

Today

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Children on the Desert.
The Horned Toad Fights.
To Get Rich, Enrich Oth-
ers.
Ask Dupont, Sloan, Ras-
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HODGE, Cal.—On this beautiful California desert, fertile as the Nile when water is applied you see interesting things. At half past seven this morning along the desert highway, about every half mile, children were waiting for the omnibus to take them to high school at Barstow. The motor bus runs the 40-mile round trip daily, at public expense.

Another omnibus takes the smaller children to the new public school at Hodge, and the public pays for that. A small boy of ten near Helendale sat with his sister in a cold little car waiting for the high school bus. When it comes he returns to his father's homestead, back on the desert, and takes the other bus to the primary school. First, each day he drives his sister to the high school motor line. Those children want education, the state of California gives it to them in rich cities, and far out on the desert, and that is the hope of America.

Not going to high school, but extremely busy four miles back on the flat ground was a horned toad, shaped like your hand, not quite as long or wide, his head, big as a nickel, protected with irregular little horns sloping backward. According to British law, as laid down in Blackstone, he retreated until he could go no farther before resorting to deadly extremities. Then he fought, with an unmistakable "your life or mine" expression.

Raising himself as high as possible on the ends of his short legs, always turning his comical, harmless little horns toward the enemy, he flew at the black shoe, five times his size, but the toe a dozen times and savagely fought a small stick used for painless investigation. Turn him over and he righted himself, like a flash. Marvelous little fighter with terrific energy taken from the hot sun and an insect diet, he was more fearless than Bismarck. Bismarck said, "We Germans fear God and nothing else."

That horned toad fears nothing. If all the legions of angels and archangels marched against him, he would bite their toes or wing.

He was a proud toad when the enemy retreated, leaving him in possession of the desert. For some time he stood, angry, on his top toe then resumed his insect hunting. In the eyes of eternity his victory was as important as that of Waterloo or Wagram.

By the way, don't let anyone persuade you to buy acres lots on the Mojave desert unless you have thousands to spend on water and other development, and be especially suspicious of anyone trying to sell you land by quoting things said by this writer. This is a good place if you have plenty of money, or are willing to work like a slave for small returns. It is no place for the little man to make his investment.

The above in reply to questions. Some worthless land has been sold on the strength of references to the desert in this column.

MEDFORD LOSES BY 4 POINTS

Closest Contest for State Hoop Title in History Goes to Portland Team in Second Extra Period—Score Tied at End of Game By Melvin.

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 17.—(AP)—Jubilant crowds of Washington high school rooters from Portland paraded Salem's streets tonight in celebration of their team's victory over Medford high school in the state high school basketball championship.

It was a nip and tuck game that capped all the exciting games that preceded it in the tournament. At the end of the regular playing time, the teams were tied, 23 to 23, and two extra periods were necessary.

In the first of these, neither team scored, but shortly after the second period opened, Dolp, speedy Washington forward, who was high point man of the game, broke in for a shot that put his team in the lead, and Lewis, tall center, pushed in another short one to raise Washington's score to 27.

Melvin, plucky Medfordite who played with blood streaming from an injured hand, saved the day temporarily for his team with a brilliant field goal a few seconds before the regular playing time ended. Despite the pain he was undergoing, Melvin starred for his team, scoring five field goals and two free throws.

Stalling Causal Defeat
Medford adopted its favorite stalling tactics when only one point to the good with three minutes to go, and in the opinion of many this strategy was the cause of its defeat. A pass was intercepted, and with the Medford defense scattered, Lewis put his team on point ahead with a throw from just behind the foul line.

Summary:

Washington (27)	FG	FT	PP
Inman, f	2	1	2
Dolp, f	5	3	1
Lewis, c	3	1	1
McCarty, g	1	0	1
Cox, g	0	0	1
Totals	11	6	6

Medford (23)

Medford (23)	FG	FT	PP
Melvin, f	5	2	2
McDonald, f	1	0	0
Phelan, f	1	0	0
Garnett, g	0	1	3
Morgan, g	0	0	2
Totals	7	3	11

Referee French; Empire Coleman.

Portland Scores First
SALEM, Ore., Mar. 17.—(AP)—Lewis,anky Washington center, demonstrated at the start that he would easily take the tip-off. Washington scored first, two seconds after play started on a long shot by Dolp.

