seventh dividend of 7.3 per cent, were being mailed by the state banking department to 326 depositors of the defunct Bank of Jordan Valley, Malheur county, which closed its doors January 24, 1925.

The Winona rabbitry, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Womms of Tualatin, suffered a real loss a few days ago when their recently acquired goat ate all the pedigree tickets from the front of the rabbit hutch. Valuable data were consumed by the goat.

Total resources of the banks of Oregon increased from \$17,688,559.53 in the year 1929 to \$348,711,068.92 in the year 1929, according to the annual report of the state superintendent of banks completed recently. The gain since 1929 was \$221,222,919.39.

To demonstrate the possibilities of dusting orchards on a commercial scale by airplane the Northwestern Aerodusting company and the Oregon State college extended a service with dust the prune orchard of H. A. Winston at Winston, Douglas county.

The plant of the Owen Oregon Lumber company at Medford will operate one shift, of nine hours, this summer. The concern will also operate one logging plant as at present in the Butte Falls district. This means the employment of between 300 and 350 men.

Reports indicate that the prune crop in the Estacada locality will be much better than expected some time ago. Growers who thought the crop would be an entire failure now state they will have a fair crop. Caterpillars are said to be numerous and causing some trouble.

Thirty-five cents an hour for common labor for forest fire fighting, when the labor is obtained from central labor markets, is the rate fixed by the state forester's office, the various fire-fighting associations and the United States forest service, for each work during 1929.

A large brown bear, which attacked Herbert Francis Jr., 12-year-old Bend boy, was chased away by the boy's stepmother, who had a stone across the Deschutes river as the big animal approached the lad. The boy, frightened by the bear, jumped to the ground. He did not see the animal until it was 25 feet away.

Forty-foot-high sand dunes having 25 or 30 feet a year threaten to destroy central Oregon's "lost forest," a four-mile-square tract of pine timber in the isolated interior of Lake county, more than 20 miles distant from the Paulina mountain timber belt. Some of the dunes have reached the outskirts of the miniature forest.

From present indications, the apple crop in Oregon will be considerably larger than last year and may closely approach the good crop of 1929. Production in the Hood River valley promises to be nearly normal this season. In the Rogue river valley a large apple crop is expected in alternate seasons and this is the year of heavy production.

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## MAY BE SENT TO JAPAN



W. Cameron Forbes

Washington.—W. Cameron Forbes, Boston banker and former governor general of the Philippines, has been tentatively selected as the new ambassador to Japan, according to information learned in administration circles. Mr. Forbes, a close friend of President Hoover, served as chairman of the special commission which recently completed a survey and report on the American administration of affairs in Haiti.

## RAILROADS PLAN TO HANDLE WHEAT CROP

About 60,000 Cars Are Being Moved to Side Tracks.

Chicago.—Plans for a quick, systematic movement of wheat during the annual harvest—which begins in a few weeks—were announced here by railroad officials. Between 55,000 and 60,000 freight cars will be made available, many already having been moved to siding in the Southwest grain country, a survey indicates.

"Conditions this season point to favorable shipping of the grain crop," stated a Chicago railway association official. "The problem of having cars available when the crop is ripe is becoming greater each year, as a result of the modern methods of harvesting with the combine or harvester-thresher. Trucks and good roads bring this grain to the elevator and into the cars in a heavy stream that has at times caused temporary delays at certain points. No such condition is anticipated this year."

Never before have so few orders for delivery of the oncoming wheat crop to seaboard ports for immediate export been listed at this time of the year, according to Chicago grain interests. Reports of private crop statisticians indicate that there will be about 245,000,000 bushels of wheat in the United States on July 1, when the largest crop season starts. This is the largest "carry over" of wheat the country has ever seen, the reports show.

"We realize these conditions and the Farmers' National Grain corporation, since it expects through its stockholders to handle nearly half the new crop, is almost daily announcing new acquisitions of storage space," stated William Stahl, vice president of the central sales agency created by the federal farm board.

