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LOAN SHARKS

Portland's great handi-camp is not its first families, nor is it the Chinese lotteries or punch boards. It is its large population of shoe string financiers who live upon O. P. M.—other people's money says Geo. Putnam in the Salem Capital-Journal. Most of these gentlemen, earlier in their careers were runners or high pressure salesmen for stock and bond concerns of vaporous capital and questionable standing. Upon graduating from these splendid schools of crooked finance they boldly held themselves out as capitalists and financiers and proceeded to organize and promote companies running from mortgage loans through installment bonds to building and loan and some to loan shark concerns where the misfortunes of their fellow man could be capitalized.

Heretofore the state pawnbrokers law governed, to a certain extent, the activities and cupidities of these gentlemen. The last legislature, however, repealed this old law and enacted a new one applying only to pawn-brokers. These gentlemen are required to secure a license from the state superintendent of banks. On loans in excess of \$300 not exceeding 10 per cent interest may be charged. But when the loan is less than \$300 an interest charge of 3 per cent per month may be made. It will be readily seen that by splitting the larger loans and giving the notes a different date a still higher rate of interest may be collected.

In addition to the above the legislature passed a small loan act which limits the concerns operating under it to loans of \$3000. On loans from \$30 to \$300 interest at the rate of 3 per cent per month may be charged. The rate charged is to be agreed upon between the borrower and the lender. This act which was slipped through the legislature without noise, and was approved by the ever watchful Governor, opens up the way for the exploitation of the unemployed. Under existing conditions the demands for small loans will be great and the profits of the Shylocks large.

There is also on the statute books an industrial loan law which merits, in addition to an annual interest charge of 10 per cent, an investigating fee of \$3. None of these laws, however, should be confused with the model small loan law of the Russel Sage Foundation which has been adopted in many states—but not in Oregon.

Just as long as suckers continue to bite and the legislatures play into their hands, those who live on O. P. M. will continue to live and prosper.

A sculptor has modeled a study head of a tramp. Thereby inviting critics to rate it as a bum work.

Today

By ARTHUR BRUSHMAN
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FRED W. MACMONNIES has completed his bust of Whistler for the Hall of Fame, creating an admirable work that will make a visit to the Hall of Fame worth while.

With power possessed by no other sculptor since the death of St. Gaudens, Mr. MacMonnies shows externally, as a sculptor must, the internal spirit and power of the brilliant painter.

SOME complain that modern men do too little thinking. Perhaps there is too much to think about.

HOWEVER, before worrying too much about European boycotts, and hostility to the United States, remember conditions in India.

PRESIDENT HOOVER is said to express "great hope for the future of Porto Rico, little for the Virgin Islands."

AS FOR the Virgin Islands, that territory PLUS INTELLIGENCE plus flying machines and submarines, could make the Panama canal safe.

TIMOTHY HEALY is dead. Only 76 years old. He was a hard fighter for Ireland, in the days of oppression, and a good first governor general of the Irish Free State.

He feared nobody and said what he thought, telling a Tory major in the House of Commons to his face, "the honorable and gallant gentleman is a witful and cowardly liar."

He could give his best on a minute's notice. When news came of the Mitchellstown disaster, Tim Healy and Gladstone both spoke admirably, and both spoke admirably. Healy made enemies for himself, friends for his cause. The spirit of Ireland mourns another good fighting son.

PRACTICALLY unknown horse named Grakle, starting with odds 100 to 6 against him won the Grand National steeplechase, with 300,000 in purses and 100,000 in prize money.

Slants of Wisdom
Editor of Western Oregon, Lender By CLARK WOOD

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Its decision to withdraw the price peg will be regarded in the wheat belt as very supporting of the farm board.

Scientists now assert that micro-organisms won the war. Sounds now and then as though micro-organisms and allied contraptions were trying to win one.

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Prime factors in enabling one to live within an income are the things he lives without.

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MacMonnies' Fine Work.

We Think Too Little.

Perhaps, Like Alaska.

Tim Healy is Dead.

It is surprising that our high finance should sit looking on, waiting for some Englishman to tell them what to do.

Bacon said "I have taken all knowledge for my province."

The English banker says: "I have taken the whole earth for my province."

IF RUSSIA succeeds in her gigantic industrial experiments, it will include growing grain on a "production basis" that will save Europe the trouble of boycotting America.

Our industrialists put their intelligence, and our bankers put their money into agriculture on a big scale, we need fear nothing from Russia or any country.