Medford quickly took the lead on a free throw by Morgan and two field goals by McDonald on short shots. Washington missed several chances. Score, Medford 5; Washington 2.

First quarter ended Medford leading 7 to 6. It was proving a center's battle with Lewis of Washington and Scipio of Medford alternating at scoring.

With the men going at top speed, fouls were frequent and Medford was capitalizing on short throws, which they sank with deadly accuracy. Two of these and a play in which Melvin outran the opposing guard netted Medford four more points. Score: Medford 11; Washington 7.

RANCH BOY TO BE ACCUSED OF FOUL MURDER

Earl Jones, 19-Year-Old Farm Lad Will Be Held For Dynamiting Home Resulting in Death of Step-Mother.

OREGON CITY, Ore., Mar. 17.—(AP)—Questioned 1 hour after hour in connection with a dynamite blast that killed and maimed his stepmother and his ten-year-old step-brother, Harold, at their home at Boring Thursday, Earl Jones, 19, tonight had made no statement other than that he had placed the blast but had not shot it off. He is held in jail here on an open charge.

His father, Robert Jones, is in a critical condition in a Portland hospital, suffering severe injuries received when the blast demolished the family home.

Earl Jones' sister and an aunt were also injured.

Young Jones admitted to Sheriff E. T. Maas that he purchased the dynamite and placed it under the house. "You can prove that I bought that powder and you can prove that I put it under the house," the young farmer declared to his inquisitors, "but you can't prove that I didn't—and you can't prove that I did—but you can't hang me for that!"

Late today officers were stirred by the announcement that Jones wanted to talk to them. Sheriff Maas and Coroner Pace hurried to the jail to be met with Jones' inquiry:

"Could a rifle shot, fired from a distance have set that box of dynamite off?"

Asked as to the thought back of the query, Jones lapsed into silence. Inquiry among powder men brought the opinion that a rifle bullet would not be effective in discharging the explosive.

William Hammond, Oregon City Attorney, has been retained to defend the youth. It was believed today that insanity would probably be the major premise in the construction of the defense case.

Jones told officers yesterday that his mother, the first Mrs. Jones, had died when he was born and that four of his maternal aunts had been confined at times in asylums for thineane. He added that he himself, suffered "lapses of memory" but this was "contradicted by a younger brother."

The finances of the Jones family, neighbors said, was in a pitiful condition. The father of the family carries a life insurance policy for \$1,000 and the house was insured for \$900.

Shortly after Earl Jones, arrest, Sheriff Maas quoted him as asking: "Can I collect the insurance?"

Livy Stipp, district attorney said tonight a first degree murder charge could be placed against the youth.

RAISE 8 DEAD WITH U BOAT FROM DEPTHS

Bodies of Eight Sailors in Wreck of Subgrine Sunk 3 Months Ago—Impressive Scene Marks Raising.

PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Mar. 17.—(AP)—Just fifteen minutes short of three months from the time she was sunk in collision with the coast guard destroyer Paulding off this port, the submarine S-4 was brought to the surface today by a naval salvage crew.

The dramatic demonstration on the deck of the salvage ship Falcon greeted the culmination of three months' of frizzling effort in winter weather on the part of the salvagers. As the conning tower appeared above the surface, Dives Tom Eadie, who won the congressional medal for saving a fellow diver the day after the S-4 went down, led the crew of the salvage ship in a burst of cheering.

The men on board eight other vessels clustered about the scene joined in the shouting and officers on board the Falcon hurried to congratulate Captain Ernest J. King and Commander Harold S. Saunders, who were in charge of the operation.

Although divers have braved winter frost and rough water for three months to get the hull ready for raising, the final operation lasted about four hours. At 11:05 a. m. the water was blown from the control room of the submarine and one by one the other compartments were rendered buoyant. Then came the six great pontoons which had been lowered and arranged in pairs along the hull.

Commander Saunders watching the air valve had hoped to time the raising so that the S-4 would come up at the same minute of the day that she had gone down three months ago today.

All of the 24 navy divers who worked on the S-4 were on the deck of the Falcon as the submarine came up. In the 91 days since the collision these men had had 443 days suitable for diving and had made 568 dives to the ocean bed, 102 feet down.

