

# Today

Southwest and North-west.  
Fords Bid Real Money.  
Rough Abroad, Smooth Here.  
First Prize for Casting.  
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An El Paso bank closes its doors in the southwest, that should know only prosperity. The other day an important bank in the northwest was in trouble and only saved by merging with another bank.

Farmers can't make a living, and while everything is done for railroads and other corporations, to make sure that their stockholders get dividends, nothing is done for farmers except to give them fatherly advice.

Something better must be done before long or there will be trouble in more banks, and trouble in two old political parties. They have done nothing "in many years for anybody except politicians and corporations."

Henry Ford bid real money for Muscle Shoals, agreed to manufacture fertilizers, and the farmers know that he would manufacture them.

Many other concerns are now bidding, but not real money. One bid offers \$120,000,000, and reminds you of the conversation between Messrs. Weber and Fields, burlesque actors, in the old days.

"I'd give \$5,000 for that dog," says one. "But, Mike, we ain't got \$5,000," says the other.

"I know it, but ain't it a good offer?" Ford offered to pay the government \$215,000,000, during the period of his lease, and he has the money.

They do things roughly in other countries. In Russia 42 men are accused of giving and taking bribes. If convicted they will all be executed. In Hong Kong yesterday 33 Chinese were shot to death. They had run away with the steam launch Kwongtak.

We are more gentle here. Men steal a naval reserve or take a few hundred million out of a government shipbuilding or airplane enterprise. But they are not shot to death. They go to Palm Beach or to Paris, and their lawyers say, with hearty approval of many newspapers, that it is outrageous to make a fuss about such things, and do so much investigating.

The record for casting a fish-hook goes to Fred C. Berger, who heaved his line with a four-ounce sinker more than 495 feet. That's interesting, but not important. What's wanted is ships with steel nets, to scoop up each day a few thousand tons of fish that are waiting to be caught, and distributed to the people at a fair price.

The government should help the fishing situation by killing off the tens of thousands of small-sized whales that devour the short bounds salmon, in cold northern waters. Joseph Ushin of Milwaukee has seen those whales literally in tens of thousands following the shoals of salmon.

D'Annunzio, having tried everything, is now bankrupt and will sell his original manuscripts. He need not fear that he will know actual want, for Italy will see to that, and Mussolini personally would see to it if Italy didn't.

The king has just made D'Annunzio a prince. Mussolini will give him a pension if he needs it. Dictators are able to take short cuts. The best thing that the real kings did was pensioning able men. But to live in a republic where the really able man can pension himself, is better.

While Japan tells us how much insulted they feel because we don't let them come into the United States, the Chinese are warning Matsui, Japan's foreign minister, that they, the Chinese, are much insulted because they are not allowed to settle on Japanese soil. Somebody in Japan must lack a sense of humor.

"The forces of evil are always organized," says President Coolidge to the republican women of Philadelphia, "and the virtuous must also be organized."

But the forces of evil are so determined in pursuit of what they want, and virtue, usually, so mild and gentle, that the fight is hardly even.

The inmate of a public institution, craving alcohol, cut off his hand, knowing that whisky would be given to him to sustain his heart. You rarely find the virtuous going to such extremes.

Dignitaries of the Methodist Episcopal church suggest deporting all aliens caught violating the Volstead act. That new idea would enable the shipping board to earn a profit, if it got all the business.

The Methodist gentlemen are mistaken, in their statement that "aliens make up the bulk of those who break the Volstead law." Gentlemen that go down to the sea in ships to meet the rum fleet 12 miles out, are, as a rule, Americans of several generations.

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### Columbus Teacher Goes to Schuyler as Principal

Columbus, Neb., May 7.—Five teachers to fill four vacancies in the high school and one in the grades were elected by the board of education. The new instructors are: Miss Della Weatherhogg, Lincoln, Neb., instructor in history; Miss Marian Richardson, Madison, Neb., instructor in English and dramatics; Norris G. Kenney, Lincoln, Neb., bookkeeping and mathematics; Ethlyn Druse, Cambridge, Neb., instructor in home economics.

Clara Rodehorst, a Columbus girl now taking a post graduate course in Chicago university, has been elected a grade school teacher. Robert Slaty, two years assistant high school principal here, was released from his contract to accept the principalship of the Schuyler, Neb., high school. A. V. Larson, for eight years a high school instructor here, takes Slaty's place.

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