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When Experts Disagree

MENTION has already been made of that murder trial in Ohio where six very eminent psychiatrists blew themselves to opposing opinions concerning the sanity, or otherwise, of a young wife-murderer who was on trial. As it happened, the jury either decided to believe the alienists for the state and to disbelieve the alienists for the defense, or it put the whole expert-testimony racket out of its mind and went ahead to use its common sense; at all events, the prisoner has been convicted of first degree murder and has been sentenced to the electric chair.

However, the taste of this thing lingers. It is such a typical example of the fumbling, incompetent way in which our courts strive to do justice in murder trials that it is worth extended examination.

This case was right in the accepted pattern. The murderer's lawyers called three psychiatrists, all of them very eminent and reputable men. They agreed that the young man was woefully incompetent mentally; he was, they said, half way between a moron and an outright imbecile.

Then the state's attorneys called three other psychiatrists, all of them quite as eminent and reputable as the three the defense had called. They agreed that the young man was quite normal mentally, fully able of weighing the consequences of his acts and distinguishing between right and wrong.

Now we haven't the faintest notion whether this particular killer was, in fact, a lunatic or a normal human being. But it does strike us that this method of getting at the truth is about as poorly devised as anything one could imagine.

Why, in the name of ordinary logic, wouldn't it be better to hold the sanity hearing in advance of the trial, with qualified alienists hired, not to testify for one side or the other, but simply to render the truth as they saw it? If they reported the prisoner insane he could be locked up; if they found him sane, he could be put on trial and the case could be decided on its merits.

The present system leads only to confusion. It offers the hardened, intelligent killer a chance to escape the punishment he deserves, and it also makes it possible for the state to electrocute some poor nit-wit who ought to be in a hospital. The one thing it does not do is offer a chance for dealing out exact justice.

There is a good deal of talk nowadays about respecting the courts. How is it possible to respect a system that undertakes to get at the truth in a roundabout, inefficient manner like this?

A hot weather tip from the surgeon-general's office is to keep the spinal cord protected. We doubt, however, if women will make their frocks conform to the suggestion.

Walter Damrosch says: "The radio will save family life from disruption by the automobile." P. S.—Walter Damrosch plays for the radio.

A house without doors has been erected in London. The builders are thought to be amateur bridge fans anxious to avoid further grand slams.

The mayor of a North Carolina town who was arrested for drunkenness recently, probably felt it was his duty to lessen that infernally long time between drinks.

Now that he has recalled Primo Carnera to the Italian army, Mussolini will feel that war can begin any time.

It really wasn't necessary to recall Carnera for training in the army. He was getting splendid "setting up" exercises in this country.

EDITORIALS FROM OVER THE NATION

AUSTRALIA GOES AMERICAN
St. Louis Post-Dispatch: It is indeed inspiring to live in an age when so much light is being spread into benighted quarters of the earth. Nations which have been existing as best they could with a lot of stuffy old ideas and customs are at last awakening to what blessing modern civilization on the American plan can bring to them. Take Australia for instance. There's a great country full of possibilities, but for a long time the people have been stodgy and unimaginative, lacking the initiative to strike off the shackles of the moldy past and seek new goals and new ideals, as our energetic citizens have done.
A better day now is dawning for Australia. The bright rays of progress after the American model are gliding the root tops and flag poles of the horizon, and on hundreds of them, the

Associated Press reports, roof-slitters and pole-slitters now are perched, doggedly hanging on for new records. Nonstop plane tournaments shatter the torporous calm of this awakening nation. Pie-eating contests and sarsaparilla-drinking matches stimulate the ambitions of the citizenry. Dance marathons urge once complacent youth onward to distance goals, while nonstop talkers and fiddlers add to the country's hum of energy.
Australia, patterning after American enterprise, is finding herself in an antipodean renaissance. Soon she will have hot dog stands and modernist furniture, love nest murders and speakeasies, confession magazines and crooners of jazz. Australia, we ask you, ain't progress great?
JAILS TO LET
Los Angeles Times: Eighteen

DAILY LETTER ON AFFAIRS AT U. S. CAPITAL

The Trouble With the Farmer, Says Secretary Hyde, Is That Women Are Losing Their Waistlines—Hoover Bans Front-Porch Photos of Newswomen.

