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CONFIDENCE—"And the Lord said . . . I have known Abraham to the end that he may command his children . . . that they may keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice."—Gen. 18: 17, 19

The declining prices of automobiles are hard on the individuals who can't afford one. He saves less by doing without.

Over 700,000 veterans of the World War have failed thus far to make any claim to the United States government for the adjusted compensation, or "bonus," voted them. The work of the bonus board is about ended and still there are those who know not of the claim they should make or who do not want it. If it becomes a permanent condition, the bonus will not cost so much, after all.

MORE CANDIDATES DUE.

The Oregonian's editorial expressing flat-footed opposition to the nomination of Stanfield in the primaries this spring has aroused much interest in political circles and is looked upon in some quarters as a forerunner of a new candidacy out of Portland for the Republican senatorial nomination. The Oregonian thinks Stanfield cannot be elected if nominated and says that is sufficient reason for opposition, desiring as it does the return to the senate of a Republican and an administration supporter. The Oregonian is not alone in its opinion about Stanfield and many influential men in the party are fearful the final election would see him defeated with no presidential landslide to be counted on. Nothing would suit the Democrats better, so the senatorial situation is far from being peaceful these days. Now candidates are expected to enter the race soon and in the meanwhile Fred Steiwer and Clark are quietly busy with their fences. Steiwer, incidentally, is winning some excellent support in many sections of the state and looks like a strong contender.

A MATTER OF PAY.

Investigation by the United States bureau of education reveals that in spite of numerous preparatory schools for teachers the teaching staffs of rural communities show but slight improvement. The product of two-year normal schools goes almost exclusively to city schools. There does not seem any reason to expect a change in this. At any rate, the investigators have none but the most elemental suggestions to make for improvement which they regard essential.

First there must be recognition by rural people that their children cannot have secondary or higher education if they do not receive elemental training adequately. For this good teachers are needed. We must demand them. But it is plain that as long as teachers are free to select from among the jobs available they will not choose small country schools if they can go to the city. When the normal school authorities are empowered to assign teachers against their will, not many new teachers will be graduated.

If rural schools are to be better served than they have been their managers must compete for competent teachers. Instead of paying the minimum salary permitted to be paid they might do well to offer premiums for good teachers. That would draw competence away from the city and make better elemental training possible.



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MOMENTS WE'D LIKE TO LIVE OVER - TH' DANDIEST TEACHER A FELLER EVER HAD.



OFFICE CAT

By Junius

The man who catches cold on a fishing trip gets no sympathy from his wife until he dies of pneumonia.

She—I've invented a new face powder which can't be kissed off. It—Don't you need someone to take charge of your proving grounds?

NOW SHE'LL RAMBLE. "Mr. Henley is very fond of his young bride, and he has just recently purchased for her a great rambling old mouse on Beacon Hill."—Item in Eastover, Mass., Sentinel.

The first pestimoid probably got that way from loss of sleep.

He rushed into the room where his wife was sitting. "My dear," he said excitedly, "guess what's happened! Intelligence has just reached me—" "Well, thank Heaven, Harry," she replied, rushing to embrace him.

The man on foot often overtakes happiness, while the man who pursues it at high speed often passes it by.

A DANCER'S ROSARY. The stag's I dates with thee, dear heart. Are as a march through hell for me; You step on them, each, scraping dog apart. O, my poor feet! O, my poor feet!

I tried with you by the stag line, And suffer on far miles and miles, And some dear brother looks up just in time. Thumbs down—he smiles! Oh, can't you!

BEFRAIN— O months of dances gay, With other girls with clever lines!

While you each foot do strive alas to flay. You misery! Si Tu Savis!

Report of Larchmont races says: "The clippers were not well handled." Well, they should have had a few barbers there.

Americanism: Howling because the guilty go free; dodging jury service.

Put two people in a room, one with a toothache and the other in love and the one with the toothache will go to sleep first.

