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NATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS—"Ye shall not therefore oppress one another; but thou shalt fear thy God; for I am the Lord your God."—Lev. 25:17.

Wealth may be a burden, as some of the country's rich men insist that it is, but lack of it is quite a heavy load, too, when you carry it around for a while.

The primary election business is rather quiet these days, but it won't last long. The democrats will burst forth soon against Steiwer because he is looked upon as the only republican senatorial candidate who can win, and the republicans will pick all the flaws possible in Bert Haney because he is considered the most dangerous democratic aspirant. There will be a little fire and much smoke—with the promise of cool visibility again after May 21st. It's an every-other-year sensation that voters have to endure.

LAWLESS CHICAGO.

The killing of a deputy prosecutor in Chicago yesterday by machinegun gangsters is a crime that appalls the normal citizen. It is true that Chicago is a long distance from Oregon and that it is a big city confronted with tremendous problems of government created by masses of population, but it is difficult to realize that such crimes can be committed in a civilized American community. It is not the first time that the machinegun killers have operated in Chicago. On two previous occasions the gangsters have resorted to the same means—and nearly a hundred murders are on record for the last three years in the gang and rum-runner wars. How long will the respectable, law-abiding citizens of Chicago allow such a condition to exist? How many such crimes need be endured before the public becomes aroused? What are we coming to? It is not as if these were crimes of crazed minds, of incapable individuals mentally unfit to be at large. They are crimes of cold, relentless gunmen, paid a big price to do their "jobs," without consideration or care for the law or law enforcement. Their killings serve to terrorize agents of the law and to place gangsters before the law—uncontrolled, free to do as they wish. It is not a condition that has just come into existence in Chicago. It is not a new thing for Chicago. It is something that has been apparent for several years and it is growing steadily worse, not better. Chicago people certainly possess the power to cope with the situation but they seem loathe to use that power. If they continue in such laxity, if they refuse to clean house or are afraid to clean house, the rest of the country should force the issue. The safety of society is in the balance, the success or failure of future citizenship. If Chicago can't change the present condition, the federal government can and should. If it's necessary to deport several thousand and suspicious characters to rid the city of a score of killers who cannot be convicted, the deportation can be made. It wouldn't seriously hurt Chicago to undergo that experience.

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OUT OUR WAY



By WILLIAMS

INVESTIGATE AD AGENCIES

NEW YORK, Apr. 29. (AP)—The Agency commission in Newspaper advertising, an established factor for many years, today came under the scrutiny of the federal trade commission investigating charges of unfair competition in letting newspaper advertising.

The trade commission seeks to determine the fairness of the practice of newspapers allowing advertising agencies fifteen per cent discount, whereas the rates quoted to direct advertisers are not subject to this discount.

The complainants were not made public, although representatives of several firms using large amounts of space were present.

243.25 and the elementary state school fund for 400 students, our quota, and establish our own schools under the county high school law.

I hereby challenge you or any of your agitators to a joint debate on the union high school law with a competent man in the chair, anywhere in the six districts comprising the Cove union high school. This will give the people who are interested a chance to hear all of the good merits and also the demerits of forming a union high school. Come out and we will present both sides to the people and they can decide to suit themselves. Set the date and place of meeting and let me know.

I am not fighting any high school at all, but I am opposed to the law governing union high schools as it is an unfair law, taking the right and privilege away from the taxpayer who furnishes the funds for operation of the school.

E. A. WHILLER,
Alsea, Oregon.



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Perhaps you have noticed that very few women who boss their husbands let them know it.

A man's "salad days" are the days when he used to make a lobster of himself.

POETRY

A guy I like
Is truly show
He never says
Well, well, what's new?

She and her loved one had been sitting in the darkened parlor for several hours. The hour was becoming early, when a stealthy voice from above broke the silence. "Young man, you may leave the house."

One of the strangest things in this world is why a man likes for his child to be inquisitive and gets mad when his wife is.

MORE SWEET THINGS

Banker who says he will loan all the money you need at 4 per cent.

Your sweetest girl who prefers the street car to a taxi.

An assessor who reduces the valuation of your property 50 per cent.

