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GOD'S WORD ESTABLISHED—"O Lord God, the Word that Thou hast spoken, concerning Thy servant, and concerning his house, establish it forever."—2 Sam. 7:25.

Things are never perfect. Towns that have plenty of parking space are seldom prospering.

If a small vote is evidence of prosperity, we'll know by the first of November how satisfied is the public with present conditions.

CARELESSNESS MAY BE COSTLY. Twice California has voted down by large majorities a hydro-electric bill—in 1922 by 353,000; in 1924 by 432,000 majority. Milbank Johnson, chairman of the board, California's Taxpayers' Association, says in "The Tax Digest" for September: "Under our present system we might defeat this measure overwhelmingly, year after year; yet if we are careless once and it slips by at one election, the mischief may never be undone."

California is to vote a third time on a "water and power" bill, regardless of decisive defeat in two previous elections. There the present proposal is to put half a billion dollars at complete disposal of five unknown men (if the bill carries) are to be appointed by a governor not yet elected. In Oregon the designers of the Housewives' Council amendment to the constitution have left nothing to be decided by a prospective governor. They have named five board members in the text of the proposed measure; they have assured full control over the entire scheme, and all the funds for at least four years, to a majority of these fine hand-picked political aspirants.

Enumerating what the five might do in case the California bill passes, Mr. Johnson vividly pictures what might be done in Oregon by the four men and one woman named to control everything. "They might buy a copper mine in South America, might start a wire factory in Connecticut, make electrical machinery in Schenectady, run a boot and shoe factory in St. Louis." Also, he adds, they might build houses, engage in the real estate business or anything they chose, the only limitation being the requirement that the proposal shall, IN THE OPINION OF THE BOARD, be either necessary or convenient.

Oregon's all-inclusive amendment (as proposed) goes also into irrigation—opening up a field where untold millions might be sunk and lost by inexperienced, unrestrained political experimenters. In case these vicious measures pass, both states will be dependent on the whim of the boards of five. From the start these job-holders would strive to put established utility concerns out of business in hope of controlling the production of all electrical energy. To duplicate present plants and equipment would be economic waste. To destroy established industry by exploiting taxable property, of which the existing plants form a considerable part, would be economic folly. It has been shown that California is positively opposed to such confiscatory acts, and doubtless will again defeat the political designs of sponsors of the bill.

Oregon, by carelessness, inattention or disregard of the craftiness behind the Housewives' Council measure, may bring upon itself the confusion and financial difficulty that is inevitable where untrained minds attempt technical administration of large affairs. Evils that might follow adoption in Oregon of this extravagant piece of idealism are not pleasant to consider in the light of present state indebtedness (largest per capita of all states) and the burden on farm and city property that would be inevitable. The ballot marking should be 337 X No at the election, November 22.

SPORT NEWS

UNION, BAKER IN SCORELESS TIE

Bulldogs Find Feline Foes Too Tough to Chew—Fumbling Frequent

UNION, Ore., Oct. 18 (Special)—A mighty Baker eleven, undefeated since 1924, came out of the south to Union Saturday prepared to crash and rage through the maroon and white forwards for another victory in its championship march. And, after the conflict had ended and the spectators trudged joyously from the field, this same Baker eleven, showing the marks of the battle, returned homeward, forced to be content with a scoreless tie. After Union had been drubbed by North Powder, although by a margin of only one point, local fans expected Baker to win by several touchdowns when they met the maroon and white boys on the local field Saturday afternoon, but Baker began fumbling right from the first whistle and Union hoped along at a steady gait, playing heady football and showed good teamwork, making it clear that if the visitors won, they had a big job cut out for them. Union kicked off and Baker immediately punted back. Then the remainder of the first quarter was played within 20 yards of the goal line, with Baker passing and punting frequently to get the ball out of dangerous territory and Union soon bringing it back. Baker punted at the beginning of second quarter and Brown carried the ball back 20 yards. Punting in an attempt to pass Union punted and Hines got away for his longest run, 20 yards. Baker then passed and fumbled the ball behind the line when within five yards of a touchdown. This was the nearest the visitors came to scoring during the game. Union's nearest approach to a touchdown was a pass over the line which was incomplete. Pass Intercepted. When the second half began Union kicked and Baker began smashing her way across the field, but Union's line finally held. The ball again fumbled behind the line, but a recovery. A Cox and Brown in other pass which was intercepted by Coater. During the remainder of the third and in the fourth quarter neither team had an opportunity to score, the game ending 0-0. The last half of the game was played in a driving rain. Baker made several substitutions during the game, and Pitts made only one, sending Kuhn in for a few minutes when A. Parent was injured. Union played Hatcher, best receiver, J. Cox and Brown in the backfield and McNair, Parent, Watta and R. Cox on the line. Seedy Dutton, of La Grande, acted as referee, with Principal Campbell, of Walla, as umpire. Each team received one long penalty for holding and there were one or two penalties for offside. Visitors were present from Baker, Powder, La Grande and Imbler to see the game. One of the big surprises of the day was the failure of Baker to complete forward passes, only two out of six or eight trials being successful.