Eighteen Years Ago In Klamath

"The cost of living is higher in every way in Oakland than it is in Klamath Falls," says former Sheriff William B. Barnes who with Mrs. Barnes and daughter Miss Hazel has been sojourning in California during the winter.

Do the pedagogues of Klamath county want a teachers' institute, or would they change it to a training school? This is a matter that the teachers are to decide for themselves, in compliance with a bill passed by the legislature, leaving the matter in the hands of the teachers in each county.

Lum Short is the latest Klamathite to possess a Ford car. He has just purchased a five passenger car from George Biehn, the local agent.

Just \$18 voters of the city have registered so far for the city election to be held next month, according to the registration books at the city hall.

We paid \$25,000,000 for those islands, which is not much money. It should not be forgotten that Seward's purchase of Alaska, for \$8,000,000 was called "Seward's folly."

We have got back that amount many times in real estate alone, many more times in gold. Nobody would suggest selling Alaska for a thousand millions or for 10 thousand millions.

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Some day, someone will attend to that.

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THOUGHTS

We've Been THINKING

Waverly Baby Home Is Facing a Crisis Because State Neglects a Duty

By BRUCE DENNIS

WHO is going to take care of Oregon's stray babies—babies without homes, babies left on doorsteps, babies deserted unnatural parents?

The Waverly baby home is facing a crisis. The state has refused to do its part. Multnomah county, a political unit that should contribute \$18,000 a year based upon the service given her babies, gives but \$1250 a year to the institution.

Exceptional men and women are devoting their time and work with very little pay to care for the little babies of the state, and instead of getting full and complete co-operation these men and women are almost forced to go forth on the highways begging alms for the little ones who belong to others.

A FINE state of affairs when a commonwealth cannot care for the little innocent babies within its borders.

Other functions of government could be neglected, could be slighted, or could be done away with entirely, rather than have the babies suffer for lack of funds to provide for them.

Where are our reformers? Where are those who would revise the state laws, create new commissions, combine government and do a lot of things that get their pictures in the newspapers? Why don't some of these strong reformers take up the baby question and drive home to every state official his duty to humanity, for such it is.

SOLICITING funds from individuals, from counties and cities is the wrong method. This state has a duty to perform. Every person in the state shares that duty and it is plainly a state function, then why duck the responsibility.

The Waverly baby home has been an institution for years. Apparently it has been well conducted and proven its worth or it would not have withstood the test of time. It is time to support it as a state should.

The entire population would be willing for the state house to go undecorated, for the portraits of state celebrities to be cancelled, for the highway fund to be transferred, for the fish and game fund to be drawn upon—anything, in order that the little helpless babies of this state may be cared for.

me and I think she killed herself," and also said several times, "I'm done for," or "this is the last of me," but when Almetter would ask if he cared to make any further statements he would shake his head or answer "no."

Joseph Swindler, brother of the deceased, was called to the stand to establish the age and birthplace of "Joe" Swindler.

The coroner's jury was composed of Jack Francis, C. W. Houston, George Gales, Robert Cheyne, Frank Hamm and C. P. Lorenz.

GUARD STATEMENT
T. R. Gillenwaters, district attorney, stated last night that a formal complaint charging Letha Swindler with murder will be filed today.

Swindler's death statement given to the district attorney in the presence of other officers Monday, shortly before his death, is being carefully guarded.

Gillenwaters stated, however, that it reveals family quarrels which had occurred with great frequency during the past weeks, but in spite of rumors of quarrels in the Swindler family, relatives of Mrs. Swindler declare that the couple seemed absolutely happy, and a cousin who visited Mrs. Swindler two weeks ago, declares that she noticed no friction at the time.

It is believed that Mrs. Swindler has been informed of her husband's death, but that she does not yet realize it, since she keeps asking for him. Her mother, Mrs. Fred Moffett of Klamath Agency, is at the Hillside hospital with her daughter.

After putting Mrs. Swindler to bed, Dr. Peden started her returned to the office and summoned an ambulance to bring Swindler to Klamath Falls. He was taken to the Klamath Valley hospital where a .38 revolver bullet was extracted from his back, Monday morning. He died at 1:30 p. m.

Dr. Peden performed the autopsy upon the body Monday night and stated he found the left chest cavity and abdominal cavity filled with blood clots, and that the bullet had passed through the left lung, stomach, spleen and diaphragm. He pronounced shock and hemorrhage as the cause of death.

ALMETER TESTIFIES
Jack Almetter, Justice of the peace at Chiloquin, stated on the stand that he was summoned early Monday morning by McNabb who told him Swindler had been shot, and that he stayed with the injured man at the doctor's office until the ambulance arrived.

