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## THE FATHER AND SON BANQUET

It was good to see the shiny-faced boys, proud to be out with dad, at the Father and Son banquet Monday evening. In every way the event was a success and Rev. Floyd E. White is appreciative of the splendid response with which the ticket sale met from one end of the valley to the other. By all means, the Father and Son banquet should be an annual affair.

But who prepared that splendid meal? To mothers and daughters must go the credit for that. They were members of the ladies aid and they were working not only for their boys and dads but for the community church which is striving to promote the best ideals at every turn.

Dads, as well as boys, will derive much good from the

excellent talk of Edward G. Rosenheim, the speaker whom Rev. White brought from Boise for the event. One thought in his address stood out above all others—"how do we play the game?" Are we living to make the lives of others more pleasant? Are we mixing enough good things with the business of making a livelihood? Are we setting the proper example for the boys and girls around us? Mr. Rosenheim's questions are personal, questions for each of us to live. His closing quotation is good to remember.

When the last great scorer comes to write  
He writes your name, not that you won or lost  
But how you played the game.

## A TRIBUTE TO WASHINGTON

Fredericksburg, the home town of the Washingtons, celebrated the birthday of George Washington in a beautiful way—its people gathered to pray for a blessing upon the nation. Could there be a better way in which to renew our faith in America or a more appropriate day?

The very name of Washington brings patriotism and pride to our hearts. From earliest childhood, we have learned that he was brave, honest and good, we have not forgotten the story of the cherry tree nor the story of the crossing of the Delaware. He led his men to victory and the thirteen colonies gained the independence upon which rests the foundation of our great nation.

In the Revolution, it was the trust in Washington which held together a faltering and discouraged people, which tided the country over the darkest hours, which was responsible for the eventful victory.

After war, it was this trust in Washington which made it possible for a disunited people to attain enduring strength and unity.

The memory of George Washington is a sacred legacy to you and me.

## FOR THE GOOD OF SPORTSMEN

Not so important to the general public, perhaps, but important to all lovers of sport and wild life are the new game laws which will further remove the Oregon game commission from politics if they are passed.

Under the present system a shake-up in the personnel of the commission is almost a certainty in the event a change is made in the governor's chair. One bill, endorsed by Malheur sportsmen, would make the commission a body of five members who would be appointed to serve five-year terms. They would be retired, or re-appointed for new terms, at the rate of one commissioner each year. Such a plan would assure the state better and more continuous service by freeing the game commission of the fear and uncertainty of each election.

Another provision in the new game code of particular interest in Malheur county, "the home of the Chinese pheasant" is the scrip system. Through friendly agreements between farmers and sportsmen, a land owner can enter into a contract for use of his land for hunting. Hunters will pay these land owners in scrip for the birds they bag. The land owner can cash the scrip at the game commission, obtaining 90 cents per dollar, the commission retaining 10 per cent as a handling charge.

The new game code gives the commission power to effect such an agreement between sportsmen and land owner if a certain district finds it desirable. Such an agreement may result in a better feeling between hunter and the farmer, who after all "feeds the birds."

Doing away with lots of red tape, the new game code will also empower the commission to open or close seasons, decrease or increase the bag limit on game. Such powers seem properly within the jurisdiction of the game commission.

## ALMOST A TRAGEDY

At an hour when the hope and confidence of the nation is centered on President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt, an attempt is made by an unbalanced Italian laborer to take his life for no other reason than his hatred for the "rich and powerful, for officers and presidents." Not a native son but a foreigner who had left his own native land, Zangara would have taken the life of the man to whom America has entrusted her destiny at a trying time.

A kind providence interfered and Roosevelt was unharmed. Now the peculiar little assassin Zangara is behind the bars—his moment of extremity over. Perhaps his twisted mind coveted the notoriety which merit denied him so he took the back door pathway to gain it.

Zangara hated wealth and position, he said. He had forgotten that the wealthy are not always happy and that wealth does not necessarily mean evil. Zangara hated a president but he had forgotten that democracy brought freedom to the poor in America. Every man is a sovereign who possesses the secret ballot by which the people govern. If there are defects, they are in the people who have the privilege to vote and are a challenge to each and all of us.

The Zangaras refuse to think and they allow hatred and jealousy to rule them.

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS BY CLARK WOOD

A chap can still spend an evening.

A Los Angeles boy who swallowed an open knife was saved by a diet of spinach. Swallowing knives will never become popular.

A small town with a bank under "centralized control" would be much better off than with no bank at all.

It ought to be possible for Oregon farmers to keep their heads—as advised by Walter Pierce.

The house has approved gentle beer, with no guarantee of its gentility.

The movie star with the good figure usually gets another one.

This country is said to have lost prestige in South America, which fact would occasion less regret were that all its investors had lost.

## Around the County

"Gentleman" Jim Corbett took the final count in life's tilt Saturday when he died of a heart ailment at his home on Long Island. He became heavy-weight boxing champion of the world by defeating John L. Sullivan in 1892. He held the title for five years. It was Corbett's rapid rise to the top and the example he set for fighters and boys of the nation that took boxing out of the class of rowdism and made it one of the world's most popular sports.

President-elect Roosevelt has called a governor's conference for March 6 which will consider aiding the unemployed by setting up organized communities on farm lands where they can produce supplies for their own needs. The communities would be established in eight localities throughout the United States. Each family would be allotted five acres and the necessities for a self-sustaining farm home.

Betty Howard, 5, of Eugene died Saturday after falling on a file which penetrated her bronchial tube and flooded her lungs with blood.

A referendum against a sales tax if the legislature passes one will be involved by the farmers and Grange of the state, declared Ray Gill, state master in Portland Friday.

Washington—The Washington Post says in a copy-righted story that a second apparent attempt on the life of President-elect Roosevelt was revealed Tuesday night with the discovery of a bomb addressed to him amid incoming mail at the city postoffice.

A branch banking bill, reported favorably in the senate Friday, was said by its proponent to have been amended to meet conditions in eastern Oregon.

State income report blanks were sent out February 15, after being delayed awaiting possible changes in law by the legislature; blanks may also be obtained from county assessors.

Advertising of lotteries, for many years forbidden by mail or in newspapers, will be unlawful over the radio, the national congress has just decreed.

Another great war would be ended in weeks, where it took the Great war years to decide the issue, was the declaration of General Sir Ian Hamilton, elderly soldier and writer, at Geneva Sunday. The first encounter of mechanized forces under or on the sea, in the air and on land, would decide the issue immediately, said the general.

Advocating the use of silver as the basis for currency, Francis H. Brownell, chairman of the big American Smelting & Refining company, asserted in New York that "gold will not be sufficient to meet the world's monetary needs." The advice was not unusual but coming from the head of a big corporation it received headlines.

Reno's divorce business dropped from 4248 in 1931 to 3105 last year. Of the latter 2000 were initiated by women and 1087 by men. Children involved in these home wreckages numbered 1882.

This mortgage foreclosure business is not all one-sided. The Iowa farmer who said he and his brother had \$14,000 and their lives in a place they lost, while the mortgage company only had \$6,000 might inquire if perhaps the \$6,000 had come from some widow who had her life in that savings.

A former editor, at Oakville, Wash., has been charged with embezzling \$687.96 while the clerk of that town. Even an editor ought not to be allowed to handle public money without regular reports. The only safeguard the public has is publicity, and every public body

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