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THOU ART MY LAMP, O Lord; and the Lord will lighten my darkness. For by thee I have run through a troop; by my God have I leaped over a wall.—2 Samuel 22:29,30.

Investigating Cleaver

State House, Salem. (By Mail).—So far as we have seen there is one dictionary, a small one, for the use of stenographers and senators, and it is reported there is one copy of the Bible in the senate chamber. The latter is for use apparently of Chaplain Mercer exclusively.

Opening the Cleaver investigation:

Committees of both houses meet in joint session. Enter George H. Cleaver, he of apple syrup fame who formerly resided at Imbler. Enter later the newspaper crowd and a number of spectators. The door is locked. A decisive rap on the door causes Joe Singer, sergeant-at-arms, to open the door slightly. He throws it wide open, for rapping for admission is Walter M. Pierce, the governor of the great state of Oregon.

In choice, well selected words, each carrying a feeling of sympathy and soft friendship, Senator Hare and Representative Lonergan begin to question the prohibition agent. Cleaver stands at attention, his beard carefully trimmed, his heavy jaws set and his Harold Lloyd glasses carefully adjusted. The questions follow and he said for George, in the first skirmish, he answered everything, and assured the committee his records would be placed before them.

The governor stands in his easy manner. He addresses the committee as "boys," asking them just what they want. The committee in turn admonishes the governor that in his message he asked for a full and complete investigation of prohibition administration, and the members state they have gathered to do his bidding.

"That's right, boys," said Walter, "that's right." Then he proceeded to tell them the whole department was open to them in every detail and asked them where they wanted to begin.

No one knew exactly where to begin and the silence of short duration seemed a little oppressive to everyone present.

Finally arose Senator A. J. Johnson and in a Patrick Henry address told the other members of the committee for Johnson is one of the members) that it was up to the committee to prefer its charges before asking either His Excellency or Mr. Cleaver to make any statements. The senator waxed eloquent and he was making headway when suave Senator Butler of The Dalles, whose smooth voice first was heard in a southern clime, interposed by informing Johnson the joint committee was not a prosecuting committee but an investigating committee. Johnson, not being of legal knowledge, failed to distinguish the line of emarkation between prosecution and investigation and here was much rag-chewing among committee members while this was explained.

In the meantime Walter sat complacently looking at George and George looked at Walter in the same frame of mind.

The upshot of the first session of the alcoholic committee's meeting for investigating purposes was that a rather poor start was made. But better results are promised for at the next meeting the records of the department will be placed before the committee and it is whispered that a few witnesses will be called.

There is more fun over this feature of the session than any other thus far and predictions are many relative to suits.

The Cove cherry growers were not forgotten for a joint resolution passed both houses calling upon Oregon's delegation in congress to attend a tariff board meeting in New York on January 28 to urge an advance of one cent a pound the tariff on foreign cherries shipped to United States markets.

Bruce Dennis

Blessed are the poor in salary for they shall pay no come tax.

Food and people may become too rich to agree with one.

THE OLD HOME TOWN - By Stanley



Yesterday In Congress

The house passed a bill to promote production and conservation of helium. A bill for a new American embassy and consulate-general in Tokio passed the house. The senate rejected a proposal to withhold funds to maintain mines in Haiti.

WELL KNOWN ALLEYS

Sally in our Bowling cat. France, England and Russia. He—I see you're wearing golf stockings. She—How do you know? He—I just counted eight holes.

ANOTHER ONE.

We deeply sympathize with the absent-minded La Grande man who cleaned the cat's teeth one night and kicked himself out the back door. SMILE. Now smile, and don't forget to smile. And smile, and smile again. And ease the weight of care. And help you on the longest road. And cheer you mile by mile. And so whatever is your lot. Jest smile, and smile and smile.

"Gracious! How fat Betty is getting." "That's because she dally doesn't."

Then there is the story of the two soldiers in the trenches. Mail has just been distributed. One is sitting on an empty biscuit tin (cracker box) gazing at the letter he has just received. "Why Jack, what are you looking at that blank sheet so long. There's not a word on it. How is that?" "Why, it's this way, William: the wife and I were not speaking when I left."