While the 1930 crop will move through about the same channels it always has, he explained, indications are that more grain will be marketed by farmers' co-operatives than ever before in this country. Mr. Stahl returned a few days ago from a survey of the situation in the Northwest and Pacific coast.

Washington.—Reductions made in freight rates by the Interstate Commerce commission in conformity with its interpretation of the requirements of the Hoch-Smith resolution adopted by congress about five years ago were held illegal in a decision rendered by the Supreme court reversing the District court for the northern district of California and setting aside an order of the Interstate Commerce commission lowering deciduous fruit rates from California to eastern destinations.

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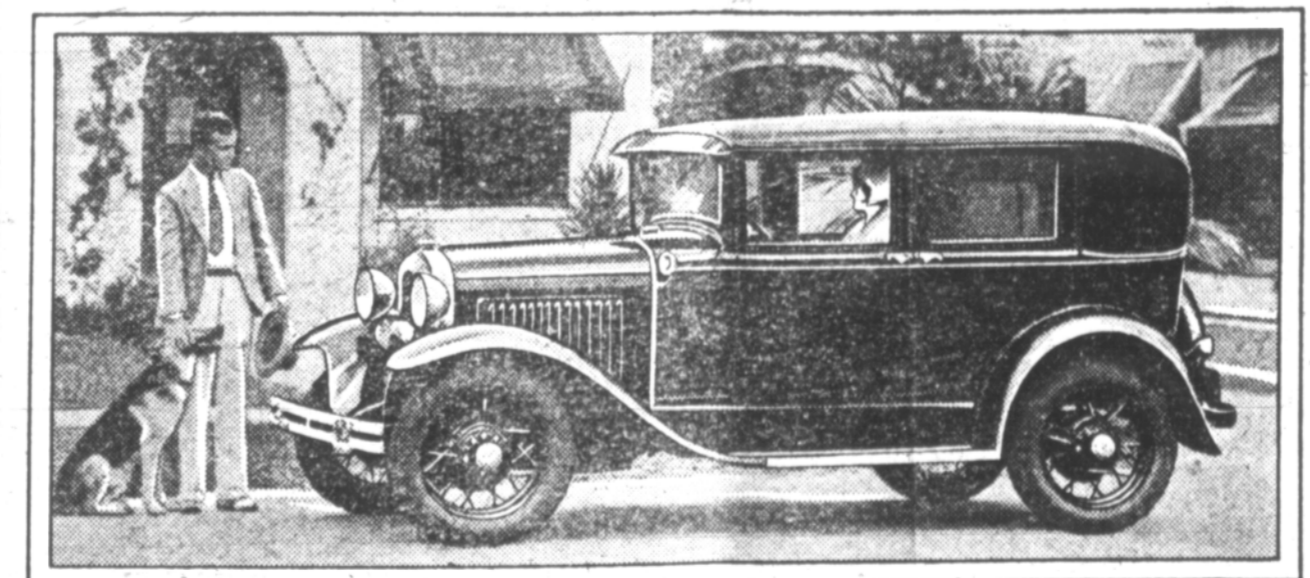
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Moscow.—The Soviet government has assigned \$75,000 for an all-union theatrical tournament to be given in the Park of Culture here late this month.

Killed by Switch Explosion  
Omaha, Neb.—One man was killed and eight were injured by an explosion of a 13,000 volt electrical switch here.

## Ford Offers New De Luxe Sedan



Ford De Luxe Sedan

THE De Luxe Sedan, recently added to the Ford line, is designed for those who desire distinctiveness and unusual comfort in an automobile. The interior is inviting and roomy with wide doors to both compartments. Absence of rear quarter windows gives the car a striking individuality and affords privacy to the occupants.

Other refinements include arm rests for the rear seat, mahogany-finished garnish moldings on the windows and beneath the windshield, flexible robe rail and hardware in an attractive pattern.

The front seat is adjustable within a range of four inches to suit the convenience and comfort of the driver. It is moved quickly and easily by a small, inconspicuous handle in the front center of the seat just above the floor.

The De Luxe Sedan, like other Ford body types, can be obtained in any one of several color combinations.

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