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THE UNCERTAINTY OF LIFE—"As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, there is but a step between me and death."
—1 Sam. 26:23

Deer stories have replaced fish stories but the substance is about the same.

If Stanfield's balloon gets many more punctures his political banner will be dragging on the ground long before November 2nd.

Nebraska bootleggers are being fed on a bread and water diet. It sounds severe but it's not as bad as the mixture of denatured alcohol and gasoline that they fed their customers.

Germany is now in the League of Nations and Turkey has applied for similar treatment. If granted, that will leave Russia and the United States the only important countries of the world outside. We hope that, in this case, a nation is not known by the company it keeps.

A local man returning from Portland expresses surprise at the number of voters who say they are going to support Stanfield because of the fight being made on him by the Oregonian. Such "sympathy support" is of doubtful character and will hardly assume large proportions. We do not believe there are enough unintelligent voters in the state who will be influenced by such a silly issue to actually effect the election result. To support Stanfield because they think he is legitimately the best candidate is one thing; to support him because of his petty fight with the Oregonian is another.

MORE THAN OUR SHARE.

The old saying about "death and taxes" might well be made to include the variation in assessed valuations that is found wherever property taxes are known. In Oregon we have a nice example that does not help make taxpayers any more willing to part with their hard-earned or hard-borrowed money each spring and fall. The following comment from the Oregon City Morning Enterprise gives some interesting figures:

Comparison of the assessed valuation of property in Multnomah county with those outside indicate glaring inequalities which have not been explained. During the last ten years Portland has had a tremendous growth, much greater relatively than the rest of this state, yet the assessor of Multnomah county has decreased the assessments on lots and improvements more than four million dollars from 1915 to 1925. The records show that in the ten year period there is an actual decrease in the assessed valuation of Multnomah county property of \$806,625, represented by a decrease of \$4,185,685 in the value of lots and improvements and an increase of \$3,379,060 in the value of land and improvements. The owners of property in the city of Portland have been very kindly treated, much better in fact than have the owners of farm property outside the city limits.

The commercial value of Portland's improvements is illustrated by the fact that building permits in the same ten year period ending, 1925, when in that single year the permits were \$38,476,355. It is not clear why assessed valuations are reduced more than four million dollars in the face of building permits in excess of one hundred and seventy-five millions, but this is just what has occurred in the metropolis.

Outside of Multnomah county in the ten year period from 1915 to 1925 assessed valuations of land outside of municipalities, and lots within cities, together with improvements thereon, have increased \$107,057,304. City property and improvements carry an increase in assessed valuations of \$22,817,859, while the increases in assessed valuations of land and improvements total \$84,239,345. This increase in the assessment rolls forms an interesting comparison with the decrease in the county of Multnomah.

With such figures to ponder, is it any wonder that there is a cry from the agricultural districts for a redistribution of taxes? It's not so much because more uniform assessment levels would reduce the property taxes of those outside of Multnomah county—the actual saving in money to the individual would probably neither make or break anyone—but the inequality is far from being soothing. We don't mind paying our just share but we are inclined to rise with righteous wrath when we are forced to pay part of the other fellow's share, too. And the worst of it is that as long as we operate on the existing tax plan requiring assessments by scores of different individuals in different communities, just so long will there be inequalities. The most we can do is keep the flagrant cases, such as this, at a minimum.

WORLD COURT IS CAROLINA ISSUE

Prohibition Question Figures in Several Primaries Today

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14. (AP)—Prohibition and American adhesion to the world court figured prominently again today among issues before voters of nine states who went to the polls to choose party standard bearers for state and federal offices.

The campaign of Washington Cook, member of the governor's council in Massachusetts, against Senator William M. Butler, chairman of the republican national committee for the party senatorial nomination, has featured advocacy of modification of the Volstead Act.

Prohibition likewise featured the Maryland republican primary, where Senator O. E. Weller was opposed by representative John Philip Hill, who is prominent among wet forces in the house. Senator Wesley L. Jones, a dry, is opposed in Washington by six candidates for the republican senatorial nomination. The subject of prohibition has been prominent during the campaign.

In Colorado Senator Rice M. Means, reputed to have the support of the Ku Klux Klan, is opposed for the republican nomination by the forces of Clarence C. Hamilton, republican national committee chairman who leads the anti-klan wing.

World Court Figures

In South Carolina a run off primary found Senator Ellison D. Smith contesting for the democratic nomination with Colonel Edgar A. Brown, speaker in the house of representatives. Colonel Brown has attacked senator Smith's vote in favor of American adhesion to the world court. Other states voting are Vermont, New York and Michigan.

Inmate of Asylum Commits Suicide

PENDLETON, Sept. 14. (AP)—Miss Ella Nolan, 42, inmate at the Eastern Oregon state hospital from Morrow county, committed suicide at the institution late yesterday afternoon by hanging herself to a steam pipe in a room. She used the drawstring of her skirt to end her life, according to attendants.

Receivership Move Blocked By Council

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Sept. 14. (AP)—Passage of an emergency ordinance which would authorize the city attorney to sue for a receivership for the Oregon, California and Eastern railroad, in which the city has \$200,000 invested, was blocked here last night by the city council.

L. C. C. RESUMES HEARING NEW YORK, Sept. 14. (AP)—The interstate commerce commission, resuming its hearings today into the receivership of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad, inquired into the comparative costs of electric and steam operation of the Puget Sound division. It has been alleged by the minority stockholders that bad management in using electricity on one section was in a measure responsible for the receivership.

BOY ACCIDENTALLY SHOT NEWPORT, Ore., Sept. 14. (AP)—Lawrence Rood, aged 14, was killed by the discharge of a revolver in the hands of another boy whom he met while on a hunting trip near Bayview. The dead boy and a companion were hunting a gray dagger with a .22 caliber rifle when they met another lad who had a revolver. The owner of the revolver, playing with the weapon which he thought unloaded, accidentally discharged it, the bullet penetrating Rood's heart.

FLY PAPER POISON USED IN FERTILE ILL. Sept. 14. (AP)—The poison which Mrs. Mary Ramsey is charged with having administered to her husband, Carl Ramsey, Mendota county farmer, is, with fatal results, was used.



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traded from Chicago, some of which was purchased by Walter Ramsey, 14-year-old son of the deceased by a former marriage. This was disclosed by the testimony of a state witness today by Prosecutor H. V. O'Connell. Mrs. Ramsey is on trial on a charge of first degree murder for having caused her husband's death on her 23rd day.

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UNION PERSONALS

UNION, Ore., (Special)—Mr. V. C. Connor and family were shopping in La Grande last Friday. Other families who were also in the county seat that day were Mrs. Tallman, Mrs. Roper Smith and daughter Amanda, and Mrs. Paul McCay.

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friends in the Idaho city this week, the summer, but will visit the work of putting a cement walk in front of the L. A. S. while before returning to California.

Leonard Pitts and his company of national guardsmen went to Gold Canyon Sunday afternoon for practice in rifle work.

French girls have adopted their patron saint Father Carmichael, whose name will soon be entered for canonization. He made a memorable billion ascension August 5, 1754.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Thompson are attending the Weiger Round-up and visiting with relatives and friends.

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