

Thoughts We've Been Thinking

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That Feeling of Concern About Leaving Your Wraps in a Hall is Fully Justified.

How Much Did You Put in the Collection Box Sunday?

Klamath Basin Users of Butter Substitutes Should Read a Minnesota Editor's Opinion.

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AND do little things as well as big things count in this life of ours? Some say they do. William James, a wise old sage, says every smallest stroke of virtue or of vice leaves its ever-so-little scar. The drunken Rip Van Winkle, in Jefferson's play, excuses himself for every fresh dereliction by saying, "I won't count this time."

Well! He may not count it, and a kind heaven may not count it; but it is being counted, none the less. Down among the nerve cells and fibers the molecules are counting it, registering, and storing it up to be used against him when the next temptation comes. Nothing we ever do is, in strict scientific literalness, wiped out.

As we become drunkards by so many separate drinks, so we become saints in the moral world, and authorities and experts in the practical scientific spheres, by so many separate acts and hours of work.

WHEN you are asked at a social function to leave your wraps in a hall you always have a tremor for fear they may not be there when you return. According to Forbes Magazine you have a right to feel a little nervous. Forbes says:

A new governor of a Southern state gave an elaborate reception at the executive mansion, following his inauguration. Callers left their hats and wraps in a bedroom in charge of an old colored servant, the check system not being in use.

At a late hour a city politician upon leaving was experiencing much difficulty in locating his hat. Finally, much embarrassed, he asked Uncle Ned if he had seen anything of his hat.

Uncle Ned inquired, "What kind of a hat was yours?"

The politician replied, "Mine was a brand new one and cost me \$6 just yesterday morning."

Uncle Ned chuckled and said, "Why, Good Lawd, Boss, all de new hats has been gone foh ovah a hour."

HOW much did you put in the collection box Sunday? That is a very personal question, isn't it? It is a clinch bet you should have put in more than you did. You will agree to that. And this brings up the story from the Christian Science Monitor:

The Churchman: Little Milton came home from Sunday school with a mite box.

"Why do you call it a mite box, mother?" asked Milton.

"Because," chirped his brother, "you might put something in it and you might not."

THOSE who use butter substitutes in the Klamath Basin should listen well to a Minnesota Editor's Opinion.

Aunt Het



"I reckon none o' my children was perfect, but I never had to explain that any of 'em took after Pa's folks."

WASHINGTON OPTIMISTIC

MILL TOWN RECOVERING FROM PANIC

Mass Funeral Planned At Scotch Town For Fire Victims.

SCENES OF SORROW DARKEN EVERY HOME

Every House in Little Town Affected by Catastrophe, Either by Loss of Own Children or Those of Relatives. Investigation Shows Disaster Due to Panic More Than Fire.

PAISLEY, Scotland, Jan. 1 (AP)—Arrangements proceeded today for a mass funeral for the 72 youthful victims of the blind panic which followed a small fire yesterday afternoon in the Glen motion picture theatre here.

There was hardly a home in this small Scottish mill town but suffered loss of kin in the catastrophe. The city council, recognizing that most, if not all represented either impoverished or humble circumstances, expected to provide for interment in a single grave.

Identification Continues. Meanwhile beneath murky smoke-ridden skies weeping parents continued identification of the bodies of their children, most of whom were between the ages of 5 and 14. Infinitely pathetic scenes were enacted as the victims were recognized and tags with names pinned to their clothes.

Several parents removed the bodies of their children to their homes, the mothers carrying in their arms the cold still bodies which they embraced so often when warm and full of life. There were few who left the morgue with dry eyes and firm step—the vastness of the tragedy was inconceivable to most; their aspect was less of hysteria than of persons stunned.

One Woman Lost All. Parents entered the death chamber conducted by nurses who led them between the long rows of little corpses. One woman found three of her brood lying side by side—it was her entire family. Fathers in some cases balked at the door and refused to go inside, delegating identification to the mother.

