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Smudge Smoke

Irv Vining of Ashland was up Tues. to make a speech. He is the only orator in the state who is easy to listen to. Prof. Vining was sporting a cold.

The football season ended Thurs. The Civic chest is not poked out as far as it was a year ago. Ashland won the final clash.

Eddie (Dublets) Watson was 4 yrs. old Sat. He said he felt as young as he ever did.

Erl (Flea) Davis barked his shin on an open door Thurs. eve investigating what his dog was barking at.

Many hope it will rain, and cure their cold. The best way is to get some of Dock Thayer's flu pills, and not depend too much on the weather.

A number of fashionable but freezing males of the city returned to the winterings of their fathers the past week, owing to the chill in the air, morn and eve.

A number of former gridiron heroes now attending the UofO, are home on their week-ends for a st. meal.

Edward Carlston is making some carpenter repairs at his house on the Redskin orchard.

Daniel Cupid, Santa Claus, and hog killers have a busy month ahead of them.

Henry Egan, the golfing pearl, is up to Portland, or was, the past wk.

Tom Johnlin, the wide-awake lumberman, declared Tues. that \$100,000 was too much money for a man, as it was liable to spoil him.

Calendars have started to bloom, as the leaves have all dropped off the old ones. The new calendars are showing a little originality, and have a picture of a girl, instead of a lake, an ocean, or a cool scene in the hills.

There has been a decided lull in committee meetings, but more conferences than normal.

Thursday everybody was full of turkey, or its equivalent.

A couple of ramshackle 4ds rained into each other on 6th st. Wed. when with a little carelessness they could have hit a well groomed vehicle.

Workmen's Wives

Combination of All That's Best

- WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—(AP) A two weeks' summer vacation is suggested by James J. Davis, secretary of labor, for some real busy, efficient executives, to wit, wives of working men, the greatest business managers in the world, who in their occupations, of wife, mother, nurse, housekeeper, cook, laundress, seamstress, shopper, financier and master of trade, combine the patience of Job, the wisdom of Solomon and the common sense of Lincoln.

LIEGE, Belgium (AP)—Residents of Liege care more for the scenic beauties of the Ourthe river than for potential hydro-electric power and are raising a monument to the glory of the picturesque stream as a protest against a projected

WHY SHOULD WE BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS?

THANKS to the steady growth in the sales of Christmas seals, the toll from tuberculosis has been reduced by half in this country during the past ten years.

Taking into account the growth in population, a similar reduction has been experienced in Medford and Jackson County. But tuberculosis still represents the most prevalent disease in Southern Oregon, and from the standpoint of public health, one of our major problems.

With the opening of the holiday season, the sale of Christmas seals has again started in this part of the state. The goal is set at \$200. This is an average of less than a cent for every man, woman and child in the county. As a matter of fact, if the Christmas seal idea could really be "sold" to the people as it deserves to be, twice this sum would be raised.

FOR a contribution of a dollar to this campaign actually returns to the donor a dividend many times that amount. In the first place the seal itself is worth the cent paid for it, as an attractive decoration for Christmas letters and presents.

In the second place, the money raised is spent in Jackson County to prevent tuberculosis and to return victims of the disease to health and usefulness.

Merely as a matter of dollars and cents, disregarding the humanitarian feature entirely, here is an investment that returns more to this community, and contributes more to local prosperity per capita, than any investment that could be offered in the line of regular business.

For every case of tuberculosis prevented, and every case cured, means not only more health and happiness in our homes, but more money in our bank accounts, and lower taxes to pay.

In short, the Christmas Seal campaign is not so much a matter of sentimental generosity as a matter of enlightened self interest. In purchasing these attractive seals, we not only help others. In a very real and practical fashion, we help ourselves.

BUILDING INDUSTRY HELPED BY STOCK MARKET BREAK

THE American Builder, the leading paper in the building construction field, says, in an editorial in its December issue, that "The great stock market speculation probably hurt the building industry more than any other, and its collapse, after its temporary effects have passed, should have a more beneficial and stimulating effect upon the building industry than upon any other."

