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LESTER W. HUMPHREYS

LESTER W. HUMPHREYS, former United States district attorney for Oregon, who lost his life last week by drowning in the Deschutes river while on a fishing trip, was an upstanding man of altogether worthy record. From his youth he had high ideals. He educated himself for the practice of law while working his way as a newspaper reporter. So well did he fit himself for his profession that he was successful in practice from the start.

His record of patriotic service was notable. At 17 he enlisted for the war in the Philippines and served three years. In the World war he won a commission in an officers' training camp as captain, but was soon promoted to major. He saw active service in several engagements in France and was decorated for gallantry in action. After returning home he was appointed federal district attorney, but resigned after a comparatively brief service because he preferred to make his own way in private practice. The loss of such a man is a public loss. It marks the untimely ending of a career that was fine.

A writer in the current World's Work points out that whereas there were 5000 legitimate theaters in the United States 20 years ago, today there are only 500. Few cities, except for the large ones, support any theatrical season at all; the movies have conquered. This is generally looked upon as some sort of national misfortune, but it isn't that at all. Some of the drama that used to be offered in small city theaters in the old days, was pretty shoddy stuff. Say what you will about the movies, the fact remains that the fare they offer averages a good deal higher, culturally, than the stuff the third-rate dramatic companies used to put on.

Petitions are completed for a referendum against the newest state income tax bill. Petitions are about to be started around for a referendum on the excise tax bill. The bill for a tax on the income from intangibles is being attacked in court. Thus none of the revenue producing measures passed by the last legislature will be allowed to become effective unhampered. Must we confess futility and abandon the effort at representative law-making? Must nothing be allowed to stand unchallenged that the legislature does? If so, we might as well abolish it.

POEM FOR THE DAY

By LOUIS ALBERT BANKS

THE WORLD FOR MAN AND MAN FOR THE WORLD

This news of interesting effort for world wide conservation comes from Washington, D. C.

"The importance of world conservation of natural resources has been brought to the attention of President Hoover through an open letter calling him to call an international conference to consider the common interest of the nations and to provide for an inventory of resources throughout the world.

"The letter, in the form of a petition, was presented by Gifford Pinchot, and bore the signatures of many prominent men and women in various lines of activity throughout the United States.

"'We are convinced,' the letter says, 'that the fundamental importance of this matter, upon which the civilization, welfare, and mutual helpfulness of the nations directly depend, warrants us in calling it to your attention at the outset of your administration. Indeed you, yourself, have repeatedly pointed out the vital role of conservation.'"

Thank God the world fast grows apace,
Grows more unselfish in its grace,
And men begin to recognize
That all the glories 'neath the skies
Are common heritage of all—
Each race that treads this early ball;
They now in love and peace confer
And feel the urge of duty's spur.

The world is gaining speed today—
How different from our yesterday
When men were fenced and walled with forts,
And barred all neighbors from their courts!
The airships and the radio
Has hit such walls a staggering blow,
And all mankind begins to see
These natural glories should be free.

The world fast grows to neighborhood,
Each race now scents its neighbor's good,
And more and more all lift the cares
And of its blessings each one shares.
We think in terms of all mankind,
And of world needs are not so blind
As in those old-time narrow days
Before life reached this modern phase.

I think it must give joy to God
To see these councils on earth's sod,
To see these efforts to conserve
The things that build man's noblest nerve.
For all earth's beauty is His gift;
Our eyes above the earth to lift;
And as our souls appreciate,
Their grandeur helps to make us great.

CHURCH UNITY TO BE DISCUSSED AT JOINT SERVICE

Union services will be held Sunday night by the Methodist Episcopal and Presbyterian churches of this city, J. E. McClintock and W. C. Hardion, prominent members of the respective denominations will speak on the proposed union of these two religious bodies, the matter of union being scheduled for definite decision at the coming assemblies of the two church organizations. Special music by a joint choir from the two local churches has been arranged.

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OUT OUR WAY

By Williams

The Office Cat

Charlie had eaten a good many apples. His mother, thinking he had had enough, said:

"Now, Charlie, only one more, so take your pick."

To her surprise, the boy selected the smallest apple in the dish and proceeded to eat it. About five minutes later, Charlie said:

"Mammy, you know that baby apple I ate? Well, it's crying for its mother."

Speaking of the high cost of living, the old-fashioned dime novel is now a dollar and a half, postage extra.

One of the most interesting sights in this life is to see two people who know it all attempt to instruct each other.

Ginsberg: "Mistah Ottish, I vant you to make me a doughnut sign."

