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## ROSEBURG, OREGON, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1928.

### ANOTHER BARRIER TO OVERCOME

It now seems that another barrier must be leaped before Donglas county can authorize the construction of a new court house. This obstacle is coming in the form of a popular vote at the primary election May 18 on petition of taxpayers, who for some unexplained reason failed to register any objections to the project on January 21 last, the date set by the county court for hearing remonstrances that might have been presented. Legally it is not incumbent upon the court, it is contended, to recognize a referendum petition or remonstrance at this late day, but in a spirit of fairness, it is announced, the court will place the proposition on the May ballot if the petitions therefor bear the required number of signatures, only two per cent of the total number of voters, which, of course, will not be difficult to obtain. One recognizes the inalienable right of any taxpayer or group of taxpayers to register his or their sentiment on any public proposition, but in this particular instance one also wonders why any remonstrance worth presenting at all was not registered on the date publicly set for such purpose. The county court and prominent citizens favoring a new building were open and reasonable in their support of the project, all legal requirements were complied with to the letter and no important detail escaped the fullest publicity. It was not too much to expect that any who desired to op pose the new building would display a like attitude of frankness and fairness and thus give proponents a chance to meet their views in a friendly way and iron out all differerices. The action of the anti-court house element in remaining aloof from all public proceedings and then striking at the project in the eleventh hour by a referendum warrants the opinion that their objections lack sufficient merit to stand the acid test of sound reason and open discussion. We believe, however, that all the election will accomplish will be to defer ultimate construction until late in the year, thereby adding several thousand dollars to the expense. The general sentiment for a new court house and jail has for a long time seemed overwhelming. Successive grand juries, in their final reports, have denounced the present jail and dweit strongly on the need of a better court house in which to transact ousiness and safeguard public records of priceless value. The largest taxpayers have been outspoken in favor of the project. There is no reason now to believe that this collective sentiment has undergone any change. On that basis the prediction is warranted that the attempt to defeat the proposition by a referendum will meet with decisive de-

The fellow who thinks he can travel on well paved highways by paying a license fee on his car in the paltry sum of \$3 is a mighty poor business manager and will certainly get bumped if the proposed measure ever becomes a law. But we are not going to have any such a nuisance to meet. Wenthinking people will cereat the proposal.

You cannot build a state, a county, or a community by continually tearing down. The appearance of a city is judged by its aggressiveness and general neatness of its public buildings and homes. This is one good reason-with many others-why Douglas county should have a new and modern court house.

Seventy-five per cent of the prohibition agents fell down on civil service exams, according to a dispatch. Evidently Uncle Sam wants them to be able to both raid and write.

Bert Acosta was arrested for flying his plane too close to the ground. We thought people were jailed just for flying high.

A southern editor calls Senator Heflin a "roaring jack-We disagree. Senator Heflin is a braying lion.

There's always something happening to take the joy out

meeting was changed to that of turkeys. Mr. McKinley Hunting Arundel, plane tuner. Phone 189-L

WOMEN'S CLUB OF
DIXONVILLE HOLDS
TURKEY MEETING
THE Women's Club or Dixonville held a very entertaining and in attractive meeting Thursday afternoon, with an attendance of 50 women and a number of men, A short time at the beginning of the program was given to a round-table discussion, led by Mrs. Claude Banning of methods of keeping accounts. A number fook part in the discussion, but the matter of deciding on a system of accounts a number fook part in the discussion, but the matter of deciding on a system of accounts and the club decided at the close of Mr. Huntington's talk gaining of methods of keeping accounts. A number fook part in the discussion, but the matter of deciding on a system of accounts in the rest meeting.

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## Disaster Threatens Highway Plans

Proposed \$3 Automobile License in Oregon Means Great Loss in State and Federal Moneys, Urgently Needed For Maintenance of Present System of Roads and Construction of Additional Units.

(The Oregon Motorist)

Notwithstanding the lact that the motorists of Oregon have been warned of the disastrous effects than would surely result to our state highway program through the adoption of the absury \$3.00 automobile license fee plan concocted by some professional petition circulators, rumor has it that the petitions are being circulated with some degree of success. Whether or not sufficient signatures will be obtained to place the proposed highway-wrecking measure on the ballot is problematical in every community there are always to be found a certain number of susceptible citizens only waiting the chance to sign petitions that promise any sort of tax reduction. If the circulators of the \$3.00 automobile license fee petitions that promise any sort of tax reduction. If the circulators of the \$3.00 automobile license fee petitions that promise any sort of tax reduction. If the circulators of the \$3.00 automobile license fee petitions find it possible to reach this particular clars, it is not unlikely that we shall be called upon to vote on the measure. If such a thing should come to pasa, let us shope that an overwhelming vote will be cast against it.