The importance of the effects that will be produced by an increase of building construction are emphasized by the citation of figures showing the huge size of the building industry. Reported contracts for building construction have averaged during the last four years about \$7,000,000,000 annually, "but," says the American Builder, "these reports do not include building in smaller cities and on the farms which unquestionably increased the total to more than \$8,000,000,000. Of this expenditure about 62 per cent, or \$5,000,000,000, is made directly for labor, and about 38 per cent, or \$3,000,000,000, for materials.

Indirectly, practically the entire expenditure is made for labor, since, of course, the cost of providing building materials—lumber, brick, steel, cement, and all other things—is, in the last analysis, virtually all incurred in employing labor. Naturally, therefore, President Hoover and other economic and business leaders who are endeavoring to maintain prosperity, turn first to this great and peculiarly essential industry. Building materials are of innumerable kinds and come from every part of the country, and therefore whatever stimulates the building industry will directly and indirectly stimulate every other kind of industry.

It is unanimously agreed by economists and business leaders that the great "bull" stock market had an adverse effect upon construction activities. The enormous amount of speculation in corporation stocks that developed, and the unprecedented heights to which prices of stocks advanced, tied up a vast amount of capital in loans secured directly from brokers and indirectly from the banks and other sources. The tying up of this vast amount of capital caused a large increase in rates of interest. This increased the cost of raising capital for construction work of all kinds, and was largely, if not mainly, responsible for the decline in construction work that occurred in 1929.

The decline in stock prices has not destroyed any of the country's capital. The fundamental economic conditions of the country are sound. It has just as much property, as much population and as much productive capacity as it had on September 3, when stock prices were the highest in history.

Furthermore, and of most direct importance to the construction industry, there has been already a decline of about \$3,500,000,000 in the amount of capital tied up in stock market speculation. This capital has flowed from the offices of the brokers into the banks. It is seeking and must seek investment. Its transfer from brokers' offices to the banks already has reduced interest rates. Consequently, money can now be borrowed at lower interest rates for building construction than has been possible for a long time.

A young West Pointer was fired for getting married. It's no doubt a military axiom that no one can carry on two wars at once.

Alfonso's physician says the king has no regular time to eat. Kings don't, after a Dictator takes charge.

Perhaps it was called a bull market because the quoted value of stocks had no other foundation.

How much more appropriate the design on a dollar would be with a sucker at one end and a collector on the other.

What does Mr. Doheny think of the proposition that the buyer should be regarded as guilty as the seller.

A convention is a gathering that thinks the President has no other duty more important than shaking hands with it.

The ideal wife is one just smart enough to seem a wonder, and just dumb enough to think you are one.

Yet the only virtue in parity is the pure.

D. A. R. MEMBERSHIP AT BEST NUMBER NOW

NEW YORK (AP)—More women—171,840—are now enrolled in the D. A. R. than at any time in the history of the society.

Since the society was organized more than 350,000 women who are lineal descendants of soldiers of the American revolution have joined, but death has reduced that number about half.

At its last meeting the board welcomed 2700 new members, the largest number ever reported at one time. They were all enrolled since June 5.

IN NEW YORK THEATERS

By Deming Seymour. NEW YORK—If Mrs. Fiske restricted herself to roles that were sedate, and appeared only in plays which kept her sitting in the shadows and doing nothing but

lip-service to the drama, it would be easy to pay her the reverence which is her due as the most veteran of the first actresses.

But reverence is hardly the emotion Mrs. Fiske evokes, for she is so antic in a mistress of high comedy that one forgets she has been on the stage more years than it would be gallant to remember.

Her new frank is "Ladies of the Jury," a play from the pen of Fred Ballard. In it Mrs. Fiske is the wealthy, sophisticated, high-bred Mrs. Livingston Baldwin Crane, summoned from her suburban estate to be the twelfth juror in a New Jersey murder case.

In the jury room Mrs. Crane finds herself the lone champion of the French ex-chorine bride accused of homicide. On the second day of the trial, on the second day of the trial, she sets out to convince her colleagues that they are wrong.

She does it not by hard logic, but by wiles often more comic than subtle. Free steaks for a Scot juror, Irish jigs with the jurywoman named Bridget, little rancors aroused among those who stand against her—all these help Mrs. Crane to win the bride's acquittal.

Mrs. Fiske has a grand time, and so does the audience, despite occasional imperfections of the play itself.

