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Smudge Smoke

Snow came down on the floor of the valley Sat., instead of staying in the hills where it belongs.
A delegation was down from Prescott Fri night, without Jim Greaves or his hired man.

Jay Gore, who makes rabbits come out of their hats, is getting ready to make what come out of the ground.

The drum corps of the American Legion was forced to get into their sky blue uniforms again Fri. and gosh! how they dreaded it!

The council is going after some matters of several years standing, for fear the matters will sit down.

A number of Portland drummers were sighted the past week wearing the first derby hats in these parts.

The city has a new fire truck. They are not much use, except in case of fire. The new acquisition is painted a Hog Denzel red.

Smoke is once more pouring out of the Jim Owen smoke stacks, and the black as it belches forth makes a pretty contrast with the blue of the sky.

J. W. Shirley expressed extreme disgust with carrots as an article of human food one day last week. Mr. Shirley is an expert cook and is to be complimented upon his vegetable dille.

G. Wash. Maddox was a very naughty boy the end of the week, and was run before company, and had a tantrum.

The womenfolk at Jville have taken the paper snicks off their eyebrows.

Hoover prospered cracked your corr. square between the eyes last Wed. when a letter was received from a chap in London, England, inviting us to buy a Rolls-Royce auto, at a bargain for \$11,456. It was quite a shock, coming like a bolt out of a Ford.

John Carlin, who is serving time with the legislature, came home on his week-end.

Atty P. DeSouza came to the Bates' Wed. am. to get the hair pulled off his face, and discovered a technicality. He forgot to put on a necktie.

A man found some Barbitts growing in the Good Voorhees orchard a week ago, and horticulturists were astounded.

The oldest Dock Hayes boy is getting as collegiate as they make 'em.

David Rosenberg, who has been reading the Oregonian, and high-brow literature to improve his mind, has got a hold of a low-order publication full of thrills and romance and shooting and cussedness and skullduggery, and human oneriness, and said it was the best he ever read, but he could not go to sleep afterwards. David admits that he has been missing something in the way of reading.

Brisbane's Today

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who carry weapons while committing crime.

Strokes would be administered to the bare back, well laid on, and punishment graduated up to SIXTY LASHES.

Why not have all criminals, operating with or without weapons, put to work for ten or twenty years? Pay them for work, let them accumulate money, and, except in cases of murder, release them after time has concluded that work and saving are worth while. If a man knew that crime would twenty years hard work against his will, he might try work of his own accord.

Philadelph. experiments show that motor buses can be operated with oil in place of gasoline. A New Zealander came from the other side of the earth with the invention.

This means that the companies owning most oil in the ground may be the best oil companies. Make a memorandum of it, if you buy oil stocks.

Pleasant day in Wall Street yesterday, more than four and a quarter million shares sold, United States Steel going to a new high per cent distribution of stock that would make \$252, the price of stock that Andrew Carnegie once called "not even water." You can't tell how things will develop in the United States with time and attention. Don't sell short.

Pictures grow rapidly. Seven New York backs and trust companies now have about six billions of deposits, equaling two-thirds of the deposits in all the banks of the United States in 1928.

Editorial Correspondence

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Jan. 19.—We left the rain at Carmel and had sunshine most of the way to Santa Maria, when it clouded up again, and we rolled into Santa Barbara in the dark with rain coming down in buckets. It rained steadily all night—the sound on the roof was very soothing, and this morning it was clear and almost warm. The lady manager of this singular hotel (directly on the sea shore and also the S. P. tracks) says that this is the luckiest of the weather in this part of the country. Rain at night, sun all day. HOW interesting! We refused to be taken on a tenderfoot, however, and told of being marooned by floods in La Jolla for ten days, two years ago. Believe it or not, she actually said without a smile "Yes, the winter of 1927 was very UNUSUAL."

