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Smudge Smoke

Some clouds that had been fleeced were in the sky Thursday.

The C. Pheasant season opened Thursday, and hunters flocked to the fields, and were thicker than candidates for office.

E. J. Kaiser, a pioneer scribe of the valley and postmaster at Ashland during the last Democratic administration, last week visited old friends and vistas. He is now hibernating in Oakland, Calif. He visited with Bill Aitken and told how he wrote up his wedding like it was a hanging.

ng.

Our Nipponese are pretty mad about the situation in Manchuria, but as yet are not mad enough to stack their mops and grab a rifle.

A squirt autolat ran by an intersection and fright train Wed, swe and nather the truck nor the locoand neither the truck nor the loc-

motive got him.

The Lions are going to twist the tall of the Depression again by burying it. They did not do a good piece of mortuary work the first

Apple elder is on the market, bu

Apple cider is on the market, but has no vehemence.

Blubbering over paying taxes has been renewed, but otherwise the morale of the valley is on the up. The horse chestnut tree in front of th Univ. Clubeki is shedding its leaves and apparently is never going to get through, as the janitor says he has hauled away a hay wagon full of leaves, without making any dent in the output. in the output.

P. McDonald boy was up from nd Tues., transacting business

ur corr. threatened to assassi-the C. I. Hutchison builded C. I. pretended like he was about the threat, as only Dock

mad about the threat, as only Dock Pickel was present to help him. It has been five (8) years since Bear creek enjoyed a freshet. An expert was in town the last of the wk, who offered to figure the depreciation on autos for a low rate, but nobody seemed to care. Colds are becoming popular among all classes and creeds, and they don't help out the locks of a Eugenie hat any.

One of our horticulturists atutes his trim figure to badmin-when it was plowing that did work. Badminton is a game llar to tennis, and very fashion-

H. Hawher, the demon baker, got up at 4 a. m. Thurs, to shoot birds, but was attacked by efficiency and did not get started until well along towards mid-day. Among the hunters who did not participate in the opening festivities was Fred Scheffel, who did not care to get shot in the other beel.

heel.

Gitzo Shimoda, 7, has \$20 in the bank, which is fine for a young fellow like him, and more than your corr. can bosat.

Rain is badly needed, but will be along about next Tuesday.

P. Bybee, the Jville serf, was in town the last of the week and said he was so poor that he did not ever expect to see this fair city again. He is certainly cheerful for a lifelong democrat.

democrat.
The choir sang. There Goes the Groom, on the 17th inst.
We are in receipt of a clipping, stating that a major has been acrused of humiliating a general. We would like to see either one humili-

would like to see either one humiliate a 2nd loot.

English walnuts are being harvested. The Eng wint is a social problem, difficult of access, and not very good sating, anyway.

Dock Salade is acting like he would spend the winter in Cal.

Whiskered brown suits are the mode with the better dressed boys.

Building material has started to go so many who have been thinking of building igloos while it was cheap, will now get busy.

Bill Coleman laid some wild honey on the critter's desk Tues.

Bill Bowerman, who used to playend for the high school, distinguished himself in a football game at Bestile, Wash., and alowed his mettle. He ran 67 yards for a touchdown for Old Oregon, when it was needed most.

The Kingsley Case Again

T WOULD be interesting if one could know how many people there are in Jackson county today who feel sorry for this man Kingsley, and vaguely wish something would turn up to prevent his hanging the last of this month.

We have an idea the total would be surprising-particulary among the women. And of course this publicity he is getting from the sympathetic United Press, increases the number.

YET IF EVER A MURDERER DESERVED THE MAXI-MUM PENALTY KINGSLEY DOES. And at the time, and shortly following the crime, EVERYONE FELT THAT WAY.

But nine long months have passed since then. WHAT A DIFFERENCE NINE MONTHS MAKE!

AS A result what will be the dominant reaction in Jackson county a week from next Friday when the trap is sprung and this wretched youth drops, with a jerk, into eternity?

Will it be exultation that justice has been done-that the foul slaying of Sam Prescott has finally been avenged-that a proper warning to all other murderers the length and breadth of this land, has gone out!

WE DON'T think so. We believe the dominant reaction will be one of horror, and regret that such things as hangings have to be.

Unless this execution proves an exception to the rule, the Mail Tribune will be criticized by many readers for giving front page publicity to such a degrading spectacle-such people opposing of course the only thing that justifies capital punishment-driving the moral lesson home.

WHICH obviously is all wrong. As long as capital punishment remains the law it should be enforced. But it should be enforced promptly, during the heat of passion when the blood is hot; never when the passions have died down when the blood is cool. Otherwise, we repeat the only justification for capital punishment-its power as a deterrent to crime-is lost.