By RODNEY DUTCHER
SEA Service Writer
WASHINGTON, July 29.—Secretary of Agriculture Arthur M. Hyde has epitomized one of the saddest and most profound truths about the farm situation.

"The women are losing their waists," Hyde says, "and the farmers are losing their shirts." If it weren't for that, one discovers on checking up the figures of the department's statistical division, about half the wheat problem would be solved. Once we were a lot of heavy bread eaters, but even with all the sandwich counters in drug stores and candy stores today we eat considerably less bread than before the war.

From 1925 to 1928 the per capita consumption of wheat was 5.6 bushels.
From 1929 to 1931 it was 5.3 bushels.
From 1932 to 1929 it was about 4.7 bushels.

The exportable surplus, which causes most of the wheat farmer's problems and keeps prices down, is about 200,000,000 bushels. If the pre-war capita consumption had been maintained it would be taking up about half of that wheat. The federal farm board apparently is not very hopeful of persuading people to eat more bread, so it is trying to get the farmers to cut acreage.

Senator Reed Smoot of Utah, who got himself married the other day at the age of 63 to Mrs. Alice Sheets, was invited to spend a few days at the White House, but President Hoover wouldn't let him be photographed with his bride on the front porch. Of course that was just where all the photographers stationed at the White House wanted to take pictures of the bride couple. But word came down from Mr. Hoover that the camera work on the Smoots could be done somewhere on the side of the White House—anywhere, in fact, except on the front porch. The president wouldn't pose greeting the happy pair, either.

Washington probably notices unemployment less than any city of its size. Members of congress have had to go back to their own states to find out about it for themselves.

The District of Columbia has no industries of its own, so there have been no factory layoffs.

About half the population feeds off the government, directly or indirectly, and the rest feeds, directly or indirectly, off those who feed off the government. Thus, as Uncle Sam is still doing business without any curtailment of operations, the employment situation does not vary a great deal from year to year. A drizzle of people is always coming in, looking for jobs, but never enough to provide any marked demonstration of depression.

The fact that the census bureau took on about 7,000 new hands this year has helped keep down local unemployment. Most of these employees were found in Washington and in cases where they left other jobs there were so many more positions open for the jobless. Government building also helped absorb the surplus, but warnings have been sent out that there is no demand here for more wage earners.

Among those absent during the senate's special session to cover the London treaty was Senator Arthur Gould of Maine, who arrived at the capital in disgust and left the same way. His entry to the senate in 1927 was brought up when charges were brought against him and he remained disgruntled on the anxious seat until a committee investigated and let him in. Last year there were published a couple of letters from the senator to a wine company which appeared to have sent him a keg or two of unfettered wine to be used for obvious purposes. The senator was enthusiastic about the results. The Maine Anti-Saloon league wasn't enthusiastic at all when it read the letters and Senator Gould, who had been regarded as a dry, subsequently announced that he wouldn't run for re-election.

The senator left Washington several weeks before the close of the regular session and promised to elevator, boy that he wasn't ever coming back. He is still entitled to either social season here, however, beginning with the reconvening of congress in December for the short session.

empty jails in England to let, sell or junk, is the startling fact made known by the home secretary of England recently. The last 50 years has seen the population of England and Wales increase 52 per cent, while the number of prisoners has decreased 50 per cent. This in face of the crime waves and racketeering in various parts of the world! Causes are said to be fewer wrongdoers, fewer jail sentences, more time allowed for payment of fines instead of imprisonment and the plan of placing the offender "under supervision" until the fine is paid. If his age is between 15 and 21, in the case of minor offenses, while in more serious crimes detection and punishment follow with such relentless efficiency that potential criminals do not choose the climate or free hotels of England.

HE'S A SUCKER
HORACE: What makes you think that girl you've been taking out taxicab driving is playing you for a fish?
HERBERT: I just found out she was married to the driver.
Answers.

EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO IN KLAMATH

After deliberating a little more than an hour, the jury in the case of the state against George McLean brought in a verdict of guilty. Judge Benson announced that he would impose sentence Thursday. In the meantime the accused was remanded to the custody of the sheriff.

The jury took but two ballots. The first stood ten for conviction and two for acquittal. Then following a brief interval another vote was taken. It was unanimous for conviction.

