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SEEK YE THE LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.—Isaiah 55:6, 7.

Committeemen Busy

State House, Salem (By Mail).—Well, well, the work is on in earnest. While sessions of the house and senate are brief so far as actual bill passing goes, now is the time when committees are becoming sincerely busy.

Today, for instance, following the morning session, the committee on education met and considered four very important measures. Time was at a premium, for the assessment and taxation body was impatiently waiting to meet and some members were on both committees.

Then followed a hasty lunch at Sam Kozer's basement beany only to answer roll call for the afternoon session, which was brief, and then four important committees claiming the writer's attention announced meetings.

We mention this just to show that life is not all a matter of pure leisure for the men who seek and finally receive legislative offices. But, it's a great world at that, for there is some fun all along the pathway if one will but grab it.

Bruce Dennis

A Popular Craze

Though cross-word puzzles are not a new form of appeal to those who revel in unraveling the more or less inscrutable, these brain teasers having been a feature of newspapers for long, it is but recently that the solution of them has taken on the character of a popular craze.

On street cars, in trains, at home, even in offices and schools one is implored to assist by giving the name of a country in Europe—six letters—or some similar request. Even the telephone is the resort also in order that two stumped devotees may compare their efforts.

Other pastimes, even bridge, go by the board until the cross-word puzzles are disposed of. Everybody is doing it and they are keeping at it. If there were a tangible reward for success in the effort it would be the more explicable but the sense of victory is all the devotee gets for his effort, if one excepts what may have been learned by the frequent trips to the dictionary or thesaurus, or the incidental knowledge gained in the search for a word of eight letters, the name of a successful candidate.

THE OLD HOME TOWN - By Stanley



Editorials From Over the Nation

FLORIDA IDEA FOR OREGON Oregon Voters—Voters of Oregon will have an opportunity to pass upon the Florida idea at the general election in 1926 if either one of two measures is submitted to the people by the Legislature.

The Florida idea is to attract investors and their money by assuring the investors that they will not be subjected to a state income tax on top of the federal income tax.

This assurance has been voted into the constitution of Florida. It carried at the recent 1924 election by a five to one vote, and the entire state is alive with the spirit of encouragement of investment.

Because of this attitude, tons of millions of new capital are being poured into Florida for railroad extensions, public utility development, reclamation of swamp lands and new industries.

The "reaper of encouragement" is preached by Florida. It doesn't say it with flowers, celebrated as Florida is for the floral beauty which gave it its name. It says it in the constitution.

If Oregon can take such action as will give it a similar attractiveness to investors, Oregon ought to attain unexampled prosperity. Oregon's resources are far vaster than Florida's. It has a far better climate from an industrial standpoint. Its people are of the vigorous stock of the temperate zone, who are intensely American in the sense of being a part of enterprise, progress and development.

Two resolutions have been submitted to our legislature. They both came in on the same day, the same morning, one in the Senate and the other in the House of Representatives. Both call for the submission of the Florida idea squarely to the people of the state, so they can have the opportunity to vote on it for themselves.

Senator Dennis' resolution includes the inheritance tax along with the income tax, which is the Florida idea unchanged. Should the people adopt the Dennis amendment, the legislature would be deprived of the power to levy either an income tax or an inheritance tax. Only the people would retain that power, and they could exercise it only by amending the constitution anew, which they could do under the initiative.

Representative Shelton's resolution abolishes income tax for 25 years. It does not mention inheritance tax. The Shelton plan, if adopted by the people, would merely bind the state for 25 years so that during that period the people could not adopt an income tax without repealing their good faith. The Shelton plan does not prohibit inheritance tax.

Each plan has its special merits. Presumably those merits will be brought out in legislative discussion. Voter readers are invited to express their views in our columns, and they are invited to write their views direct to them at Salem.

Only by a full discussion and an adequate expression of opinion can the merits of the two plans be thoroughly sifted. Think them over and give the legislature the benefit of your ideas.

JAPANESE RANCHER RINEX

HORN RIVER, Ore.—J. U. Osaki, Higon, Wash., Japanese rancher, was fined \$100 by Justice of the Peace Higgs on a charge of driving while intoxicated, and an additional \$250 for possession of a gallon of moonshine. Osaki was arrested after he had collided with another automobile. Osaki, who, when arrested, was accompanied by his wife and two children, was the first Japanese ever to appear in the local court on a liquor charge.



OFFICE CAT By Junius

If wives only knew what stenographers think of their husbands they would cease to worry.

Persian—Your hat's very becoming to you, dear, Mattese—These new styles almost cover one's face. Persian—Your hat's awfully becoming to you, dear.

Ah, well—boys—I'm dying—it's all up. When I'm gone—tell my last words—my last thoughts were of her. And Ethel—tell Ethel—the same—thing.

It always sounds funny to us to hear a woman ask to see some invisible hairnets.

"We have a very fine course in pharmacy," says the president of the college to the father of the student who is entering.

"I'm glad of that. My boy expects to become a druggist."

"Well, we give special features on soaps, stamps, cigars, perfumes, soda water, candy, city directories, telephone books and stationery."

Ankle like a slender reed. Tiny feet that trip so lightly. Very lovely form indeed. Rightly.

