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Principal Events of the Week
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of Our Readers.

Gladys Carol Robinson was born at Clackamas Heights, near Oregon City, with two perfect teeth.

M. H. Mulloy, veteran Marshfield councilman, died recently at the age of 79. He enjoyed a colorful career of the highest type of citizenship.

Ambrose T. Jewett, 29, was crushed to death when his overalls were caught in the gears of a gas shovel at a rock crusher near Klamath Falls.

The carcasses of two deer were found recently near Broken Top mountain by Amos Wilkes of Redmond. Their antlers were meshed in a death lock.

By a margin of a single vote road district No. 67 in Lane county has levied a special tax to raise \$1447 for road improvement. The vote was 27 to 26.

Installation of dial telephones was started in Salem a few days ago. At midnight April 4 the new system will be inaugurated, phone company officials said.

Eleven thousand logs have been brought in from the north and middle forks of the Coquille river in one of the largest log drives ever noted in Coos county.

Nehalem river fishermen have offered the Portland Red Cross to donate their salmon for transportation charges. They chose this rather than sell at 2 cents a pound.

In an effort to ascertain the facts the Seaside chamber of commerce will make a study of the habits of the clam before endorsing a movement for a closed season on clams.

Cessation of logging operations by the Hammond Lumber company on French creek, near Detroit, in northeastern Linn county, has been forced by a three-foot fall of snow.

The Port Orford Cedar Products company has installed in its factory in North Bend \$10,000 worth of new machinery to speed up output and add a new style of box manufacture.

Elwood Nolan, 19, of Marcola, died to death after he had accidentally shot himself in the leg. The youth was riding a speeder on a railway above Wendling when the rifle fell and was discharged.

County officers are seeking to trace the source of strychnine found in a home-baked cake by Mrs. George Mayer of Enterprise. The cake was bitter, so she fed some to a cat and pigs and all died.

A new hand sawmill is to be constructed at Lakeview by the Underwood Lumber company as soon as possible. The mill will have an eight hour capacity of 60,000 feet and will employ two shifts.

A fine Indian tanning knife, hewn out of glass rock, was found by James Tony, who was Redmond's marshal for eight years. Tony found the knife in the soil on the Bend-Burns highway near the Half Way house.

Arrangements to complete the deal between the government and the owner of the land on which the dam is to be built and landowners under the Thief Valley irrigation project in Baker county have been made.

The city council of The Dalles has agreed to permit the erection of corrugated iron structures within the fire limits provided the buildings do not exceed one story in height and have no wood in the construction.

F. A. Phillips of Baker was elected president of the Oregon Wool Growers association at the closing session of the two-day convention held in Burns recently. E. F. Johnson of Walla Walla, J. G. Barratt of Heppner and S. E. Miller were elected vice presidents.

THE MARKETS

Portland

Wheat — Big Bend bluestem, 77c; soft white, western white, 65c; hard winter, northern spring, western red, 63c.

Hay — Buying price, f. o. b. Portland: Alfalfa, \$18.50; valley timothy, \$17.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$20; clover, \$14; oat hay, \$14; oats and vetch, \$14.15.

Butterfat — 31¢32c.
Eggs — Ranch, 21¢32c.
Cattle — Steers, good, \$7.25@8.00.
Hogs — Good to choice, \$9@9.25.
Lamb — Good to choice, \$6.50@7.00.

Seattle

Wheat — Soft white, western white, northern spring, hard winter, western red, 67c; bluestem, 76c.

Eggs — Ranch, 23¢42c.
Butterfat — 34c.
Cattle — Choice steers, \$6.75@7.75.
Hogs — Good to choice, \$9@9.25.
Lamb — Choice, \$6.50@6.75.

Spokane

Cattle — Steers, good, \$6.75@7.75.
Hogs — Good to choice, \$9@9.15.
Lamb — Medium to good, \$6@6.50.

DELAY MORROW SEATING



Dwight Morrow.

Washington.—Senator-Elect Dwight Morrow will miss qualifying for office when congress convenes December 1 because of a technicality in the New Jersey election laws. The law provides that the state board of canvassers must meet four weeks after the balloting to certify those elected. This meeting will take place December 1. Thus Morrow will have to wait a day or two.