Painter: "Certainly; but I thought you were a butcher, not a baker."

Ginsberg: "Sure, I'm a butcher, but I vant a sign, 'Doughnut Handle de Feesh'."

"I want you to understand," said Young Spender, "that I got my money by hard work."

"Why, I thought it was left to you by your rich uncle!"

"So it was; but I had to work to get it away from the lawyers."

Young Merchant: "Here's an invitation to my golden wedding."

His Friend: "Why, you're not even married."

"No, but I'm going to marry a rich man's daughter."

What Does "Full" Mean?

A deputy sheriff was sent to levy on some household furniture to satisfy a judgment. He began by making an inventory of the contents of the dining room. His written list was found a little later. It read: "One dining room table, six dining room chairs, one mahogany sideboard, one decanter whisky, full."

The word "full" was crossed out, and at the bottom of the sheet of paper could be made out the words, "One revolving door mat."

STATE MARKET AGENT'S LETTER

Wheat Prospects
California Hard Hit
Potato Growers Organizing
Labor Is Plentiful
Berries Are Sold

By SEYMOUR JONES

Prof. F. L. Kent agricultural statistician for the U. S. department of agriculture and Oregon Agricultural college, says that more winter wheat is to be produced in the United States in 1929 than last year, but less in the Pacific northwest, according to present indications. The estimate for this year's harvest in Oregon is 16,584,000 bushels, for Washington 22,982,000, for Idaho 11,969,000 and for the United States 595,235,000. Last year's production was, Oregon, 20,088,000 bushels, Washington 25,600,000, Idaho 10,455,000 and United States 578,964,000. Mr. Kent says that no estimate for the 1929 spring wheat crop are yet available, but with the big crop in winter wheat indications it seems certain that the 1929 total wheat crop of the Pacific northwest will be several million bushels less than last year. The 1928 spring wheat production for the three states was estimated at 19,117,000 bushels and 1927 crop at 26,800,000 bushels.

The April frosts in California took heavy toll from the fruit growers. While better prices resulting, from small production will swell the income of the general industry, the result in individual cases will be serious, as indicated by the following comment of the director of agricultural extension at California university: "Many farmers who have lost their entire crop face the situation with exhausted credit. The expansion in deciduous fruit acreage was made at a time of high land values. The crop came into bearing in years of low prices which in many instances have brought less than cost of production. To such farmers, the higher prices that may prevail as a result of the freeze will not be of help should their crops be entirely or largely lost. Many will have to depend upon extended credit from banks if they are to be tided over the crisis."

Potato growers of Clackamas county are organizing for the systematic handling of their crop as to growth, grading and marketing. An important proposition is now offered in this industry. One of the big chain-store corporations (and very likely others will make similar offers) proposes to provide certified seed and agree to purchase all the first class potatoes in the fall. County Agent J. J. Insheep of Oregon City and W. H. Zirney have been appointed to handle the matter. There is no doubt but potato growing can be made profitable if growers will be careful in the selection of seed and then at harvest time put up for market only best grades, keeping inferiors for the pigs.

The "seasonal employment commission" of Oregon reports present labor conditions in and around the cities of Portland, Salem, Albany, Corvallis, Eugene, Forest Grove, McMinnville, La Grande, Pendleton, Medford and Hood River. At every place except Salem and Pendleton a heavy surplus of unemployed is reported. At Salem there is a "full supply to help in all lines," and at Pendleton, "conditions are fairly well balanced."

The berry growers in the west-ern par of Columbia county have decided to ship their product to Sumner, Washington, thir year and let the Washington Berry Growers' association dispose of it. In the meantime, the Rainier Cooperative Growers' association will try to complete its organization for future operations.

This morning the news is that "wheat markets were firmer yesterday everywhere." Let us hope that continues.

EDITORIALS ON THE DAY'S NEWS

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with the yellow rabbit brush glowing among the sage, and invite him to turn his head and look backward at the pearlled, gleaming summit of the Cascades.

Then pause with him where the high desert lurks down upon the green valley of the Crooked river, with Prineville nestling in the center of the valley—old Prineville, quiet now but once pulsing with the hot life of the great range country.

Let him feast his eyes upon that vision.

BACK in the hurrying East, where utility comes first and beauty trails along behind, they may think of roads as "utilitarian devices whose sole function is to enable us to get from place to place in the shortest space of time," but out here in Oregon we know better.

We look upon our roads as something that add immeasurably to the joy of living, and we build them with that end in view.

