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A Trifle Too Enduring

POSSIBLY it's just the summer heat, which always makes things seem hard to bear; but it does seem to grow increasingly certain, every day, that life would flow along a little bit more smoothly and happily if all of these endurance-contest gentlemen would quietly and speedily remove themselves from circulation.

It wasn't so bad, at first. There was, originally, quite a thrill in seeing just how much punishment human beings would stand. When two men can sit in an airplane continuously for three weeks or more the feat is bound to have a certain amount of interest; and for a while, at least, there was a weird sort of fascination in watching people stay out of contact with the earth for a longer period of time than anybody had done since the world began.

But we're getting case-hardened now. Someone really should take all of these ambitious young people aside and explain to them that it isn't funny any more.

After all, it isn't the length of time you can do a thing without stopping that counts so much as it is the way you do it. The latest endurance flyers set a record of upwards of 600 hours in the air; yet, on the whole, their flight was not quite as significant as the 40-second affair contrived by Orville Wright over the sands of Kitty Hawk a quarter of a century ago. Quantity is still a trifle less important than quality.

Probably there is something to be said for the dogged quality of determination that stirs in the breasts of these endurance-record seekers. Yet determination, after all, isn't the highest virtue attainable. The beaten path that the world is supposed to tread through the wilderness to the door of the manufacturer of superior mousetraps is never made because of the mousetrap-maker's long-windedness.

The editor of the New Mexico State Tribune, of Albuquerque, recently hit upon an idea that seems to have possibilities in this connection. The boys of his city were indulging in an orgy of tree-sitting—surely one of the most harmless but, at the same time, dizzy, of all competitions possible—and this editor decided it had gone far enough. So, through his paper, he offered prizes consisting of movie tickets—not to the successful sitters, but to such lads as would recover their senses, come down out of their trees and return to a normal life on the ground. It worked, and Albuquerque has not been bothered with tree-sitters since.

Something like that might be worked out for these adult endurance folk. When a couple of young men prepare to take an airplane aloft for a month or so, we might tell them: "Here—we know you have a good plane and we know you're good pilots. Let's take it all for granted. Here are two seats for the Follies. Stay down, enjoy yourselves, and give us all a rest."

It might work. Who knows? If there's no other way out it ought at least to be worth a trial.

Once there was a newspaper paragrapher who read about Einstein's theory of space and never once thought about making a crack about our parking problem.

A Miami judge has ruled that liquor may be manufactured within the home. Probably in the hope it would make some families keep still.

Then there was the shipping room clerk who thought he would be a success in the ring because he was so efficient at boxing.

EDITORIALS FROM OVER THE NATION

"THE LAW'S DELAY"

New York Times: Delegates to the republican national convention of 1928 and their guests were moving toward Kansas City's great assembly hall one day in June of that year when shooting was heard. It seemed that there had been a bank robbery near by and a traffic policeman had been killed. In making their get-away the robbers had fired shots very near to one group making an early start for the convention hall. The nominee of that convention was elected president months later. He has been in office much over a year. A stock market crash, a naval arms limitation treaty and many other arresting events in the nation's life have made those convention days seem very far away. But only recently did the criminal law of the United States complete its processes with respect to those arrested for the Kansas Twenty-five months after the City bank robbery and murder of three men were hanged.

It cannot be argued in this instance that the accused were rich or powerful. They were ordinary gunmen. But so slowly do our courts dispose of criminal cases that by the time they are finished people have almost forgotten what the world was like when they began. The accidental circumstance that this crime, so related,

ly punished, occurred in Kansas City during the Hoover convention reveals more clearly than usual how languidly slow the wheels of justice turn.

PAYING THE FIDDLER

Spokane Spokesman-Review: Speaking of congressional appropriations, Calvin Coolidge said in Tuesday's Spokesman-Review: "The appropriation of public money is always perfectly lawful unless someone is asked to pay the bill. That homely remark applies with greater force to state and local expenditures. A great part of the federal revenues come from income taxes, paid by wealthy and well-to-do people, chiefly by big corporations and multimillionaires.