Mrs. J. H. Wigle, who was thrown from an automobile that turned turtle on Long Lake hill Sunday is still confined to her room in the Baldwin Hotel, but is reported to be much better. Mr. Wigle is able to be around. They will start for their home in Prineville tomorrow if Mrs. Wigle is able to be out.

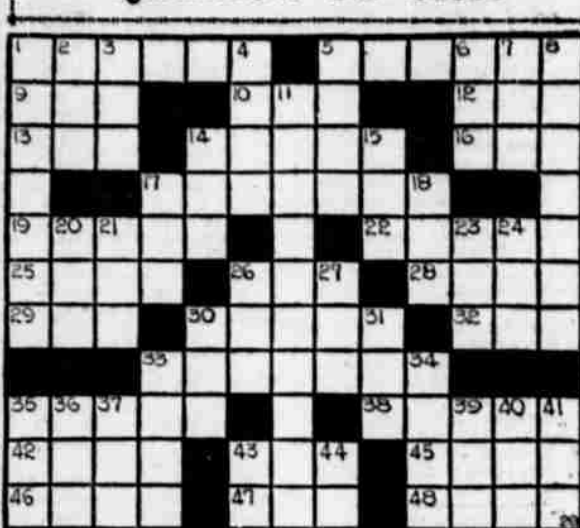
Loggers will no longer be welcome in court house square. In fact, persons who have made a practice of sleeping on benches in the park will be rudely ejected tonight and deputy sheriff John Schallack will do the ejecting.

Robert Cheyne, one of the ranchers of this valley, has gone to Klickitat county, Washington, to bring down a large threshing outfit that he and his brothers have stored there.

Automobiles from Crater Lake to Medford, Monday, and Thursday, fare \$15, \$25 for the round trip.

The witnesses in the McLean case from Langell Valley remained in town so long that most of them got so they didn't shy at automobiles.

Question on Sites



HORIZONTAL 43 To hit a ball. 44 Short letter. 45 Detail. 46 Winnie. 47 Capital of Alaska. 48 To hasten. 49 Sheep. 50 Eagle. 51 Anger. 52 Copper alloy. 53 To let. 54 To make damp. 55 Drug. 56 Insulated. 57 An exploit. 58 To immerse. 59 To ring. 60 Grain. 61 Conclusion. 62 To attempt. 63 To coagulate. 64 Trap. 65 Punitive. 66 Emanation.

VERTICAL 1 Where is? 2 Detail. 3 Joke. 4 Snaky fish. 5 Constellation. 6 Impious. 7 Where is? 8 Seattle? 9 Genus of cattle. 10 Borne. 11 Pertaining to air. 12 Joked. 13 Woolly surface of cloth. 14 Field. 15 Kill. 16 House cat. 17 Organ of hearing. 18 Noise. 19 Pastry. 20 Enemy. 21 Fluid in a tree. 22 To stuff. 23 Annual season of fasting. 24 Monkey. 25 Almond. 26 Verb. 27 Neither. 28 Dined. 29 Shelter. 30 Behold. 31 To exist.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER
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Meeting of Property Owners Postponed

The meeting of Hot Springs and Eleventh street property holders, which was formerly called for Wednesday evening, July 30, has been indefinitely postponed in order to give ample time for securing information on the proposed erection of new city bridges and widening of Eleventh street.

A committee composed of Paul Johnson, Cliff Dunn, Percy Murray, Percy Evans and J. A. Gordon was appointed at the last meeting to confer with the city engineer on the project, obtain estimates on expenditures necessary and decided on the most feasible way of proceeding with the matter.

Work Started on New Lighting Unit

Work starts this morning on the Klamath avenue lighting system which includes new street lights from Second to Eleventh

streets. The California-Oregon Power company has the contract for the project, which will be completed this fall.

Although this is the second lighting improvement unit planned by the city, it is the first that has reached the stage of installation. Main street merchants started action for new street lights, but the project was dropped before bids were even advertised.

Klamath avenue is rapidly becoming one of the main business thoroughfares of the city, and merchants on the street pushed the matter rapidly as soon as it got under way last May.

COMPANY REDUCES RATES
SALEM, Ore., July 29 (AP)—The Northwestern Electric company today filed with the public service commission a schedule of reduced rates conforming to the recent order of the commission reducing rates of the Pacific Northwest Service company. The new schedule is effective August 15 in the Northwest company's Oregon operations in Multnomah and Columbia counties.