One example of eternal love is the Irishman who wrote home from Scotland to his sweetheart, "Yours till I get a raise."

'Twas not an act of civility. Nor yet the fear of scorn; He offered her his street car seat To keep her off his corn.

He poured a barrel of tar down the factory smokestack and then he saw the chimney swallow.

Three Missouri towns will be run by women during the coming year. "In this," says a Missouri editor, "they will not differ from any other town in the state."

Clarence Darrow believes in showing up when a felon needs a friend.

The naval appropriation bill, carrying \$319,419,000 was reported to the house.

Assistant Attorney-General Donovan continued his testimony in the aluminum case.

Exc Governor Lowden of Illinois outlined his views before the house agricultural committee.

Abandonment and reduction in navy station and reduction in navy personnel was urged by a house committee.

Premier Mussolini and the fascist occupied the house during debate on the Italian debt settlement.

NEW OFFICERS ARE INSTALLED

GRANGE HALL, (Special)—Blue Mountain Grange installed officers for the ensuing year when the regular meeting of the grange was held Wednesday evening. The following officers were installed: master, Mrs. Ethel Sherwood; overseer, Mrs. Grace Grout; lecturer, Mrs. Carrie Spencer; steward, A. E. King; assistant steward, J. P. Hanaman; chaplain, Mrs. Jesse Masterton; treasurer, Mrs. Sarah Anson; secretary, Ed Dunn; gate keeper, E. L. Beckley; cores, Mrs. AAna Holman; Pomona, Mrs. Kittie Stringham; flora, Mrs. Hattie Beckley; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Kate Rothhead; musician, Mrs. Bessie Haggin. The following program was given after the installation of officers: Song



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CHAMBERS TO MEET IN BAKER

Arthur Foster, manager of the land settlement department of the Portland chamber of commerce will be the principal speaker at the semi-annual regional meeting of commerce chambers at Baker Wednesday, January 20.

The conference, at which Umatilla, Walla Walla, Union, Grant, Malheur and Baker county organizations are to be represented, will commence at 10 a. m. in the office of the Baker chamber. Round table discussions will compose the program.

With "Land Settlement" as his particular theme, Mr. Foster will lead the civic workers into a better understanding of the problem and how it may best be tackled. Educational features of Eastern Oregon, under the topic, "Our Byways," will be discussed under the leadership of J. Billings, president of the Walla Walla commerce association and superintendent of the Walla Walla national forest.

A third round table talk will deal with "Tourist Traffic," with Walter Meacham, president of the chamber of commerce at Baker, taking the lead.

Earl C. Reynolds, as chairman of the regional meeting and vice president of the Oregon Association of Commercial Organization Secretaries, will direct the discussion of problems pertinent to chambers of commerce.

service led by Mrs. Ethel Sherwood; essay "Importance of Music in the Grange" by Mrs. Faye Yeakle; a review of a book read this winter by Mrs. Grace Grout; a story of something seen or done at some time in life by Mrs. A. E. King; recitation, Bobby Rothhead; roll call.

The lecturer started a membership contest which will last until the middle of June, when the losing side will serve a banquet for the winning side. Miss Velma McCall was appointed captain of one team and Mrs. Kittie Stringham



Harry Williams has been mayor of Vermillion, O., for 25 years, and is starting on his thirteenth consecutive term. He vows he's very busy, but citizens say his activity in the mayor's office proves he's only joking.

captain of the other team. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Haggin and Mrs. Haggin's mother, Mrs. Suttler of La Grande were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Hughes Sunday.

After being confined to her home for several days because of illness Mildred Spencer is able to be in school again.

Albert, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hughes, who had his tonsils removed last Monday is getting along nicely and will soon be able to start back to school.

Earl Hughes, who resides on the Hughes ranch at Glover Creek, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hughes.

Sometimes the answer to "Why girls leave home" is "So they can smoke a cigaret."



Our January Sale

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