BUT the plain truth is that where the penalty is death, pun-ishment has always been delayed, and we fear, always will be. The reason for this is plain. Our entire system of criminal procedure is based upon the assumption that when it comes to TAKING A LIFE of any individual, every safe guard imaginable should be thrown around him. As a result the prevailing practice in cases of capital crimes, has come to be to not only remove all "reasonable doubt" but to take time to consider even doubts that are UNREASONABLE.

THIS was the case with Kingsley. It is the case with practically all murderers when capital punishment is demanded.

But what a difference where capital punishment has been replaced by life imprisonment! In Michigan, Kansas, Minnesota, Maine and other "life imprisonment" states, a murderer is punished immediately-in a vast majority of cases, without even the delay and expense of a trial.

Which brings us to our final conclusion-one we have held for many years-namely:

That life imprisonment (and by life imprisonment we mean imprisonment for LIFE) is not only a more civilized, more enlightened and more moral, but a MORE EFFECTIVE FORM OF PUNISHMENT than capital punishment ever has been or

The Case of Joe Lillard

SO Happy Joe Lillard is out.

The University's crack negro back is declared ineligible. Added to the original charge that he played semi-professional baseball, is the accusation that he played under an assumed

The second count may appear to be a little thing. But we agree with Commissioner Butler that it ISN'T.

For when all is said and done, the real difference between an amateur and professional in college sport is a matter of

able.

A Hard Times party, the first since the Wall St. crash, has been scheduled for the C. Pt. area, which indicates that a vertebrae in the backbone of the depression is out of Rilfer, as people will play hard times only when prosperous.

Beveral big-bugs of the Eric road, were callers here Pri, and set up a lunch and the cigars to local shippers, all of whom were present.

If this young man maintained that he did NOT play professional baseball, but was only acting as chauffeur when he knew all the time that he DID play professional baseball under an assumed name, then he is entitled to no defense, and deserves no sympathy. He is neither an amateur nor a trustworthy character. It is better for Oregon and better for intercollegiate sports that he be dropped.

WE repeat, it is all a matter of the spirit. If, as we pointed out in our former comment on the case, Lillard, a poor colored boy, had played semi-professional baseball during his summer vacation, merely to provide funds for a college education where he was to be a bona fide student, then to have disqualified him on this charge alone, would have been unjust and absurd.

For such a strict interpretation of amateur standing would virtually confine participation in college athletics to the sons of wealthy or well-to-do parents, and not give the poor boy, of equal or superior athletic ability, a fair chance.

WE have no use for professionalism or commercialism in college athletics. We agree that the survival of intercollegiate sports depends upon the strict maintenance of the

But we have never seen, and don't see now, WHY it is necessary to declare one athlete eligible and another ineligible when the only actual difference between them is that one has wealthy parents or relatives behind him, and the other HASN'T.

The line has to be drawn somewhere, it is true. But we fail to see why each individual case can't be decided on its merits-upon all the circumstances surrounding it.

WE know, and everyone knows, there are other men on the Oregon team—other men on every COLLEGE TEAM IN THE COUNTRY-who were they NOT helped financially, could not play football and could not secure a college education.

But if they are bona fide students, not going to college just to play football, but going to college primarily to get an education and entering athletics only as a feature of that education, then we don't regard their earning money during their vacations, or receiving financial assistance from relatives or "friends," The chilly even have caused the rather than from parents, a vital factor.

motorists to put up the curtains.

which do not keep out the cold, but prevent the defer from seeing where the is going, causing his aim at pedestrians and phone poles to be poor, so we all are,

oday

By Arthur Brisbane

What About That War? We're In the League Now Assorted Bad News. Some

Good, Surprise For Prohibition.

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What about the war in Asia? That is the important question for the world at large. The American knows what that prune to make the pound, reveals inmeans. It would mean taking the responsibility, paying bills.

Japan wanted us to stay out. 728. Hospitals get \$20,106,390. but Japan is outvoted by the is that the United States will be dragged into this war, which the angels above can testify is we shan't live to see it. no war of ours.

P. S .- Since that was writ- the doctors, which explains why hos ten, poor old Uncle Sam has pitals need only twenty millions. been pushed into the quarrel. Going in is easy; how will he come out?

This nation and the League of Nations stood aloof, calm, unmoved. while millions of Chinese men, women and children, were being drown ed in floods, starved to death, butchred by bandits and civil war. We endured all that beautifully,

with noble indifference. Why must we be dragged into the thing, why does the business of Asia suddenly become OUR business, when

When congress meets there will be auch "queer" legislation proposed. No wonder the "best minds" that the secretary of agriculture describes as 'the higher ups with cold feet" want to postpone the gathering of congress as long as possible.