GRADUATION TIME TO BE UP TO STUDENTS

U. of C. Adopts New and Radical Education Program.

Chicago.—The University of Chicago announced that the trustees and faculty have sanctioned the beginning of a new and radical experiment in educational and teaching methods.

The antiquated machinery of a fixed and formal education is to be scrapped, and in place of the present undergraduate course, with its four years, certain number of credits and degree at the end, a new type of college is to be created in which the student will be able to graduate whenever he can pass a comprehensive examination.

A genius may get through in two months, a brilliant student in a year. One who enjoys the social side of college life may last longer for four years. Then there is a passing and weeding, but no degree. The students upon whom the university thinks it worth while to spend more time and money will then go on in special courses, but still with no time limitations, where they will be given degrees.

The present graduate school is to go and in place of this and the present undergraduate courses the non-professional training will be divided into five main sections, each with a dean. These are the social sciences division, the physical sciences division, the humanities division, and the college.

This reorganization forms the framework around which the new educational method is to be built. It may be extended, if found successful, into the professional schools, shortening courses there so that it will not take so long to become a doctor or a lawyer, but one will be a better doctor or lawyer.

Iowa Corn Husker Champ; Net Load of 2,123 Lbs.

Norton, Kan.—Fred Stanek of Webster county, Iowa, champion corn husker of the nation in 1924, 1926 and 1927, won that honor again in the seventh annual contest here with a net load of 2,123.8 pounds, or 30.34 bushels of corn at the end of the 89 minute husking period. Guy Simms of Harlan county, Neb., ranked second with 2,075.5 pounds, or 29.03 bushels.

The total amount husked by the new champion was the greatest in any contest in which he won the championship, but it was slightly over 380 pounds short of the record established by Elmer Williams of Illinois in 1925. In the highest six with Stanek and Simms with the bushels husked, were: Theodore Balko, Redwood county, Minn., 28.53; Ray Hanson, Cottonwood county, Minn., 28.439; Orville Welch, White county, Ill., 28.41; and Harold Holmes, Henry county, Ill., 28.25 bushels.

Legion Membership Increases.

Indianapolis, Ind.—The greatest advance membership in American Legion history, 236,879 now enrolled for 1931, was reported in a national telegraphic roll call at the annual conference of department commanders and adjutants in session at national headquarters here.

Glenn Asks Return of Beer
Washington.—Senator Otis F. Glenn (Rep., Ill.) has proposed that the Volstead act be amended to permit the return of beer by eliminating the section limiting the alcoholic content to one-half of 1 per cent.

Married 72 Years; Dies
Edina, Mo.—Married for 72 years, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Ezell were separated by death when Mrs. Ezell succumbed to infirmities of age. She was ninety-two. Mr. Ezell is ninety-four.

5,748 Pints in "Pineapple" Car
New Orleans.—Customs agents recently seized a car marked "Pineapples," consigned to the Ontario Produce Company, Ltd., and found it contained 5,748 pints of bourbon whiskey.

TOLL OF TORNADOES' DEAD MOUNTS TO 20

Scores Injured; \$1,000,000
Damage in South-West.

Kansas City, Mo.—Tornadoes which swept through Oklahoma, Arkansas and Kansas communities a few days ago exacted a toll of 20 lives, injured scores, left many homeless and did property damage estimated at nearly \$1,000,000.

At least 14 persons were killed and 57 injured seriously by the tornado which demolished more than 100 houses at Bethany, a Nazarene settlement of 2,000 population seven miles west of Oklahoma City.

Four were killed at the Camel Creek school, about four miles south of Bethany, where the tornado first struck. The teacher and ten pupils were injured and the schoolhouse demolished. D. D. Powell, city recorder of Oia, Ark., was killed and his wife seriously injured in a tornado which razed half the business buildings in that town of nearly 1,000 inhabitants.

Sixteen children and a teacher were injured by a tornado which demolished a rural school building near Victoria, Kan. Twenty buildings were demolished and a man seriously injured at Neal, Kan.

National Guardsmen patrolled the Oklahoma storm-swept area to prevent looting and keep the crowds of curious away. Much of the traffic on United States highway 66, the main street of Bethany, was rerouted.