Almetter testified that Swindler said several times, "My wife shot

ROCKNE, SEVEN OTHERS DIE

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The dead:
Knut Rockne, of Notre Dame university, South Bend, Ind.
J. H. Happer, Chicago.
H. J. Christy, Chicago.
W. B. Miller, Hartford, Conn.
C. A. Robrecht, Wheeling, W. Va.
S. Goldwithe, New York City.
Philip:
Robert Frye, Kansas City, Mo.
Jesse Mathias, Kansas City, Mo.

The plane left Kansas City in cloudy weather at 9:15 a. m., for Wichita, Kan., and Los Angeles. It crashed just before 11 on the Bazaar farm. Two farmers saw a wing drop from the plane.

PLANE DIVES
The plane halted momentarily. The wing fluttered sideways; the plane plunged down. Mail was strewn for a quarter of a mile between wing and plane. The bodies of the occupants were in and around the wreckage. The plane did not burn.

BODIES MANGLED
Farmers who helped extricate the bodies said four of them, those of two passengers and the pilot, were found in the plane's wreckage. They were badly mangled. The four others were found about 50 feet from the plane. Reports were uncertain as to the exact fate suffered by Rockne.

Identification was slow and difficult because of the torn condition of the bodies. By means of cards, billboards and other material the process was finally completed.

Rockne's body was viewed and identified late today by William L. White of Emporia, son of William Allen White, Emporia publisher, and a personal friend of the Notre Dame coach.

Rockne, called the greatest figure in football, and certainly one of the most popular, was on his way to Los Angeles, to negotiate for a series of short football team in spring practice. He had planned to return this weekend to visit two sons, William, 14, and Knute, Jr., 11, who were in school in Kansas City.

Dr. M. M. Nigro, of Kansas City arrived here tonight with the two sons of Rockne to claim the body of the famous coach.

FAMILY SURVIVES
Dr. Nigro, a close personal friend of Rockne for many years, drove here from Kansas City with the two boys.

Mrs. Rockne, with two other children, Mary Jean, 11, and Jack, 4, entrained at Miami, Fla., late tonight for South Bend.

Before starting with Dr. Nigro, the two boys were told their father was seriously hurt.

News of their father's death was not conveyed to them until after Dr. Nigro brought them to Cottonwood Falls.

CLAMS BODY
Dr. Nigro said he planned to leave with the body early tomorrow for South Bend, Ind., where funeral services will be held Saturday.

Amidst the bodies of the victims here from the farm near Bazaar, where the great three-motored Fokker transport plane plowed into a pasture snowed by rain and melting snow.

This town and Bazaar are about 140 miles southwest of Kansas City.

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The Fokker plane, regularly engaged in the Kansas City-Los Angeles mail and passenger service of the Transcontinental and Western Air Express, had left Kansas City at 9:15 a. m. In awaiting a confirmation of mail, it was 45 minutes late in departing.

It was due in Los Angeles about 11 p. m. The first stop was to have been in Wichita, Kan.

In the Kansas City area the air was murky this morning and a slight drizzle was falling from the leaden clouds. Officials at the Kansas City airport, however, reported improved weather advice from Wichita.

Pointing his nose into the south-west, the big Fokker had roared away. Within about an hour and a half it faltered above the farm of Seward Baker, four miles from Bazaar. It was flying low. The sky was cloudy. Edward Baker, 29-year-old son of Seward Baker, was in the plane.

The younger Baker and Robert

Blackburn of Cottonwood Falls were the only witnesses of the tragedy that followed.

"I heard the motors sputtering," Baker said. "I looked up, but was unable to see the plane. It was cloudy and I guess the ship was above the clouds."

"I watched and the ship came down below the clouds. I could see it plainly. Then the pilot seemed to give it the gun."

"The motors sounded all right and he shot across the sky for about a minute. Then one of the wings snapped off. It went sailing off to one side like a piece of cardboard and fluttered down."

"The rest of the ship just seemed to stop still in midair for an instant."

"Then it dropped to ground." Reports whose source was indefinite that the aircraft had exploded and burst into flames were denied by Baker and Blackburn, the other witnesses.

Blackburn said the motors had sounded as if they were backing up.

"Then I saw an object fluttering toward earth," he said. "It was a wing of the plane. Then on the other side of me I saw the rest of the plane, plunging downward. It nose-dived into the pasture about half a mile from where the wing hit."

