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HEAR, O ISRAEL: THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD.
—Deuteronomy 6:4.

"Our" Democratic Delegation

Great is the wail of dear Democratic friends of Oregon about the people ruling—when they are at home.

At the New York convention things are different—a little diffe ent. For instance the seating of Thomas Carrick Burke, once a resident of Baker but for years a citizen of New York City, as a representative of Oregon Democrats is decidedly amusing.

Then there was that speech of Mrs. Alexander Thompson. Wow! Didn't she burn 'em up. But does Mrs. Thompson represent Oregon's Democratic party?

The most creditable thing "our" delegation has done at the New York meeting was the raising of the Oregon banner for Carter H. Glass when his name was placed before the convention.

On a Dead Center

The Democratic national convention seems to be on a dead center. The klan issue has stalled the political machinery and the conditions now surrounding the New York gathering may become historic, for it is quite probable that a long drawn out fight will occur.

The McAdoo strength reached its height at the beginning, the Governor Smith drive also is waning and now comes a current for Carter H. Glass which looks more like a nomination than anything thus far, although with the klan fight on there is no telling what will happen.

Prediction of a bolt of the southern states, which are very srong klan, is in the air. This would be fatal to a possibility of party success and will of course be prevented of such a thing is possible. There are just as adroit politicians at New Yo[r]k as there were at Cleveland but the driving reins have been snatched from their hands. No longer does the clarion voice of W. J. Bryan lead Democrats out of the wilderness. No longer does the political whip of Tom Taggert or Tammany seem to force the boys and girls in line. With twenty candidates for president already nominated it would seem that the McAdoo machine has been busted, the Smith machine is crippled, that Ralston's pussyfooting is not getting very far. Out of it all could come the nomination of Carter H. Glass if there was a majority rule, for there are enough level-headed men and women in that convention to calmly think things over and name a man like Glass. But the two-thirds rule stands as it did in the days of Jefferson. And with it, there is complexity.

Very likely this convention will be one of those to be recorded in the nation's history as a national convention when delegates wore themselves out in the heat of New York and finally made a nomination in order to get things finished.

Nations Are Racing

France has increased her air force to 1000 planes. Italy during the next six months will quadruple her air fleet to equal that of France. England has a program that calls for the increasing her war planes from an existing 100 to 600 before the end of the year. Not much consolation for pacifists in this.

In the United States the militarists are crying loudly just now for the doubling of our naval craft. Their propaganda declares that the Harding disarmament conference granted the United States a naval force on a par with that o England but that our tonnage has receded to but half of that of Great Britain and even to less than France's three in the 5-5-3 ratio fixed by the conference.

No further proof is necessary that the governments of the world are preparing for the next war while their citizens are looking toward and demanding world peace. The race is between war and peace. Peace has never had a better start but can she hold out to the finish?

The next administration at Washington will probably endorse some sort of a world court. A league of world governments is inevitable but wars will not be stopped until the people of he world, excepting no race or nationality, resolve that all armies and navies and air forces shall be banished from the earth.

Almost a year since President Harding met with us all at Meacham. Great changes in that year.

Editorials From Over the Nation

"WESTWARD THE COURSE OF AUTOS"

Washington Post: That was an interesting showing of the total value of motor cars owned in various states, which a correspondent of the Post cited the other day from the census of 1922; still more interesting when analyzed so as to show the amount invested in such vehicles per capita of the population.

Thus in New York, the state of all states, regarded by a certain type of Western politician as the embodiment of the "money power," of capitalism, of wealth and luxury—in plutocratic New York the average investment in motor vehicles for every man, woman and child is $33.46. In Pennsylvania, the home of the steel kings and coal barons, the amount is $25.46. Doubtless that means that the purse-proud citizens of those states spend their time joy riding in luxurious limousines; at the expense of the downtrodden Western farmer, who plods behind the plow or jolts in a springless wagon behind a mule team.

Yet we observe that in North Dakota, home of agrarian revolt against the plutocracy of the effete East, the average per capita investment in motor vehicles is $58.60, which is considerably more than that in New York; in half-insurgent Minnesota it is $61.50; in South Dakota, Hiram Johnson's sole supporter, it is $72.10, or more than twice as much as in Pennsylvania in Iowa it is $76.50 or practically twice New York's figures; in Nebraska it is $79.10, and in California it is $92.46.

"Westward the course of autos takes its way."

The "granger states" are the homes of the superpower cars, while the regions tributary to Wall street are perforce content with the humble flivver.

UNHAPPY CHINA.

