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THE RIGHTEOUS shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever. The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.—Psalm 37:29, 31.

Railroads and Busses

State House, Salem. (By Mail).—Last night was one of profound oratory. It was the motor bus hearing and they came from far and near. Bus men dropped their steering wheels and appeared before the Highways committee and railroad representatives deserted their offices to take a hand in the argument.

John F. Logan, attorney for all the bus-men, started the tangle. John is just about as tall as Rev. Quigley, former pastor of the La Grande M. E. church. He wears a Prince Mac coat, and we won't accuse him of wearing a celluloid collar, for he is a fighting man, but somehow John reminds us of a fellow who used to wear one years ago. But he is smart. He has a mind as sharp as a frosty morning at North Powder and he is one who never tires. For over an hour he ripped up the railroads, told of all their former sins, called down the judgment of the people upon their heads and then softly told the railroad men that their death knell had been rung; that advancement had decreed a new means of transportation and they must accept it. In his remarks John said the railroads pay nothing or comparatively nothing for the building and upkeep of the Oregon highways. There is where his foot slipped, for Arthur Spence, solicitor general for O-W, better known as head of the legal department of that railroad, tied into John in an unmerciful manner.

Arthur is a short, stocky fellow but a power in thought and an adept in the use of the English language. 'Round and 'round they went, and it is not unkind to state that the scrap reminded us of he stocky bull dog and the long-lean bird dog in mortal conflict. Before the case went to the umpires Arthur had showed up John in horrible shape. He had the figures to show what the railroads have done in overheads, grading, actual construction and maintenance of the highways.

It was the first open fight between rail lines and motor busses in Oregon, and it was a good one. Sentiment was created at that hearing, for the crowd was large and tobacco smoke was thick.

Glancing over the House and Senate it would appear that the bus men are in the minority, that there is a strong disposition not to put the motor bus out of business, but to surround it with heavy restrictions and make it pay more liberally for the use of the highways.

When a preacher and an editor walk into a banquet hall together there is cause for remarks. But when a preacher and an editor and Ike Patterson walk in together it is little wonder that guests almost drop their knives. That's what happened at the Salem Rotary club Wednesday. Rev. E. G. Keith, pastor of La Grande's Methodist church, was a guest of the writer and the two of us became the guests of Rotary Ike Patterson at a Salem dinner. We were glad to mix the reverend gentleman up with a bunch of politicians, for it will do him good, even if he does not think so. Rev. Keith is here visiting his daughter who is attending the Willamette university, and incidentally is enjoying the dark secrets of political life which he has so aptly taken up since becoming a member of the Third House. When Mr. Patterson introduced his guests at the Rotary luncheon he said, "It becomes my duty to present to you two men whose walks of life are widely apart and it is very rarely that this Rotary club is permitted to gaze upon them together." Then he told who Reverend Keith was in a most genteel and polished manner, but in his description of the writer he did not use the fine language. All of which is due to the fact that we have known Ike for many years and once sat with him in the senate. We know each other.

Bruce Dennis

Some of our federal laws seem never to get beyond the experimental stage.

Not much is heard from the man who used to say the human race now and then needs a war to cleanse it.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



NOAH BAXTER HID A STEEL TRAP IN THE CRACKER BARREL TODAY AND CAUGHT JEFF BAILEY AND BOB PRITCHARD BOTH RESIDENTS OF HOUSTOWN.

OFFICE CAT

By Junius

ALL MEN LIE ABOUT—The time they had been waiting for a telephone number. Miles on a gallon. The speed of their car. Value of property when insured and when taxed. How hard they work.

Even, enchantress, wonder-eyed, smiled at Adam by her side. Cooled she: "Tell me, Eden's lamb, do you really care, Adam?"

Barber—Pretty short, sir? Customer—Yes I am. Put it down on the book. Much obliged for reminding me of it.

Country Cop (on guard at scene of tragedy): I tell you you can't come in here. Cab: "But I'm a reporter. I've come to see the murderer." Cop: "You're too late; the murderer's already been done."

SENIOR POOL SUGGESTED—AHLBAND, Ore.—I. E. VIBBE, president of the Oregon state chamber of commerce, at a chamber of commerce luncheon here this week, pointed out that only by combining the scenic attractions of the Pacific coast states could the west ever expect to make a complete success of being the playground of the nation.

GRANGE HALL NEWS OF WEEK

GRANGE HALL (Special).—The home economics department of the Grange met with Mrs. Bert Grant recently to work out plans for the Valentine social that will be held at Grange hall, February 14. Clarence Hedhead visited relatives at Baker the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Anna McAlister of Gooding, Idaho, was a guest at the home of Art McCall for several days last week.

Mrs. Andrew Nollenberg has been quite ill from the effects of an operation on her throat.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Smuts entertained a number of boys recently in honor of their son, Richard's eleventh birthday anniversary. Coasting was enjoyed after which refreshments were served.

After visiting relatives at Union for several days Mrs. Brooks Campbell returned home Wednesday.

Mrs. Geo. Hughes and Mrs. Bert Spencer left recently for Walla Walla where they will visit their father, Sam Ragain, who is very ill.

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Got Rich Quick



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Grande Ronde river canyon that was near enough to the track to endanger the train. Legionnaires Rent Hall. The Elgin post of the American Legion has rented the Rex hall in the Cymelion building. They plan to use the hall for their regular meetings and also expect to give a number of dances during the year. They will give their first dance in the near future.

Charles Fields came in from Maxville recently, where he has been employed for some time. Mrs. Mary Chandler, Mrs. Sadie Wyatt, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Chandler, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben, Ben, shadler and daughter, Irene Bell, spent the day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernal Hug recently.

Miss Fern McKinnis, of Summerville, was a guest at the home of her aunt, Mrs. W. F. Hug recently. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Holbrook came down from La Grande recently.

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MEMORIALS WILL FILED—DALLAS, Ore.—The will of the late N. F. (Fitz) McArthur, former representative in congress from Oregon, was filed with Hugh G. Hark, county clerk. The estate is estimated under it at \$64,000 with real property in Polk county listed at \$25,000 and personal property in Polk and Multnomah counties listed at \$39,000.

Mrs. Lucile S. McArthur, his widow, is the chief beneficiary. She was allotted \$150 a month as living expenses during the time the estate was being settled. \$1000 in cash, all household goods and furniture, and the balance of the estate after other beneficiaries and debts had been cared for. The will was executed November 28, 1922.

To Lewis A. McArthur, a brother, was willed \$1000 and the collection of postage stamps belong to Mr. McArthur. His mother, Harriet, received \$2000, and O. B. Stauff of Richland, \$500. Lillian M. Carey of Washington, D. C., and Lillian M. McCoy of Portland, each received \$500.

London (AP).—The Most Rev. Constantinos, ecclesiastical patriarch of the Greek Catholic church, has been expelled from Constantinople, according to a Reuters dispatch. The Exchange Telegraph says he has been arrested on government orders and conducted to the freighter Friday morning.

MURDERER ELECTROCUTED—MICHIGAN CITY, Ind. (AP).—Peter Vergolini of Gary, Ind., was electrocuted at the state prison here Friday for the murder of Annie Tomich, 19-year-old Serbian girl, whom he assaulted and then strangled to death at Gary in September. Vergolini met death with stoical indifference.

SALEM, Ore.—Adm Wurm of West Salem recently has the distinction of being the only man to complete to the county clerk here in recent years with relation to the high cost of marrying.

DALLAS, Ore.—Frank White of Portland has filed suit for \$20,000 damages against George W. Wallace, prominent hop grower of Independence, for alienation of the affections of his wife.

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