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I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST which strengthened me.—Philippians 4:12.

## OUT OUR WAY

By WILLIAMS



A vacation in prospect promotes thrift—and one in respect enforces it.

God made the country—but the car in front makes you eat it.

The treasury surplus for the year is nearly \$300,000,000, four times what was estimated at the beginning of the year. That would indicate that Americans made more money last year than the government officials anticipated—or everybody is a bit more honest in making income tax returns.

### "WHY NOT SPEND IT HERE?"

Dr. Hubert Work, secretary of the interior, could not become enthusiastic over the Baker irrigation project—a source of disappointment to those Eastern Oregon boosters who have anticipated so keenly the spending of four million dollars of federal money to put water on thousands of acres of this land. Legislative opinions indicate that the construction work will go forward, regardless of Mr. Work's decision that the project is not practical, that the money is appropriated and there is no preventing it now. Dr. Mead has written for the contracts to be sent out and that indicates action in the near future.

The secretary's disapproval of the Baker project is not surprising and though we are inclined to argue with him to his face, we are more inclined to admit he is right behind his back. It is true that engineers have gone into possibilities in great detail and recommend the development, but Secretary Work isn't interested from an engineering viewpoint primarily—he's interested in the success of future settlers on the land. And his stand is most creditable for that reason.

The exact cost of putting water on the land in these districts has not been accurately determined probably, but it is estimated at considerably over a hundred dollars per acre—one of the reasons, we imagine, for Dr. Work's statement that it would take a lifetime for settlers to work their way out on such a project. If such is the case, Oregon will be better off to see the development delayed for a few years until the increase in population and price of food stuffs is sufficient to make crops practical under such conditions.

The Baker and Vale projects may not be exactly similar to several other districts that have proved dismal failures in the last generation, but it is foolish to court disaster for a large group of settlers just for the sake of getting that government money spent in Oregon. "They are going to spend it somewhere, so why not here?" is an argument carrying little weight in this instance. When colonists can buy good land with excellent improvements all over the Pacific Northwest, and here in the Grande Ronde valley especially, for the same price that will have to be expended to make an irrigation project productive—without the same big gamble on the future—we cannot become enthused about opening up new territory.

The time will come when much of our land now impractical for development will deserve utilization to the highest degree, but not now. When our rural population shows a substantial increase per acre, when our production on lands already under cultivation reaches a maximum point, and when we have completed all irrigation projects that can be accomplished at low acre cost, then it will be economic to interest the federal government in the more difficult and expensive propositions. Dr. Work's criticism is not without practical foundation. He has the best interests of Oregon and prospective settlers at heart.

**OFFICE CAT**  
By Junius

A hair in the head is worth two in the soup.

A tactful woman is one who can collect from a friend husband without eliciting remarks about the last remittance.

Consideration is the most powerful link in the chain of human friendship.

If all the people who threaten to end their troubles by jumping in the river would do so, there would not be any room for the fish.

I am twenty five years.

I am not on speaking terms with the butcher.

I am too small to buy a quart of ice cream.

I am not large enough to purchase a box of candy.

I am too small to purchase a ticket to the movie.

I am hardly fit for a Cp, but believe me, when I go to church on Sunday, I am considered SOME MONEY.

"This check is doubtless all right," said the merchant, politely, "but have you anything about you?"

Torricelli, the man who first made a vacuum was the only inventor who produced absolutely nothing and got credit for it.

**STARTLING STATISTICS**  
Only one girl in every 237 receives a proposal after she has eaten onions that evening.

A certain editor, unknown to fame, states that a man who squeezes a dollar never squeezes his wife, notes a Missouri editor. In looking over our subscription books we are led to believe that some mighty good women are not getting the attention they deserve.

If all the magazines in the world were laid end to end the oldest copies would reach some doctor's office.

### Dokkies to Meet in Aberdeen in August

ABERDEEN, Wash. (Special)—Aberdeen and Troup, sister cities on the Pacific Ocean, will be hosts August 2, 3, and 4 to approximately 2500 Dokkies (copy branch of the Knights of Pythias). All temples in Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, and British Columbia are expected to be represented. The reservations committee already has received hundreds of reservations. Vancouver, B. C. is sending a band, drift team and initiatory team as well as members, to a total of over 150. Hood River and Portland, Oregon, both will be represented by bands. Large delegations are coming from the principal strongholds of the Knights of Pythias in Idaho and Montana.

