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HE THAT WILL LOVE LIFE, and the good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile.—1 Peter 3:10.

Sentiment Ruled Meet

State House, Salem. (By Mail).—Sidetracking everything for the hearing on the Child Labor amendment last night, Oregon's state house by 7 o'clock was alive with squirming humanity, both men and women, shaking hands and panhandling first one and then another, some for and some against the amendment.

Representative hall was crowded to the roof to hear the speakers. And when it was all over, when every soul who had anything on his system had gotten it off, most people remained in the same frame of mind in which they had entered the meeting.

Like all hearings facts were buried and sympathy and sentiment was used. The man or woman with a heavy voice who had the power to paint a picture that appealed to the emotion received the applause, but strict analysis of the measure was lacking.

When a delegation of wheat farmers came down from Eastern Oregon yesterday stating that the recent frosts had ruined thousands of acres of winter wheat and that farmers are unable to purchase seed with which to replant the land, no one seemed greatly interested, for we had all heard such things before. But as the stories were told and retold every member of the legislature became interested because it was realized that an emergency existed. After holding several meetings with the governor it was found possible to borrow a million and a half dollars from the Soldiers' fund to loan to ranchers for seed money and to take a mortgage back on the crop for return of the money to the state treasury.

This prompted the governor's message and without doubt some such measure will at once go through both houses.

But the governor had his ears pointed straight up, for while sincerely endeavoring to help the wheat grower he saw an opportunity to admonish the session to another thing. With his message on the wheat seed money he coupled a message on the abolishment of the Public Utilities commission that, coming as it did entirely unexpected, caused most of the utilities lobbyists to pass on from shock.

The chief executive smiled as he finished his message in wheat and then he proceeded to lambast the present Public Utilities commission in several paragraphs of well-chosen English, closing by telling the legislature to pass a law permitting district development of electric power. As he folded his manuscript he looked over the large crowd with one of his most jovial expressions, for he realized he had caught the boys napping and had landed a pretty heavy blow right over the heart.

R. Alexander of Pendleton and William Pollman of Baker are among the late arrivals at the session, neither of which has any disposition to hurry along but to stay and have a good time with the solons from over the state. Both men have seen many Oregon legislatures and neither is surprised, no matter what the legislation may be nor how the vote stands when the roll is called.

Bruce Dennis

Idle Dreams

"And I begin... of those bewitching and alluring railroad roads, and now for the winter sports in Florida. "First, an early morning plunge in the surf, to give one exhilaration for the day's program. "Later a few hours with the casting rod, perhaps, or a launch trip up the river, in the glorious sunshine. "Out on the golf links in the afternoon, and to close the day an automobile ride and another half hour or so in the refreshing waters of the gulf or the ocean. "And in the cool of the evening. Come, come, Father, don't sit there dreaming. The furnace needs shaking, there are ashes to sift and the snow shovel must be sharpened.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



OFFICE NEW AIRSHIPS BEING BUILT

The roar of Niagara Falls broadcast by radio will probably be drowned out by the roars of tired listeners.

"Would it be wrong to call a matrimonial paper a male order sheet?"

A certain La Grande stenographer says that chewing gum makes her think. It also makes other people think, but not the same things.

The saddest words of tongue or pen (these from the weather man) "Snow and colder."

If you can't sleep at night and your heart seems bad.

And one minute you are happy and the next you are sad.

And you wander around in sort of a trance.

And you feel sort of gum, then want to prance.

If you keep counting your money and gaze into space.

And see when you do just a certain face.

If your mind seems dull, and then in a while.

For the love of Mike, go marry the girl!

DO YOU KNOW THAT— Centipedes grow confused when they try to put their best foot forward.

Stovepipe would make excellent rollers for giraffes?

Tropical animals sometimes run short of bananas, but they never lust into song about it?

That the hare lost the race to the tortoise because he was summoned to a traffic court for speeding?

Elephants accept peanuts from perfect strangers because they believe every little bit helps?

Pterodactyls never hold petting parties?

FAMOUS SAYINGS OF FAMOUS CELEBS:

Nero—"Draf it, there goes that E-string."

Chenopatra—"Call the grocery. Perkins, and tell them to send up a dozen nice snips."

Napoleon—"Why on earth did they call such a h—l of a place Saint Helena for?"

Jean of Arc—"It's darling of you, bug, to do this for poor little me."

Franc Schubert—"I'll grind out a 'Tisic' and a 'Mama' song tonight and get some jack for calico and coffee."

Mary Pickford—"I've managed very well without Oscar, but I hope I will never be doing less."

Any Modern Flapper—"If I've been conventional I wasn't interested."

Shylock—"Movies may be all right, but I like 'em in the flesh."

Bacchus—"Thisus's on me, boy!"

General Grant—"It's a good time as I'll see it all summer."

The Shaggy Twins—"Until death do us part."

Last night I fell asleep and dreamed I was Prince Albert—but it was only a pipe dream.

If you want to see something stick to an axe without glue, just stick your tongue to it, one of these cold mornings.

Advertisement for Perkins Motor Co. featuring '50 Used Cars' and 'ALL MAKES AND MODELS'.

ASKS FUNDS FOR CHRISTIANS IN THE NEAR EAST

Speaking at Hot Lake Sunday evening due to hospitality of Dr. W. T. Pfy, regarding the situation in the Near East, Miss Marie Nadelhoffer of Portland read the following telegram just received from the foreign field:

"No American seeing situation would approve continual failure provide adequately for refugee camp children. Earnestly beg you endeavor secure emergency funds to provide one meal daily during next six months for additional ten thousand of 25,000 neediest refugee camp children."