The S-4 is being towed to Boston and upon her arrival there will be placed in drydock at the navy yard and doctors will enter the torpedo room and after compartment to remove the eight bodies still remaining on the vessel. Thirty-two bodies were recovered during the salvage operations. A careful search will be made for letters or messages which may have been left by the six men who were imprisoned alive in the torpedo room hours after the vessel sank.

Paints Orange Auto License Green, Gets Fine of Five Dollars

SEATTLE, Mar. 17.—(AP)—State Senator W. W. Connor is Irish and proud of it. And this St. Patrick's day he found the orange of his automobile license plate particularly offensive, so he changed them—painted them a brilliant green.

All went well until he met Traffic Patrolman E. E. Covell, who isn't Irish, the lawmaker posted five dollars bail "for unauthorized altering of license plates," and continued merrily on his way.

MOTHER SURE OF HAPPINESS FOR DAUGHTER

Mrs. Miller of Seattle Declares Royal Marriage in India a True Love Match—Sends Congratulations—Will Visit Later.

SEATTLE, Mar. 17.—(AP)—A message of congratulations to her daughter Nancy Ann, who today became the bride of Tukoji Rao Barwaha, maharajah of Indore at Barwah, India, was sent by Mrs. Jeanette Miller of Seattle as soon as she was informed the marriage had taken place.

"I wished them all the happiness in the world," Mrs. Miller said. "I know they were very much in love with each other and I believe they will be happy."

Mrs. Miller was expecting a cable from India telling her of the marriage. The last she has heard from her daughter was on the day of her conversion.

"It was a true love match," Mr. Miller said of the romance of her daughter and the prince of India. "I know they were very much in love with each other and I believe they will be happy."

Nancy and the maharajah met on the shores of Lake Lucerne in Switzerland in the summer of 1926 while Mrs. Miller and the girl were traveling. The prince and his relatives accompanied them last summer and before visiting that summer for their home here the prince gave a magnificent party on Nancy's birthday, September 9.

Mrs. Miller has not opposed the marriage, she said. "It would do no good," she declared. "They had their minds made up. I would not want to interfere in my daughter's happiness."

The girl's grandfather, Louis Schaefer, who is now with Mrs. Miller here, expressed regret that he had not been in Barwah, "to give the girl away," in the marriage. "That is a gentleman's job," Mr. Schaefer said.

Nancy Ann Miller was born in Seattle in 1907.

It is probable that Nancy and her Indian husband will spend much of their time in a chateau in France at St. Germain-en-Laye, which was recently purchased by the prince and is being modernized. Mrs. Miller said she planned to visit them "when it is convenient."

A Rare Spectacle
BARWAHA, India, Mar. 17.—(AP)—Nancy Ann Miller of Seattle and Tukoji Rao, former maharajah of Indore were married here today.

The various rituals were accompanied by the wealth of lavish display that had been characteristic of Indian life for centuries. There were beautiful clothes galore on men and women; opulent displays of jewelry by both sexes; elaborate decorations of the streets; gaudy bedecked elephants and every accessory to make the ceremony unting the American girl to the noted Indian ruler attractive to the sympathy of the native population.

And masses of high and low degree flocked in by thousands to participate as spectators or guests in the unique event. They began to gather from enthusiasm and interest although the ceremonies began early in the day and continued far into the night.

VALLEY TO HAVE FINN SNATCHES NEW BUILDING & LEAD BY GREAT LOAN CONCERN SHOW OF SPEED

Prominent Business Men of Medford and Ashland Form Financial Company Backed by Large Resources—J. H. Cooley, Geo. Hunt, O. O. Alenderfer Among Directors.

The announcement of the organization of the Southern Building & Loan association in this city by a group of prominent Medford and Ashland business men, has been made by Hamilton Patton, secretary and manager of the new institution. After months of preparation the formation of the association has at last been completed and headquarters have been established in the Jackson County Bank building.

The Southern Building & Loan association is of the reserve fund type, instead of being a mutual organization. The stock, which is being offered for sale, is not only guaranteed by the assets and earnings of the institution but also by the reserve fund of \$200,000. This fund is never allowed to decrease to less than five percent of the entire assets of the concern.

