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ESSENTIAL HONESTY—"Do no unrighteousness in judgment, in measure, in weight, or in measure. Just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin, shall ye have."—Lev. 19:35, 36.

Automobiles, like children, are thrift-promoters. They keep men working and saving to support them.

Somebody should find a use for sleighbells, say an antiquarian. Hang 'em on cats' necks, to protect the birds.

The worst hypochondriac now is business, which insists on feeling its own pulse and taking its temperature once an hour.

Something tells us that when that new talking combination is hooked onto the picture films, we'll get an earful of bad grammar.

**MAINTENANCE IS THE THING.**

The Montgomery, Ala., Advertiser preaches a little sermon to its state on the text: "There is no such thing as a permanent highway; never has been, never will be, probably." It elaborates the theme by declaring that the soundest of roads will give way under such terrific wear as modern transportation forces on them. The old Roman roads were good, but they have to be kept up and are frequently repaired.

The Advertiser isn't out advocating poor roads. Far from it. It wants the best sort of roads constructed throughout Alabama. But it also wants such roads maintained. There is little use putting large sums of money into new road construction if the highways are subsequently neglected. The importance of maintenance is too often overlooked.

**PROSECUTING TRESPASSERS**

In another section of the country a group of farmers is following the example of the New York staters who are going to take drastic action against marauding motorists who drive out into the country, despoiling farms and woods and fields as they go.

Tennessee farmers have determined to prosecute motorists who take laurel, rhododendron and dogwood, threatening those lovely native blooms with extinction. To help the farmers in their campaign, it has been arranged in Johnson City that the numbers of cars and the names of parties entering the city with such flowers be taken, and investigation as to trespassing be made.

That looks like tackling the problem at both ends. It is obvious that busy farmers, in the springtime, cannot spend much time by the roadside keeping trespassers off their property. But if trespassers are to be located and prosecuted even when they have temporarily evaded the farmers' vigilance, fewer persons will so gaily take up trespassing as a spring pastime.

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Opposite Observer



**OFFICE CAT**  
By Junius

Marjory—"Mamma, were you at home when I was born?"  
Mother—"No, darling. I was at grandma's in the country."  
"Wasn't you awful 'sprised when you heard about it?"

**HOW TO KILL AN OYSTER**  
Don't drown him deep in vinegar. Or season him at all; Don't cover up his shining form With pepper like a pall. But gently lift him from his shell, And firmly hold your breath; Then with your eager tongue and teeth Just tickle him to death.

The only difference between a lump of butter and a fat girl in summer is that when the butter melts it disappears.

It seems funny that a man named Damrich should be sent to the poorhouse as a pauper, but it happened in Kansas.

Florida is fast becoming a place where you must go north to find the south.

The old-time fighting man drew a gun; the new one finds it more profitable to draw a crowd.

Whoever named a certain type of American youth as "sheiks" played a low trick on the Arabs.

Sic: Anyhow, girls don't ask for pin money like they used to. Hey! You're right, they've nothing to put any more.

**KELLY DECIDES BALLOT TITLE CONTROVERSY**

SALEM, Ore., May 10 (AP).—Circuit Judge Kelly today decided the ballot title controversy which has been waging over the title prepared by the attorney general for the so-called grange hydro electric bill, by declaring it should not be referred to as a "safe indebtedness" amendment, thus upholding the contention of the protest against the title as prepared.

Judge Kelly ruled that the short title on the ballot for the bill should read "hydro-electric, water and water power constitutional amendment."

He further ruled that the purpose clause should read as follows:

"The purpose is to authorize the state to incur indebtedness to an amount not exceeding 4 per cent of the assessed valuation of all property therein for the following purposes: to develop and control and conserve water, water power and hydro-electric energy; to distribute, transmit and dispose thereof, for such purposes to contract concerning water with subdivisions and hydro-electric utilities of the state, with other states and the United States; and to acquire, construct, complete, maintain and operate works for such purposes. This constitutional amendment also ratifies and validates any act passed by vote of the people for such purpose."

**DIES OF BURNS**

PORTLAND, Ore., May 10. (AP)—Not knowing he was the father of a baby girl, born two hours previously, John Raymond Rice, 25, died at St. Vincent's hospital yesterday from burns received in a gasoline explosion at a lumber camp at Wheeler, Ore.

**OUT OUR WAY**



## JAIL PARDONS ARE DEFENDED

SALEM, Ore., May 10. (AP)—Because of resolutions passed recently by several ministers' organizations in the state criticizing Governor Pierce for his exercise of executive clemency for county jail prisoners particularly those convicted for violation of the prohibition law, a statement in defense has been issued by W. A. DeBell, the governor's secretary.

