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The Source
of True
Reform

Taking as his text the devotion and courage manifested in a life work as circuit rider, itinerant minister, and as the first Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America, President Coolidge speaking at the unveiling of an equestrian statue of Francis Asbury in Washington, traced, in what was more a lay sermon than a speech, the source of every true reform movement. Beginning with the broad statement which none but the careless would attempt to deny, that "our government rests upon religion," the president led up to this irrefutable conclusion: "The government of a country never gets ahead of the religion of a country. There is no way by which we can substitute the authority of law for the virtue of man. Peace, justice, humanity, charity—these cannot be legislated into being; they are the result of a divine grace."

The application of this concise and truthful observation is so obvious as to hardly permit its elucidation. And yet many thoughtful people have mistaken the purpose of so-called progressive, constructive, or corrective legislation, wrongly believing that it is through the force exercised by the majority that obedience to the law is compelled. How true it is, as the president observed, that the great essentials in human conduct cannot be legislated into being. It has been attempted many times, and has often failed. If by the more enactment of laws a nation could be made happy, prosperous, or great, the way would be easy. All proper laws are blessings, but not all of them seek to gain them by the only process which assures their realization and permanence. The understanding is becoming

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OBSERVER TO
PUBLISH SONG

Forty thousand more voters registered this morning at the state election. That is above those registered at the last biennial election, according to Secretary of State Kozer.

That is a good start in the "Get Out the Vote" campaign that is being undertaken all over the country, in Oregon, and right here in La Grande.

The Evening Observer, only one of many state papers fostering this movement, has received from the NEA service a new song, "Get Out the Vote" which will be printed in the newspaper tomorrow. It is a catchy fox-trot and may also be played to march time. And it expresses the right sentiment. Don't fail to look for it tomorrow.

Patriots will use their ballots at the impending election just as unflinchingly as they use bullets in war. Bullets win freedom. Ballots preserve freedom.

Vote to get the kind of government you want.

Vote instead of grumbling later at conditions which may be the outgrowth of your and others' failure to vote.

Vote without fail! Vote without fail! Vote without fail! YOUR vote is needed! YOUR vote is needed!

Lutheran Church Says
It Pays to Advertise

CHICAGO (AP)—Churches should avail themselves of the opportunity to reach the public through newspaper advertising, in the opinion of the committee on publicity of the Lutheran church in America. The view is expressed in the committee's report to the biennial convention of that church in session here.

AP Political Review
Touches South Today

(Editor's Note:—This is the second series of political reviews by states now being released by the Associated Press. Yesterday's review, explained conditions in 15 states and today's review brings the total to 22 states.)

(By the Associated Press)

North Carolina.—The Republican party has entered a full state ticket, has a candidate for the United States Senate and is competing in eight of the ten congressional districts of the state. Only in the third and fourth districts does the Democrats appear.

Tennessee.—There is in this state a contest between Republicans and Democrats for governor and the United States Senate, as well as railroad commissioner, and the congressional races. There is no Democratic candidate for Congress in the first

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WORRYING
FOREIGNERSDeposed Military Leader
to Try to Regain
Lost PowerTROOP TRAINS ON
WAY TO PEKINGAnti-Aircraft Guns and
artillery Also Going
Through Tientsin To-day.

TIENSIN (By the Associated Press)—Troop trains, carrying Wu Pei-fu's infantry, continue to pass through here. Wu is the deposed Peking military leader.

The trains also carry anti-aircraft guns and artillery. Foreigners from Peking report considerable anxiety there caused by the rumored return of Wu in an effort to regain lost power from Peng Yu Hsing "Christian general."

EDWARD BELL DEAD.—(By the Associated Press)—Edward Bell, American charge d'affaires here, died this morning as the result of a stroke suffered last night.

Ferdinand L. Mayer, first secretary of the American legation will succeed Bell as charge d'affaires in the absence of Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman, who is in the United States.

Bell was born in New York in 1882 and was one of the experts attached to the American delegation at the Washington arms conference.

SUPREME COURT
NOT ISSUE, SAYS
BOURBON SOLO

WILMINGTON, Del. (By the Associated Press)—Declaring he was working to test the honesty of Republican party leaders, Senator Carter Glass, Democrat, of Virginia, challenged President Coolidge, in a campaign speech here Monday night, to come out in opposition to the re-election of Senators Borah of Idaho, Norris of Nebraska and other Republicans who favor changes in the status of the supreme court.

Unless the Republican managers do so, said the Virginia senator.