Senator Borah will come sailing in expenditures for other kinds of from Idaho, proposing to make of allis suggested.

Nebraska. He and his fellow progressives want the government to "recapture and control all public busiiess, power companies, etc."

Chicago, part of a labor war against the theater owners. Fifteen theaters have been bombed within two months,

During the first eight months of this year, in New York state alone, five hundred and ninety four persons | Considering the easy life he stolen in the eight months amounted to more than nine millions. And while the number of murders increased, the number of criminals arOmaha World-Herald.

rested diminished, . Modern crime is

Investigators tell the government that legalized beer would provide a government revenue of three hundred millions, an underestimate.

Beer in England gives the govern ment more than four hundred million dollars a year, not counting income tax from brewers, retailers, etc. Britain's population is less than half of ours, and not much more thirsty.

A beer tax here would bring in six hundred millions a year, but it would grieve prohibitionists, and annoy bootleggers. The latter will know how to prevent it.

New York's budget, to which ter League of Nations asked us to or eleven millions are casually added. come in. Every intelligent as the grocer throws in an extra teresting facts.

For instance, the budget gives to from a trip to Prospec schools \$97,706,665, to police \$62,917,

Tuesday Sunday collections in local church-es to be given to the starving Syr-Ninety seven millions to fight ignor league 13 to 1. The probability ance, eighty three millions to fight Local betting on the election is crime and disease. Eventually, education, if it is the right kind, will New York odds of ten to 8 on Wilso Pootball team drills hard to break up tandem wedge play, to be used by the Klamath Falls squad in their game Saturday. The tandem wedge is 'a holy terror,' and always gains. Crushing of Rumania by Germany and silies now undergray. conquer crime and disease, although

Fortunately, diseases do not brib and allies now underway,

Erra Meeker, noted Washington
ploneer, with a prairie schooner top
on an auto visits city.

Can You Afford To Ouit G af?

(Oregon Golfer)

ball game rooting.

Grass fire on Hospital hill and
near Ray Gold.

Local Republicans call on women
to "stay by party of Lincoln, and
close their ears to "kept us out of (The following editorial edited by C. C. Crow, is printed at the request of Don Clark, chairman of the Med-ford Golf club tournament commitwas" decoption. Message read at campaign meeting. Democratic county chairman assures "mothers your boys will never be cannon fodder, and don't let Wall St. buildoze you."

the pinch of dull business, many who

the pinch of dull business, many who find it necessary to economize are saking themselves. "Can I afford to continue to play golf?"

The big question is not whether the average man can afford to continue to play but whether he can afford not to play, even temporarily. There are many angles from which golf must be considered. Since the most common cause for giving up the game today is to eliminate the expense, why not throw your goli on the scales and weigh it against the

from Idaho, proposing to make of silrer real money at the ratio of 14 to 1.
Heavy heads will shake when that
a suggested.

And think of Senator Norris of
Nebraska. He and his fellow propressives want the government to "resapture and control all public busicontained by the service of amusement. into a load of hay.

200 tickets sold to game with Klamath Falls Saturday, and high school students stage pajama parade. considerably more than he had been spending for golf. He took a trip down to the sesshore which, exclus-That's enough to make a good "best mind" crawl right into the tomb with Lenin, saying "eventually: why not now? So, move over."

However, proposing is one thing, doing is another.

The United States OUGHT to have brains enough to manage some of its own affairs.

But if it couldn't manage its power comps ales and other public utilities. Carl Tengwald's Ford is struck by an auto driven by C. R. Wilson, and Fred Collins runs into a team of nules on North Riverside, with sad results for his car. The mule kicked the radiator beyond repairs. Cincinnati goes wild over visit of President Wilson.

comps lies and other public utilities any better than it managed that last twar, or any better than it is now managing League of Nations matters, heaven protect us from public management for awhile.

We live in a day of assorted bad news. Ireland resorts to a decicion bill in the Free State, giving power of death to military tribunals, in connection with political crimes. De Valera begs for internal peace. The coercion law would act unpleasantly Cardinal MacRory, in Dublin, asks prayers for peace, and the pope has fixed a day, October 25, when he will appear in Saint Feter's, to pray for appear in Saint Feter's, to pray for any possible. We are considered that he could not afford to quit to.

