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O COME, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture.—Psalm 95: 6, 7.

It Can't Be Done

State House, Salem. (By Mail).—There has been a lot of shying around about the licensing of the used car. Politically ambitious brothers have stoutly acclaimed in the true Ike Patterson manner of two years ago, that the old car should not be subjected to the same license as the new car.

Governor Pierce, after hearing a lot of such stuff, decided to appoint a special committee to go into the matter. You know that is the natural thing to do when things look a little complex—just name a special committee—Olcott did it, and other governors have done it, so Governor Pierce followed the path of least resistance and did likewise.

Charlie Hall, senator from Coos Bay, is quite a firm advocate of the reduced license, so is Joe Dunn, the ice cream man of Portland and both were on the committee. But there were a couple of others on that committee—W. B. Dennis, the "Wizard" of California, and Jim Stewart, the Scotchman of Corvallis who used to play a bagpipe when he lived in Fossil and ran a newspaper.

The first public hearing before the house highways committee came off this evening and the governor's committee pulled apart just like a joint snake on a sunny prairie. Joe Dunn led off with his Cadillac poise and stated his case. Jim Stewart, a brother member of the committee, followed him and chewed him up blood raw. Dunn favored a license reduction and Stewart showed how any recommendation for a reduction was purely a wrong attitude and could not be done for the highway bonds and interest must be paid. W. B. Dennis had a reduction planned which means no reduction at all, for it provides for a 10 per cent cut in licenses on cars five years old. Jim Stewart showed this up as plain as Mt. Emily stands out in the morning sun and urged the committee to shoot squarely and not try to fool anyone with such a ridiculous reduction.

This led the house committee members to asking questions and when the smoke had cleared the situation was just what many of us knew it would be; namely, that the state cannot reduce automobile licenses and play fairly. To begin to tamper with the license fees on cars is most dangerous and if continued the whole superstructure of the highway program will fall on real property. Then, too, what's the matter with the license tax? The car owner pays no personal property tax on his car like he would have to if he lived in Washington and California, so he is just as well off as his neighboring state car owners, and besides he is assisting in building the very best state highways America has ever known.

It is only the passing of sap and plunder to those who are willing to swallow when legislators or committees talk of lowering the rates on cars. It can't be done. A purely mathematical problem and there is none but one solution. Of course to the boys who would like to build a platform for the governorship or some other office this talk about lowering license fees may appeal, as the talk of reducing taxes materially might appeal, but when it comes to doing that is quite a different thing. Tonight's committee meeting convinced everyone present that the thing to do is to continue this highway program as it is and pay our bonds, maintain our roads, get people in here to enjoy them and help pay for them, and with that we have done about all that good sensible Oregon citizens can do.

Bruce Dennis

The history of third parties has not been altered by recent events.

Russia declines to pay France, says a headline. Surely nobody expected the Bolsheviks would.

No wonder nobody knows what the wild waves are saying, with so many ships casting their cargoes overboard.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



THE MAIL CART RAN WILD ON MAIN STREET TODAY. IF STATION AGENT DAD KEYS WHISKERS HADN'T WRAPPED AROUND THE HANDLE THE CART MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN AWAY.



OFFICE CAT By Junius

What's the difference between a chicken and a hen? Well, a chicken knows just as much as a hen, only she hasn't had as much experience.

A La Grande man unaccustomed to praising his wife, went out of his way to call her angel.

She ventured to ask why she had been so honored.

"Well," said the wily one, "in the first place, you are always flitting about; secondly, you are always harping on things; and thirdly, according to what you say you have nothing to wear."

Mrs. Lamp married again so she inscribed on her first husband's tombstone: "The light of my life has gone out, but I have struck another match."

You can't fell trees without some chips. You can't achieve without some slips.

Unless you try you wonder why Good Fortune seems to pass you by.

Success is not for those who quail. She gives her best to those who fall. And then, with courage twice as great.

Take us once again with fate. 'Tis better far to risk a fall. Than not attempt to make it at all.

A New York man built a "poorhouse" to which only former millionaires are admitted. Thank goodness the poorhouse cat I have no eye on is more democratic.

"With or Without Bath" The landlady was showing the prospective lodger over the house.