But state and local taxes are taken chiefly from people of moderate means. They are a cause of increasing distress. For many, they are an economic tragedy, as with farmers suffering from drought and low prices, and owners of city lots who are letting them go for taxes.

Mr. Coolidge concludes that as "the alternative in governmental economy, the action of the congress will be interesting."

The action of our state legislatures, our county and city commissioners and our boards of education will be more interesting.

DAILY WASHINGTON LETTER

The Vollbehr Collection of Incunabula Contains Some Rare Examples of Printing in the Cradle Period of This Art.

BY RODNEY DUTCHER
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—If this story is going to be about incunabula, as it is, quite a few persons will learn for the first time just what incunabula really are, and the sum total of human knowledge will be slightly increased. Which, it is commonly agreed, is always a fine thing.

Incunabula is the word used in reference to books produced during the cradle period of printed literature, before 1500 A. D. Generally, it applies to the early period of beginnings of anything, but it is used here in its bibliographical sense.

Congress voted during its last session to buy the Vollbehr collection of incunabula for the Library of Congress at \$1,500,000 and it got what book collectors all say was a bargain. It is a collection of some 3000 books printed in the middle ages and is by far the finest bunch of volumes which the Library of Congress has ever acquired.

A Rare Work of Art

In the collection is a three-volume edition of the Gutenberg Bible, a work which the Library has always coveted. They have a single page of that Bible in the rare book section now, and it is a beautiful thing to look at. No one need suppose that the Gutenberg Bible the first volume ever printed with movable type was a crude blotchy piece of work. Old Johannes Gutenberg the father of modern printing knew that he had to compete with the marvelous handwork of the monks and other penmen of the period or else everybody would be laughing at him, so he took pains accordingly.

The Bible which the Library will get was printed on parchment and bound in vellum somewhere around 1450. Gutenberg had borrowed money to promote his rash enterprise and was unable to pay off, so the money lender seized his printing equipment and his books and sold this particular volume to the Benedictine Friars for what would now look like about \$25. It was kept in one abbey and another for centuries, being last hidden in the ancient Corinthian Monastery of St. Paul in Austria at the time Napoleon was looting Europe. The Benedictines went broke during the war and they sold the Bible to Dr. Otto Vollbehr for \$205,000.

20 Books on Columbus

The collection is remarkable for many other printed things, including a group of 20 volumes of the earliest printed books relating to the voyages of Christopher Columbus of America. Dr. Vollbehr was a wealthy dye manufacturer in Berlin and when he broke down and his physician said that he ought to have a hobby he took up the collection of incunabula, refusing to have anything to do with books printed after the 15th century. He searched all through the cities which were thriving in the middle ages and picked up many bargains from owners who or which had been impoverished by the war.

In 1926 Dr. Vollbehr brought the collection to Chicago and exhibited it at the Eucharistic Congress, subsequently showing it elsewhere. He agreed to sell it for \$1,500,000 to anyone who would deposit it in the Library of Congress, and in exchange the congress agreed that it probably was worth twice the price. No one spoke up and a bill was introduced in Congress for the acquisition, which was recently passed.

Has Annual Fund

That marked only the third occasion when Congress had bought a private collection by special legislation. The Library has an annual fund for acquisition. But in 1915 Congress bought the private library of Thomas Jefferson, then regarded as the best thing of its kind existing, for \$23,550. And in 1927 it took over the Peter Force collection for \$100,000. Jefferson had spent 50 years acquiring his 7000 volumes, and he was broke when he sold. Daniel Webster led the opposition to the purchase, and it was argued that the collection contained ancient, apocryphal and immoral books which were not fit to read, let alone buy. The purchase was made by virtue of a bare 10 votes in the House.

College People Planning Frolic

All former university or college students in Klamath Falls and all prospective students have been invited to the first College-Mix ever held in Klamath Falls, it was announced last night.

The dance will be held on the evening of September 3, in the Music Box ballroom in the Murray building. A nine-piece orchestra has been employed for the occasion and the latest in dance music is promised.

Mary Ellen Bradford and Bryant Williams are joint chairmen for the affair.

