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OH THAT MEN would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men.—Psalm 107:21.

A nation should remember these days that cocking the gun is very similar to rocking the boat.

The economical June bride will always cook more than is needed so as to have left-overs to use up.

Some of those trout on Five Points Creek that have been waiting five years for an accommodating fisherman to take them out are "durned small for their age."

There always seem to be enough signers for anything being circulated to accomplish the aim of those whose axes need grinding. As a result Oregon loses considerably over a million dollars in revenue until the next general election—and it's revenue needed badly.

The plea of President Coolidge on Memorial Day for local law observance is a plea that every community in the nation needs to heed. Not that we, in Union county, or other people in other communities, are particularly and dangerously lax, but it is true that observance of the community and state laws is locked upon with too much indifference.

President Bonnar of the Northwest Realtors, in his address to local real estate men Friday, said that something less than 50 percent of the families in the United States own their own homes and from that number come only 10 percent of the divorces and domestic difficulties on the court records. These estimates were made by Judge Sabbath, famous Chicago jurist, and certainly tend to prove that home ownership provides a domestic anchor as well as many comforts and joys in living that might otherwise become obsolete in modern life.

THE ECONOMY OF GOOD ROADS. Although road building and maintenance in Oregon is something of a burden on a few classes of taxpayers who cannot benefit by them directly, our excellent highways are outstanding economies for the average motorist. They are expensive to build and keep up, but they would be more expensive to be without.

The mileage of hard-surfaced roads in this country is estimated by the department of agriculture at about 450,000 miles. And this figure corrects an assumption likely to have gained ground that the amount of road building scheduled for any one year provides a net gain in road improvement. We are not proud of the fact in some instances, as the rebuilding project on the lower Columbia highway costing over a quarter of a million, but a large part of the work carried on annually, and probably the major part, consists in rebuilding or resurfacing roads previously rated as hard-surfaced but which come in for heavy repair contracts. The actual gain in new construction since 1921 is estimated at about 60,000 miles.

Improved roads, the department remarks, are not luxuries. For the movement of every vehicle over the road there is a certain cost which is less if the road is improved than if it be left in the state of nature. It is therefore only reasonable to say that the only limit that should be placed on expenditure for road improvement is the amount which can be saved in vehicular operating costs. Which is in line with the reasoning of road experts for the last decade that the country pays for improved roads whether it has them or not.

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OUT OUR WAY By WILLIAMS



Francis Newlin, Joseph Martier, Patrick Kennedy and Robert Cook. The benediction was followed by "Laudate" by the choir, and a march. The program was received by a large and appreciative audience.

OFFICE CAT By Junius

"I call my girl 'glue'!" "Why, because she sticks to you?" "No, easy to squeeze on a warm night!"

NEW ONE FOR AESOP. A fox lost his way on a dog's back and after wandering about for a time crawled up to the dog's ear and called in for directions. But the dog misunderstanding the message, knocked the flea off and ate it.

Why didn't somebody invent a table for use in a dining room that isn't a centipede.

Oh I love pretty eyes And I love heavy sighs And I love the girls who are gifted But the thing that I hate is after a date To find that my watch has been lifted.

When a man starts out to make something of himself a woman usually finishes the job.

Suspicion is always afflicted with halitosis.

Early to bed Early to rise And your girl goes out With other guys.

Stiff, mud would benefit some faces greatly if they would leave it on.

A man had a little axe He walked the forest through Whenever he got hungry He'd take a chop or two.

"Are you sure," asked the old woman, "that this century plant will bloom in a hundred years?" "Positive, ma'am," answered the farmer. "If it doesn't bring it right back."

Distressed spouse—It's five way you have changed. I can't understand. Bill, you always was kind to dumb animals and all that, and yet when it comes to—

Bill—Well, try 'em! dumb and we how yer get 'em!

"You seem to forget, my dear, that the dollar I earn is worth only 95 per cent of the dollar you rather regard."

Well, why don't you earn better dollars?

Almost anybody would rather have a steady job than have steady work.

Hi—I want to hear a memory expert lecture last night. Hi—Was he good? Hi—Now, he tried to show up.

Old gent (Who had just sat on a young man's hat): "Good gracious, what a start you gave me—I thought it was mine!"

"Don't change your wife and don't drink too frequently—if you want to live beyond 70," says a San Francisco octogenarian.

Sacred Heart Academy Services Held Sunday (Continued from Page One.)