"I think you'd find everything comfortable," she assured him.

"That's in the best room." He asked his head inside, and nodded.

"And that," said the landlady, conducting him down a way that was dark. "is in the bedroom. Good air, fairly, see."

"Quite all," assented the victim, yawning.

"An' this," proceeded the dame, "is our bathroom. Nice little room, ain't it?"

The young man stared blankly. "Yes," he agreed. "But 'Oh,' broke in the landlady. "If you should ever want to use the bath, I'd say we could find another place for the coal."

Imposture—Where do bugs go in winter? Dumb Bell—Search me.

Business sign—No one ever has a new slogan for my hosiery factory.

Adv. Man—Sure. "Our Stockings Cover a Multitude of Sins."

A town is like many people. The greater they are the easier they are managed.

TIMBER TRACT IS SOUGHT KIAMATH FALLS, Ore.—With a bid of \$2.97 a thousand feet for yellow pine, William Bray, president of the Sprague River Lumber company, acquired the small reservation timber and known as the Kiamath tract. Mr. Bray was the sole bidder for the timber.

Yesterday In Congress

(By the Associated Press) The postal rate and pay increase bill continued before the senate.

The Republican house leaders decided to bar La Follette insurgents from their caucus.

A corrupt practice act was attached as a rider to the postal bill by the senate.

President Coolidge was presented with a bag of wheat on behalf of the state of Kansas.

Col. Robert H. Allen was selected as chief of industry of the army, effective March 27.

Naval officers opposed unification of the army and navy air services before the house military committee.

Lodge to Enlarge Building. CASCADE LOCKS, Ore.—The Eagles lodge of Stevenson has made arrangements for more commodious quarters and has begun preparations for the erection of an addition to their building, making it 110 feet long, enlarging the banquet and public hall. The present building without the addition is valued at \$14,000 and the new addition will add \$3,000 to the value. During the last year the lodge has paid out \$100 in sick benefits, regardless of whether those aided were members of the order.

CHANNEL TO BE CHANGED EUGENE, Ore.—An effort will be made to change the channel of the Willamette river a mile and a half east of Gresham to prevent further cutting the channel on the Stafford farm and endangering the county road, according to P. M. Morse, county engineer, who, with Clinton Hard, county commissioner, inspected the site of the proposed channel.

The overflow from the river, caused by the washing away of the banks, has entered a draw over which a county road passes, and it allowed to continue this course a number of county bridges will have to be built, said the county engineer.

Romanes is not dead. It is hardly a little dimmer from watching the other emotions move so fast.

Shadows Make Targets For Army Aviators. SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Army aviators from Crissy Field, at the Presidio of San Francisco, are engaged in combat practice by firing at shadows of planes in the bay.

Two planes are used in the instruction. They fly at varying altitudes, and the aerial machine gunner in one fires at the moving shadow of the other. The splash of the bullets shows plainly how well the gunners are shooting. Lesik machine guns, firing 100 rounds from five to 100 shots at a rate of 400 to 500 a minute are used.

STOCK NOW IN EAGLE VALLEY

MEDICAL SPRINGS (Special)—O. Woodson, J. R. Wanker and Cy Turner went to Eagle valley with four hundred head of cattle a few days ago. Hay is scarce in this vicinity and that was the nearest place they could get to feed them.

The farmers are jumpy over the amount of snow. It showed all day Monday and almost all day Tuesday, adding several inches.

Miss D. Miller spent the weekend as the guest of Mrs. J. F. Kennedy.

Vernon Love and wife returned last week from California, where they went last October intending to remain until spring, but the longing for Oregon was too great and they returned ahead of schedule.

Miss Vera Hogg was a Sunday night guest of Mrs. J. P. Kennedy. J. T. Sanders of Payette, Idaho, who has been a business visitor here, has returned to Baker.

There was a heavy fog here Wednesday morning. Wilma Duncan has been on the sick list for the past week. L. E. Wirth has been helping Mr. Morriss with his wood saw.

Obituary

PIONEER CALLED BEYOND ENTERPRISE — Mrs. Martha Ann Blow, widow of John Blow and a resident of Wallawa county for 42 years, died at the family home on Trout creek, a mile and a half north of Enterprise Tuesday morning, January 27, 1925.