Democrats Meet At 8:00 Tonight

A regular meeting of the democratic central committee is scheduled for this evening at the office of the organization's secretary, Mrs. L. B. Hague, in the Willis building at 8 o'clock.

At the last meeting the secretary was authorized to communicate with the central committee of Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson counties in regard to filling the vacancies for state representatives which exist on the democratic ballot. All the members of the committee are urged to attend.

EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO IN KLAMATH

After sleeping in their disabled boat two nights, and tramping through the tules, Maylon T. Dolman and Rossiter L. Mikel, who have been missing since Sunday morning, are safe.

Footsore, hungry and thirsty they found their way to the Frank Downing ranch, about 15 miles from Worden. Then they walked into Worden, where they arrived about 3 o'clock this afternoon. Both are weak and tired, but are otherwise none the worse for their trying experience of being lost in the swamps. They will arrive here on the train tonight.

Eight men composing a telephone crew from the office of the Klamath reclamation project, left Monday to extend the government's telephone line from Glendale along the north side of Poe Valley.

Commencement of the filling of the Klamath strait where the

Southern Pacific crosses it has been begun by the railroad company, which work has given rise to reports that the company was overstepping its right. The fact is that the start was made on Sunday, possibly to avoid injunction proceedings by objectors but color to this report.

It was learned at the reclamation office this morning that the railroad is fully within its rights in its action and that some such undertaking had been anticipated from the first.

According to the report of the Oregon State Board of Health, the vital statistics for Klamath county for the month of June 1912 were as follows:

Births—Male 4, female 2.
Deaths—Male 2, female 1.
Tuberculosis—deaths 1.

No deaths occurred here from typhoid fever, scarlet fever, measles, smallpox or other infectious diseases.

Thirteen marriages occurred in the county during the month.

Harvest Gets Under Way in Henley Area

E. A. HAMILTON

HENLEY, Ore., Aug. 26, (Special)—Mrs. Ida E. Thompson, who has been visiting with her son, G. S. Thompson and family, the past two weeks, has returned to her home in Montana.

Mrs. L. Kirk and little son Elmer Lawrence, called on Mrs. J. E. Storm Monday afternoon.

Rev. Stanley Jewell of Merrill called on a number of Henley people Monday evening.

B. B. Rowley purchased a threshing machine recently, and J. C. Erickson is now operating it for him.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Heman, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Hamilton and Mildred and Nora called at the G. S. Thompson home Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Bailey spent the week end with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Howard, at Corvallis.

Mrs. Walter Iman is enjoying a visit from her mother and brother, Mrs. Hibner and son of Washington.

Miss Bonnie Short is visiting friends in California.

Mrs. J. R. Elliott and son Billy

returned from a pleasure trip to Spokane Wash.

Mrs. Pearl Lyons and children Robert and Anita, who have been visiting here and there, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Brown, for the past month, have returned to their home in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Maine of Judith Gap, Mont., Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Thompson, William and Jean, and Mrs. Ida E. Thompson spent Thursday at Crater Lake.

Rev. R. Jones called on Mr. and Mrs. John Koonis Wednesday evening.

Mrs. J. E. Storm and little son Richard, and Mrs. Ben Hamilton were visitors at the Merrill Ladies Aid meeting Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Arthur Fraser.

Mrs. Charles Latta was taken suddenly ill Wednesday evening, and was taken to the hospital for an operation. The last reports show that she is improving.

Jacksons Return From Palo Alto

Mr. and Mrs. Paul T. Jackson returned last night from Palo Alto, Calif., where Mr. Jackson, principal of Klamath Union high school, has been taking advanced work for his master's degree.

They report a pleasant summer in the south but Mr. Jackson said "it seems good to be back again."

Daily CAPITOL News Letter

Highway Work
Get Funds Now
Aids Employment
'Elliott State Forest'

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 26 (UP)—The State Highway commission today prepared to grant further road construction contracts as a result of an advanced federal appropriation of \$1,997,563, according to an announcement by Roy A. Klein, state highway engineer.

THE APPROPRIATION, ordinarily received in January, was advanced to September 1, to hurry road construction plans and consequently relieve unemployment, Klein said.