Santa Barbara is most attractive, choiceful of retired millionaires, but everyone you talk to says "business is rotten." It was the same last year—none of the hotels even half full. This is serious, for outside of the tourist trade there is nothing much here. Practically speaking, no one in Santa Barbara works for a living. Perhaps the earthquake disaster a few years ago is partly responsible. However, a guest here at the hotel—a shoe salesman—has another explanation—"There are so few new people coming in," says he, "from the East and Middle West—they are going to Arizona and Florida. California is O. K. but it was spoiled by the sensational tourist boom of ten years ago. Then days are gone forever. The people who are complaining here are those who expect history to repeat itself. It won't. I find business normally good. What most Californians fail to realize is that ALL booms are abnormal."

Coming down yesterday, garden

pears were in bloom at Piemo Beach—acres of them,—quite a pretty sight. But grain is no further advanced in the interior than in the Sacramento Valley—up about an inch, rather thin, but in the distance a beautiful carpet of green.

We have found the footprints of E. W. Carlon of Table Rock hereabouts, but he is reported to be in the vicinity of San Diego now. According to our informant, he has been commissioned by Professor Reimer to study the coast-plus-recently system at Tlalajana, for possible use at the Red Skin orchard, but we seriously question the accuracy of this information.

Stopped for luncheon yesterday at Estacadero—a most extraordinary place, built in the center of an old Spanish grant, directly on the highway. Beautiful rolling hills covered with live oaks curf round it—the chief industry being eggs and chickens. The Estacadero inn is a most pretentious structure, and also comfortable and attractive. Here also is the Moran School and Junior College from Seattle and a number of buildings that would not look out of place along the esplanade of a World's Fair. In the vicinity "for sale" signs on chicken wire fences, however, were rather numerous.

While penning the above, it has clouded up again, and is now raining in earnest. This is to be expected. January in the middle of the California rainy season, and a few million dollar cloudbursts should not only be expected, but welcomed. Those who can't tolerate rain should avoid the Pacific Coast at this time of the year, and go to the desert areas of the Imperial Valley or Arizona—which, according to our friend the shoe salesman—a great many are doing.

R. W. R.

WEST COAST LUMBER DEALERS MEET JAN. 25

SEATTLE, Wash., January 20.—Plans for a general get-together meeting of the West Coast lumber industry to be held in Tacoma on January 25 have been announced by the West Coast Lumbermen's association. An invitation has been extended to every one connected with the lumber, logging and affiliated forest industries to attend the meeting and participate in the discussion.

After a few items of business have been attended to, including the proposed revision of the association by-laws and the election of trustees for 1929, the remainder of the morning session and the afternoon meeting will be devoted to a brass-tack discussion of live questions bearing directly upon the general business situation of the west coast lumber industry at the opening of 1929 and the course which the industry should take during the year.

J. D. Tennant, president of the association, who also was president of the West Coast Lumber Trade Extension bureau prior to the consolidation of this organization with the association in August, 1928 will make a report on the work of the bureau during the 30 months it was organized and outline the activities of the association during the past year.

A. D. Davis, of the Davis Statistical bureau of Portland, Col. W. B. Greeley, secretary-manager of the association, A. E. McIntosh and John M. Gibbs, director of the trade extension department of the National Lumber Manufacturers' association, will all make talks.

Those planning to attend the meeting should advise the association in advance of the meeting of subjects they would like to have brought up for discussion.

A general west coast industry dinner will be held at 6:20 p. m. At the dinner a beautiful memorial containing scores of signatures of his long-time associates will be presented to E. G. Ames in recognition of his long and outstanding leadership in the west coast lumber industry.

'PERFECT CRIME' OF EX-CONVICT NEAR SOLUTION

SEATTLE, Jan. 19.—(AP)—REVIVING hope that what officers regarded as a "perfect crime" might be solved after many baffling disappointments, sheriff's deputies and police officers were today dragging Hicklin lake, south of here, for the body of James Eugene Bassett, of Baltimore, Md., who disappeared from Seattle September 5, 1928.

Decasto E. Mayer and his mother, Mrs. Mary E. Smith have been in county jail here since their arrest in Oakland, Cal., a few days after Bassett's disappearance. They were convicted of grand larceny of Bassett's automobile and other personal property which they had in their possession when arrested. Mayer, who has a number of aliases, C. C. Skidmore, J. D. Tremaine, and others, is awaiting trial on a habitual criminal charge.