The reserve fund, according to Mr. Patton, is held in trust along with the mortgages by the corporation commissioner.

"The stock of the new Southern Building & Loan association will be offered with a guarantee of six percent interest to purchasers," Hamilton Patton said last night. "This interest rate is on a par with the large building and loan associations in the West and is based on the prevailing money values. This also enables us to be conservative in our placing loans with adequate security."

Dr. B. R. Elliott, well known Medford dentist, leads the new building and loan association as president, with J. H. Cooley of the Medford-Lambert company, vice president. Alan Brackinreed, local income tax counselor will act as treasurer while Hamilton Patton, former owner of the Highway Motor company, as secretary and general manager.

The balance of the board of directors comprises prominent and successful business men. Fred L. Heath, Geo. A. Hunt, O. O. Alenderfer, William H. Lydall, G. S. Butler and William Briggs. Frank Farrell will act as one of the attorneys for the new association and Briggs and Brackinreed will also be active in handling the legal business of the organization.

DOUGLAS COUNTY REFUGEE CAUGHT HERE BY POLICE

Arrested first at 4:15 yesterday afternoon for having escaped from Roseburg authorities last summer, Horace Prosser now faces a second charge, following discovery by officers later last evening that he had four sacks filled with pint bottles of alleged moonshine at his dwelling at 1021 West Ninth street. Prosser will probably be turned over to Douglas county authorities, who want him on a boozing charge, upon which he had been sentenced to serve a term at Kelly Butte, a county operated rock quarry near Portland.

Chief of Police McCredie had been attempting to arrest Prosser for over two weeks and during that time Prosser played hide and seek with the officers. He was arrested by Chief McCredie today as he was leaving the afternoon performance at the Riato theater and upon being questioned he said to have admitted to officers that he escaped from Roseburg authorities as he was being taken to Kelly Butte. Prosser jumped from the Roseburg machine and because of heavy brush, though he was handcuffed, managed to make good his escape.

Prosser is alleged to have used the names of Morgan and Boffe as aliases and to have been in the moonshine selling business in Medford for several months and during that time changed his place of residence several times.

Prosser spent over half of his time away from Medford and claimed that he was tending a ranch near Myrtle Creek. However, the officers allege that Prosser had been making regular booze running trips to this city.

Prosser may be charged here with liquor possession before being turned over to Douglas county officers, but no decision in regard to this matter had been made last night.

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ANGELES WILL PAY DAM LOSS

Mayor Cryer Declares a Bond Issue Will Be floated to Repair Damage at Newhall—Memorial Service for Dead Tomorrow—Keyes Starts Probe.

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 17.—(AP)—Preparations were made tonight for a memorial service tomorrow for the legion of dead in the St. Francis flood, while officers of the law intensified investigations which may lead to placing of evidence gathered at the scene of the dam break disaster in the hands of the grand jury.

The little community church at Newhall just south of the stricken area, will be the scene of tomorrow's services. Rev. W. H. Evans, a familiar figure throughout the Santa Clara river valley will officiate. The minister knew, as members of his several congregations, many of the 24 persons known to have died in the flood.

District Attorney Asa Keyes having completed one phase of his investigation, sent a special detective into the San Francisco valley, scene of the break.

He carried instructions to remain in the devastated area long enough to trace many rumors which have sprung up relative to the condition of the dam prior to the break.

Los Angeles city, which built St. Francis dam as one of the major units of its water supply system, was called on today by representatives of civic and other organizations to immediately appropriate \$1,000,000 to carry on rehabilitation work. The decision was reached at a meeting in the offices of Mayor George Cryer. Resolutions, expected to be acted upon at once, will be presented to city council Monday morning.

Search for bodies in the sixty-five-mile stretch of wasted valley continued all through today although the belief was growing that many of the remaining corpses probably had found their final burial place beneath the deep layers of deposited silt.

Tractors rolled ceaselessly about, turning over piles of drift wood and wreckage. Though hundreds of men and implements of every sort were employed, only one body was added to the long rows in the improvised morgues.

The extent to which farm or orchard lands were devastated was shown in an estimate that 79,000 acres of producing acres were inundated and badly damaged. Work of restoring this area also will be undertaken by the city of Los Angeles.