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La Follette Attacks
Coolidge Sugar Policy

BAITMOIRE (AP)—La Follette today carried the fight into New York. The Senator said night and day that he was a "silent servant of a system," and charged that the president's failure to reduce sugar duties is costing American consumers \$1,000,000 per week.

ANSWERS LA FOLLETTE.—(By the Associated Press)—Replying to repeated attacks by La Follette concerning the sugar controversy, Senator Snoot, of Utah, today offered to sell to La Follette, for three dollars a share his 400 shares in the Utah-Idaho Sugar company. La Follette charged last night that Chairman Culbertson, of the tariff commission, had been invited to Snoot's office and there found a group interested in sugar duties. He also charged that members of congress had tried to coerce the commission to prevent sugar duty reduction.

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Sheriff, 71,
Is Reforming
Wicked TownOil Men's Love for Dancing
Brings Transformation of Cromwell,
Oklahoma.

CROMWELL, Okla. (NEA Special)—Cromwell, paradise of the oil field hussies, is being cleaned. State investigators call it America's wickedest town. Old Bill Tighman, now 71 years old, who back in 1898 broke up the Doolin-Dalton gang and has been raising Cain ever since in the oil fields, which the scrubbing brush.

In this town of 300 persons, state agents claim they found wide-open gambling, 200 dope peddlers, many dance halls in which young girls danced for 15 cents a dance to the tune of wild jazz music and 50 blind pigs in which corn whiskey and "choce" beer were sold.

Gambling Prevalent.—Hijackers, bootleggers and suddenly rich oil men played for high stakes around the tables in the clapboard huts.

The noise of pianos and moaning of saxophones rose above the subdued roar of the oil derricks banking the mushroom town while oil hussies scratched over the rough pine floors with the dancing girls.

One out of every three houses in town was a house of ill fame, the state investigators contend.

Mrs. Mabel Bassett, state commissioner of charities and correction, and Claud Connally, state commissioner of labor, visited this town and made these charges.

But things have changed. And the oil hussies passion for dancing has brought about the transformation.

There were not enough girls to go around, for there were 50 men to every woman in Cromwell, so the dance hall men began importing dancers from the larger cities of the southwest. Dozens of girls were obtained from Tulsa, Oklahoma City and Kansas City, it is alleged.

Suspecting a white slave ring, state officials began their investigations. One man was arrested in Tulsa in the act of getting two young girls out of the city.

But the investigation failed to reveal any white slave ring. It did, though, bring to light the wickedness of Oklahoma's "Tia Juana."

Governor Visits Town.—Governor Trapp sent Mrs. Bassett and Connally down to look the town over. Judge George C. Crump of Holdenville got busy, too.

The investigators found "conditions deplorable." Girls under 18 had been brought in. A boy of 15 was caught peddling dope.

A number of arrests were made. Judge Crump marched a batch of the lawbreakers on foot to W.

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CANNOT PRINT
TAX RETURNS

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The federal government's attitude toward the publication of the income tax returns was further hardened today after the question was discussed at the cabinet meeting.

Leaving the meeting, Attorney General Stone said he had found colleagues in a general agreement and would make a statement late today. Asked whether he and Mellon agreed as to the legality or illegality of publication, Stone replied in the affirmative. Mellon previously took the position that publication was illegal.

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NEW SEWAGE
SYSTEM IS
NECESSARYPresent La Grande Plant
Is Held Inadequate
and FaultyREMEDY MUST BE
IN NEAR FUTUREMay Mean Expenditure
of \$60,000; Engineers
Are Now Working on
Problem.

La Grande is confronting a sewage situation that ranks really second to no issue facing the community as a whole today. In brief, the present system has been practically condemned by the state board of health and the city must remedy the matter, which very likely means the construction of an entirely new sewage tank, at a possible cost of \$60,000. Failure to improve the system might result in action by state officials preventing the city from using the system which would be literally a calamity.

That the situation is grave is beyond question and that it must be relieved within the very near future, is certain. Whether this is accomplished by building a new tank or some other means is the problem that is now being worked out. A survey and thorough investigation is being made into the question under the direction of Frank Hayes, city manager, and the simplest and most effective way of curing the present system's faults will not be known until this probe is complete, and a report is rendered to the city administration.

Dr. W. T. Phy, a member of the state board of health, R. E. Koons, of Stevens and Koons, consulting engineers, L. R. Stockman, consulting engineer of Baker, and others have investigated the tank and the entire situation thoroughly, and their findings have been that the plant is entirely inadequate.