STATE CHAMBER COMMERCE HEAD COMING TUESDAY

R. S. Hamilton of Bend, president of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce, is to speak in Roseburg at the Kiwanis luncheon next Tuesday. President Hamilton will have a very important message to present, and as this will be his only speaking date in Roseburg, the Kiwanians are opening their meeting to the general public. Invitations have been extended to the Rotary and Lions clubs to meet with Kiwanis, and it is expected that there will be a very large attendance.

U. of O. Man Will Study Orient

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene.—(Special).—George Verne Blue, professor of social science and oriental history at the University of Oregon, will be sent to Japan this summer by the university to make a study of conditions in education and politics. Professor Blue's expenses will be paid by Mrs. Murray Warner, director of the Murray Warner fine arts museum.

The growth of the labor party in Japan will also be studied by Professor Blue, who wishes to find out how the Japanese are meeting political problems similar to those of the occident.

Professor Blue graduated from the university in 1922, and has since that time, studied and taught at the University of California, and University of Hawaii. For the past two years he has studied at the University of Paris.

JUNIOR LEAGUE TEAMS PLAY FOR HONORS

The junior baseball league teams of the county met in Roseburg today to pick the players who will represent Douglas county at the state league meet to be held in Portland at some near date. The various communities have organized teams under the sponsorship of the American Legion, and several games have been played in each section. From among the best players on each squad teams have been formed, and these are meeting today for further elimination. It is expected that the Umpqua valley will be well represented at Portland for the state games as some excellent material has been developed.

Kinnman Mann, who has been visiting for the past few days in Roseburg has returned to his home in Portland. Mr. Mann is a former resident of this city.

Lawn Moreroy will make a difference in your lawn. It costs but $1.75 for 50-pound sack at Wharton Bros.

HUGE RICHFIELD BEACON TOWER IS BEING ERECTED

Workmen Today Placing Steel for Airway Light on Site 3 Miles North of Town.

A structural steel crew under the direction of H. V. Berglund of Los Angeles, arrived in Roseburg yesterday and started construction of the 125-foot tower for the Richfield beacon north of Roseburg. The tower will be completed tomorrow evening, according to present expectations will probably be lighted within the next two weeks.

The crew now engaged at the beacon site is only doing the steel work, and will be followed by the electrical crew that will install the powerful rocking beacon and the Neon lights along the two sides of the tower.

There will be a two million candlepower light on the top of the tower, and on two sides of the tower the word "Richfield" will appear in huge Neon letters. These lights can be seen for a distance of seventy-five or more miles from the air, according to aviators.

Mr. Berglund states that his crew has just completed a tower at Barstow, California and another at Grants Pass. From Roseburg they will go to Longview, Washington, and will then return to Eugene, Salem and Crown Point in Oregon for additional installations.

Within 60 or 90 days the service stations that are to rise at the foot of these great beacon towers will be in operation, giving a continuous chain of airway lights and service stations for motorists from the Canadian to the Mexican border. It is planned to make each of these stations a small community, as hotels, stores, and refreshment stands are contemplated at each place. These, however, will not be built by the Richfield company, but will be contracted to private individuals and firms. One company is already negotiating for a chain of hotels at each station, it is understood.

Picnic at Idleyld Park.

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WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Obedience Essential in True Religion

The International Uniform Sunday School Lesson for May 19. Obedience Essential in True Religion Jer. 7:1-11, 21-23.

By William E. Gilroy, D. D.
Editor of The Congregationalist

Our lesson concerning obedience centers in Jeremiah. Jeremiah was called to a particularly unpleasant task; namely, the task of publicly rebuking the sins of his age.

The true prophet, who could not be morally and spiritually great without being thoughtful and sensitive, never relishes the work of denunciation. Men who are interested in creating a cheap sensation, or in gaining publicity for themselves, maybe interested for themselves, may be interested muckraking and because it suits their personal ambitions and plans. The world has had a sufficient number of that sort of deriers of sin.

