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TAKE NO THOUGHT saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

It seems to be very hard to wean personal liberty from the bottle—especially with a Canadian source close at hand.

We know a La Grande man who sings while feeding his furnace. And we are in doubt as to whether he is an optimist or just plain crazy.

A barb wire fence 1000 miles long is being erected along the Mexican border, but almost anyone can learn to pass a bottle through a wire fence.

Seven grafters have been sentenced to death by the Russian Soviet government. That's the first evidence we have ever had that they exercised common sense over there.

The groundhog is losing his traditional influence on the weather—at least in Oregon. When you see boys playing marbles and housewives planting spring flowers, that's really all there is to it.

An ideal climate, as advertised by most resort folders, resembles a happy medium between the freezing point and an electric fan. La Grande seems to have found the medium in the last few days as far as February weather is concerned.

If the legislature gets through its session with a small number of new laws on the statute books, it will be evidence of a greater amount of hard work than may be apparent at first.

LA GRANDE'S ARMY.

The failure of the bill for an appropriation that would make possible an army for La Grande is a source of disappointment to those who have interested themselves in the project here.

Defeat of the measure came probably as the result of two conditions in the legislature. One had to do with lack of funds, which is always a primary consideration in the minds of thoughtful legislators.

An army is a state necessity and not a state patronage. Nothing is more essential to the continued welfare of the state and nation than proper provision for training our National Guard units.

Here in La Grande where the guard organization of Eastern Oregon is centered, there is a particular need for armory facilities and every effort should be made locally to maintain interest in the project.

There is much that can be said in favor of state economy—but there is such a thing as true economy and false economy. Delay of the expenditure at the present time may be advisable, but any failure to provide adequate armory facilities for the state, either in La Grande or other cities, in the near future is false economy.

THE OLD HOME TOWN By Stanley



ED WURFLER, WHO DELIVERS WASHINGS FOR HIS WIFE, HAS AGAIN GIVEN UP THE IDEA OF TRAINING HIS HOUND DOG TO PULL HIS DELIVERY WAGON.

Final Week Busy One At Salem

(By BRUCE DENNIS) STATE HOUSE, Salem, Ore. (By Mail)—Opening of this legislative week reminds one of a street carnival so heavy is the crowd in the lobbies.

"Billy" Levens, of Baker, the new prohibition commissioner to succeed Cleaver is being received with pleasure. Poor George Cleaver. After the trouncing he received he was entitled to fight it through, for bear in mind nothing was found against Cleaver except that he actually tried to enforce the law among rich and poor alike.

By the way, the sun is shining in Salem—first time for a month. Residents here see the sun so seldom that they do not feel just right when Old Sol is on the job.

Uncle Dunham Wright, of Medford Springs, wrote us one of the most interesting articles on Abraham Lincoln we have ever read. You'll find Uncle Dunham's personal experiences and told of Lincoln from his birth. While Col. Mercer, chaplain of the senate, addressed many in representative hall on Lincoln's birthday anniversary.

Yesterday In Congress

(By The Associated Press) The senate commerce committee approved the rivers and harbors bill.

A finance committee began an investigation of the national disabled soldiers' league.

Night sessions were held by both senate and house agricultural committees on farm legislation.

A general denial of a federal trade commission complaint was filed by the Michigan Sugar company.

Brigadier General Mitchell testified further before a house committee on the aircraft controversy.

The navy department informed the state department that the American ship scrapping program had been carried out as prescribed by treaty.

Poets' Corner

A NEW YEAR'S LETTER TO A GRANDSON (By M. L. Carter) Hello, Merlon, how are you? Do you ever drink or chew anything you oughtn't to?

OFFICE CAT By Junius

Pemleton is quite a town. You can make your own estimate of its size after learning that a woman recently forgot where she parked her Ford coupe in the town and it took the police officers a half day to find it.

What we can't understand is the way state unerringly picks out the key word in each sentence. Old Napoleon said there is no such word as can't. Wonder if he ever tried to strike a match on a cake of soap?

"I don't care much for your 'Uncle John' remark for your Wolf." "I notice that he cuts with his knife."

A movie film has been made on Dante's "Inferno." We had imagined the producer would have changed the title to something like "Underworld Nights."

Cross-word puzzle: A 3-letter word meaning 48 cents worth of material made into a \$35.00 feminine head covering.

The taxman had his woman at his feet. The modern man has her at his heels.

The "taxman" is the man, who after election, sticks to his job and endures all the annoyances and extra expenses caused by the candidates who announced themselves as engaged in the heaven-born mission of reducing taxes.

Any girl is happy if she has no many frocks she can't decide which one to wear.

A Paris writer says baseball is in reality of French origin, and is based upon a game common in France centuries ago. Another authority like that, and we'll resent the fact not generally known in Paris, that the cathedral of Notre Dame was designed by a Philadelphia architect and the foundation laid by a Yankee contractor.

"PRETTY SOFT FOR DOG" "Elmer E. Benson left yesterday for Boston to complete his fourth year at Harvard School of Medicine. Elmer is also house doctor at the Women's hospital, and is enjoying splendid opportunities.



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BULGARIA IN STRIFE'S GRIP

Communists and Government Forces Clash; Several Casualties Reported.

SOFIA (By the Associated Press)—Strife between the Bulgarian government and the Communists is growing in intensity. Todor Strashinoff, Communist deputy, was shot and killed yesterday. Assistants, firing on their pursuers, wounded an army officer.

At Philippopolis, the secretary of the police department was killed and the chief of police wounded in Vindin, when the village was raided. They were repulsed and one Communist killed.

Obituary

H. A. WHITE. The body of H. A. White, who died at Hot Lake yesterday at the termination of about a year's illness, was forwarded to Joseph this morning for burial this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mr. White, who was 72 years of age, has been a resident of Eastern Oregon for the past 12 years and was formerly a farmer near Joseph.

CHURCH UNITY SERMON TOPIC

(Continued from Page 1.) banks and Mr. Jones, and a solo number by Mr. Fairbanks. Tonight it was stated that there would be a violin solo by Dorothy Caldwell, and that a male quartet, Peck, Fairbanks, Jones and Dunning, would sing "The Wayside Cross."

TAX BILLS NOW BEFORE COMMITTEE

(Continued from Page 1.) bills by several hundred thousand dollars.

ROCK PILE PROPOSED FOR PROHIBITION VIOLATORS

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Prohibition law violators may be put to work on rock piles by a bill passed by the senate and signed by the governor. The use of rocks on the coast steams entering the Pacific south of the Columbia is prohibited by a bill passed by the house. A senate bill, setting 5 miles per hour as the speed limit for entering the highway from a cross road was also passed by the house.

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MONMOUTH NEWS MONMOUTH (Special) — The Junior class of the Oregon Normal school gave a party St. Valentine's day honoring St. Valentine's Day. The gym of the school building was decorated with a color scheme of red and white. One attractive fea-

ture of the party was a dance given by a number of the students, representing a valentine. At the close of the party refreshments were served. The Seniors will give a formal dancing party in the near future. The Christian church of Monmouth had services Sunday morn-

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