There were some cases in which the seekers failed to identify the death-changed faces and left de-

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Even Half of Cow Belongs to Spouse

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 1 (AP)—Half of the milk from the Hinkalman cow was being delivered to Mrs. Annie Hinkalman today after a circuit court judge ruled yesterday that Godfrey Hinkalman, defendant in a divorce case, must share all goods with his wife.

Hinkalman was ordered to deliver to his wife a sewing machine, two beds and bedding, her clothing and "also give her one half of the milk from the cow."

Eager Throngs Attend President's Reception

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1, (AP)—The great white mansion in which the president and Mrs. Hoover live was thrown open to the public today in Mr. and Mrs. Hoover's first annual New Year's reception. Vice President Curtis and Mrs. Gann and members of the president's cabinet joined the chief executive and Mrs. Hoover on an upper floor of the White House before the reception started, and together they marched to the Blue Room, where Mr. and Mrs. Hoover

Act of Kindness May Cost Beloved Priest His Life

GARY, Ind., Jan. 1, (AP)—A brilliant life of charity was dimming today as the Rev. Father John B. Deville lay near death in Mercy hospital.

On Christmas eve, Father Deville, knighted by King Albert of Belgium for heroism in the world war, was approached by a shivering vagrant. The priest shed his overcoat and wrapped it about the man's shoulders.

The evening chill penetrated Father Deville's clothes; he became ill, a victim of pneumonia. At the hospital, fear was expressed he would not live.

BOMB BLAST KILLS WOMAN

Seven Other Members of Family Injured By Explosion.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (AP)—Explosion of a package, thought to have been a belated Christmas gift, today killed one woman and injured seven other persons, at Seat Pleasant, Md., and set federal, state and county officers to work seeking the source of the bomb.

Mrs. Brady Victim. The dead woman was Mrs. Leona Hall Brady to whom the package was addressed and six of the injured were also members of the family of John S. Hall, including his wife, Mrs. Nora Hall. Two of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Hall were so badly hurt that their recovery is doubtful. Their grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Bromley, was also in a serious condition from shock, and Tealie Hall, 16 years old, lost his left hand.

Kitchen Demolished. The Hall family only recently moved to Seat Pleasant from Woodmore, Md. The kitchen of the frame house was virtually demolished by the blast and neighbors attracted by the explosion sent the injured to hospitals. Mr. Hall was at work at the time.

A part of the inquiry centered on whether the package was sent through the mails. One report was that it had been left for Mrs. Brady at a neighborhood store.

One Agent Accused Of Shooting Other

SEATTLE, Jan. 1, (AP)—James L. Jensen, 32, a federal narcotic agent, was being held in the city jail today on an open charge in connection with the shooting last night of Philip L. Jourdin, 28, another agent, in front of the latter's home.

Jourdin was in a hospital today with a bullet wound in his abdomen. Doctors gave him but a slight chance to recover. Mrs. Jourdin reported to the police that her husband and Jensen came home about 11 o'clock last night after having completed an investigation of a narcotic case. Jensen, the woman said, had been drinking heavily and decided to go home. Jourdin attempted to keep him from driving his car and was outside trying to persuade Jensen to return to the house when the latter fired four times at his co-worker.

MISS THE SWAG. EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 1, (AP)—Robbers who helped themselves to 20 cartons of cigarettes, four five-pound boxes of candy and \$4 in cash, missed \$300 hidden in a grocery store here during the night.

No Tears Shed When Father Time brushes Aside Old Year And Welcomes New Year In

With many a tear shed for the departing 1929, and a whole-hearted welcome for 1930, the new year was ushered into the city last night with the blowing of whistles and general merry-making throughout the city.

The joys, sorrows, successes, failures, attainments, disappointments and accomplishments of the old year have been left behind, and an annual outburst of new resolutions prophesied that the new year will be one of wider prosperity, better living and a bigger and better Klamath Falls. Each one bid adieu to 1929 in a proper manner by putting considerable grief and disappointment behind, and looking ahead hopefully that the infant year may be a lucky one, when his ship comes in and the silver lining is bound to appear.