Motions, like a bird in grace. Plumage like a pretty polly. But, when I observe your face—Golly!!

"Is this the weather bureau? How about a shower tonight?" "Don't ask me. If you need one, take it."

No one can be angrier about some graft scandal than a statesman who failed to go in on the deal.

Norwegian Ethel Star: "Thirty thousand dollars was offered me to stay in America."

Man from Oslo: "Did the offer come from America or Norway?"

She (for the first time leaning in on the radio): "Oh, John, I think I got Chas."

He—"Oh, no, that's static." She—"Oh, gosh, I just knew I could get some foreign contacts."

Yes, most of the names are trained but a lot of stenographers are still wild.

A lot of time was wasted by people in 1924 being so patriotic, probably, as that honest, weary stretch center in the Democratic national convention in New York.

A girl sometimes "goes wild" over a "wild" youth, but if she marries him she goes much wilder.

In 1922 Here lies the body of Farmer Green. He blew out the gas when he went to town.

In 1922 Here lies the body of his son and heir. Stepped on the gas when half-way there.

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Yesterday In Congress

Consideration of the postal bill was continued in the senate.

Conferees were named by the senate to handle the Underwood Music Shoals bill.

President Coolidge addressed the foreign missions conference of North America.

The senate foreign relations committee discussed the world court proposal without action.

President Coolidge asked congress to enact measures recommended by the agricultural commission.

American naval vessels were ordered to accompany British and American ships leaving Shanghai when necessary.

Attorney General Stone told the senate judiciary committee he was determined to go through with the Wheeler case.

Frank Morrison of the American Federation of Labor suggested an investigation of methods used to fight the child labor amendment.

Livestock on farms and ranges of the United States was valued by the department of agriculture at \$4,834,512,000 on January 1.

PROMISE CLUB IS ORGANIZED

PROMISE (Special).—A Literary society was organized at the Promise school house Thursday evening and the first meeting will be next Friday evening.

Horn—Wednesday, January 21, a son to Mr. and Mrs. De Jean, of Eldon.

Mr. Hartland, the evangelist, passed through here Thursday on his way to Powwaka. Mr. Bailey is staying at the A. E. Carpenter home for a few days.

Theodore Carper returned Tuesday from Troy.

Roy Carper helped W. A. Carpenter Monday with his butchering.

Mr. Donham returned on Thursday's stage after a ten days' visit to Baker.

Elmer Bennett is driving stage from Maxville to Wallowa. W. B. Heacock is going to drive stage from La Grande to Joseph.

The weather has been warm here recently.

Chas. E. Carper and Roy Carper have been sawing wood for A. E. Carper.

Temman and His Poodle went to Maxville Friday where they expect to work.

There has been several cases of La Grippe at Promise but all are improving. The attendance at both schools has decreased greatly in the past two weeks.

REPUDIATION OF DEBT NOT CONSIDERED

(Continued from Page 1) a long list of figures relating to German reparations and treating the debt of France to the United States from what he termed "business man's viewpoint," declared that the United States must make a considerable reduction in her claims against France.

BEND DEBATORS WIN. BEND, Ore.—Ben high school debaters won in a triangular contest with Redmond and Prineville high school speakers in the southern division of the central Oregon district of the state debating league.

Liquor Case Dropped. ASPORIA, Ore.—The case of the city of Astoria versus Mervyn Robins, on appeal from conviction of the defendants on a liquor charge in the municipal court, was dismissed by Judge J. A. Eakin in the circuit court.

FOX DECLARED SUICIDE. BEND, Ore.—A valuable fox belonging to E. J. McDermott of this city committed suicide by eating the tar paper off the walls of his pen, it was reported.

Honor Student



Hard work has not kept Pearl Gibson of Skiatook, Okla., from having a good time and still having the highest scholastic grade among 2500 students at Oklahoma A and M College.

COVE'S APPLE MART ACTIVE

COVE (Special).—There is some activity in the apple market, and the various growers and dealers are busy getting the fruit off to market.

The Cove basketball quintette was victorious in the last three games played. Both the boys and girls played at North Powder Friday night and won both games.

Friday evening a double-header game was played at Muddy creek, the boys winning by a 36 to 33 score and the girls losing by a 16 to 7 score.

Friday evening, January 30, North Powder will play at Cove, and on February 13 Muddy Creek will play here.

The revival services of the Methodist Episcopal church closed the last of the week.

On February 1 a revival service will begin at the Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Boergeron have purchased the residence property of Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson, situated across from the school house.

Miss Vina Coulter, who is teaching school at Union, went to Walla Walla Friday evening to attend an informal dancing party given by the Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Mrs. W. E. Breshers was hurt a few days ago when she fell from a stepladder. Her injuries are not thought serious, although she is still confined to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Daniel and Mrs. A. B. Daniel were La Grande visitors recently.

Many Cove people attended the basketball game at North Powder. Among them were J. E. Mills, L. G. Lantz, Misses Ethel Quimby, Violet Bloom, Nina Peterman and Irene Haag.

AGED INDIAN SCOUT DIES

KLAMATH FALLS.—Brown Mosenokoshet, the last survivor of the Indian scouts who served under Captain C. C. Applegate during the Modoc wars, died in his little cabin near Beatty. He was past 80 years of age.

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