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Lawlessness.

LAWLESSNESS in the United States has increased to such a point as rightly to be considered a national menace. This does not mean merely violations of the Volstead Act, but it applies to crimes of all kinds.

The greatest deterrent, at least in the case of cold-blooded and carefully planned crimes, would doubtless be the knowledge that punishment would be swift and certain, except in a few instances in which the community is aroused.

Legal processes need to be speeded up a bit and more intelligent juries chosen. There have been too many cases recently in which guilty parties have gone free.

Discussing this subject, Canyon City Eagle in last week's issue sets forth some items in the crime calendar worthy of repetition here, and we add it to our theme because of the much truth contained therein:

"Crime is becoming efficient. If it increases the next five years like it has in the past five years, they will have passed the crude method of robbing a bank. No more will they make way with the loose change on the counter, for with the methods of crime perfected, they will take the whole bank and then they will not get as much as crooked bankers have taken during the history of banking.

South Umatilla Gazette, Pilot Rock, has changed ownership again, Mr. and Mrs. Albert R. McCall, recently from The Dalles, where Mr. McCall had a place for a time on the Optimist, having bought the interests of C. A. Adsit. The transfer in ownership of the Gazette was made during the past week.

Shippers of stock from Heppner are met with a splendid market as they arrive in Portland these days; the trouble, however, is getting hold of the stock to ship. Local dealers have done quite well on recent shipments, though compelled to hold stock over here because of the tie-up on the railroad the past couple of weeks.

If any two classes of workmen have anything in common it is the farmer and the newspaper man. In one respect, at least, this similarity is most outstanding, for everybody knows in his own mind that he can run a better newspaper than the publisher, and everyone can readily tell a farmer how to run his farm.

Speed.

THIS is an age of speed. Every make of automobile now going on the market for 1928 is faster than before. It is faster for ordinary, every-day use, not just for test purposes. The automobile manufacturers have met the demand for swifter machines.

When a man's pockets are empty he can usually fill them by pocketing his pride. Anyway, those New Year's resolutions didn't do any harm. Statistics show that 1927 was a record year for statistics. Where there's a will, there's always a lawyer to break it.

Dr. Frank Crane Says

THE COLUMBIA BASIN.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE, in an address the other day, alluded to the effort of the Government to create new territory. This is the true method of conquest. A lot better than going to war and subjecting another State it is to turn water on to a desert and make a new State.

Mr. Coolidge said, "A waterway system for the Mississippi Valley and its tributaries with one arm reaching to the Gulf and another to the Atlantic is only a question of time. The Colorado River is pressing, the Columbia Basin is not far distant."

To many of my readers this phrase, the Columbia Basin, is a sort of old ran. I confess until recently it was to me. But I am writing this in Spokane, Washington, just a few miles from this basin and right here it is a subject of supreme interest.

The Panama Canal fired the imagination of the world. Huge reclamation projects at various times have interested us and applied for aid to the general Government.

But this Columbia Basin project will be about the biggest thing we have ever undertaken and are ever liable to undertake. It means a bringing into cultivation or a transforming from desert to thrifty farm lands about two million acres.

This can be done by merely utilizing dead waters which now run waste. Fortunately these waters are at a higher level than the irrigated land, so all that is necessary is the motive power of gravitation.

It would mean, however, building some dams, making tunnels and constructing huge concrete lined canals, and the project is so immense that nobody could take it up but the general government.

We hear a lot about the Colorado River and the Boulder Dam, but really this thing is bigger. This country once was settled during what they call a wet cycle and 25,000 farmers lived in it.

But then came the drought and they all had to leave, for they couldn't raise crops on 7-inch rainfalls during the year. Now the land is sand and sage brush.

The soil is wonderfully fertile, as it is probably the bottom of an old lake, and all it needs is water. With water they can raise two crops of potatoes a year and the finest potatoes in the world. They would have a climate even superior to Yakima for the raising of apples, and corn, wheat, and other midwest products could be grown in abundance.

The men who are pushing this thing are public-spirited citizens, for they will probably all be dead before the scheme could be brought into completion, as it will take probably 15 years. The project has the full endorsement of President Coolidge Secretary Work, Secretary Hoover and General Goethals.

Redeeming worthless land and making it productive is about the best business a Government can engage in.

What Women Want

- Some clothes. Some money. Some gossip. Some more clothes. Some flattery. Some thrills. Some more clothes. Some man. Or any man.

"I hear that Mable is studying hypnotism." "Yes, someone told her that she'd make a charming bride."

There once was a guy named Flynn, Who bragged he could drink bootleg gin; So when offered a nip, He took quite a nip. Now the angels have welcomed him in.

First Convict: "How often have you been in jail?" Second Convict: "Just this once." First Convict: "You're lucky." Second Convict: "I don't know—IM in for life!"

First Souser: "Is that your best girl over there?" Second Policeman: "No, necks best, though."

A woman I hate is Nancy Leanit. She calls me sweetie and doesn't mean it. Silly Sam says that just because his father is a hick, is no reason to think he is descendant from a family of drunks.

"I am going into the hands of the receiver," shouted the well-trained football, as it sank gracefully into the hands of the half-back.

Jupiter: "How can he walk with those wooden legs?" Pluvius: "Lumbering, old deah."

Now We Ask You. Said a certain young lady named Della, While riding with a husky fella, "Big Boy, you're too rough, Quit pulling that stuff. Do I look like a bloomin' cave dwella?"

Must Have Chaser. "Why do you always carry a canteen of water when you go hunting?" "So I can take a chaser after every shot."

A once famous boxer was seen quarreling with a man bigger than himself. His friend said, "I wouldn't stand for that kind of talk, Bill. Hit 'm." "What!" exclaimed the boxer. "For no purse an' no gate money! Not likely!"

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF HEARING UPON FINAL REPORT. IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR MORROW COUNTY.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Levi Carroll, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the undersigned executor of the Last Will and Testament of Levi Carroll, deceased, has filed his final report with the Clerk of the

above entitled Court and that the Judge of said Court has designated Monday, the 13th day of February, 1928, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon as the time, and the office of the County Judge of Morrow County, Oregon at the Court House in Heppner, Morrow County, Oregon, as the place when and where hearing is to be had thereon.

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