Phy's Letter.—Here is a letter that Dr. Phy addressed the city commission October 20th, and which was read before the commissioners last week, as was mentioned before in the columns of this publication: "To the City Commissioners and the City Manager of La Grande, Oregon:

I have within the past few days thoroughly inspected your sewage disposal plant and find it absolutely inadequate and inefficient to care for the sewage output of your city. Growth of La Grande and consequent increase in sewage make it necessary at this time to provide some other and better means of treating it. Just what

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DOZEN MEMBERS
OF "TAR PARTY"
ARE SENTENCED

FREDERICK, Md. (By the Associated Press)—Condemning in strong terms the conduct of the mob which last July tarred and feathered Dorothy Grandon, 29, Martinsburg, W. Va., Chief Judge Hamilton Crater, in circuit court here Monday, imposed sentence upon one woman and 11 men, suspended sentence upon two and declared five other men not guilty. The woman sentenced was Mrs. Mary Shank, who pleaded guilty and confessed that, in a jealous rage, she tore the clothing from Mrs. Grandon and doused her with tar and feathers. She was given nine months in the Frederick county jail.

Harry L. Leatherman of Myersville, where the assault took place, was sentenced to two years in the house of correction. Mrs. Shank testified that Leatherman furnished her with the tar and feathers for the "tar party." A life sentence was imposed on Arthur Rice.

Both these sentences were for rioting. The men were also convicted of tarring and feathering Mrs. Grandon, but have asked for a new trial.

Six other men convicted of rioting were sentenced to one year in the house of correction. They are Roma Shank, father-in-law of Mrs. Shank; Walter and Clyde Shank, her brothers-in-law; Alvin Rice, John Langdon, Grayson Doud, Vernon Summers, William Houp and Irwin Rice.

France Recognizes
Russian Soviet Today

PARIS (AP)—The French government today officially accorded de jure recognition to the Soviet Russian government. The recognition was granted in a telegram made public this afternoon.

Candidates
In England
On Last LapToday, Last of Election
Campaigning, Marked
by Speeches, Canvasses
and Disturbances.

DERRY, Eng. (By the Associated Press)—Colonial Secretary Thomas, during a political speech today, said the labor government would not resign as a result of the election.

LONDON (By Associated Press)—Today, the last day of election campaigning, is being devoted to intensified canvasses and torrents of speeches.

Political tempers are steadily growing hotter and several meetings last night were marked by violent disturbances.

The worst disturbance occurred in Battersea where a furious blow was aimed at Viscount Curzon, Conservative candidate. The blow missed him but felled a companion who is unconscious. Tires were torn from Curzon's automobile and the lamps were broken.

**ELGIN MAN IS
KILLED TODAY**

WALLOWA (Special to the Observer at 1:10 P. M.)—Ernest Graham, 24 was killed at 2 o'clock this morning at the Bowman-Hicks Lumber company camp near Maxville, when a logging train, consisting of 20 cars, got from under control when coming down a steep grade. The cars ran down the track for one and one-half miles and then piled up. The rest of the crew jumped from the train. Mr. Graham's chest was crushed and death came instantly. He is the son of John Graham, of Elgin and has been working for the Bowman-Hicks company at Maxville for the past two months. He has been married only a short time, his wife being registered at the hotel here. The accident occurred about seven miles north of Wallowa.

ARMISTICE DAY
PLANS MOVING

The Union County council of the American Legion met in quarterly session last evening and made final plans for the Armistice day celebration to be held in La Grande, November 11.

Representatives from Union, Elgin, Imbler and Baker as well as La Grande were present at the meeting. Among other matters of business attended to each past agreed to put on a stunt at the state parade to be held in the evening on Armistice day.

The next meeting of the council will be held at Union in January.

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SALEM, Ore.—A parade of all military and patriotic organizations, addresses by men prominent in the affairs of the state and unveiling of a monument erected here in honor of departed soldiers, probably will be the outstanding features of the Armistice day celebration in Salem on November 11. It was reported here that the regimental band of Portland will come to Salem to participate in the ceremonies.

MARKETS TODAY.—(By SCOP)—PORTLAND (AP)—Livestock nominally steady. Eggs steady. Butter two cents lower—40c. Butterfat down two cents—35c@26c.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP).—Butterfat 41c.

Baker Uses Soap After
Boise '11' Leaves City

(By SCOP)—With the Elgin game safely stowed away in gridiron history, La Grande high will enjoy (?) a football rest until Armistice day when the strong Boise football team comes here to help entertain the crowds gathered here for the legion's day of days.

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This Bishop Plays Calliope



Right Reverend Walter Taylor Sumner, Episcopal bishop of Oregon, is a successful churchman—and he is known to thousands for his renditions of "Little Annie Rooney," "After the Ball" and other old-time hits in real circus fashion on a calliope. So great is the demand for his playing that the Portland Oregonian has installed a calliope at its "KGW" broadcasting station so the bishop can give regular concerts.