30-Round Boxing Card Tonight to Open Fight Year

Final arrangements have been made for the American Legion boxing card, which will be held in Eagles hall tonight. The principals are here or will arrive during the day and the 30-round entertainment is expected to surpass anything in several years. The fights tonight, which follow, officially open the fall-winter-spring boxing and wrestling seasons. Ten-round main event: Pep Webster, colored, 145, of Tacoma, Wash. vs. George McCormack, 148, of Wallace, Ida. Webster claims the welterweight championship of the coast. Six-round semi-final: Jack O'Malley, 150, of Wallace, Ida. vs. Jack Rahe, Spokane, Wash. Six-round special: Bearcat Breen, 145, of Boise, Ida. vs. Carl Becker, 140, La Grande. Four-round preliminary: Kermit Davis, La Grande, vs. Eddie Moorehouse, Walla Walla. Four-round preliminary: Bud Woodfin, La Grande, vs. Ike Keenan, Walla Walla.

Oregon Aggies And Washington Lead on Coast

COAST CONFERENCE STANDINGS W. L. Pct. Oregon Aggies 2 0 100% Southern California 2 0 100% Washington State 1 1 50% Oregon 0 1 0% California 0 1 0% Montana 0 2 0% Stanford 0 0 0% PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 18.—By virtue of its overwhelming defeat of the Golden Bear, 27 to 7, Saturday, O. A. C.'s big orange team looms as a championship contender. For the first time in history an Oregon Aggie team has defeated a California eleven in Berkeley, and the supporters of the Aggies already looking ahead to what may be a championship game—the tilt with the University of Southern California in Portland Nov. 21. The Aggies are idle this week, but Washington, another championship contender, meets Washington State college in Seattle. The Huskies easily disposed of Idaho Saturday, 26-0, while the Cougars won from Montana 14 to 6. Washington should be a heavy favorite to win, but the Cougars always rise to heights against the Huskies and anything is possible, particularly with Babe Hollingbery, a serious-minded fighting coach, at the helm of football at the state college.

FOOTBALL

(By the Associated Press) Washington 26; Idaho 0. Gonzaga 55; Multnomah Amateur Athletic club 0. Oregon Aggies 27; California 7. South Dakota 17-12; North Dakota 0. St. Louis Falls college 9; Huron college 15. University of Nevada 9; Stanford 25. University of California southern branch 5; Whitler college 18. University of Southern California 25; Occidental college 4. Catholic University 19; St. Johns 16. Alford 0; St. Bonaventure 27. Holyoke 21; Tulane 0. Holyoke 16; Loren 6. Ohio State 22; Columbia 7. Princeton 15; Navy 27. Maine 21; Connecticut Aggies 0. Brown 27; Bates 14. Holy Cross 24; Rutgers 0. St. Xavier 20; Louisville 7. West Virginia 17; Georgetown 16. Yale 14; Dartmouth 7. Colby 6; Lowell Textile 2. New York U. 21; Tulane 0. Hingham 13; Iowa 6. Alabama 21; Georgia Tech 0. Oklahoma 21; Drake 0. St. Louis U. 0; Marquette 25. Princeton Freshmen 16; Navy Freshmen 11. Louisiana State U. 19; Auburn 16. Mississippi college 7; Loyola (Chicago) 7 1/2. Oregon 24; Michigan State 11. Nebraska 20; Washington (St. Louis) 6. Iowa State (Ames) 0; Grinnell 0. Kansas 0; Kansas Aggies 27. Northwestern 20; Indiana 0. Colorado Teachers 20; Colorado Mines 7. Notre Dame 20; Penn State 0. Harvard 27; William and Mary 7. Colgate 16; Pittsburg 15. Syracuse 21; Army 27. Duquesne High 7; Salt Lake West high 6. Washington and Lee 11; Kenyon 13. Regis college 19; Bethany col-