The two men rushed to the fallen plane. Great holes had been torn in the soft pasture land where the three motors had hit, nose downward. From the surrounding countryside farm hands ran to the scene.

Edward Baker said all the occupants of the plane were dead when he reached it. Some were in the cabin. Others had been thrown clear of the wreckage by the force of the plunge or the impact. Some of the bodies were badly mutilated. Clothing had been torn in some cases almost stripped from its wearer.

The fallen transport was a tangled mass of steel and wire and wood. Mail pouches were strewn all the way from the last wing to the plane itself.

Edward Baker ran to his home and telephoned in Cottonwood Falls for doctors and ambulances. These responded and the work of extricating the bodies began.

The theory here was that the plane's wings became coated with ice, causing one of them to break loose from the ship's body. It would have been impossible for the ship to have struck any obstacles, so high was it flying.

The passenger ship was flying high above the clouds. There were no trees about the field where the crash occurred.

Pilot Frye shut off the plane's motors as soon as it started its earthward plunge. There were no traces of fire in the wreckage.

A drizzling rain, and freezing temperatures in the higher altitudes would have caused ice to form on the ship's wings, air men said.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., March 31. (UP)—News of Knute Rockne's tragic death in an airplane crash today came as a stunning shock to the student body, priests and professors at Notre Dame university.

Thirty minutes after first reports of the accident were received, the university campus was filled with thousands of anxious friends of the beloved coach of Notre Dame's champion football team.

TO HOLD MASS
An hour later, when the almost unbelievable report was verified, hundreds went directly to the Sacred Heart church, where they remained all afternoon.

A solemn requiem high mass will be celebrated tomorrow morning in the campus church by the Rev. Charles L. O'Donnell, C. S. C., president of the university.

Semester examinations for the students, however, will continue during the morning, inasmuch as the regular holiday starts tomorrow noon.

FUNERAL SATURDAY
Coaches Hartley Anderson and Jack Chevigny, former players under Rockne, planned to head a delegation from the university to the scene of the plane wreck, there to bring the body back to Notre Dame. The funeral will be held Saturday morning from Sacred Heart church.

Mrs. Rockne, with her two smallest children, Jack, 5, and

Jeann, 10, were to leave Miami tonight for South Bend.

"Nothing that has ever happened at Notre Dame has so shocked the faculty and the student body as the tragic news that came at noon today of the accident which took Mr. Rockne's life," said Father O'Donnell.

FRIENDS GATHER
"Altogether apart from the unique and deserved success he achieved as director of athletics and as football coach, he was a great personality, with the attributes of genius."

In the athletic association of office, which Rockne had made his headquarters, gathered meanwhile the members of the coaching staff, players, student managers and others who had been close to him for years.

Tears swelled in the eyes of the youths who had fought their many battles for Rockne and who knew him probably better than anyone else.

KANSAS CITY, Mar. 31. (UP)—The giant Fokker passenger plane of the Transcontinental and Western Air Transport company that crashed today near Cottonwood Falls, Kans., killing Knute Rockne and seven other persons, was inspected twice last week by expert mechanics, it was announced tonight.

Each time the inspections, one in Los Angeles on March 27 and here again on March 29, found the aircraft in "good condition," said A. L. Bodine, Transcontinental field manager here.

The plane was inspected in Los Angeles by W. W. Hamilton, chief inspector of maintenance, was flown here the following day and was checked over again March 29 by Roy Spangler, chief mechanic.

The plane had not been out of its hangar after Spangler's inspection until it took off this morning," Bodine said.

10-Year-Old Boy Meets Tragedy Thrice in Year

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 31. (UP)—The air crash which took eight lives in Kansas today brought

tragedy to a ten year old boy for the third time in a year.

Three times in the 12 months an airplane has brought death in the family of James Henry Adams, Jr.

First, it was his step-father, Lieut. Herbert Fahy, former solo endurance record holder. Lieut. Fahy died a year ago after a crash in Michigan.

Next, his mother, Mrs. Clara Adams Fahy, died of injuries suffered in a Nevada crash.

Today, Robert Frye, pilot, died in the Kansas tragedy. Frye was the husband of Mrs. Mary Frye, into whose custody the boy was given the court a week ago.

Mrs. Frye and her sister, Mrs. Dorothy K. Hildre, were sisters of Mrs. Fahy. They obtained joint custody of the boy over the protest of his father, James Henry Adams, Sr., of Washington, D. C.

"I want to be a flier, too," the lad said a week ago in court. He wasn't so sure today.

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