Everybody Happy. The effervescent, jubilant affair was welcomed in many ways throughout the city. House parties, lasting until the wee sma' hours of the morning, welcomed

Keno Section To Get Funds

Commission To Ask Bids On Green Springs Highway.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 1, (AP)—In addition to bids for the construction of the bridge over Rogue river on the Roosevelt highway at Gold Beach, the state highway commission at its meeting in Portland January 16 will receive bids on various other projects.

They are: Resurfacing 27 Miles. Jackson and Klamath counties—Jenny Creek-Keno section of Green Springs highway, 37.1 miles of broken stones resurfacing.

Lane county—Nimrod-Belknap Springs section of McKenzie highway, 31 miles of resurfacing and furnishing of materials for maintenance.

Lincoln county—Yaquina Bay-South Beach section of Roosevelt Coast highway, construction of ferry slip and one mile of highway embankment.

Washington county—Multnomah county line-Beaverton section of Tualatin highway, 3.9 miles of 22-foot concrete paving.

Wheeler and Grant counties—Barnhouse ranch-Picture Gorge section of Ochoco highway, 10 miles of highway construction to be let in units of 6.9 and 3.1 miles.

Columbia county—Bridge over Beaver creek on Columbia River highway about 6 1/4 miles west of Rainier.

Postoffice Still Wrangling With Christmas Mail

"The holiday mail is still coming in strong and with the addition of thousands of monthly statements being mailed from the business houses throughout the city we expect to be extremely busy all next week," Postmaster John A. McCall stated this morning.

The postal employees enjoyed a holiday today along with employees of the banks, court house and business houses throughout the city. The heavy mail has mostly been cleared and conditions will be back to normal at the postoffice within a few days. The heavy recent storms delayed an amount of the holiday mail from across the seas, it was stated, and a great deal of this is still arriving.

NEW SKYSCRAPER

SEATTLE, Jan. 1, (AP)—A contract was granted for the construction of the United Rhodes Medical Arts tower in Tacoma at an estimated cost of \$2,000,000. A. W. Quist company of Seattle was awarded the contract.

TOWN SANS OFFICERS

MULLAN, Idaho, Jan. 1, (AP)—This mining town faced the new year with no mayor or police force to guide it. The city council and the policemen have been sentenced to a federal penitentiary for conspiracy to violate the United States liquor laws.

DRY CAUSE DOMINATES NEW YEAR

Spokesmen For Opposing Sides Confident Of New Gains.

DRYS SEE HOPEFUL SIGNS IN ACTIVITY

Anti-Saloon League Head Says President Hoover and Enforcement Officers Are Not Side-stepping Duty. Wet Leader Cites President's Move to Reduce Crime as Evidence of Dry Law Failure.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (AP)—Spokesmen for organizations sponsoring and opposing the prohibition laws have entered the current controversy with statements in which both draw encouragement from the events of 1929 and make optimistic predictions for 1930.

League Leader Hopeful. F. Scott McBride of the anti-saloon league found a "most hopeful sign" in the discussion of the last fortnight in that "legislative affairs as well as enforcement administration officials, including President Hoover, are not side-stepping their responsibility in connection with enforcement of the law."

Curran Points to Failure. For the association against the prohibition amendment, Henry H. Curran, its president, said that while "dry" spokesmen ten years ago predicted that prohibition would reduce crime by fifty per cent the actual result had been such that "the President of the United States only a few months ago considered the crime situation so grave that he told assembled publishers of the Associated Press that the dominant issue before the people was law enforcement and law observance."

Neither McBride nor Curran showed any disposition to become parties to the controversy that has arisen in official Washington. (Continued on Page Eight)

Holidays Over, Schools Resume Duties Tomorrow

Christmas vacation in the high school is nearing a close and tomorrow morning hundreds of the students will return to the daily grind of classes. Grade schools have been in progress since the first of the week, but were excused on New Year's day.

Semester examinations are scheduled for the near future and students will begin to make immediate preparations for tests, following which they will be advanced.