Mayer and Mrs. Smith were tried for grand larceny after efforts of police to definitely pin murder evidence on them had failed. Their attorney, in arguing against conviction on the larceny charge, asserted they were guilty of murder if they were guilty of larceny.

Search of Hicklin lake was undertaken by the authorities on a month old tip given by Clyde O'Dell of Mountain View, a small community, near here.

O'Dell's information was at first regarded as of little bearing on the case, but further clues and circumstances which were developed later induced officers to make the search.

Oiled-paper wrappers used on apples packed for shipment or storage have been found largely to prevent the development of scald, one of the most serious storage and market diseases of apples.

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JUDGE IN AIMEE TRIAL ON GRILL FOR TAKING FEE

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 19.—Judge Carlos H. Hardy of the Los Angeles superior bench was the object of an investigation by a committee of the California legislature today because he accepted a \$2500 "fee" from Aimee Semple McPherson, prominent evangelist. The purpose of the probe is to determine whether there are grounds on which the jurist may be impeached for violation of the state constitution. If Judge Hardy declines to testify before the committee as he did when the state bar association attempted to investigate his actions, he must resort to legal procedure for the inquisitors were sent from the assembly chamber armed with authority to subpoena witnesses, take testimony under oath and enforce all orders deemed necessary to obtain the information it seeks. There is likewise a possibility that Mrs. McPherson herself will be called to testify before the five assemblymen.

If Judge Hardy should be impeached by the legislature, it will be the first action of this kind since 1857. In that year Star Treasurer Henry Bates was removed from office by impeachment.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—(AP)—With one of the many records he set during his first American invasion as his objective, Phavo Nurm, the phantom Finn, opens his

PROTESTANT CHURCH MERGER PLANNED

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Steps toward the merging of protestant denominations will be taken at conferences in Pittsburgh, Pa., January 29, and Richmond, Va., March 8, officials of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America announced today.

The conferences will be attended by Dr. Lewis Seymour Mudge, Philadelphia, stated clerk of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the U. S. A., and Dr. J. Ross Stevenson, Princeton, N. J., chairman of the Presbyterian general assembly's department of church cooperation and union. In addition it is expected that representatives from this department would attend from New York, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Detroit, Chicago, St. Paul, Columbus, Marshall, Mo., and Los Angeles.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 19.—(AP)—Howard L. Kelley, arrested January 16 by Deputy United States Marshal Wells at Medford, wants to go back to McNeil island federal prison.

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SMALLPOX HALTS TRIAL PLANS FOR SLAYER OF COACH

CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 19.—(AP)—Lanza Bryant, charged with first degree murder in connection with the fatal stabbing of Lewis (Big) Dickerson, Oregon State college football star, will not go on trial next Monday, the date set by the court. When the trial will be held is a matter of conjecture.

The latest turn of events in the case was the quarantine yesterday of the family of May Troxell, principal witness in the case, when her brother was taken ill with smallpox.

It is expected that Circuit Judge Skipworth will convene court on Monday and attempt to set a date for the trial. The district attorney here said today he had no idea when the case might be brought up.

Dickerson died after he had been attacked by young Bryant in the street near the Troxell home. Dickerson had accompanied the girl to her home. Bryant is said to have admitted to the district attorney that he had struck with Dickerson, but said he was unable to account for the knife wounds that caused the death of the athlete.

Miss Troxell said Bryant had pressed his attentions upon her and that she had rejected them.

In the meantime Bryant will be kept in the Polk county jail under special guard. Police said he was sent to the Polk county jail because of the poor condition of the jail here.

second campaign on the board tracks of the United States tonight at the Brooklyn college meet. He has chosen to run his first race at 2,000 yards, a track distance for which no official record is recognized. The best unofficial mark, 2:48 2-5, was made by Nural in 1925. The race also will be timed at several intermediate distances.

WATSAW, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Tibus Filipowicz has been officially named new Polish minister to Washington.

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