Mayor Cryer declared a bond issue to raise money for such work would be floated. As the week-end season of heavy auto travel approached traffic officers laid careful plans to prevent any great influx of sightseers into the stricken areas. Heavy corps of officers will be thrown about the section tomorrow.

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BALTIMORE, Mar. 17.—(AP)—The birth of the Irish Free State out of years of trade conflict presents to Ireland a long-sought independent government and an avenue to constant peace between that country and England, said Sir Esme Howard, British ambassador, in an address tonight before the Hibernian society of Baltimore.

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PEACE TALK TO U.S. IRISHMEN BY BRITISH ENVOY

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World's Record For Air Loops Made By Holman

ST. PAUL, Minn., Mar. 17.—(AP)—A new world's record of 1,433 consecutive loops in an airplane was established here late today by Charles (Speed) Holman of Minneapolis, pilot, beating the former mark of more than 300.

The old figure was 1,111 loops, established in France by A. Fronval. It was the second time in recent weeks that Holman had bettered the record. Gene Shank of St. Paul set a mark of more than 500 which was beaten by Holman with 1,023 twirls. Then came the 1,111 loops by Fronval which Holman surpassed today.

Holman ascended shortly after noon and remained in the air five hours. He carried 27 gallons of gasoline which he had been exhausted when he landed.

Bozeman Wins Title
BUFFALO, N. Y., Mar. 17.—(AP)—J. N. Bozeman of Los Angeles won the three-cushion championship of the Amateur Billiard association of America tonight when he defeated Lewis M. Volger of Indianapolis in the final game 50 to 18, in 49 innings. Bozeman went through the week's play without a defeat.

as the gun cracked, tying the score 23-23.

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SALEM, Ore., Mar. 17.—(AP)—The following all-tournament basketball team was selected by the Oregon Statesman sports staff tonight:

Dolp, Washington, forward.
Melvin, Medford, forward.
Lewis, Washington, center.
Knowlton, Tillamook, guard.
Morgan, Medford, guard.
The second team was as follows:
James, Tillamook, forward.
Duffy, Salem, center.
McCartney, Washington, guard.
Kelly, Salem, guard.

BULL MONTANA TO WRESTLE SAILOR

Sailor Jack Wood, local wrestler, received positive word yesterday that Bull Montana of Hollywood, well known movie actor and wrestler, will appear in Medford in a smoker with Wood March 26. Montana has completed working in a movie production and between pictures has ample time to wrestle in Medford. Montana has never appeared in Medford, but wrestled in Grants Pass several years ago and is expected to give Wood a hard battle.

All details of the smoker have not been completed, but will be announced sometime early this week, according to Sailor Jack Wood, who began negotiations with Montana last week.

The southern California wrestler appeared last week in "Lightning" which was presented at the Riato theatre and his face is known to practically all of the Medford and southern Oregon movie fans.

ELK MEAT COSTS \$7 PER POUND

ASTORIA, Ore., Mar. 17.—(AP)—It cost William Ober and Tom Wilks \$1,000 each to kill a Clatsop county elk.

They pleaded guilty to the charge in justice court here today and were assessed the heavy penalty. Ober and Wilks were arrested by deputy sheriffs who discovered them burying a package which the officers at first thought was liquor. The package, however, contained 50 pounds of elk meat.

TILLAMOOK RESORT BOUGHT BY BEALS

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 17.—(AP)—The sale of Pacific City, a Tillamook county beach resort by F. R. Beals of Tillamook county to Fred Wright of Portland at a consideration reported considerably in excess of \$100,000 was announced here today. At the same time Wright revealed plans for improvement and further development of the resort. Pacific City was platted fifteen years ago.

As part consideration in the transaction Wright turned over to Beals several parcels of Portland property.

NORMAL TITLE WON BY POWERS

The Southern Oregon Normal school basketball tournament was won by Ashland last night by Powers, which defeated Phoenix by the score of 22 to 26 in a hard fought contest before a large crowd of spectators. Powers defeated Central Point yesterday afternoon by 29 to 29 in a hard fought game in which Central Point was leading until two of its star players, Faber and Coleman, were removed because of fouls.