She had been in fairly good health until about six weeks ago when she was taken down with an illness from which she was not able to rally. Funeral services were held at the home, with an address by J. A. Burleigh and burial was in the Enterprise cemetery.

Martha Ann Steele was born May 10, 1846, in Ohio, and went with her parents to Kansas when a girl. She was married in Harper county, Kansas, to John Blow, a native of England, and they came to the Wallawa valley in 1882. Mr. Blow took up a homestead on creek which he sold in 1902 to Charles Holmes. The following winter the family spent near Enterprise and the next spring they went to a ranch on Bear creek, close to Wallawa.

In 1907 Mr. Blow bought the Trout creek ranch which has been the family home ever since. The house had been built previously by William Snyder, the former owner but Mr. and Mrs. Blow improved it and made it a pleasant, attractive home. Mr. Blow died there January 24, 1914.

Five children survive Mrs. Blow: Ethel Blow, Mrs. Harriet Fischer, Gertrude Blow, Mrs. Della Romine and John T. Blow.

Call of Church Accepted HOOD RIVER, Ore.—Dr. James Frazer, pastor of Riverside community church, has just received a letter from a close friend, Dr. A. W. Lewis, formerly of Nova Scotia, who announced that he has accepted the pastorate of the Presbyterian church at Bend, Ore. Dr. Lewis, who has been in charge of a church at Long Pine, Neb., is expected to arrive at Bend soon.

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Hunt's Letter

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tory" that Congress was able to put on an injured air and announce it wouldn't indulge in any nattering investigations on such flimsy evidence as that adduced at such a trial.

Definite and specific charges, by another duly sworn representative of the government, however, are presented in the Edwards case, cannot so readily be sidetracked.

It is no secret, of course, that his sentiments are with the "sects." He was elected to the governorship of his state and later to the senate chiefly because of his announced championship for a modification of prohibition.

His state of New Jersey has furnished a base of operations for bootlegging not only for New York, Philadelphia and, in a smaller degree, Baltimore and Washington.

The implication of the senator will be met by counter accusations that the Anti-Saloon League, angered over his refusal to fall in line behind the Volstead act, deliberately set out to "frame" him.

One thing seems certain. Whether Congress ventures to take up an investigation of whether prohibition prohibits, and if not, why? a reorganization of the prohibition unit, beginning with Commissioner Roy Haynes, may be expected.

President Coolidge has no criticism of Major Haynes. He feels he has handled a difficult job well. But he does think that, beginning soon, someone else may do it better.

EUGENE COMPANY FIRST EUGENE, Ore.—Company C of the national guard here was first in Oregon in 1924 in qualifying men for the national rifle shoot, according to Adjutant General George A. White, and has received a silver trophy from the United States government in recognition of its record. The compilation of figures was given out at the national guard smoker at the armory when General White was a guest.

The exact number of men in the company who qualified as marksmen or sharpshooters was not known last night, said Captain Lawrence Jensen, commander, who was both surprised and pleased to learn of the results of last summer's work on the range.

TAXPAYERS TO BE AIDED EUGENE, Ore.—James L. Furness, deputy collector of internal revenue, stationed here, announced that he would make a trip to different towns in central western Oregon to assist income taxpayers with their blanks. His itinerary follows: Astoria, Feb. 2; Tule Lake, Feb. 4 and 5; Mill City, Feb. 7 and 8; Lebanon, Feb. 11 and 12; Junction City, Feb. 13 and 14; Eugene, Feb. 16 and March 14.

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Officials Settle Fate Of Remote Las Palmas Island MANILA (AP)—Governor General Leonard Wood has made a report to Washington regarding the dispute between the United States and the Netherlands governments over the control of Las Palmas Island, one of the Philippine group about 15 miles south of Davao province in the Celebes Sea. General Wood and Governor General D. Pock of the Dutch East Indies, were authorized by their respective governments to reach an understanding in the matter several months ago and during an exchange of visits between the two an agreement was reached. General Wood said his report was in its way to the war department at Washington, but on account of its confidential nature he could not discuss it. While an operation is painful it may improve your health. The same is true of cutting out a bad habit. Being afraid to live is often called prudence.

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