Teachers Return. Most of the teachers have already returned to the city and the rest of them are expected in this evening after spending the short vacation visiting in various parts of the state and California. The college students are returning to Oregon State college at Corvallis, and to University of Oregon at Eugene after being honored at many social events during their vacation here.

Auto Foremost Agency Of Death In Past Year

Auto accidents took the greatest toll of lives from Klamath county during the past year, according to a check of records at the office of the county coroner this morning. Auto accidents resulted in six deaths during 1929, the records prove.

Five Suicides. Five persons chose to take their own lives, a number of them by drowning and others from gun shot. Alcoholism and acute alcoholism are on the books

Britain Sends Prettiest Girl



One of England's prettiest girls will be on view in the United States now, for Marjorie Robertson, above, chosen the most beautiful girl in the British Isles in a nation-wide contest, has come to New York to appear in a Broadway musical revue. Judge for yourself whether she'll give American beauties real competition.

DEATH COMES TO C. P. TAFT

Aged Publisher Ill For More Than Year And a Half.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 1 (AP)—Charles P. Taft, Cincinnati's most prominent philanthropist and founder and publisher of the Times-Star, died at his home here last night from pneumonia after an illness of a year and a half. He was 86 years old. He was unconscious for three days preceding death.

Go To Funeral. WASHINGTON, Jan. 1, (AP)—Chief Justice Taft and Mrs. Taft will leave here tonight for Cincinnati to attend the funeral there on Thursday of his brother, Charles F. Taft. At Cincinnati the chief justice will be joined by his two sons and his daughter, Mrs. Frederick J. Manning.

Henry W. Taft of New York city, another brother of the late Cincinnati editor will also attend the funeral, but the third brother, Horace, who is now in Florida, will be unable to be present.

Chief Justice Taft will remain in Cincinnati until Friday night when he will return to Washington in time to attend the conference of the supreme court justices which will be held Saturday.

Two Wind Up Year With Heavy Fines

New Year's Eve proved an expensive evening for at least two Klamath men, both of whom were arrested for possession of intoxicating liquor by the local police department.

F. T. Shonts paid a fine of \$100 for possession and was released from the city jail. J. Klapp, another law breaker, is being held on \$200 bond after being arrested on the last day of 1929.

OFFICIALS FORECAST GOOD YEAR

Intimate Ties Between Government, Industry To Strengthen.

COUNTRY'S FINANCES IN SOUND CONDITION

Departmental Heads Find Inspiration for Predicting Future Prosperity From Stable Condition of Several Branches of Industry. Agricultural Situation Greatly Improved.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (AP)—Continued "progress and prosperity for 1930" was the official forecast spoken over the young year today by members of the cabinet for finance, commerce and agriculture.

The official forecast, furthermore, predicted a fruitful continuation of the intimate ties between the national government and the forces of business, industry and farming—an association which the year 1929 saw drawn closer than in any previous peacetime era of the nation's history.

Finances Sound. Secretary Mellon reported that the "sound condition" of the government's finances have placed it "in a position to do its part in helping the country to meet and solve the problems which are ahead."

Secretary Lamont announced the attainment of new "high" by American business during 1929, and said that he could "confidently predict" a continuance of this trend.

Agriculture Improves. At the department of agriculture the condition of farming at the year's end was reported in a far more sound condition than at the close of 1928, with the farming outlook for the new year made brighter through the existence

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Detective Accused Of Raising Check

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Jan. 1, (AP)—Charles W. Burke, private detective and war-time chief of the United States department of justice agents on the Pacific coast, was under \$2500 bail today on a charge of grand theft. He is scheduled to enter his plea on January 6.

Burke is accused of defrauding Kenneth M. Whitman of \$2,000 in June, 1927. The latter testified before the grand jury that the former officer had paid \$1,500 to Helen Schuyler in settlement of an automobile accident claim, and that when presented to Whitman, Miss Schuyler's receipt had been raised to show that she had received \$3,500. Whitman alleged he paid Burke the difference.

Poor Pa



"I'm stayin' with my resolution not to worry this year, but it would be easier to keep from worryin' if I had that interest note an' my insurance paid."