Classes at Bethany schools were dismissed for the remainder of the week so the students could attend funerals of friends and relatives and assist in clearing debris and rebuilding homes.

All ambulances in Oklahoma City were rushed to the scene and the dead and injured were brought to city morgues and hospitals. Red Cross and Salvation Army workers rendered first aid.

The first organized relief unit to attack the wreckage was the football team of the nearby Putnam Consolidated school. Two members of this group alone carried eight dead from the wrecked homes.

Honolulu, Hawaii.—With ten bodies recovered and at least 20 reported missing, the death toll lengthened as workers searched debris piled by a flood which swept northern Honolulu. Most of those drowned were orientals. Others were Hawaiians and Portuguese.

Property damage by the sudden torrent from the mountains was estimated at \$150,000.

American Bar Members Vote Against Dry Law

Chicago.—The result of a national poll on the prohibition amendment among members of the American Bar association, begun last January, was announced as 13,779 in favor of repeal and 6,340 for the present laws. Another poll on the advisability of conducting the nation-wide vote among lawyers, resulted in 14,782 in favor and 5,625 against. The association had stipulated that, unless the vote for the referendum showed a majority, the result of the repeal poll would not be made public.

Will Offer Measure to Limit Farm Production

Washington.—Representative Langford (Dem., Ga.) announced a few days ago, after calling on President Hoover, that he proposed to offer an amendment to the federal farm act to limit production. He plans to propose that, whenever 75 per cent of the farmer members of a co-operative should sign a contract with the farm board to limit production of any commodity, the board would in return advance to the farmer the average price of that commodity.

27,000,000 Bu. Wheat to Be Used as Feed in Kansas

Topeka, Kan.—Kansas has already fed approximately 5,000,000 bushels of wheat to live stock and poultry this fall, according to the state agriculture department. Seven hundred bankers throughout the state, the department announces, have estimated that of the 1930-1931 crop of 150,000,000 bushels, 17 1/2 per cent or about 27,000,000 bushels, will be used for feed.

Red Cross Founder Dead

Port Orchard, Wash.—Mrs. Sarah Sisson, eighty-eight, one of a group of Washington (D. C.) women who formed a nurse organization after the battle of Bull Run, which was the parent body of the American Red Cross, is dead here.

Dies of Hairpin Stab

Mellon, Wis.—A hairpin was blamed for the death of Mrs. John Kunz, forty-six. She fell from a chair while hanging curtains. A hairpin punctured her skull and entered the brain.

Cats Life for Killing 3 Children

Martinsburg, W. Va.—Taylor W. Hot, thirty-five, Martinsburg, was sentenced to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary for the killing of his three children, who were drowned in a quarry pool here last July 21.

Helium Discovery in Belgian Congo

Brussels.—The discovery of helium in the Belgian Congo in large enough quantities to be of commercial value and to compete to some extent with the United States, is reported.

LIGHTS of NEW YORK

One of the best known figures in New York is Rev. Francis P. Duffy. Partly owing to the fact that he went overseas with the "Fighting Sixty-ninth," Father Duffy has many parishioners from that portion of the city commonly known as "Hell's Kitchen." Going to a dinner one evening, he passed a group of them standing on the corner of Forty-second street and Broadway and stopped to speak. He was wearing a dinner suit with his black shirt, and felt that he looked rather well. Indicating his evening attire, he demanded:

"Well, boys, how do you like the scenery?"

"Father," said one, "you ought to know that patent leather shoes go with that uniform."

"Any other criticism?"

"Yes," said another, "white gloves should either be worn or carried in the hand."

"An evening overcoat should be folded over the left arm," volunteered a third. Father Duffy was becoming a bit nettled.

"Maybe you have some other suggestions," he said, a bit sarcastically.

"Just this," came a drawing voice from the rear of the group. "If you will rig yourself up like that, you ought at least to take a taxi."

Father Duffy writes more letters to the police and fire commissioners than does the mayor. Every time a policeman or fireman gets into trouble, he seems to want Father Duffy to write a letter, believing that will straighten things out. He always asks what the difficulty is and always is assured that the worst and only thing which has happened has been the overlooking of some little technicality.

"No more than that?"

"Not a thing except that, Father."

Among Father Duffy's prized possessions is a letter from a fire chief in answer to his request to know why a good man had been laid off for some trivial infringement of the rule. The reply specifies in great detail sixteen separate counts on which charges had been brought for serious dereliction of duty. It will be long before he hears the last of that one.

When Father Duffy isn't trying to get somebody out of trouble or out of jail, he is getting him a job. One day, coming in on a train at the Pennsylvania station, a porter said to him:

"Please let me carry your bag. I don't want any money."

"Why do you want to carry my bag?"

"You don't remember me," said the red cap, "but a couple of years ago I was down on my luck and couldn't get a job. I had a wife and family and I needed work. You gave me a letter to Mr. Egan, the station master, and I have been here ever since."

"Sometimes people give me money for the poor," says Father Duffy, "but what I really need more, is jobs. Say I can get a man a job at a salary of \$1,000 a year. That's 5 per cent on \$20,000. Isn't that better than giving him \$10 or \$20, which can last him only for a few days?"

Police Commissioner Mulrooney also told me of a porter, but this was a pullman porter. He had once been on the police force and he wanted to know what chance he had to get his job back. His total tip on a chair car run to Syracuse and back had been 75 cents. He had lost interest in the railroad business.

Rosita Forbes, traveler and novelist, has lost a bit of faith in charms. One night in Persia she came to the cave of a minor prophet who gave her a very superior snake's head, guaranteed to bring immediate and lasting luck. The next morning her car got stuck in the mud and it took five hours to yank it out.

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Old Capital of Japan to Have Largest Area

Tokyo.—The greater Kyoto, ancient capital of Japan, will be the largest in the world so far as its area is concerned, according to a plan recently drafted by Kyoto municipal authorities.

Deputy Governor Fukuda, of Kyoto, will come up to Tokyo soon to secure the formal approval of the plan for "Greater Kyoto" from government authorities.

According to the plan, Greater Kyoto will have an area of 97 square miles and a population of 915,474.

Few Nuts for Squirrels

Flint, Mich.—Michigan squirrels will face a serious food shortage this winter, conservationists have predicted, due to the summer drought and lack of nuts in the wooded sections of the state.

Bullet Carried in Throat for 15 Years

London.—A medical examination on Robert Smith, who was fifty-three years old and who had committed suicide by inhaling gas, revealed that he had carried a bullet in his throat for fifteen years. He was shot during the war, but the doctors could not find where the bullet had lodged.

RAILROAD HEADS TO PROVIDE MUCH WORK

Agree to Continue Progressive Improvement Plan.

New York.—In spite of present business conditions, the National Association of Railroad Executives, representing 90 per cent of the railroad mileage of the country, unanimously went on record as favoring adherence to a progressive policy and the employment of men during the coming winter. This action was taken at an executive session held here. R. H. Ashton, chairman of the executive committee, presided.

The employment of the greatest possible number of men, it was announced, will be in accordance with an adopted policy to maintain railroad properties to a standard necessary to handle all traffic efficiently and to continue improvements to both lines and equipment.

This action, it is believed, should assure employment for thousands of men while the policy of improvement should do much to allay fear and hesitancy in a time of depression.

Announcement of the policy was in a statement to the press, as follows:

"The Association of Railway Executives at their regular annual meeting held gave their careful consideration to prevailing conditions, and in particular to the unemployment situation.

"Upon request of the President of the United States, in the latter part of 1929, the railroads undertook an extensive program of construction and building of equipment in order to offset the threat of a substantial suspension of business activities, and they have practically carried out this program.

"In view of the continued depression and the consequent increase in unemployment, the railroads, notwithstanding the recent unfavorable earnings, which may be expected to continue for a time, and notwithstanding the unsatisfactory cash position of some of them, have by a unanimous vote declared it to be their policy to maintain their properties in condition necessary to handle effectively the traffic of the country and to carry on as far as practicable work which may provide employment to the greatest number of men during the coming winter, and to continue improvement to both line and equipment.

"The railway executives continue to have faith in the fairness of the American public and the future of American railways, and in that belief have declared this progressive policy for the coming year."