STANFORD TO OPEN AT EUGENE

Stanford, after playing five practice games, will open its conference season against Oregon at Eugene. The Cardinals are somewhat of a mystery. Two weeks ago they defeated the Olympic club only 7 to 3, when the week previous California trounced the eleven 22 to 0. Last Saturday Nevada had a 9-to-0 lead over the Cards at half time, only to lose out in the end 23 to 9, when Pop Warner's proteges staged a sensational comeback in the final two periods. The Stanford-Oregon game will be the feature of Oregon's homecoming and will be the windup of the semi-annual celebration at Eugene. Montana and Montana State will meet in their annual game at Butte. Montana State and Idaho played a scoreless tie game early in the season and later the Vandals defeated the Grizzlies 27 to 12. Montana, however, has shown much improvement in the last two weeks and should give a good account of itself against the state college. Vandals to Rest for Aggies. After their strenuous game against Washington Saturday the Vandals will rest a week before playing the Aggies in the new Multnomah stadium Oct. 26. Idaho held its own against Washington in the first three quarters, but was unable to withstand the pounding of the heavy Husky backs in the final period, Washington making three touchdowns in rapid order.

Walla Walla High Wins from N. C. H.

WALLA WALLA, Oct. 18.—Coach Dunick and his crew of true Devils from Walla Walla high school sailed down a wet field to victory over Coach Zimmerman and his North Central football team, Spokane, Saturday afternoon. The final score being 15 to 13. Half the field was slippery, but the Devil field was slippery, but not muddy. The game was a thriller and Watti supporters were loyal, as Zimmerman coached Watti before going to Spokane. College (Kansas) 9. Colorado Aggies 7; Denver 17 6. Wyoming 12; Colorado 12 16. Tulsa U. 28; Oklahoma Aggies 0. Washington State college 14. University of Montana 6. Michigan 20; Minnesota 9. Work your face to be beautiful, says a London expert. But be sure to work it in the right place. Headlines that tell the story: Seattle Incomplete, Cares City Treasurer, San Francisco

BEAVERS END IN FIRST DIVISION

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 15 (AP)—Eight teams of the Pacific coast league yesterday brought their 1926 baseball season to a close. Today players were disbanding until the ring rings next year for the start of a new campaign. A few players are booked for the majors. Assured of its seventh pennant three weeks ago the ringing down of the curtain found the Los Angeles club leading its nearest rival, Oakland by a margin of some 11 games. The loss of three mainstay players and their manager Bert Ellison in mid-season, appeared to take the heart out of the San Francisco team, and the 1925 champions terminated play in the cellar position. Portland Fourth. The Missions, holding a San Francisco franchise, closed a their campaign in third niche, with Portland in fourth position, 21 games behind the victorious Angels. In the second division are found Sacramento, Hollywood and Seattle.

Local Dog Wins Second Place in Boise Open Meet

BOISE, Ida., Oct. 15. (Special)—Junior Rex, a setter dog, carried off first honors in the "all age" first event of the fourth annual meet of the Gem State Field Trial club which opened Sunday in the Black Canyon district, three miles northwest of Caldwell. Junior Rex is owned and handled by Hugh McElroy of Spokane. More than 250 dog fanciers attended the opening day's event and 13 dogs competed. Proctor's Commanche Doone, a pointer dog, owned by J. J. Carr and W. T. Phyl, of La Grande, Ore., took second place, being nosed out of first by Junior Rex in a third series run made to determine the better of these two dogs. After the first run of nine braves, a second series run was made of the outstanding dogs of the first run. Pairings were as follows: Dock Fredrick, a pointer dog, owned and handled by J. A. Grand of Tacoma, and Junior Rex, Proctor's Commanche Doone.

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