We have faith enough in the intelligence of the people of Oregon the construction.

And what would have happened in 1926 had we been compelled to carry on our highway work under the \$3.00 license fee plan? Let us show you.

The revenue from gasoline tax in 1926 was \$3,170,240.00 and Forest road money amounted to \$3.50,000.00. A \$3.00 flat license would have been compelled in 1926 was \$3,170,240.00 and Forest road money amounted to \$3.50,000.00.

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will be cast against it.

We have faith enough in the intelligence of the people of Oregon to believe that they will refuse to be misled into lending support to such a destructive measure. Its passage virtually would mean the end of our highway program and jeopardize the investment we have already made in roads; plans for new roads would have to be abandoned, the completion of roads now under way would be postponed indefinitely, and road maintenance throughout the state would become a joke. And in the throughout the pattern of the same of the same of the same of the postpone indefinitely and road maintenance throughout the state would become a joke. And in the throughout the pattern of the same of the same of the postpone indefinitely and road maintenance throughout the state would become a joke. And in the

we find total revenue from automobile license fees, gasoline taxes, Federal Afd and county cooperation amounted to approximately \$12,500,900-all of which was expended in the following minner Bond redemption and interest, 23 per cent: maintenance and betterments, 24 per cent: refund to counties, 12 per cent; refund to struction, 30 per cent; new construction, 30 per cent; miscellanguage and struction, 30 per cent; miscellanguage and struction, 30 per cent; or we can struction. Successively a state should consider it a duty to turn "thumbs down" against any plan calling for a reduction of this amount, \$2,319,761,65 wort to pay premiums and interest on output to the standing bonds; \$3,000,000 went between the wear more also benefits that we as motorists al

AWAKE IN PRISON:

GIVEN ONCE-OVER

for maintenance and betterments

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The idea of attempting to carry

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SALEM. Ore., Feb. 4.—Contrasting with the case of a Lagrandia man regularly tried and convicted in the state courts, who a week age was denied admission to the state penitontiary because he lacked formal commitment papers, four men this morning broke into the prison without any of the formalities of being indicted, convicted, tried or sentenced. They are having difficulty in getting out.

About 5 o'clock this morning a switch engine shunted an empty box car, to be loaded at the lime plant inside the prison yard, through the gates.

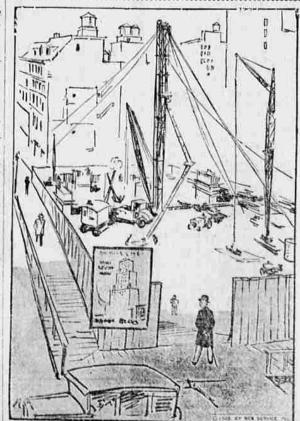
As the big gates swung shut again guards started their precautionary search of the car. In its they found four supposed hoboes aleep. Suspecting that the presence of the martet in the box car. Each of the four is being finger-

asleep. Suspecting that the presence of the quartet in the box car and inside the yard may not have been entirely an accident, prison before being turned loose.

## ATTENTION LEGIONNAIRES

Regular meeting of Ump-qua Post No. 16, American of Legion 8 p. m., Tuesday, Feb. 7 th. Come and bring a Buddy with you. New members re-quested to come and meet the

## SIDE GLANCES—By George Clark



Passing Dentist: Quite a cavity; quite a large cavity!

### WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

# THE MISUNDERSTOOD JESUS

The International Uniform Sun-day School Lesson for Feb. 5. The Misunderstood Jesus. Mark 3:19-

EV WM. E. GILROY, D. D. Editor of The Congregationalist

Misenderstanding is the fatal tragedy of liffe it would be found, we believe to underlie more un-happiness and spiritual dissater than any other single cause.

than any other single cause.

It enters into what might be the happlest attractions in home and society, and it disrupts these relationables with Irreparable violence. There is in the world a great deal of selfishness and a great deal of ill-with, however much we may strive to gloss over or conceal the most objectionable aspects of human nature and action, but the tracedy of misonderstanding is that so often it makes its subtle power of destruction most manifest under circumstances where a good understanding would result in the most holy and happy experiences. and happy experiences.

and sappy experiences.

The causes of misunderstanding are many, and its manifestations vary, it enters into home and family relationships. It breaks the honds of communition between husband and wife, and oftentimes a feeliah silence, or a misplaced and uppermately exforested sensitive. infortunately expressed sensitivesprings.

There are few circumstances in There are few circumstances in life where frankness and openness of mind and spirit cannot help the situation. Misunderstanding arises between parents and children, and too often it is allowed to establish a chasm so wide that it is never bridged. It enters into all the en-vironment of religion.