The railroad men also adopted a resolution in which they asked a respite from government intervention in the form of rate decreases and subsidies to competing forms of transportation.

In their second statement the railroad men asked a "new spirit and attitude" toward the railroads. They called for relief from further rate reductions and from legislative action which would adversely affect rates or increase expenses, withdrawal of government competition through operation of transportation facilities or indirectly through subsidies and regulation of competing transportation service, such as steamships and busses.

Chicago.—Contracts for 110,748 tons of steel rails, involving more than \$5,000,000, were placed by the Baltimore & Ohio and Erie railroads.

The Baltimore & Ohio ordered 75,000 tons of rails and the Erie 41,748 tons.

Rail mill operations have been slowly gaining momentum in this territory and in other important producing sections. Chicago producers are working at 25 to 30 per cent of capacity. This rate probably will be increased gradually between now and the end of the year as railroads are releasing good sized tonnages for immediate rolling.

To Spend \$175,000,000, Use 20,000 Men on Ry.

Washington.—Twenty thousand men will be put to work and \$175,000,000 will be spent on material and labor, the Interstate Commerce commission was told, if it will permit the New York, Pittsburgh & Chicago railroad to build a line from Easton, Ohio, to Etna, near Pittsburgh.

The project involves 254 miles of line and is sponsored by L. F. Loree, but is opposed by eastern roads on the grounds that it would divert traffic from roads already established.

G. A. R. National Adjutant Dies
Newton, Mass.—Wilfred A. Wetherbee, national adjutant of the Grand Army of the Republic, is dead at his home here at the age of eighty-three.

Mother, 3 Children Die in Fire
Venna, Va.—Mrs. Bernice Sullivan, twenty-seven, and her three children were burned to death when their farm home was destroyed by fire.

550 Passengers Saved
Lisbon, Portugal.—Riding through thick fog, lifeboats carried to safety 550 passengers and crew of the British steamship Highland Hope, which ran on the black cliffs of Berengas off the coast of Portugal.

Finland Wants 3.1 Beer
Helsingfors, Finland.—President Lauri Kallander confirmed the government's proposal to parliament to increase the alcoholic percentage in beer to 3.1 per cent.

JONES QUILTS GOLF



Bobby Jones.

New York.—Bobby Jones, conceded premier golfer of the world, possessing both the amateur and open titles in the United States and Great Britain, announced his retirement from golf competition to begin work on a contract calling for a series of twelve one-reel educational films. He stated he would not turn professional.

MORATORIUM TO BE ASKED BY GERMANY

Curtius Says He Will Demand Disarmament Conference.

Berlin.—Foreign Minister Julius Curtius told the nation and the world that Germany might be compelled to invoke the safeguard measures of the Young plan.

These safeguard measures refer to a moratorium and the convocation of a special advisory committee to bring about alleviations permissible under the plan. The foreign minister's speech constituted Germany's first official intimation that she is likely to invoke her right under the plan to declare a moratorium.

Herr Curtius chose an opportune moment for his speech, after the reichstag had passed virtually all legislation connected with the government's financial program. The reichstag had unanimously approved the budget, and also a bill reducing the salaries of cabinet members, reichstag members and civil service employees. Under the Weimar constitution all bills before they are introduced into the reichstag require the assent of the reichstag, a council representing the component states of Germany.

At the same time Herr Curtius expressed sharp criticism of Europe's sluggish attitude toward disarmament and, in connection with a recent speech on that issue by Premier Tardieu of France, he declared Germany would demand an early disarmament conference, "where each nation must show its colors and its real intentions."

There were only a few spectators in the reichstag council room where he read his speech. He prefaced it by the assertion he was not offering the subject of the country's financial position for discussion, but was making a plain statement of facts.

This is a time, said he, to exercise firmness coupled with prudence. He assured the world that Germany had no intention of scrapping the Young plan, that the government realized how far-reaching invocation of the Young plan alleviatory measures would be, and that, therefore, Germany would not resort to them until its burdens became dangerously oppressive to its people.

Eastern Boy Is Winner of Western Farm Prize

Kansas City.—David Ridgway Johnson, seventeen years old, who represents the fifth generation of his family on a farm near Lambertville, N. J., was acclaimed the outstanding student of vocational agriculture in the United States at the American Royal Live Stock show here. He received from Gov. Henry S. Caulfield of Missouri a check for \$1,000 awarded by a Kansas City newspaper.