Trips to the ocean beach, a clam bake, trips into the big timber and through the sawmills as well as to the Grays Harbor Whaling Station—the only station in the Pacific Northwest are on the program. In addition there will be a banquet, a large Dokkie Ball and an initiation with over 100 tyros.

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### Arctic Land May Be Between Pole, Alaska

CHICAGO (AP)—If any new possessions are added to the United States by the MacMillan-Navy expedition, which involves no special effort to reach the North Pole it is believed the land must be found somewhere between the Pole and Alaska. But in previous explorations mirages, soundings and tidal conditions have been the only encouragement that something other than ice exists in that region.

Admiral Peary on his polar trip stood at one far northern point and saw what he believed to be land some 50 miles away. He called it "Crocker Land." Commander MacMillan on his special Crocker Land expedition, wiped this spot off his maps, after traveling 150 miles across a field of solid ice to a point well beyond where "Crocker Land" was supposed to exist. It was as far away as when he started.

MacMillan returned to the point from where Peary had sighted this supposed land and he too beheld this imaginary country—rugged hills and wooded stretches. It appeared to be a permanent mirage. MacMillan took a number of soundings in the territory, however, and the current indicated there might be land. Tidal observations taken at Etah and Cape Hurler, checked with those taken at Point Barrow, Alaska, showed also that the tide at Point Barrow arrived four or five hours late. Some obstruction causes it, according to MacMillan.

The ice formation also favored the presence of some huge block, 10 to 100 miles, the ice was as smooth as a billiard table but after that it was almost impossible to travel over it because of its roughness. MacMillan described it at that distance as resembling a group of city buildings which had been squeezed by huge hands and jammed together.

The university possesses two other courts as well. The Court of the Chancellor, founded in 1221, is familiar to all thrifless undergraduates on the stormy protecting Oxford tradesmen. When a bad is reported to this court a notice is sent out to the debtor ordering him to pay at once or lose both his degree and his bedroom furniture. The Vice-Chancellor's Court is formed by the Vice-Chancellor of the university assuming the privilege of his position as a justice of the City of Oxford and the Council of Oxford and Berkshire. As the powers of a justice sitting alone are very limited it is the custom to make several heads of colleges justices in order that they may all with the vice-chancellor and increase his powers.

Drainage in experimental fields at O. A. C. has doubled the crop yield. Before drainage on some lands the yield was so small that profit was uncertain. The larger crop obtained after drainage has made good profits.

### Device Aids Blind To Read by Sound

LEININGRAD, (AP)—Professor Hosing, a famous oculist of this city, has invented a new device by means of which it is claimed the blind are able to orientate themselves and to read. In this apparatus all daylight effects are replaced by sound. Experiments carried out in the Leiningrad Institute for the blind showed that the children, after the use of the apparatus was explained to them, were able by the different shades of sounds to recognize persons who were passing them.

Professor Hosing is working to perfect his apparatus and is also evolving a new radio apparatus for transmitting graphic messages at a distance. By means of this apparatus Professor Hosing says, every letter of the alphabet will be expressed by different sounds. So far he has succeeded in contriving definite sounds for 18 letters and is hopeful of succeeding in his ultimate task.

Most pigs marketed in Oregon are light weight, and are growing as well as putting on fat during the finishing period. To get the best results, careful attention is given to balancing the rations so that enough protein and mineral

matter will be provided to develop muscle and bone, the experiment station has found. The finishing period need not exceed 60 days unless a rising market warrants longer feeding.  
You can make dishes out of china but it will be a long time before you can plaster Paris.  
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NEARLY every one of us has seen the checkered-suit person with the velvet tongue. How smoothly he once told of the merits of this product or that—and raked in perfectly good coin for purchases that were often worthless.

The "slick guy" is seldom seen today. When the wise person goes to buy, he knows what is good in value and fair in price.

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