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ALBANY, OREGON, FRIDAY, MARCH 5

## TELEPHONE TROUBLES

The real cause of unsatisfactory telephone service has been revealed by a New York telephone operator. She testifies as follows:

"The service is poifect—poifect.

"Course we girls have our troubles, what with fresh guys and cranky dames always thinkin' all you hafta do is listen to them tryin' to explain why they thought of the wrong number.

"Me give a wrong number? Wheredya get that stuff? The trouble is we've gotta lotta people in this burg who speak the English language like they was drinkin' soup."

So there you are! It isn't the company's fault at all, and it isn't the fault of the employees. It's the fault of the public, which is irascible, unreasonable and slovenly in pronunciation. And since unsatisfactory telephone service seems to be universal, it is to be presumed that the public everywhere else is likewise to blame for the slow response, wrong numbers, etc. Or isn't it?

## THRIFT STAMP WEEK

This week was observed in the public schools of the country as Thrift Stamp week.

A week devoted to arousing anew the public interest in these small but safe securities should be of benefit not only to the school children but to their parents also. The financial problems confronting the average family at this time are such large ones that it is especially desirable that the habit of small savings, systematically reserved from the income, should not be overlooked.

No one who has a small bank into which he drops his odd bits of cash needs to be told how rapidly the small amounts total up. No one who has the habit of investing a quarter a week, or a day, in a thrift stamp needs to be told how quickly his certificates become something to reckon with as capital.

It will be increasingly hard within the next two years for most people to do any saving on a large scale. The small government securities offer a chance to keep on saving with interest and safety guaranteed.

Children who see their parents systematically through hard times as well as good, and who are encouraged to follow the example, are learning a lesson invaluable through a life time. Thrift Stamp week should see a great revival of public interest in a sensible and patriotic measure.

One reason for the shortage of "hired men" is that they are so called, and it hurts their feelings, according to a writer in the Literary Digest. Well, why not "agricultural aids," or "bucolic assistants," or "rural employees"?

The list of presidential candidates sounds like the secret societies of our youth, when we were all officers.

According to certain English critics the present-day girl is "spoiled." Still other commentators refer to her as "fresh." Now what can a poor girl do?

## TODAY'S EVENTS

Friday, March 5, 1920  
Today is the 150th anniversary of the Boston Massacre.  
Centenary of the birth of Alvah Hovey, for 35 years president of Newton Theological Seminary.  
Students representing the University of Manitoba and the University of North Dakota will engage in a debate this evening on the subject of the compulsory settlement of industrial disputes by courts of arbitration.  
The fourth Intercollegiate Conference on Vocations for Women will open at Cornell University today, under the auspices of the Intercollegiate Vocational Guidance Association, which is made up of about 50 women's colleges and universities throughout the United States.

## Today's Calendar of Sports

**Racing**  
Winter meeting of Cuba-American Jockey Club, at Havana.  
Winter meeting of Business Men's Racing Assn., at New Orleans.  
**Polo**  
Opening of annual tournament of Coronado (Calif.) Country Club.  
**Motorboat**  
Opening of annual midwinter regatta at Miami, Fla.  
**Basketball**  
Central A. A. U. championships, at Chicago.  
Nebraska State interscholastic tournament, at Lincoln.  
**Handball**  
National A. A. U. junior championships, at Detroit.  
**Wrestling**  
Joe Stecher vs. Draak, at Detroit.  
**Boxing**  
Benny Valger vs. Pal Morgan, 15 rounds, at New Orleans.  
Willie Jackson vs. Johnny Dundee, 8 rounds, at Jersey City.  
Young Chaney vs. Johnny Murray, 8 rounds, at Jersey City.  
Mike O'Dowd vs. Jackie Clarke, 10 rounds, at Atlanta, Ga.

A certain variety of woodpecker produce a sound exactly like the distant roll of a drum, which can be heard half a mile away on a still day. The "beats" are made at the rate of at least sixteen per second, and how the bird can do it is one of the many mysteries of nature which has still to be solved.

## Comments of the State Press

**State Rights—**  
It is just a bit amusing to read of rock-ribbed republican Rhode Island opposing the prohibition amendment on the grounds that it violates "state rights."—Astoria Budget.

**Handicap of Money—**  
Hiram Johnson says he cannot overcome the handicap of money spent in behalf of his two leading competitors for the nomination. It looks as if Hiram were planting an alibi where he can find it after the convention.—Eugene Register.

**Book Number—**  
If the United States had been in early in the League of Nations and taken a place of authority at the start, the idea of leaving Turkey in full command in Constantinople would not have had much standing.—Oregon Statesman.

**All Ride—**  
The newspaper and the magazine alike are full of stories bearing on the prosperity of the working man and the resulting high sales records of those who sell goods to the working men. We are told that the worker himself is investing in silk shirts and that his wife and daughters demand the best to be had in the way of wearing apparel. The time when "the rich they rode in chaises and the poor they walk, be Jesus" is rapidly fading into the dim past and an era is speedily approaching when all will ride in automobiles.—Eugene Register.

**Not a Trust—**  
The court says the steel combine is not a trust. Freely translated this decision means that under our laws there can be no combination of business interests which will violate the provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law.—Eugene Guard.

**Bad Marksman—**  
Because the tobacco chewers of Wichita, Kan. have become such bad marksmen the city manager has decided to banish cuspidors from the city hall. Their range of hits was so wide that apparently some of the spitters couldn't hit a swinging tank without aiming from a rest.—Oregon Journal.

Middle names were once illegal in England.

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