ORATORS HAVE
PEPPY DEBATE

Peppy is a good word, and one of the few that would ably describe the oratorical conflict that was featured at the chamber of commerce luncheon today at noon in the Odd Fellows building.

The three, Dr. Ray Murphy, Harry Shodgrass and Lloyd Welch, who composed Hugh Brady's team—were in it only part of the story. As winners they were presented with small turkeys (not the kind one eats).

The losing side, captained by Floyd McKennon, certainly gave Brady's proteges a close run for the honors. Many are of the opinion that J. J. Carr's address, closing the contest, was the master piece of the day. Most assuredly it provoked the most attention.

Mr. Shodgrass was the first speaker and, using as his topic "What is the Best Thing the Chamber of Commerce can do for the County—and How?" which was the subject of the debate, if one can term it as such, impressed the importance of entangling tourists to locate in La Grande by means of hospitality, fairness and other features.

Next G. G. Griffith, speaking for McKennon's men, said that the organization should "sell the entire valley" instead of merely La Grande, and that efforts should be made constantly along this line.

Dr. Murphy, speaking third, favored fostering and developing cooperation, and mentioned chautauqua programs and others similar as means of building up the intellectual side of the community.

Mr. Miller, second speaker for McKennon, also spoke on the tourist problem, endorsing Dr. W. T. Phy's idea of building a permanent exhibit pavilion that would serve as an additional means to attract tourists to this country.

Lloyd Welch, last speaker for Brady, pointed out the benefits that would be derived if the chamber of commerce center their efforts on procuring an armory.

Mr. Carr then took the floor and stated that the biggest thing that could be done to educate the members to all the needs of the community and out of that would arise the important matters. He interspersed his talks with witty stories that evoked much laughter.

Then the judges—Charles Reynolds, Henry Heks and Reverend Keith, departed and returned, with their verdict for Brady's speakers.

Speaks on Oleo Bill.—Before his oratorical portion of the program arrived, Bruce Dennis, of the Evening Observer, spoke briefly on the oleo bill, pointing out the good features of the present law to be before the people by referendum next month for their approval or rejection, ending with the statement that it was simply a matter of whether the voters wished to support the farmers and

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No Compromise Is Held
Possible by J. W. Davis

NEW YORK (AP)—Declaring there "can be no compromise with reaction" and asserting his position on several "of the more important issues before the people," John W. Davis today issued the first of a series of statements for publication before the election.

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GRIM ANGELAgriculture Investigation
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dent's ActionMUST APPOINT
NEW SECRETARYFrank Lowden and John
Lee Coulter Mentioned
to Succeed Late Sec-
retary Wallace.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—In view of Secretary Wallace's death, the investigation of agricultural conditions proposed by President Coolidge, now is expected to be held up until he names a new secretary of agriculture.

Early action on the appointment is looked for because of the importance attached to the proposed investigation.

Among those mentioned for the post are Frank Lowden, former Illinois governor and John Lee Coulter, president of the North Dakota agricultural college, who has been selected to serve on the proposed commission.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The attention of President Coolidge was turned Monday to the vacancy in his cabinet caused by the death of Secretary Wallace.

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DEAL TO VISIT
EAST OREGON

W. W. Deal, master of the Idaho State Grange and chaplain of the national grange is to give two addresses to granges of Eastern Oregon, according to reports received here.

The first will be at the Wolf Creek Grange of North Powder on Friday evening, October 31, when a joint meeting will be held between the granges of Union and Baker county. G. H. Fees, lecturer of the Wallowa county Pomona Grange which is to meet at Joseph.

Then on Saturday, November 1, Mr. Deal will be the principal speaker for the Wallowa county Pomona Grange which is to meet at Joseph.

Mr. Deal will be the first national grange officer to speak in this part of the state for a number of years and large crowds are expected to be present at both meetings. He is well known around La Grande having served for a number of years as pastor of the Methodist church here before taking up farming in Idaho. He is now one of the most prominent men in that state.

Monster Still Taken;
Operators Arrested

PENDELTON, Ore. (Special)—A monster still that had a capacity of 80 gallons was seized and five men were arrested near Tulligate, in the Blue mountains, by W. R. Hoskins and Leo Reiden, state special agents. The men arrested were Frank Smiley and his son, Kenneth Smiley; Henry Young, Frank Estoupe and Duck Lawler. All five are held in jail in lieu of \$150 bonds that were required of each in justice of the peace court.

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