Lt. Bishop McGrath gave an appropriate address, emphasizing that true happiness in this life can be acquired only by duty faithfully performed. He pointed out to the graduates how anxious can come only through perseverance in the right, sincerely toward God, charity toward all and loyal service to the government of the United States and faithful to the educational system of the state.

The next number on the program was a song by the choir, "Obedience to the Sacred Heart." The words and music of this song were composed by the sisters of St. Francis of Mary, New York. The girls also sang "O, Mother, No. 2" by J. R. Thomas and "Ten Tiny Roses No. 2" by Rossing, after which "Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament" was given by Bishop McGrath, assisted by Reverend E. J. Kelly, also of Baker. Reverend R. T. Buckley and Reverend Peter Hanel were also present. Those serving as acolytes were:

UNION MEN IN TROUBLE HERE

The stillness of the night was disturbed by no sound save the rattle of a slight breeze through the tree tops. The two men, partially obscured by the shadows from the nearby buildings, waited in silence. Suddenly a car rounded a curve in the road some distance away, gliding quietly nearer, through the darkness. The two watchers stepped from their retreat—no this is not a paragraph from a popular magazine thriller but an actual incident in the every day lives of the prohibition enforcement officers.

On this particular occasion two men, E. C. Zeek one time wealthy owner of a lumber mill and Fred Spain, both residents of Union were the drivers of the car.

The arrest was made near the Union Stock Show grounds last evening about ten o'clock for the car carried, besides the two men, two gallons of moonshine contained in just.

Hugo Klinghammer, deputy sheriff and George M. Pierce, special prohibition officer, made the arrest and lodged Zeek and Spain in the county jail here. The car was automatically confiscated as a carrier of liquor.

The case has not yet come up for trial.

It should be increased as proposed in the new law. The state asserted that it was its duty to teach children their true allegiance, and to impress upon young minds that the claims of the government were superior to those of any religion.

The authority to require children to attend school, endorsed the right, the state insisted, to compel them to go to public schools.

Education, important in building up good citizenship, came within the police powers of the states, under their general welfare jurisdiction. Oregon further asserted, insisting that in such matters the federal government had no right to interfere. It was for the state courts and the people at the polls to remedy any defects which might develop, it said, and not for the federal courts, because local conditions must always control in such matters. Insisting that "some vestige of sovereignty" should remain with state governments, Oregon gave warning that should its law be held invalid, a movement would be started at once for a constitutional amendment.

Summarized Oregon's argument was that the national government was founded upon the theory that church and state should be maintained separate, a principle to be closely guarded in the education of its youth; that the right of a state to control a minor when public welfare required had been thoroughly established in the courts and included control over their education; that private or parochial schools are not superior to public schools, therefore the new law would not deprive them of any rights or privileges or subject them to any disadvantages; that the opposition from those who wanted children given sectarian religious instruction, that the right involved the survival of the public schools; that it had been consistently held in the courts that states could at their pleasure amend or cancel such charters without encountering any constitutional prohibition; that the new law would not interfere with religious liberty; that those who desired to send their children to parochial or private schools could do so during hours when their attendance at the public school was not required.

Supported Private Schools. The Protestant Episcopal church, the Seventh Day Adventists and the American Jewish committee each filed a brief as friend of the court in support of the position taken by the parochial and private schools. Opponents of the new law declared it a serious menace. They attributed the weakening of the moral fiber of the time to the lack of religious and moral training, particularly in children, declaring that unless present tendencies were restrained, conditions here would be worse than those in Soviet Russia. Oregon's idea of separation of church and state would mean, they declared, no church but only state, because if schools could be prohibited from teaching religion and morality, all religious instruction would be brought within the control of the state.

The parochial schools took the view, also, that the most effective religious training could be accomplished as a part of the daily education of children. They denounced the new law as not only extremely unwise but arbitrary, revolutionary, oppressive, and violative of rights which since the foundation of the government have been considered essential to liberty.

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LETTER ON FIRE RATES MADE PUBLIC. (Continued from Page One.) This reduction, as stated, is approximate and would not apply where the fire protection is not adequate. It has been our experience that when a city is re-rated there have been changes in occupancy and additions to buildings or an increase of hazard which were not measured in the old survey. In cases of this kind it is necessary for us to bring the survey up to date before the credit is allowed. On the other hand we find where hazards have been decreased and a larger reduction is in order. Besides the 7 percent reduction which Mr. McCune promises in event the new equipment is installed, which will be decided at the polls Wednesday, a 18 percent increase will be placed on La Grande insurance rates providing nothing is done to remedy the present condition, city officials declare.

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This Style Is Always Popular With Little Boys



Those serving as acolytes were: