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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.

Extre[illegible] get tired.

Afte[illegible]ne, more is said than done.

When it is finally printed, Russia's epitaph for Lenine will read, "He kept us out of luck."

All a bridegroom has to dig up in Germany to get married is seven cents. All a would-be bride has to dig up is a mark.

Chauncey Depew declares a man should turn every 24 hours from his work to his hobby, on the assumption that one's hobby is work.

DOG JUDGMENT.

Dogs have better judgment than humans at times. Ever notice a canine romp around a grouch? His instinct knows. He may be dumb, but somehow cynics and pessimists are anathema to him. If a dog makes friends with you, you may be sure your disposition is of the right caliber. Even though he has fleas respect him for his good judgment.

THINGS WE MIGHT TAX.

Now that cigarettes and smoking tobacco will give their share to help make both ends meet in Oregon, it's interesting to speculate on how many "sins" and luxuries are actually available for taxation and how much we are in the habit of spending on indulgences and pleasures not exactly necessary to continued life.

The cost of "sin" in this country is variously estimated at from thirteen billion to forty billion dollars a year. The statisticians do not differ as to the cost of the individual "sins," but have divergent views as to which habits should be classed as "sins."

One expert includes in his list only drinks, immorality, and the theater. Another includes gum-chewing, cosmetics, joy-riding, tobacco, drinking, the theater, popular fiction, light magazines, politicians, touring, and moving pictures. Others even more puritanical than this second sin-economist may compile a list including everything that affords some degree of happiness or comfort to another.

Without differentiating between the moralist's "sin" and man's ordinary bad habits and luxuries, a few such annual items of expense include: $73,000,000 for cosmetics, $300,000,000 for massages, $500,000,000 for foreign travel, a half billion for movies, billions for tobacco and its accessories, millions for contraband liquor, and corresponding amounts for the [illegible]mate stage and for cheap literature.

Undo[illegible] money spent every year in the United States for [illegible]als exceeds that expended for the bare necess[illegible] life. This disparity may account for the fact that [illegible] sweeter in the United States than in any other civi[illegible] country and that the stream of human migration is always America bound. The average person finds it harder to work for a living than for that surplus income which permits him to indulge his petty and major "vices."

Yesterday In Congress

Ambassador [illegible] discussed French debt with Secretary Mellon.

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The house refused to accept [illegible] senate proposal to eliminate the Pullman surcharges.

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Rear Admiral [illegible] gave his views of the navy to the house aircraft committee.

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Frank B. [illegible] secretary of state designate [illegible] a round of calls and [illegible] old acquaintances in the senate.

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First step toward removing republican insurgent senators from committee assignments was taken by the committee on committees.

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The state department's side was given in the case of Count Karolyi's pledge of political inactivity while in the United States.

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The senate eliminated from the rivers and harbors bill a provision that all authorized projects should be completed in five years.

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John T. Nolan, commander of the National Disabled Soldiers' [illegible] a house committee.

DISTRICT GRANGE ORGANIZED

PENDLETON, Ore.—A Pomona district grange to represent Umatilla and Morrow counties was organized in an all-day session held at Stanfield, in which local granges from Boardman, Irrigon, Umatilla, Stanfield, Umapine and Fruitvale were represented. Charles Wicklander of Boardman was elected master. Meetings of the district organization will be held every three months.

THE OLD HOME TOWN • • By Stanley

OFFICE CAT

By Junius

"Western women are heavier than eastern women,"—News item. Of course, out where the waist begins.

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OUR OWN PUZZLE DEPT.

A riddle that has us guessing,
In fact it's quite distressing:
Invariably the things that we should shun,
And spend our lives condemning,
Are wines, and songs, and women,
A trio from which we get most fun.

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When a man along the road asks an automobilist for his pack, he doesn't know whether it is a puncture or a holdup.

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News item—"While looking in a shop window two women were injured by a falling street sign." Husbands have for years been warning their wives about the danger of looking in shop windows.

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She—"Bill, you're a man after my own heart."

He (proudly)—"I'm not after any girl's heart."

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Pity the bachelor. A certain man reports that a waiter, in making out his check, asked whether he had coffee or hot chocolate. The customer, with great dignity, replied that he wasn't sure but that it tasted like paste.

Serenity settled upon the waiter's brow. "That was the coffee" he said, "the chocolate tastes like glue."

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So many persons are being asphyxiated while taking baths this year that it won't be long before the young hopeful adds another excuse to his Saturday night list.

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"A fellow just told me I looked like you."

"Where is he? I'm not afraid I'd like to knock his block off."

"I killed him."

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Figg—"Don't you wish you could live your life over again?"

Fogg—"Well I should say not. I've got a twenty-year endowment policy maturing this month."

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A doctor says we are all more or less crazy, but, we who take our cold baths in summer instead of winter are probably less crazy.

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Men in balloon trousers should not poke fun at women's costumes.

Fog Takes the Blame

LONDON (AP)—Mary Cove has played the organ at Holy Trinity church, in London, for 60 years. During all this time she has missed only two Sundays, once on account illness, and once because a London fog was so dense she could not find the church edifice.

Christian Workers Will Hold Meet in the South

NEW YORK, (AP)—Bound for the first Congress on Christian Work in South America, the main body of 200 delegates representing 40 protestant institutions of North Ameria and Europe sailed for Montevideo today on the steamship Southern Cross.

The congress will be in session from March 29 to April 8 at Montevideo, There will be in addition a regional conference at Rio de Janeiro, March 13-15; an educational conference at Montevideo, March 26-28; a regional conference at Buneos Aires April 13-14. Between times, delegates and visitors, numbering several hundred will, as committees and as individuals, visit South American cities, touring and studying religious and educational facilities. Several delegations already are there. The first sailed from here in December, and the latest on February 14.

Leaving New York today, the main group will arrive at Rio de Janeiro March 12, leave there March 21, arrive at Montevideo March 26, where they will start homeward on April 9, reaching New York April 27.

The congress is under the auspices of the Committee on Co-operation in Latin America, and its 1925 sessions are intended to develop the program inaugurated by the 1916 Congress on Christian Churches in Latin America, which met in Panama.

As outlined by Samuel Guy Inman, secretary of the committee and instructor in Pan-American Relations at Columbia University, the program will follow 12 general themes: Unoccupied fields, the Indians of South America, education, evangelism, social movements in South America, health ministry, the church in the community, religious education, literature, missionary relationships, special religious problems, cooperation and unity.

"It has seemed best to divide the field into two parts," Mr. Inman said. "South America and northern Latin America, and to hold two congress for this purpose. The first congress for all South America, is now to be held at Montevideo.

"The great change in Latin America since 1916 have brought many new problems as well as new opportunities. Readjustments are needed everywhere. The nations have grown stronger economically and politically. New social movements have arisen which mark a new interest by the common people in the development of their countries. In no part of the world are more remarkable transformations taking place than today in South America."

The "great challenging reason" for the impending congress at Montevideo, was the danger that South America would become a land of materialists, and the need for "finding a spirital basis for national and personal life" on the continent.

Among the educators who will be at Montevideo, are: Dr. D. J. Fleming, of Union Theological Seminary; Dr. W. W. Sweet, professor of history in De Pauw University, representing the American interests in Hispanic American historical themes; Dr. Max Exner, of the American Association of Social Hygiene; Dr. Frank K. Sanders, former President of Washburn College; Bishop F. J. McConnell; Dr. H. A. Holmes, professor of Romance Languages, New York University.

Bob Invades Bering Sea

SEATTLE (AP)—On St. Lawrence Island, American territory in the Bering Sea, the Eskimo girls are cutting off their pigtails. The news that the bob's the thing has been carried there, relates Jonathan Wagner, of this city, chief of the Alaskan Division of the United States Bureau of Education, by a radio receiving set of wide range which the division installed on the island.

Reserve Officer Gets Notice.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.—William R. Canton, world war veteran and now office engineer in the state highway department, has been notified to appear before Dr. G. S. Newlion, president of the examining board for officers' reserve corps No. 26, to be examined for his qualifications to be a member of the corps.

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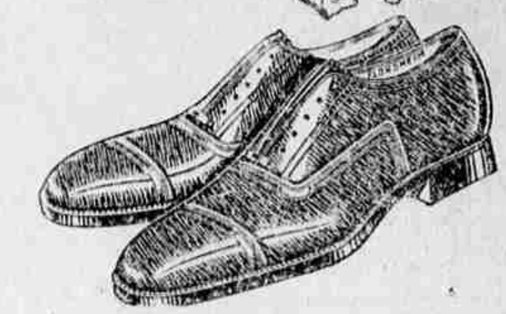

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