ERRORGRAMS



THE FAMOUS BOSTON TEA PARTY. IT HAPPENED A LONG TIME AGO. IN 1773 THE MEN DISOBEYED THEMSELVES AS INDIANS AND THREW THE TAKEN TEA INTO THE HARBOR.

—AND THEY CALLED THAT A TEA PARTY!

THEY'S DECEMBERIAN
ODEANISNTIT
Journies end.

There are at least four mistakes in the above picture. They may pertain to grammar, history, etiquette, drawing or whatnot. See if you can find them. Then look at the scrambled word below—and unscramble it, by switching the letters around. Grade yourself 20 for each of the mistakes you find, and 20 for the word if you unscramble it. Turn to the back page and we'll explain the mistakes and tell you the word. Then you can see how near a hundred you bat.

Daily CAPITOL News Letter

School Taxes
Klamath's Share
County Eighth
Oregon System

By JAMES ROWE
United Press Staff Correspondent
SALEM, Ore., July 29, (UP)—An estimate of Klamath county's appropriation to its elementary and high schools for the next school year, might be found in school census figures just released by the state department of education.

The tax, annually levied by the county and, according to law, never less than \$10 per school child, is distributed on a school census basis.

Klamath Gaining
Whether the county shall receive a larger or smaller share for next year's school budget, was predicted in comparative census figures for 1929-30 and 1929-30, today on file in the state department of education.

The county now stands in 8th place in attendance among counties of the state as compared to 12th place which it held last year. Census figures show that 4,115 boys and 3,868 girls attended classes throughout 1929-30, while 1928-29 reports disclosed that 1,601 boys and 1,778 girls were registered in the county's schools.

Shows Expansion Policy
The state total for this year was 240,511 children, as compared to 256,962 in 1928-29. The gain is commensurate with Oregon's educational expansion policy, state authorities said.

Controversy has been waged

Timely Quotations From People in the Public Eye

"A really fascinating crime is one committed by a pillar of the church or a spinster noted for her charities."
—S. S. Van Dine, mystery story author.
"The younger generation is always disturbing old fellows."
—Calvin Coolidge.
"A chubby Romeo offends the sense of fitness."
—Edna Ferber, novelist.

"Overcrowded prison conditions, with inability to separate and classify criminals properly, are responsible for rioting and general unrest in penal institutions."
—Dr. John R. Oliver of Johns Hopkins.
"Liberty is like wealth in that it should be carefully used if it is to fulfill its purpose."
—Premier Ramsay MacDonald of Great Britain.

during legislative sessions of the last few years, on the value of the state's school appropriation fund system. Some hold the present plan is as good as can be had. Others claim it contains many unfair advantages, that proportions are not evenly distributed and the state does not contribute a just share of funds to school support. Many have urged that closer equalization in distribution of funds be inaugurated.

Distribution Unsatisfactory
Distribution of the county school tax is said by C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction, to be unsatisfactory.

As an example, Howard cited the school district with 10 pupils on the census as receiving only half as much as a district in the same county with 20 children of school age. Both schools must maintain classes at approximately the same expense, Howard declared.

"The method provided by law for distribution of the two-mill elementary school tax, is more equitable than for any other school fund in the state," Howard said.
This tax, which is apportioned to the counties according to assessed property valuation, is levied by the state and distributed by the county on a teacher-pupil basis.

"The state irreducible school fund is of little value to state schools at present," Howard declared. "Revenue derived from this fund last year amounted to only \$1.57 per pupil and will hardly exceed that figure this year."

Some educators have suggested this fund be left unused for a period of ten years during which time it might be substantiated by additions and interest thereby having some real value to future Oregon education. It is said the fund might be doubled and the disbursement per pupil raised as high as \$3 or over.

The bulk of school funds in Oregon is raised through the district tax, state figures show. This method of school financing is considered by students of education to be the least reasonable of any now in operation in the state. It is claimed that school districts vary in some counties in the ratio of one to 15 or even more, in the ability to educate their children.

Some substantial fund might be appropriated by the state to relieve the burden on some of the poorer school districts. It is said. A movement is now under way to seek support for such action during the 1930 session of the state legislature.

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