Seattle Times: The statement made by Dr. Percy Watson, head of the Fenchow hospital, that in China, with its 400,000,000 inhabitants, only one man in twenty-three and one woman in twenty-one are more than 60 years of age shows in a striking way the state of the public health in the Far Eastern republic.

In the United States one man in eight and one woman in ten are more than 60 years old. In other words, in America the average span of human life is much longer than in China, where modern sanitation and scientific medicine are virtually unknown.

In China, where approximately 1,500 physicians and surgeons educated in Western schools administer to 400,000,000 inhabitants, it could not be expected that much could be done in the way of protecting the public health and in teaching modern methods of preventing disease.

Improvement necessarily must be slow. The foreign schools and colleges do creditable work in disseminating knowledge, but help for China's dense population must come from the Chinese themselves.

The Peking Union Medical college, supported by the Rockefeller foundation, is training Chinese students and helping widely scattered hospitals throughout the republic.

In promoting the well-being of mankind, our scientists and sanitarians also are serving America. Epidemics have a way of ignoring national frontiers and with our growing commerce with the Far East, there is a certain factor of safety in improving conditions in areas which may serve as the starting points in ailments which travel around the earth. It is a case of casting bread upon the waters.

THE WOMEN SAY "NO"

Davenport Democrat: Men may like the plan of segregated sleeping cars that some eastern roads have been trying, but the women do not.

The "stag" sleepers operating for men between Chicago and New York have been a great success, for men who travel a lot like to dress in the aisle, to have a dressing room at both ends of the car for the morning toilet and shave.

The cars set aside for women only, however, have had little patronage and the roads are taking them off. Women do not want them.

"When traveling, we want to meet both men and women," they told agents who suggested that they try the "women only" cars.

"Woman has a monotonous enough life as it is. Why should she shut herself up with a lot of women whose talk probably will bore her, when she goes on a trip? The trip would lose half its zest."

"Men are so much nicer about offering assistance when one is traveling and one feels much safer to have men in the car," one woman added. "Why just suppose robbers should get on the train. We women would be perfectly helpless."

"I prefer a sleeping car with both men and women, because there's apt to be physicians among them," a heavy woman with heart trouble told one ticket agent, "I'd have heart failure at just the idea of being out of reach of a medical man."

SINGING TOGETHER.

Milwaukee Journal: America hasn't forgotten the value of singing together—one of the worthwhile things we learned during the war. At the Republican convention, after the demonstration which greeted the nomination of President Coolidge, the assemblage turned to song for relief from its feverish political enthusiasm. The great organ sounded the strains of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and instantly the audience took up the words. Irresistibly the singers swept on to "Maryland, My Maryland," "Onward Christian Soldiers," and other familiar songs. It was one of the most pleasing and inspiring moments of the convention.

In America, where public meetings are more common than in any other country, we shall do well to cultivate this habit of singing together. Ten minutes of singing, interspersed somewhere in the program, is worth an hour's recreation. But to get the full benefit we shall have to learn the words of more of our favorite songs.

THE OLD HOME TOWN - - By Stanley

OFFICE CAT

BY JUNIUS

She—"Stag tonight?"
He—"Yes, I haven't any doe!"

Women are superior. No man could chatter cheerfully while kicking his wife's shins under the table.

If poor old Uncle Tom had his cabin in La Grande today he could rent it for enough to eventually become a millionaire.

She: "You had not right to kiss me like that."
He: "All right, I'll try it another way."

Sheikal has become a radio fan!

Yes, positively, Mr. Reader, absolutely!

And when we say fan, we mean FAN! He listened in on one for the first time last night and oh, boy, outta kick. At first he was inclined to believe there wasn't "no such animal" but finally, after it came right out of the magnavox "This is New York—" he had to give up. "Isn't it wonderful," he exclaimed. "The next thing you know they'll be transforming your thoughts to the next town." Then he paused, meditatively, and suddenly meowed: "Ge I hope they don't do that the next time I go to Union—it'd ruin me!"

After the concert he sagely remarked: "The bedtime stories were all right but it seems to me the tellers must have a hard time figuring 'em out to make 'em simple enough for the younger ones to understand and risque enough for the older ones to enjoy."

A Columbia university professor says long legs are a sign of superior intelligence. We arise to ask whether he is talking of insects or men?

A style bulletin says "Men's Shoes Will Be Conservative," which means that many men will wear what might be suspected of being the same old shoes.

JUNIUS' QUESTION BOX

Dear Office Cat: "Please state in your columns what is good for fruit tree worms. A. B."

Answer: "What's the matter with the worms?"

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Dear Junius: "My girl insists on having more than I can afford to pay for. What should I do?" R. U B.

Answer: "Seek new pastures."