It is a fruitful source of trouble between ministers and their peobetween ministers and their peo-ple, and offentines an outsider can see clearly how this trouble arises, not from real causes, but simply from a seeing of certain facts and circumstances from dif-ferent points of view. It enters into the conflicts of religion, be-tween new and old. conservative and progressive, and here also it invades the sacred relationships of family and friendship.

One realizes the pathetic misers



they said. He is beside himself. And the scribes which came do

And this attitude of his friends extended to the misundorstanding on the part of his fellow countrymen Inglesd of being impressed by the wooder of His teaching and His works, they were offended. They could not undorstand how one from their own number should fave such power, and they resunted what they could not understand. How strangely true that is to human nature.

Ver it is true not easy in rela-Text: Mark 3:19-27; 6:1-6.

And they went into an house.

And the multitude cometh together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread.

And when his friends of it, they went out to lay hold on him:

And when his friends of it, they went out to lay hold on him: for they said. He is beside himself.

And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said. He hath
Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils.

And he called them unto him, and said unto them in parables, How
can Satan cost out Satan?

And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot

Uncorrectly by the record of the poet
told of a neighbor of the poet And if a bouse be divided against likelf, that house cannot stand.

And if Satan rise up against himself, and be divided, he cannot stand, stand, but hath an end.

No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, each a way disgusted, telling neighbors that it was "no one except he will first bind the strong man; and then hewill spoil his mighbors that it was "no one and way disgusted. Thus it is

except he will first bind the strong man; and then hewill spoil his house.

Verily I saw unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of family and friendship.

One realizes the pathetic misunderstanding that like back of such a statement as Paul made concerning his own faith and life in Christ, "After the way that they call hereay," he said, "so worship in the God of my fathers," in how many a young life struggling for light and liberty has that been true!

Hew Jords Guffered

Our lesson reminds us how Jords Herman and Lords Himself suffered from these seeking.

And he maryelied because of their unbelief. And he went round should be such as a good spirit of understanding."

Lord Himself suffered from missing the simple support of the suppo

understand Jesus.

He was misunderstood by his own disciples. How pathetic to see one who had come in the spirit of such self-abnegation, and after abandonment of love for humanity contemplating within his laner circle the quarrels of disciples regarding places of position and preferment. He was so misunderstood by those of fhis own household that he said at one time, "A man's foes shall be they of his own household."

And here in our lesson we have

own household."

And here in our lesson we have brought before us this crucial mismaderstanding of the friends. They said, "He is beside himself." It was bad enough to be persecuted by his enemies, but what tragedy in this that the hollest and best of all should be regarded by his friends as a mad man.

And this attitude of his friends

# Today

ism of Hungary's government, af-

Hatvany's senience is seven years in prison and a \$500,000 fine, which will wipe out the remains of his once large fortune. Past middle life, broken in spirit, and impoverished, Hatvany may die in prison. His comfort will be the certainty that such a government cannot last. government cannot last.

A book by William Blake,

A book by William Hahe, containing seventeen Hustrations, sold yesterday for \$11,300. That would interest Blake, who died one hundred years ago in a fittle roof off the Strand after spending his last money to buy lead pencils.

Let your children bearn by heart Blake's verses about building Jerusalem "in England's Green and Pleasant Land," or his "Tiger, Tiger, Buring Bright."

## LETTERS FROM THE --- PEOPLE -

There are many other points favoring the retention of the present system, but the foregoing same for convenient to the present system, but the foregoing system is adopted.

So list us permit the state to write for catalog, carry on its present programs for

are surely convincing.

None of us would care to see the ultimate benefit of all.

The present construction and im- A WIDEAWAKE MOTORIST.

Will for catalog.

Practically all the 1927 Willlimete Valley hep crop is sold.

Ing curves and improving danger ous places. The time is a short way cir when, if unfindered, this department will give us a much wifer and safer highway.

Claims are made that the rates are exorbitant, but let us consider. The man who owns a light car surely pays no more than he is willing or able to pay in return for the ease with which he can drive his car to various places. The heavy car owner who is able to own such a cur is surely able to own such a cur is surely able to pay a fleense accordingly.

There are many other points

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\*\*MONDAY PEDURATY 6th, 1928, 7:30 o'clock p. m.

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Politicians, well satisfied with things as they are still hope against hope that they will be able to "draft Collidge" So says Louis Sethold. "Hoping against hope," is aff very well, but hoping against coal fast and disappeared from all very well, but hoping against Coolidge's "I do not choose, is folly. What he does not choose he folly. What he does not choose he comed quite all right. Said Cowny, "Wolf, we've done a thing coal pice to do."

"Now let's run back to where we crashed. Perhaps our wagon is not smashed. If it's all right, we'll hitch the dog and ride around some more. We know that he can fairsy sail. We'll travel over hill-and date, and look around the THE THREE DOLLAR and date, and took account is in auto License FEE country just to see what is in store."