Two years ago a puffing, portly gentleman came into the office of a Portland physician and complained that he did not feet well. After a thorough examination the doctor said to him. Take up golf. That is impossible," our bulging friend removed that he did not feet well. After a thorough examination the doctor said to him. Take up golf. That is impossible, our bulging friend removed that he did not feet well. After a thorough examination the doctor said to him. Take up golf. That is impossible, our bulging friend removed that he did not feet well. After a thorough examination the doctor said to him. Take up golf. That is impossible, our bulging friend removed that he did not feet well. After a thorough examination the doctor said to him. Take up golf. That is impossible, our bulging friend removed that he did not feet well. After a thorough examination the doctor said to him. Take up golf. That is impossible, our bulging friend removed that he did not feet well. After a doctor and that he did not feet well. After a thorough examination the doctor said to him. Take up golf. That is mothing short of the noble escriment, the editor, declares, "Republican rediction deticule of the noble escriment, and the did not feet well. After a doctor dotter details to the noble said to the noble sentiment, the editor, declares, "Republican

fixed a day. October 25, when he will appear in Saint Peter's, to pray for peace between church and state in Spain, all the Spanish clergy joining him in supplication.

There is also some good news, and the best of it today is that Dr. Bruening, German chancellor, wins in the post for six months longer. The various forces opposed to the German.

There is also some good news, and the peace of the cobwebs of dull care away and mends frayed nerves that send a mend frayed nerves that send a mend frayed nerves

various forces opposed to the German republic have failed, for the time being, a fortunate thing for Germany.

Two more theatres are bombed in Chicago, part of a labor war against the second of the control of the con aists upon dressing in a manner be-coming his position. Personal pride demands these things. Personal pride also demands that he associate him-

commands that he associate himself with men of his caliber in a self with men of his caliber in a club of some sort. This is as incumbent as any of the other niceties of custom that go along with getting out of the rut of mediocrity.

And how about loyalty to your fitable in the long run.

Bishop Cannon Jr. has been indicted, under the corrupt practices act, in Washington, D. C. accused of failure to report a gift of sixty three thousand deliars, contributed to his fight against Alfred E. Smith, for president, Mr. Smith will be interested in that news.

president. Mr. Smith will be interested in that news.

Sincere prohibitionists, working for "total abstinence, empty prisons and an end of crime," a few years ago, must be puzzled by today's crime statistics.

During the first eight months of arrives you will be in a condition out. arrives you will be in a condition to make the most of it.

were killed, by shooting, cutting, stab- leading at Doorn, the world may be bing and other methods. Property ready to admit that Wilhelm won the

Press Comment

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

THIS WEEK

Wednesday
Lioyd Williamson has been elected
president of the Loyal Rooters, and
I aura Gates and Ercel Stewart, vice-

president. They will lead the foot-ball game rooting.

Walter Larned sells ten carloads of apple juice in Portland.

Congressman Hawley calls upon Ashland voters, to "frown on Wilson-

Prench win big smash at Verdun.

in the city trading.

Theda Bara, in "Under Two Flags"

Ladles' Aid Society of the Metho-

President Wilson.

at the Star.

FREE POWER STILL PAR OFF The California-Oregon Power com pany lives in hopes of a happy reaur rection of sanity in Oregon Mail Tribune

Monday
A second football team is formed at the high school, with William Boverldge as coach, and Bob Fields supercedes Paul McMcDonaid at end. McDonaid will play guard.

President Wilson talks to farmers from porch at Shadow 'awn, and promises low taxes, and 'awn, and Nives. completed purchase of 1200 acres of privately owned land on its Grant McDonaid will play guard.

President Wilson talks to farmers are enabled the company to go shead with the work without confrom porch at Shadow 'awn, and flicting with the rights of settlers to promises low taxes, and digner prices.

Ninety per cent of Medford homes lighted by electricity, with a few the Irongaie site in California and is clinging to the old fashioned kere. the Irongate site in California and is now busy with drilling test holes and making surveys at this location. It uses the same water, only does so in California where the state is not hostile to private. Gall Kane in "Paying the Price"

Mr. and Mrs. Court Hall return hostile to private development

sistent. The Prince never has

sir-minded.-Toppenish (Wash.) Re-

It has got so now that almost any

is biding its time in anticipation of

friendly toward capital investment

friendly toward capital ill-variants for hydro-electric power. When this time will come, it is hard to tell. Meantime the Klamath, and the Columbia, still flow silly to the sea. There have been no public power districts formed; and the arder of those seems to

who fought the 1930 fight seems to

Likewise "home rule" is no longer

the day

Brings Back Youthful Color and Beauty and Makes One Look Younger

IT IS EASY TO USE AND WORKS LIKE MAGIC

Thursday
Col. Roosevelt in speech at Boston,
Mass. predicts "America will be in
thick of the European war before
it ends."
Ed White of Climax spends the day at the Page.

The brakes on a Portland auto failed to hold on the Ashland hill this morning, and the machine crashed







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