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Dear Office Cat: "My girl asked me to take her to the dance a few nights ago and, as I had a hole in my trousers, I couldn't do it. It embarrassed me dreadfully, however. What would have been the correct procedure in a situation such as I have described? Oley Pantz."

Answer: "You should have told her you feared catching cold or, if she telephoned, crisply say, disguising your voice—'I'm out.'"

We notice that Governor Pierce won't let 'em have a holiday July 5th. Well, why should they, now that the Volstead law is supposed to be effective.

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9:00 a. m.—Band concert on city street.

9:30 a. m.—Spectacular civic parade.

11:30 a. m.—Old Settlers gathering and picnic.

Dinner in city park.

1:00 p. m.—Baseball game, fair grounds.

2:30 p. m.—Racing program, novelties, wild west sports.

5:00 p. m.—Open air dancing. Carnival of fun.

7:00 p. m.—Keeping the Old West Going. Days of '49.

7:30 p. m.—Old Days Town opens. Wide open with sky the limit.

MAXVILLE READY FOR FOURTH CELEBRATION

MAXVILLE, Ore. (Special to the Observer)—The program for the Independence Day celebration here is now completed and nothing has been overlooked by the committee in charge.

It is fully expected that 5,000 visitors will attend and the caterer has prepared an enormous barbecue which will insure all a wonderful repast.

The celebration begins at nine o'clock in the morning and from ten on will continue during the day. Some very interesting stunts are to be given, and the only opportunity the public will have of viewing them will be July 4th. Among those featured will be skidding of logs, felling of trees, and also an illustration of the latest improved method of loading these logs, which in itself is a worth-while sight.

Taken all together Maxville has certainly gone the limit to make this day a memorable one in the history of the town and one that will not soon be forgotten.

TAKE MOTOR TRIP.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Farnam and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Johns will leave today on a motor trip into Southern Oregon. They expect to visit Medford, Grants Pass, the Oregon Caves and Roseburg. At the latter place they will be joined by Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Farnam, mother and father of Mr. Farnam and Mrs. Johns and then go to the coast at Bandon. Mr. and Mrs. Farnam and Mr. Johns expect to return to La Grande in about two weeks but Mrs. Johns will spend the summer with her folks at their country home near Roseburg. The trip will be made in the Farnam car.

SPECIAL TRAIN NOW ARRANGED

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Baker all day to participate in a street parade and ceremonies during the day and the staging of the battle of Chateau Thierry in the evening.

The American Legion Drum Corps will also be on hand to make the day one of the biggest and most glorious Fourths that has ever been held in Eastern Oregon.

As has already been announced the Pirates will play Baker a ball game on the fourth and a follow up match on the fifth.

In and Out

M. Francois-Marsal, who has become known as the "half-hour minister" of France. Hardly had Francois-Marsal taken office than President Millerand announced his resignation and Francois-Marsal and his cabinet, followed by his ...

DEVELOPMENT IS RECALLED

WALLOWA, Ore., (Special to the Observer)—By the sale of the interest of E. A. Tulley in the real estate loan and insurance business of Couch and Tulley to L. Couch, according to a local newspaper, several facts are brought to mind of the older residents concerning the institution which has been closely identified with the development of the city. It was started in 1899 by C. T. McDaniel, who a year later took as a partner John McDonald. In 1905 Mr. McDaniel sold his interest to L. Couch, the business being conducted as the firm of Couch and McDonald in the building now occupied by the Mutual Creamery. In 1911 they erected the building now occupied by the real estate agency, Forest Service and the Masonic Lodge. In 1913 Mr. McDonald sold his interest to L. Couch who conducted the business alone until 1918 when he took E. A. Tulley into the business and has been conducted under the name of Couch and Tulley until the change that goes into effect July 1st when Mr. Couch will conduct the business alone.

Mr. Tulley has not yet announced his plans for the future. The agency has probably sold more real estate during the history of the county than all others combined, and has always been in the front rank in endeavoring to develop the county. They were instrumental in securing the location of the Nibley-Mimnaugh Lumber Co., at this place, which has since developed into the large plant now operated by the Bowman-Hicks Co. A very large proportion of the timber of the county has been sold to the lumber companies through this agency, as well as thousands of acres of farm lands. They have also sold all but one of the additions to this city. Mr. Couch in continuing the business pledges himself to continue the efforts of the firm in the development of the county, and trusts that the community will continue its support of the firm.

Pearls and the Rising Franc Make Tahitians Prosperous

PAPEETE Tahiti, (AP) — The economic situation here has been improved by the recovery of the franc, a rise in the price of vanilla, success of the diving season in the pearl islands and a steady market for Tahitian produce.

