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HEAR THE WORD—O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord. Jeremiah 22:27

PRAYER—Our Father, give us the hearing ear and the understanding heart that we may daily know and do Thy holy will.

Closing In At The End

Candidates are making their last stand these few days before the primary election. Under the primary law it is necessary for men and women who seek office to go forward, laying aside all timidity and modesty, and ask for votes. This is naturally distasteful, but it is custom and custom is an awful ruler in any country.

Presumably the intent of the direct primary law was a quiet campaign permitting the voters to choose their public servants without outside assistance and with the aid of the Voters' pamphlet. We believe the framers of the law visioned the American home circle discussing the merit of the candidates quietly and orderly the night before election day, and then that vision probably extended to the time when the family marched to the polls and deposited the ballot for those of their choice.

But, such was not to be. The newspaper was not considered, the billboard failed to enter the mind, the framers, and the propagandist with stories of election for or against, was lost sight of.

Instead of being the instrument it was exactly intended to be, freeing candidates from expense, the direct primary system has proven quite different. And during the few days preceding a primary or general election business almost ceases from the tumult raised by the army of candidates who seek to attract attention to each particular case so that more votes may fall their way.

But, like all human endeavors, perfection has not been reached in the process of government. Emerson once said that nature only hits the purple once in a thousand times. Human beings can well take courage, even with the loosely-drawn plan of election and government we now have, and try, try again before any degree of perfection is reached.

For two days more an avalanche of printed matter will be loosened by the candidates, the last word of denial or approval will be spoken, and then the primary day will decide the fate of every candidate.

The Major A Hero

If Major Martin could know how intense the interest has been in him during the time when he was lost in Alaska he would believe that the world still possesses the warmth of human kindness.

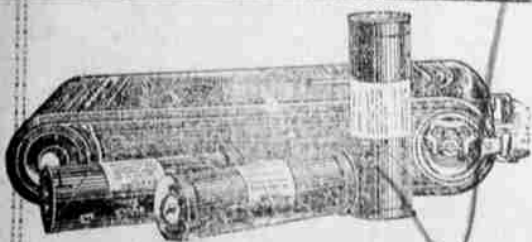
In La Grande almost every household read eagerly every word bearing upon the search for Major Martin. We know of small children who are just able to read, who watched the newspapers closely each evening in the hope that some word would come that the American flyer had been located. And when that word came it was a case of joy clear along the line. That he should have been found on Mother's Day makes the drama all the more complete, and causes the whole country to make of the major the hero that he is entitled to be.

Portland is now working up a plan to preserve the smell. From one extreme to another is Portland's record. One week they let a contract for a bridge with \$500,000 velvet in the contract and the next week they try and save the smell.

Modesty is a virtue, doubtless, but the man who blows his own horn usually is able to raise the wind.

Perils of motoring are chiefly the pedestrian's.

People generally save a few cuss words for a rainy day.



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SINNOTT HAS UNIQUE RECORD

Oregonian Occupied High Position in Congress and Achievements Are Many.

(The following article is from the Washington News Bureau of the Portland Oregonian under date of May.)

In view of the candidacy for re-nomination and re-election of Representative Sinnott of the Second Oregon district, a brief review of his services prepared from friendly sources has been made and is offered in this column. Mr. Sinnott is now a candidate for his seventh term. Few men in congress have such an intimate and detailed knowledge of the west and western interests.

Since coming to Washington 12 years ago Mr. Sinnott has been a member of the house public lands committee and of the irrigation committee. He has been chairman of the former committee for six years and about three years ago would have succeeded to the chairmanship of the latter committee but for a rule that no member of the house can hold two committee chairmanships.

The record would seem to bear out the statement that he is the author of more legislation affecting the west—its irrigation projects, national forests and public lands, national parks, public lands and the multitude of problems that go with them—than any other man who has ever sat in congress. He is the author of no less than a score of laws affecting the homesteaders, always working toward the end of making fit men for the soil in the southern domain, while protecting the interests of the nation.

Nation's Interests Safeguarded

He is the author of the Federal water power bill which finally opened the water powers of the country to development on a large scale and in a manner that the public interest was conserved. This bill which provides a method of leasing the coal, oil and phosphate lands of the west in a way that the whole country shares in the benefits also bears his name. And it is to point out that the bill as framed by Mr. Sinnott was carried by the House and passed by the Senate and has proof against any such candidate as those which have recently attacked the country. The government's naval oil reserves were saved and securely anchored under the terms of the Sinnott leasing bill and it was only by legislation forced through congress by the Secretary of the Navy, Frank B. Rowan, in an Appropriation bill that Harry P. Sinclair and Edward J.

Debeny were able to get their hands on the naval reserves in Wyoming and California. This is not saying that they never could have been obtained under the Sinnott law.

Besides being chairman of the public lands committee and ranking member of the irrigation committee, Mr. Sinnott occupies a position not held for many years, if ever before, by a representative of the Pacific northwest. Without his own knowledge or solicitation at the beginning of this congress he was elected a member of the steering committee, the most powerful organization of the house in directing the course of legislation.

Irrigation Project Fathered.

When, after the war, it was decided that congress should again embark upon a renewed campaign of irrigation development the first appropriation was secured for Oregon by Mr. Sinnott. This was \$486,000 for the Deschutes project which, however, was later transferred to the Baker project when the friends of the Deschutes project found they could not reconcile certain differences.

Representative Sinnott, now in charge of the gigantic task of ascertaining which side is right in the contest between the government and the Northern Pacific Railroad over approximately 2,000,000 acres of land grants made in the west in Washington, Idaho and Montana—paid advertisement.

WOULD OUTLAW WAR

COLUMBIAN, O. (JNS)—"War will continue to enshroud the universe until it is outlawed in by-laws and statutes," Rev. Dan Bradley, of Cleveland, declared in an address here.

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