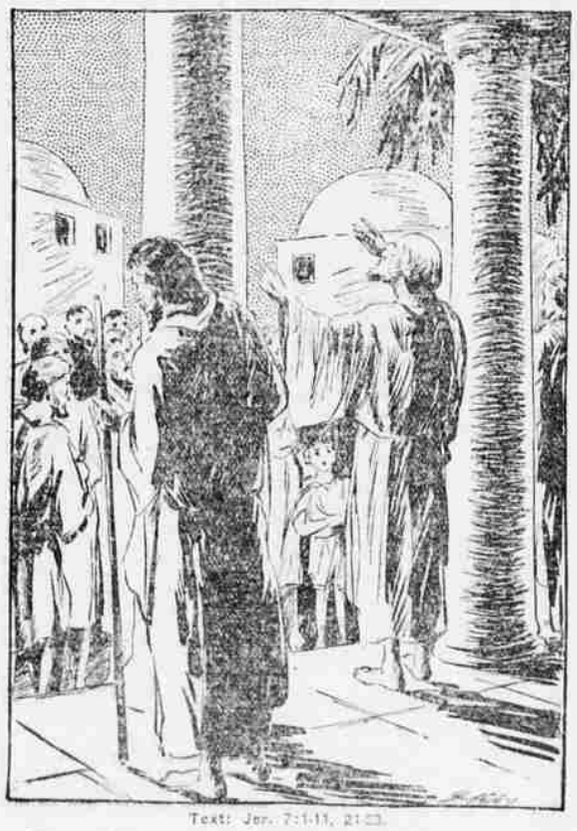
Identified Self With Nation.

But the man whose heart is attuned to righteousness as were the hearts of the Hebrew Prophets, rebukes sin with the sadness and reluctance of a Jermiah. He feels keenly the sins and shortcomings of his age as his own, and there is the reality of his identification of himself with his people in his confession of the nation's wrongdoing. The true prophet is always a patriot in this deeper sense, never seeking to escape from his age and his people, but seeking to bear the burden of responsibility for the betterment of the society of which he is a part.

Someone not long ago pointed out that there is an interpretation of Decatur's famous saying, "My country, right or wrong," that frees that phrase from the opprobrious and sordid meaning that has been attached to it. It was pointed out that the phrase might mean in real patriotism something of what a father might mean who said concerning his son who had gone astray, "My son, right or wrong", that is, even if he be wrong he is still my son, and it is my obligation to love him and seek to bring him back to rightcousness.

Interpreted in that way, which was probably not what Decatur meant, the phrase might indeed express a great reality and a great ideal. The love of one's country that yearns to see that country, even in its wrong conditions and courses, brought into the way of right, is a love that ought to be in all of our hearts.

Jeremiah's obedience gave him the unpleasant task of standing in the gates to rebuke the evils of the time and to point out the good way. His appeal is to those who enter into the gates to worship, reminding pe that even worship may be associated with wrong ideals and ends. Jeremiah represents God as saying that he can have no dwelling in a place where there is profession of worship without the reality of righteousness. He admonishes those who enter into the temple not to trust in lying words or to be content with a religion that consists in glorification of the temple.



Text: Jer. 7:1-11, 21-23.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, Stand in the gate of the Lord's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the Lord, all ye of Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship the Lord.

This saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place.

Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the Lord, The temple of the Lord, The temple of the Lord, are these.

For if ye thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if ye thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbor;

If ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt:

Then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever.

Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit.

Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not;

And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations?

Is this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold even I have seen it, saith the Lord.

Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Put your burnt offerings unto your sacrifices, and eat flesh.

For I spake not unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices:

But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the way that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.

Real religion, he points out, consists in right living, in a man's doing justice toward his neighbor, in not oppressing strangers, or shedding innocent blood, and in befriending the fatherless and the widow. Jeremiah turns from the positive expression of this idea of true worship and points out how far the pepole have fallen from it in lying, in stealing, murdering, and swearing falsely, and in breaking all moral commands and obligations; and in associating these things with false worship.

So low have the people fallen that Jeremiah represents the house called by the name of Jehovah as having become a den of robbers. He reminds the people that burnt offerings and sacrifices mean nothing unless the spirit of the true worshiper is in them; and then he turns again to the positive side and makes a great appeal to the people to hearken unto God and seek the way of good living and of social welfare.

Applies to Today, Too.

Can anyone think of either this ideal or this indictment as belonging entirely in the past or even in a far-off past? Unfortunately with all the betterment of the world our modern society still is so far from ideal that these words have tremendous meaning for today. Unfortunately, also, when sincere men and women strive to point out the real foundations of the nation's greatness in the recognition of righteousness and truth, and especially when the evils in modern society are emphasized as marking a falling from the high ideal and from true worship, there is the same outcry of the selfish, degraded, and deluded as there was against Jeremiah.

Jeremiah, as we have seen, was spoken of as worthy of death. The very people whom he tried to save denounced him as a prophet of woe and pessimism. Is there not something very familiar about denunciations in our modern world? And yet, the true friends of progress and the real patriots in a nation's life are those who dare to see and denounce the sins and injustices of their time and who uphold against these things the way of right.