Paved road all the way and no detours.

"Mummy, I can't go to school today."

"Why?"

"I don't feel well."

"Where don't you feel well?"

"In school."

THE OPEN COURT

CORRESPONDENTS MUST SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO THE EDITOR IF THEY DESIRE LETTERS PRINTED.

ON UNION HIGH SCHOOLS

Evening Observer: Will you give space in your paper to answer Mr. Coe of the Cove high school in regard to the meeting at Prosty school house there? Several people were out that night to hear the discussion on the subject of forming a union high school at Cove, consolidating Cove, Shanghai, Lower Cove, Ilver View, Prosty and North High valley districts.

Mr. Coe was taking the affirmative side and I the negative. Now from his remarks he is very much chafed and peeved over his defeat. In all his talk he only touched the school law twice, spending most of his time playing the soft pedal, appealing to the public for sympathy for the six high schools of the county. He then touched upon a part of section 505 telling the people that the budget system applied to paragraph two of that section and it gave them a right to vote, this being a mandatory paragraph and the laws governing regular school districts do not apply to this paragraph in the union high school law. He then referred them to section 508: All laws governing regular school districts and officers shall apply to union high school districts and officers so far as applicable.

Now Mr. Coe you have struck the keynote in section 508 and I would say to you look up the union high school law and see what sections and paragraphs are subject and applicable to the regular district school law. You know there are whole sections and many paragraphs that are not subject to the regular district school laws. Instead of waiting until the union high

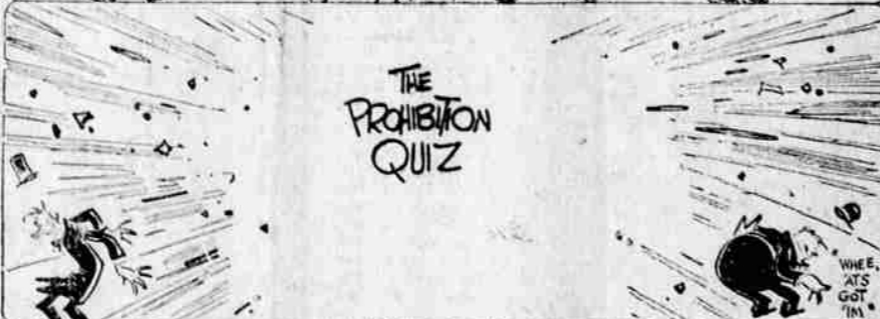
school is created and then enforce it as printed in the school law of the state, I think it better for every taxpayer to know the union high school law who lives outside of districts No. 1, 5, 8, 11, 15 and 23. The property outside of those districts is the property of farmers of Union county valued at \$15,436,421 and the six high schools of Union county are trying to devise some method or means to get the privilege of taxing the farmer's property for their own interest, to keep the poor farmers from organizing county high schools so that higher grades may be taught in all school districts and paid for from a tax levied on the farmers.

Now if the six high school districts got the privilege of assessing a 2- to 10-mill tax on this property they can tell the farmer to go home and milk the cows, feed the hogs, feed the chickens and water the sheep, then bring all of his years of hard labor in taxes and give it to us. We, as the six high schools, are the tax eaters and you as farmers, are nothing but tax diggers. Now if any farmer comes out to defend their hard earnings you all set up a howl of protest. You call me a lawyer—I have not taken on that degree yet. I am only looking after the interest of the common people and to protect their interests, and the interest of good schools, as I am interested in getting all the education for our money we can from a taxpayer's standpoint.

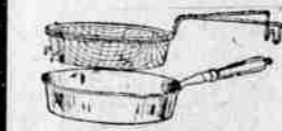
As I am a tax payer of Union county and you are not you aggravate more taxes for the farmer to pay and less for the six towns or six high school districts. We, as farmers, are paying this year to the high schools of the county the sum of \$26,242.25, the full cost of education of all students above the eighth grade outside of the high school districts, plus elementary school fund.

We, as farmers and tax payers are satisfied to let well enough alone and I will say to you and your agitators if you are not satisfied we will withdraw the \$26,242.

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