Also a telegram received from J. J. Handsaker, Northwest Regional Director, read as follows: "Our inability to meet fully situation children Greek refugee camps causing most serious suffering. Have distributed million and quarter pieces clothing among refugees but situation now one of meeting actual starvation. Thousands children now hungry in cold Macedonian camps becoming stunted mentally, physically, also morally crippled by circumstances."

"Could Americans suffer for one day as do our wards, the children of Christian martyrs in the Near East," said Miss Nadelhoffer. "These frightful conditions need not exist."

Americans Generous

Near East relief was launched on a heart throb. It was motivated by pity of the American people for a persecuted race. The American people have been generous toward a great need. They have shown great confidence for a period of eight years. Americans have been that confidence by an honest administration of their trust, which can be attested by financial experts, annual reports to congress and the books.

"But! If we are to go on with the job and continue the care of these children to whom we have pledged support until maturity, we must have more money in greater quantities than ever," Miss Nadelhoffer stated.

"It seems a small amount to ask," said Dr. Pfy at the close of the service. "Just one meal a day for starving children—and if each person in Union county will do his just share, perhaps we can send them more than that. It is to be noted that if the people, some of whom are not very well, can do as well as they have this evening with generous contributions, those who are in good health can respond equally well."

Holland Will Send Deaf Team

To Play Football in Belgium AMSTERDAM, Holland. (AP)—A sporting league exclusively for the deaf has been formed simultaneously both here and in Rotterdam. The members will specialize in football and a match between Amsterdam and Rotterdam eleven has been arranged for next Easter Monday. From the two deaf teams a national eleven will be selected which is to meet a Belgian team of deaf players at Antwerp next May.

The man who is going to do things is too busy to talk about what he has already done.

A man usually doubts others because he doubts himself.

Garment Worn 140 Years Ago By Sir Walter Scott Exhibited

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Squaw Tortures Self At Grave of Chief

WASHINGTON (AP)—The spectacle of an aged squaw standing ankle deep in snow in near zero weather at the grave of her mate and venting her grief by slashing her uncovered limbs with a jagged piece of glass was described by Superintendent William H. Donner of the Fort Hall Indian Agency, Idaho, in a letter to Indian Commissioner Burke. Donner pictured scenes at the recent burial there of Chief Pat Tyhee, a factional leader of the Bannock tribe.

Tyhee, more than 80 years old and six feet four inches tall, gained distinction as a United States agent in the Nez Perce war.

The 63-year-old widow, a spare and withered woman, known as Ahtahge-yane, or "The Bony One," stood for three hours at the grave, barelegged and clad in a sleeveless calico dress. At intervals she hacked herself with the glass. In this, Superintendent Donner wrote, she perhaps went to extremes.

"But this," he continued, "is a very old custom among these people, and she, being a very old lady, it would have been useless to have tried to interfere with her belief and convictions. I want to say, however, that the custom is not extensively practiced, except among real old-timers."

"I remember attending funerals on this reservation 20 years ago when as many as 15 or 20 women would practice this custom at the death of a noted member of the family. The custom is gradually dying out and will be discontinued in the course of time without any interference on the part of this agency."

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CONTI HOPES TO SHOW BILLIARD SKILL IN U. S.

PARIS (AP)—"I never seemed to be able to get going right in the United States," said Roger Conti, after winning the 132 billiard championship of France with a grand average of 69.44 for 2500 points and an unbroken run of 177, two world's records for tournament play.

Conti's performance in America were: Chicago, 1921, finished fourth with average 25.66; New York, 1922, third with 25.66; New York, 1923, last with 16.50.

The young French player was somewhat chagrined because of the pessimism with which his performances here have been greeted in America.

"I have a good many years of billiards ahead of me," said Conti, "but I am sure that I can play billiards. If I don't do it this year, well, there are other years coming."

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Advertisement for Gorgeous Spring Frocks, featuring a woman in a dress and the text 'NEWLY ARRIVED SPRING FROCKS'.

Advertisement for Conti's Billiard Skills, mentioning 'CONTI HOPES TO SHOW BILLIARD SKILL IN U. S.' and 'PARIS (AP)'.

Advertisement for W. H. Bohnenkamp Co. featuring 'SPECIAL 32x4 AWT GOODYEAR FABRIC CASINGS \$12.75 While They Last!'.

Advertisement for La Grande National Bank with the slogan 'It's A Pleasure'.

Advertisement for Joel's Groceries featuring 'MARKET JOEL'S GROCERIES' and 'Oven Fresh Cake Sale TUESDAY'.

Advertisement for Oregon Hardware & Imp. Co. featuring 'Harness Oil! 90c Gal.' and 'BRING YOUR CAN'.

Advertisement for W. C. Kelly featuring 'Fits you out with a five-tube Receiving Set complete with all necessary accessories—set up in your home, ready for use.'

Advertisement for The Very Best In Childrens Wear featuring 'There is Nothing Too Good for the Kiddies!' and 'BUY SIMPLEX SHOES FOR CHILDREN'.

Advertisement for Norton's Kiddy Shop featuring 'NORTON'S KIDDY SHOP' and 'Hemstitching - Pleating'.

Advertisement for The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company featuring 'BELL SYSTEM' and 'One Policy • One System • Universal Service'.