The statement shows that during the 40 months that Pierce has been governor he has extended some form of clemency to 285 county jail prisoners. Only six of these, says the statement, have been actual pardons, three were commutations 54 fines were remitted in part, and in the remainder of the cases reprieves were granted on condition that the fines be paid in installments after the prisoner had served his jail sentence.

In defending parole the statement claims that the parole law has not made it easier for offenders, but that records actually show the prisoners serve an average of 28 days longer under that law than under the old system, due to the practice of judges in imposing sentences.

That the conditional freeing of some of the violators relieves congestion in the jails, and that often clemency is granted to give a penitent man opportunity to provide for a destitute family are other defenses set forth in the statement.

**CHARGED WITH ARSON**

PORTLAND, Ore., May 10. (AP)—Following the fire early today which swept the fourth floor of the Portland garage on Fifth street, an alleged incendiary fire occurred in the grocery store of Wesley Small at 81st and Lincoln streets. Small was arrested in spite of his protestations of innocence and held on \$2500 bail. Suspicion of incendiarism developed when firemen found a pile of old soaked papers had fallen to burn. About \$2000 damage was done to the store and building.

**TOM MURRAY KILLS SELF IN PRISON**

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death. It is written in a neat round hand, and reads: "Before going south with what money I have, on the books please pay the paper man (D S) what I owe him. "Mail the 2 letters, if you want to," onto the folks, the other to Attorney Robinson of Portland News. "I killed Sweeney, Jones, Killed Holman, Kelly and Willos shot no one or, even at anyone.

The first sentence of the message is a filling at the prison officials. "Going south" in convict language means "sticking the money in your pockets."

The initials D. S. are those of David South, one of the convicts who is serving life for participation in the Clarendon tavern murder in Portland. He has the newspaper route in prison. The two letters mentioned by Murray are puzzling Warden Lillie and the other officials. Murray's cell was searched thoroughly last night, but the letters could not be found. No official could be found who had seen them, and a search was made at the Salem postoffice, it being held possible that Murray might have contrived to smuggle them out of the prison. "Attorney Robinson" is Charles Robinson, an Astoria lawyer who has been engaged in the defense of two men accused of murder and who has been writing articles for the Portland News.

**Trics to Shield Kelly**

In the latter part of the message Murray and Kelly, who were accompanied by a Mrs. Goode, an employee of the Multnomah hotel, in Portland. This was last Sunday and Monday. Murray's parents live at Port Blakely, Wash., and Kelly's parents in Josephine county. Willos has never given the names of any relatives. Following the prison break posse followed Murray, Kelly and Willos for several days. Murray was caught first at Centralia, Wash., and the other two were taken a day later.

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**Heard No Sounds**

Both Ellsworth Kelly and James Willos, who were with Murray in the prison break, expressed surprise when informed that the man who had led them had taken his own life. Willos whose cell is two doors from Murray's, said he heard no sound from Murray's cell.

The most recent visitors to the three men were the mother's of Murray and Kelly, who were accompanied by a Mrs. Goode, an employee of the Multnomah hotel, in Portland. This was last Sunday and Monday. Murray's parents live at Port Blakely, Wash., and Kelly's parents in Josephine county. Willos has never given the names of any relatives. Following the prison break posse followed Murray, Kelly and Willos for several days. Murray was caught first at Centralia, Wash., and the other two were taken a day later.

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**MEMBERS OF W. B. A. OPEN CONVENTION**

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to order at 11 o'clock by Mrs. Christina Clark, district deputy, who is presiding over the meeting. Baker review had charge of the grand opening and seating of the distinguished officers. Mrs. Clark introduced the visiting officers, Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Field, who responded with short talk complimenting La Grande and the local organization of the Woman's Benefit association.

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and other beautiful. In addition to a large class of candidates from the different reviews will be a feature of the afternoon session, besides drills and exhortations by the visiting teams. At 4:30 o'clock the W. B. A. Juniors will entertain, and at 6 o'clock dinner will be served the visitors at the I. O. O. F. hall. During dinner the orchestra from Sacred Heart academy, consisting of 27 children, will entertain. They will give two symphonies: "Children's Symphony" by Haydn, and "A Jolly Sleighride," by Chwalat, besides two other numbers, "Dancing Doll" and "Sparkling Eyes." During the evening session which starts at 8 o'clock there will be class presentation by the La Grande review; fancy drill display, Penitence review, and dedication of Altar by the Penitence officers of Joseph and Esther reviews, jointly, with guard being held in the Bible temple.

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