Direct steamer service with France has been another element in trade revival, as many necessities from that country are available at prices much less than for similar goods from America and the British colonies. Merchandise from France escapes the heavy foreign duties.

One of the first signs of improved conditions has been the demand for lumber. During past years the poverty of the islanders had stopped building operations and caused necessary repairs to be neglected. For many months houses for rent have been almost impossible to find in Papeete.

A steady importation of motor cars continues, with the greater number of American manufacture.

Countess After Pilot's License

The "flying countess" she is called—the Countess of Kinnoull, a prominent social figure in London, is seeking a pilot's license and is here shown getting instructions in flying.

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MISS LITTREAL POST MISTRESS

IMBLER, Ore. (Special) — Miss Ruth Littreal received notice Saturday of her appointment as postmistress of the Imbler postoffice.

Dave Fuller arrived in Imbler Thursday on his way from Spokane, Wash., where he was called by his son, Sam, who was hurt in an auto wreck.

Mrs. P. H. Westenskow arrived home Saturday from Manti, Utah, where she has been visiting her daughter, Florence.

Mr. and Mrs. John Skillings spent Sunday on the west mountain picking huckleberries.

Mr. Hackman was a business visitor in Imbler Monday.

Miss Florence Westenskow of Imbler and Mr. Peck of Cove, were married in Salt Lake City and returned to Union county to make their home. They are now at Cove visiting Mr. Peck's parents. The groom has just returned home from a two year mission for the L. D. S. church in Canada.

Mrs. Ella Walker was in La Grande Monday on business.

Joe Ross and Geo. Marshall were La Grande visitors Monday.

There was a dance at the country club Friday evening and a large crowd was in attendance. A good time was enjoyed by all present.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Biggs of La Grande spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Page.

Grandma Hockman returned this week from an extended visit in Portland and Willamette valley.

Mrs. Ross Perry spent Monday in La Grande visiting friends.

Miss Portia Westenskow came to Imbler Monday to visit with friends for a short time.

Friends in Imbler were very sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Sanderson which occurred at the home in Summerville.

Wm. Wiggans was taken suddenly ill Wednesday evening. Dr. Kirby was called to see him.

Mrs. Prior was a visitor to La Grande Wednesday.

Allie Watson has resigned his office at city marshal and as yet no one has taken his place.

Mr. Prior has accepted a place with the night police force in La Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Peck are visiting friends in Imbler this week.

Bandits Kill Guard.

NEW YORK (AP) — Joseph Carlin, a guard, was shot and killed Friday by two bandits, who held up an armored car at the Mott Haven yard of the New York Central railroad in the Bronx and escaped with a payroll of $9500.

Serious Forest Fire Season Is Forecast

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solutely smoking in areas of the greatest danger. In the Olympic blow-down area, smoking has been prohibited for the past three years. The fire laws of Washington prohibit smoking in areas where timber is being cut. Oregon has no such law. The Forest Service, however, under its regulations may prohibit smoking during periods of fire danger upon such areas as may be designated by the District Forester except that this prohibition shall not exclude improved places of habitation. Already certain areas covered by government timber sales within the Santiam Forest have been closed to smoking and in the Cascade National Forest, the area embraced in the large timber sale to the Western Lumber Company and in the timber sale to the Davis-Weber Lumber Co., will be closed to smoking. Salt Creek watershed through which the Natron cut-off is now being constructed will also be closed to smoking except at the railroad construction camps and at McCredie Springs," Mr. Waha stated.

As the season advances and if conditions remain unchanged, the necessity for not allowing smoking on other areas may arise, Mr. Waha said. "It may even be necessary to keep people out of particularly dangerous areas by closing roads and trails to travel. If restrictions of this kind seem drastic, it should be remembered that they would never have been initiated if all people who travel in the woods were careful with their camp fires, and in smoking."

Spanish Educator Called To College in Louisiana

MANILA, (AP) — Dr. A. Alfageme, acting superior of the Dominican Corporation of the Philippines and former president of the University of Santo Tomas, the oldest university under the American flag, has been elected rector of the Dominican College at Rosaryville, Louisiana. He was born in Spain but has lived 30 years in the Philippines. Although he speaks English fluently he has never been in the United States.

Race Going Costly in Ireland

DUBLIN, (AP)—Irish racing is experiencing a slump, and a conference is to be held in Dublin to examine into the cause and find a remedy.

The officials of the Irish National Hunt club and the Turf club have been invited to attend. The three chief causes of the slump are described as too many officials, the increase in the number of weight-for-age races, and the heavy expenses of race-goers.

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