DeMaupassant Revised. Those who came to the premiere of "The Channel Road" prepared to welcome Alexander Woolcott, critic, in his first effort as a playwright remained to cheer the performance of Siegfried Rumann, a German actor, for one of the season's finest pieces of acting.

The play, suggested by DeMaupassant's short story, "Boule de Suif" was never uninteresting, but seldom exciting, as it unfolded the episode of the Franco-Prussian war.

Its plot has, of course, to do with the prostitute and her wealthy fellow-fugitives from Rouen, and with the aristocratic efforts to persuade the patriotic French courtesan to submit to the German lieutenant so they may be on their way. Anne Forrest is the woman, but Rumann's portrayal of the German lieutenant overshadowed the rest of the acting and the play itself.

George Kelly's New Play. George Kelly's first play in two seasons is "Maggie, the Magnificent," and he writes of two Maggies—the mother content in her corned-beef-and-cabbage environment, and the daughter, unhappy amid surroundings lacking the amenities of life which seem to her worth while.

Misunderstood by her mother, disgusted by a bothersome aunt and a bootlegging brother, Maggie leaves home, and only then does the mother realize the daughter's rightness.

It is a play that may be much discussed, but its theme is not always sustained satisfactorily. "Stripped" brings Lionel Aswell higher as a Georgian prince in a play where the crown jewels are stolen, a gem dealer's wife succumbs to the price, and duplicity is rife.

"Week End" is a play by the short story teller, Austin Parker, about the smart set of American expatriates in France.

Great Mash. Vincent Youmans has written for "Great Day" a score to match those he wrote for "No, No, Nanette" and "Hit the Deck" but the libretto is not up to the same standard. At least four of the songs are likely to enjoy rousing popularity, notably "More Than You Know" and "Without a Song" the latter effectively sung by a negro chorus.

The Victor Herbert revival continues to enjoy all their old popularity. The new one is "Naughty Marietta," with the Marvenga and Roy Cropper handling the leading roles notably.

BERLIN (AP)—Opposition to an increased tax on beer was voted by the Association of German Brewers at its convention here on the ground that increased taxes would lower consumption and thereby reduce government income from the tax.

GEORGETOWN, British Guiana (AP) The first full vessel cargo of native woods ever shipped from this colony has reached London.

Press Comment

PETTY PARTNERSHIP. Now that the tension in the stock market is relaxed, it is perhaps an appropriate moment to say a word about the various persons here and there who have tried for many intended to try to exploit the public state of mind for certain purposes. It is only human, of course, in a crisis of this sort to look around for a scapegoat and try to believe that some malevolent intelligence planned the disaster. Politicians have lived for generations on the profits to be derived from fastening upon their opponents the responsibility for any untoward event that may have occurred. Thus there is not the slightest doubt that if Governor Smith had been elected a year ago the present bear market would have been laid at his door by every Republican politician in the land. There is no doubt that there are plenty of Democratic politicians today who are trying to figure out ways of laying the responsibility upon Mr. Hoover. Such proceedings are, of course, meant to the intelligence of the American people, and we sincerely hope that the responsible leaders of the Democratic Party will not go in for the nonsense of attempting to describe this as the Hoover panic.

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SCHERER BROTHERS TAKE OVER EUGENE BUICK AUTO AGENCY

In line with the outstanding success that has marked the Medford career of the Scherer Motor company, local Buick and Marquette dealer organization, announcement was made during the last week that this firm had expanded its operations by taking over the authorized Buick sales and service for Eugene, Oregon and vicinity.

Eugene motorists were particularly interested in the fact that the Scherer concern was opening an establishment in the college city. Hundreds of persons were on hand during the opening days to witness the comprehensive display of new Buicks and Marquettes that were exhibited by the newly appointed dealer. Eugene newspapers attached much importance to the coming of the Scherer concern to the city and as a result devoted considerable space, commenting upon the new organization.

Gerald Scherer, well known in local automotive circles, is the manager of the Eugene Scherer concern and henceforth will be permanently located in the central Oregon city. Howard Scherer will remain in Medford as the active head of the local business.

The Scherer family has been connected with the merchandising of Buick motor cars exclusively for two generations. Otto E. Scherer, father of Gerald and Howard, was one of the pioneer Buick dealers in the country. He experimented with several makes of cars in the early part of the twentieth century and eventually obtained a Buick franchise for Palmyra, Wisconsin, in 1905.