PARTIAL CREDIT for advancement of the appropriation, was assumed by state officials who for some time have advocated the plan in letter and telegram to federal officials.

THE RECENT midwestern drought hastened the decision of Secretary of Agriculture Hyde in authorizing the appointment.

May Obligate Funds STATE AUTHORITIES may now be able to obligate the funds for highway work instead of having to wait until the first of the year.

APPROPRIATION to Washington were \$1,940,992 and to California, \$4,181,512.

Ex-Sales Manager Returned for Trial

V. G. Klock, local Burns detective association representative, arrived last night from Seattle, bringing with him Fred E. Mountain, former sales manager of the Pelican Motors of this city.

Mountain is charged with having sold a car to a Mexican and to have taken the money with him. The charge is larceny by embezzlement.

Klock traced Mountain to Portland and then to Seattle.

SUCCEEDS HUGHES.

THE HAGUE, Netherlands, Aug. 26. (AP)—Sir Cecil Hurst has been appointed a member of the court of summary jurisdiction by the permanent court for international justice, taking the place of Charles Evans Hughes who recently resigned.

Timely Quotations From People in the Public Eye

"Women have no right to flick a post from a man as a relief from boredom."—Lady Mary Irene Curzon.

"It is the rack of clouds that makes the sunset lovely."—Christopher Marley.

"It is not the crook in modern business that we fear, but the honest man who doesn't know what he is doing."—Owen D. Young.

"Our life is full of sound and fury, signifying nothing."—W. H. Durant, author.

"Authors, it seems to me, have much in common with the stage gunners. . . . Their literary mistakes may start a revolution or a conflagration in the most unlikely places."—Hendrik Willem Van Loon.

"Marriages differ as much as fingerprints. There are no two alike."—G. B. Stern.

Announce Civil Service Exam for U. S. Park Service

The United States civil service commission announces open competitive examination for park ranger.

Receipt of applications for the park ranger examinations will close September 19. The date for assembling of competitors will be stated on their admission cards and will be about 15 days after the close of receipt of applications.

The examination is to fill vacancies occurring in the national park service in the 11th U. S. civil service district, at a salary of \$1560 to \$2290 a year minus \$130 a year for quarters, if stationed at headquarters, and less \$60 a year, if stationed away from headquarters.

Full information and application blanks may be obtained from the Manager, 11th U. S. Civil Service District, 261 P. O. Bldg., Seattle, Wash., or the secretary of the board of U. S. civil service

McGowan Joins Klamath Office

Burns McGowan of the Portland office of the Pacific Finance corporation has arrived in the city to assume his duties with the office here which is in charge of Lynn Roycroft.

Mr. McGowan formerly lived in Burns, Oregon. He is a son of Archie McGowan of Burns and is a former University of Oregon student.

"Whistlin' Lyd" Pneumonia Victim

IDAHO Falls, Ida., Aug. 26. (AP)—Mrs. Peter Reilly, widely known as "Whistlin' Lyd," famed Idaho dog race driver, died here last night.

She was stricken with pneumonia at her home in Ashton, Idaho, four days ago, and brought to a hospital here.

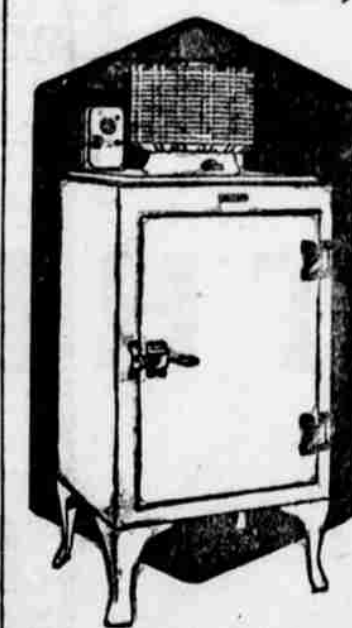
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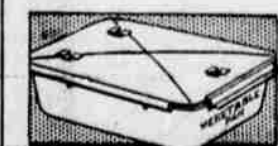
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