Johnson also was given the title of "The Star American Farmer," the highest honor bestowed in the Future Farmers Association of America, a nation-wide organization of students of vocational agriculture.

To Discuss World-Wide Slump at Paris Meet

Washington.—The world-wide economic depression, now being shared by the United States, has caused the International Chamber of Commerce to ask that a special delegation be sent to the council meeting at Paris on December 5 by the 28 member countries. The special delegates will discuss the causes of the depression and attempt to evolve possible remedies. The United States will be represented by Silas H. Strawn of Chicago.

Plans New Pacific Hop

Oakland, Calif.—R. H. Kingsford-Smith of Oakland announced that his brother, Wing Commander Charles Kingsford-Smith, who flew across the Pacific, now plans a nonstop flight from San Francisco to Tokyo.

Approves \$3,750,000 for Waterways

Washington.—Secretary of War Hurley has approved an expenditure of \$3,750,000 for new equipment for the inland waterway corporation. Fifty new barges will cost \$2,500,000.

BABY VOIDS TRIAL MARRIAGE CONTRACT

Unique Agreement Is Torn Up
When Child Arrives.

Souderton, Pa.—Mr. and Mrs. William Kenneth Moyer will not have to separate to fulfill the contract they signed last January 2, the day they were married, in which they agreed to divorce each other if they didn't have a baby within two years.

An eight-and-a-half-pound boy has arrived on the scene and since then the marriage has been hailed as a huge success by the proud parents and their friends. The couple will be remarried.

The unique premarital agreement attracted nation-wide attention and although it was denounced by ministers and social workers, the literal of Greenwich Village gave the young couple a big hand when they came to New York.

Dr. I. Z. Kinsey, who attended the mother, said:

"The child is one of the most perfect I have ever seen in years of practice."

The happy father has torn into two pieces the contract which had provided for divorce. He said he would frame the pieces separately as a symbol of the success of the marriage.

The marriage philosophy of the young couple attracted much comment when the union was first announced. A baby, they maintained, was the chief and most sacred aim of matrimony—the only real thing worth marrying for—and if at the expiration of the two years they had failed to attain one they might proceed along separate paths.

Attorney Uses Almanac to Win Auto Crash Case

Indianapolis.—The ingenuity of Abraham Lincoln in using an almanac to win a murder case was imitated by W. S. Henry, colored attorney, in Municipal court here.

Andrew Merritt, colored, thirty-nine, was charged with driving a wagon without a tail light and causing an auto accident. Henry, his attorney, admitted that the defendant was driving without a light, but pointed out that the law allows a driver until a half hour after sundown before he must burn lights.

The accident occurred at 6:25 p. m. Henry produced an almanac to prove that official sundown was six o'clock, thus allowing the driver five minutes. Judge Paul C. Wetter held that the almanac was sufficient proof.

Radio Fan in Jungle Hears Request Number

Hartford, Conn.—Deep in the heart of a Central American jungle a young man listening to the program of station WTIC at Hartford, Conn., experienced a desire to hear a certain musical selection.

Turning to the amateur transmitter in his room, he sent out a general call which was answered by an amateur at Porto Rico, who in turn relayed the request to another amateur, Paul Delgado of Tuckahoe, N. Y., owner and operator of station W2FN.

Delgado immediately got on the long-distance telephone to Hartford and 45 minutes later the requested number was being received in Central America.

Screaming School Girl Fails Holdup of Bank

New York.—The screams of an eleven-year-old girl recently saved the Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, branch of the National City bank from being robbed by two bandits who had tied the watchman and five employees.

Mimi Sannotti went to the bank on her way to school to deposit \$51 for her mother. She entered the bank and saw the bandits lining their victims against a wall. Before they could seize her, Mimi ran to the street shouting "help, murder, police."

Her screams created such alarm that the bandits fled without taking any money.

A King of Deer

Crawfordsville, Ore.—Duncan McKercher has earned the name of "the deer king of Oregon." He makes a business of raising and sending the animals to all parts of the United States. His herd now contains 75 deer, eight