The clerk in a Baker hotel answered a queer call over the home exchange the other morning about 11 o'clock. When he "plugged in" a man's voice said: "Hello, is this the 80-and-80 hotel?"

"Why no," answered the clerk, "this is the Such-and-Such hotel." "Oh, all right," said the man, "I just woke up and didn't know where I was."

Some things that come to those who wait are terribly showy. "Plants are almost as quick to show their displeasure as human beings," reports scientific writer. Who is it then who keeps the poison ivy in its perpetual ill humor?

An a rule most self-made men can blame it on to their wives. First DITTO—"Tom tried to kiss me last night and I wouldn't let him." Second DITTO—"Did it make him angry?" First DITTO—"I should say so. He said he wished he had called on you."

If he advertises it, he knows it's good!

MONMOUTH SCHOOL NOTES. MONMOUTH (Special) — Miss LaVelle Wood, teacher of the department of home economics, was called to her home at Corvallis recently by the serious illness of her mother. The mother died the following morning after an illness of several months.

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MAYFIELD WINS SENATE FIGHT

Texas Senator Emerges Victorious in the Fight Conducted by George E. B. Peddy.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The contest against the election of Senator Mayfield, democrat, Texas, apparently was ended when the senate elections sub-committee which has conducted extensive hearings on the case recommended unanimously that he be seated.

The sub-committee report on the charges filed by George E. B. Peddy, republican and independent democrat candidate against Mayfield in the 1922 election, will be presented to the full elections committee Friday and early action is expected by Chairman Spencer, republican, Missouri.

The sub-committee's action, taken in executive session, concluded hearings continuing for more than a year, in which particular attention was given to Peddy's charges of excessive expenditures, fraud and intimidation in the campaign. Pending conclusion of the case, Senator Mayfield has been holding the disputed seat in the senate.

Klan Conspiracy Charged. Mr. Peddy in filing his contest asserted that Senator Mayfield was the candidate of the Ku Klux Klan and that this organization had conspired in the election to defeat and violate federal and state statutes. The name of the clan was brought frequently into the hearing.

BAKER PEOPLE AT TELOGASET

TELOGASET (Special) — Baker visitors for the week were W. B. Wilson, Mrs. G. W. Robinson, Mrs. Frank Hanson, Miss Inez Wilson, Miss Marcella McCullough, Lee Parks and L. D. Harris.

Skating and coasting has become a popular sport here. Mrs. Ben Hill, who was confined to her bed for some time is able to be up again.

Mrs. G. W. Robinson was in La Grande for several days taking treatments for her throat. She is said to be at home again now.

The farmers are taking advantage of the sleighing and are hauling wood from the mountains. Elmer Miller made a trip to North Powder after horses a few days ago.

Brs. Bob Laine and son Robert, made a trip to La Grande the first of the week.

Monte Daniels went to North Powder on business the first of the week.

Mrs. Anderson is visiting her son at Union.

ELECTION FRAUD CHARGED. TWIN FALLS (AP)—Validity of the election of Murray Brookman and G. M. Hall as directors of the Salmon River Canal company at a special meeting of the company's stockholders held January 12, last at Hollister was attacked in a suit filed in district court here by Stefan Bos and 14 other stockholders. Illegal voting of 15,162 shares that materially affected the result of the election was alleged. Request was made for declaration by the court that the election of Brookman and Hall was null and void and that Ross A. Carter and J. H. Tremblay be declared electors in their stead.

Obituary. LINDSEY PRIMUM. Lindsey Primum, of Ironton, Ohio, was born September 1, 1851, when he resided with his parents in 1864, when he moved to Hickman, Ky., and made that place his home for nine years before returning to Ironton in March, 1907.

In October, 1909, he came to Oregon and lived in Wallawa until April 14, 1914, when he came to La Grande to make this city his home. While here his health was not the best but he did not leave until October, 1922, when he suffered a fractured hip while employed in an apple orchard near Astoria, and from which he never fully recovered. Accompanied by his wife he returned to Ironton to be at the bedside of his son-in-law.

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