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THE ETERNAL GOD—"And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM; and He said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you."—Ex. 3: 14.

THE FELLOW WHO SPENDS OUR MONEY.

A political campaign always brings out a great deal of talk about taxes by some of the candidates who are seeking to play politics to the utmost and by others who are not very deep students of the subject but deem continuous discussion of it necessary.

Very few people really give serious attention to the question of who spends our tax money and who makes the levy great or small as it effects our individual tax.

In Union county there is levied for 1925 taxes amounting to \$895,207.04. That's what the property owners within our county borders have to pay for the various privileges or nuisances of the varied government agencies touching our residence here.

Of our total taxes, therefore, \$15 out of every \$100 is spent by state officials in some way and the other \$85 is spent by our county court, by our city councils and commission, and by our school directors.

From the taxpayers' standpoint, we cannot see what particular difference it is going to make in our future tax statements whether or not our state officials—representatives, senators, governor, etc.—are committed to tax reduction or not.

Of course, our state officials who are so concerned about our taxes might really accomplish a reduction if they legislated all of our schools, all our good roads, all our city governments, all our police and fire departments, and all our county courts out of existence, or partially so, but that's about the only loophole available.

without cost to us. We doubt it, but maybe our state legislators are bright enough to do that; if so, undying fame should certainly be theirs.

After all, the real truth of the matter is that our tax problem is not down at Salem, at all. It is right here in Union county. It is at the courthouse, at the city hall, at the school house. There can be found the officials who spend our money—\$85 out of every \$100 that we pay in taxes.

Illiteracy Crusade Is Planned Before Census



The greatest enemy in mythology was "The Golden Fleece," engineered by Jason.

HEALTH AGAIN To get his wealth he spent his health. And then with might and main he turned around and spent his wealth.

Gladys says the only path she is interested in is a bridal path.

In a local church, the minister announced his text: "Paul we know and Apollous we know, but who are these?"

"Flippers—Can you recommend this brand of perfume?" "Druggist—Certainly, miss. It is one of our best sellers."

"Was I not off-schedule?" "You've been off a good deal lately."

"I want to get my eyes examined."

"Get a good job done. You'll be looking for work after the first."

Smith—"I want to buy a rug as a present for my wife."

Smith—"Have you match the ashes from this cigar. I want to examine her as little work as possible."

"Well," said the dying business man, "you better put in a clause about my employees. To each man who has worked for me twenty years I give and bequeath \$50,000."

"I know it, but it's good advertising."

'PHANTOM' IS CHANEY'S BEST

Lon Chaney is here today in "The Phantom of the Opera." In the opinion of the writer, this production, based on story of the Paris theater and its underground connections, is Chaney's best.

Certainly, he has never appeared quite so gruesome, quite so repulsive. It is a picture that ought to sell in fantastical dramas for the uninitiated, youngsters who have not seen it. Even the grown ups leave with an important urge to peer into the dry dark corners of the home-work closet.

But, aside from all this, "The Phantom" is undoubtedly one of the big pictures of the year. The photography is superb and the colored scenes lead, enchantment to the whole.

Many Chaney as the young prima donna influenced by the phantom is well suited to her role and her lover, Norman Kerry, turns in a splendid bit of acting.

"The Phantom" is a far-fetched, fantastic story but it is one that once seen, is forever stuck in the memory with a vividness that is difficult to describe. It opens a three-day run at the Arcade this afternoon.

COMMITTEE CONSIDERS FARM BILL

(Continued from Page One) which agriculture is laboring and has labored for so long a time, in so far as betterment can be attributed to legislative processes.

William Allen White, Kansas Editor, Captains Movement—Findings Are Disclosed.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 22. (AP)—The census takers of 1920 would be unable to discover any illiterates in the United States, if the National Illiteracy Crusade, just organized here, had its way.

Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart, national director of the group, who is in charge of the newly-opened headquarters here, and who has been active in educational work in the south, disclosed these findings:

There are 10,000 who cannot read or write in the city of Washington.

Philadelphia has nearly 50,000 illiterates.

New York City has enough to make a city the size of Denver, Pennsylvania, "just enough" to populate two states "the size of Wyoming."

Ohio has more native born white illiterates than has the state of Mississippi.

There are many counties in the United States where twenty-five to thirty per cent of the people are unable to read and write and some counties where forty to fifty per cent are illiterate.

Five million men and women in this country have completely missed school.

The lead pencil business would be increased \$3,000,000 annually, by the wiping out of illiteracy.

More can be done during the next five years in eliminating illiteracy than has been in any fifty years before," said Mrs. Stewart.

"Many states and communities are now waging war against illiteracy, and they are determined that the federal census takers of 1920 shall not find one in their neighborhood who cannot read or write. They feel that illiteracy is a disgrace."

"The slow processes of the public and private schools cannot cope unaided with illiteracy. These schools have done their best but 5,000,000 men and women in the United States have missed them, and now must be campaigned into school. Our program is to put the fight into every section of the United States. We will help wherever existing organizations or the school authorities are attacking adult illiteracy and where the campaign has not penetrated, we shall aid the local and state forces to organize. We shall also organize work in the prisons and in addition make a vigorous campaign among the Indians."

Chairman of the corn belt committee appeared in the committee room today. He had been assailed by several members of the committee for attempting to intimidate congress.

In concluding his testimony he had said the political parties, particularly the one in power, would be held responsible if congress failed to enact farm legislation.

Robert Is Expected K. H. Thompson, president of the American Farm Bureau federation, told the committee that members of congress "inform us it is the common understanding that this session will not adjourn until farm relief legislation has been enacted."

He endorsed the corn belt bill to levy a tax on agricultural products to assist in handling the surplus problem.

Representative Furness, republican, Indiana, asked if with farmers given to understand the government had set up machinery to guarantee certain prices, there might be a panic over-production as would break down the machinery.

Thompson considered the requirement that farmers bear the qualification fee to be "the greatest force in regulating production, since the heavier the surplus, the larger amount subject to assessment."

County Grange Meets; Plans for Coming Year

(Continued from Page 1.)

William Hirth, of Columbia, Mo., be held in June with the Union

Gay Materials for Springtime Wear

Silks! Dainty springlike patterns in bright colored silks in both floral and geometric designs from West's—La Grande's Leading Store—nothing could be smarter. The materials themselves speak of a new season—and how attractive when made in a smart frock for milady. Our store is brimful of new materials, new designs and new ideas. Plan to visit it soon.

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Crepes Of silk and cotton mixtures in a number of popular colors. These are dainty floral patterns in the newer weaves. Crepes are ideal for springtime wear. \$1 and \$1.50

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Mr. and Mrs. J. A. New were elected delegates to the state grange convention and Mr. and Mrs. Hannan were named alternates.

The Rev. Evans, lecturer of the Wallawa county Pomona grange, challenged the Union county organization to participate in a dual debate.

Tobacco won the petition in connection with the work of traveling gavel. More than 20 members were given the fifth degree in the evening session and the next meeting of the Pomona grange was set for June 26 at Medical Springs.

Kipp, Maris Spunk The afternoon program follows: music, address of welcome by Mrs. J. Chadwick, master of M. F. grange; response by J. A. New, Portland chapter of commerce; address, Mr. Cook, of the Cove; two selections by the junior chorus; reading of O'Connell; address, Paul V. Maris; Mrs. W. E. Duggell, of Enterprise; director of O. A. C., extensive address "Marketing;" H. H. Kipp, vice; solo, Burton Wordick.

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