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THE PERFECT WAY—"As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the Lord is tried: He is a buckler to all them that trust in Him."—2 Sam. 22:31.

Time may be money, but money isn't time, as many a man discovers after spending all the good years of his life piling up wealth.

We hope the ad about Queen Marie had no influence on the death of Eugene Debs. You expect even a democratic people to have sentiment about royalty, especially when it is becoming such a rare thing in the world.

Several granges have recently passed resolutions favoring the Eastern Oregon Normal School bill, according to Albert Hunter. Certainly no one could be more vitally interested in the benefits of a normal than the agricultural districts and it is only natural that their approval would thus be given the measure. The farming depression has resulted in many young people from the country being denied higher educational advantages because of prohibitive expense. With a state normal school within easy reach it will be possible for them to get the training they desire. At the same time it will prepare more adequately trained teachers for the rural districts where they have been impossible before. The normal school measure is sensible and practical from every angle. It should receive a tremendous majority in all Eastern Oregon.

TAX CONTROVERSY.

Much is being said during the present campaign by candidates for governor about tax reduction and it is a subject of universal interest among property owners. Yet a governor can actually do very little to reduce taxes since, as we have pointed out previously, only about six per cent of our present burden is caused by the direct acts of the state's chief executive and the legislature. The remainder is levied by a vote of the people themselves and by the school boards, the county courts, and the municipal governments of the state.

If that six per cent portion can be reduced, so much is saved and every small amount helps. In this county the amount of taxes paid the state treasurer is some sixty thousand dollars less than in 1922—a reduction of considerable size even though our total tax receipt is not noticeably diminished. That reduction from the 1922 level has been effected during the Pierce administration and, although the actual responsibility lies equally with the legislature and the governor, nevertheless Pierce must be given credit for the result. If taxes had increased during his term, he would be hounded with blame even though the legislature might deserve all the responsibility. It is only fair, therefore, that his administration be given the credit when credit is due.

In spite of the talk about taxes, the only issue in the campaign for governor is executive efficiency and executive intelligence in approving or disapproving new legislation. The tax item over which a governor has control is so small that it could not be made an issue were it not for the psychological effect it has by virtue of connection with the public purse strings. Both Pierce and Patterson talk at length about tax reduction while neither could make us or break us by the tax policy followed.

Voters are beginning to realize more and more that our tax problem is not centered at Salem but at home—in our city and school districts—determined very largely by our desire for better roads, better towns, better schools. They are looking, therefore, to other considerations when deciding how to vote for governor. Here in Eastern Oregon Pierce should receive a very substantial majority because he is an Eastern Oregon man with agricultural and up-state interests that are opposed to the monopoly of governing power by the heavily populated districts of Multnomah county and Western Oregon. Democrats all over the state are almost solidly behind him and many republicans east of the Cascades will scratch for Pierce because of jealousy of the "Portland crowd."

Patterson will gather votes in the western areas for the same reasons and will profit by the urge to vote a straight republican ticket and by the desire to have an executive and legislature in harmony. Neither of the candidates are willing to attack the inequality of tax assessments between Multnomah and outside counties because it would cost them too many Portland votes. Both of them are now playing politics to the limit and with almost equal tact and caution. Patterson, because of his strength in districts where there are big vote totals, is looked upon by many as a sure victor. Pierce's following, however, is less accurately checked and therefore more alive with possibilities. If the governor can come out of Eastern Oregon with a big enough lead, he may make the contest more than a horse-race.

THE BIG PARADE



COURT REFUSES TO VISIT DESERT

Aimee's Offer to Pay All Expenses Turned Down by Judge Blake

HALL OF JUSTICE, Los Angeles, Oct. 22 (AP)—Aimee Semple McPherson, through her attorney, W. I. Gilbert, today offered to pay the expenses of all court officials and attaches in her criminal conspiracy hearing, to Douglas, Ariz., there to go over the desert country of Sonora, where the evangelist declares she was held captive by kidnapers. The offer came when T. P. Sims, Deputy U. S. marshal of Arizona, had been excused from the witness stand after testifying he found a woman's tracks 15 miles from Agua Prieta, or more than 10 miles farther than the state contends the evangelist's trail was apparent in the sand.

Trip Held Unnecessary
S. S. Hahn, attorney for Mrs. Lorraine Wiseman-Sheff, state's witness and co-defendant with Mrs. McPherson on charges of conspiring to defeat justice, offered the comment that he did not think he could go to Douglas, Judge Blake, however, stopped any further comment by declaring he didn't think the trip was necessary.

Sims testified that he found the tracks plainly outlined in the sand the next day after the evangelist walked into Agua Prieta from the Sonora desert where she asserted she had been held captive by kidnapers. He said he came upon the tracks about 2 1/2 miles north of the Canessa ranch house.

Remembers Shack
Sims, appearing as a defense witness in the evangelist's hearing on criminal conspiracy charges, said he remembered having seen a shack known as the "San Juan house", situated about 20 miles from the border town. He did not know, however, how far the woman's tracks were from the shack.

Sims was the first of several witnesses expected to testify today concerning the route taken by Mrs. McPherson before she walked into Agua Prieta June 23, declaring she had escaped from her abductors in a shack 15 or 20 miles across the desert.

On cross examination by Forest Murray, assistant prosecutor, Sims said although the territory was rough and covered with rocks, it would not scuff a woman's kid shoes.

Reporter Testifies
Harold L. Henry, Douglas newspaper reporter, corroborated Sims' testimony, adding that he had compared one of the shoes worn by the evangelist with the foot prints along the Gallardo fence and that they fitted perfectly. Henry said he found the woman's tracks near the Garaguzza or Burales house 2 1/2 miles from Agua Prieta and saw where an auto had turned in the road near the house.

50 Eagles Plan to Attend Baker Meet

Fifty members of the fraternal order of Eagles No. 257, of La Grande, will go to Baker this evening, leaving here at six o'clock where they will attend a meeting of the Baker lodge at which the second degree work will be completed. The work will be put on by the grand officers, assisted by Charles Ohling, state organizer. Mr. Ohling attended a meeting of the local lodge last night when 15 new members were initiated. There was a large attendance for the meeting and after the ritual work the drill team took charge of the candidates. Several from the local lodge will receive their second degree tonight at Baker.

Eagles Pay Out \$646 in Benefits

The Fraternal Order of Eagles, one of La Grande's oldest orders of its kind, has paid out to its members in sick and funeral benefits, the sum of \$646 during the last four and a half months, it is announced here today. In addition to this the order has also reduced its liabilities \$1,040 since June 1 in addition to current expenses.

Trainmen's Dance To Be on Nov. 25

The annual Trainmen's dance, which is looked forward to from year to year by the dancing public of La Grande, will be on Thanksgiving evening this year. The date was definitely decided upon last night when the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen met in regular session at the Eagles hall. Zuber hall has been engaged for the dance which is the 22nd annual, and landay's six piece orchestra will furnish the music. Members of the committee in charge of the dance are, Joe Galvin, J. E. Landers, W. E. Denny, W. D. Carthy, C. E. Happerett and R. W. Cummings.

HEANA USING TYPEWRITER

PHILADELPHIA — Princess Heana is using a portable typewriter to tell dad about her trip. The machine was a gift.

PHY THE RUM FLEET

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BOAT DRIFTS ASHORE
ASTORIA, Ore., Oct. 22 (AP)—Her rigging disabled the 4-foot trolling boat Shamrock manned by George Fair, of Astoria, drifted on the beach south of the Columbia river today. Fair was able to wade ashore, leaving his boat in the surf. The Point Adams coast guard crew put up a net intending to shoot a line across the craft and salvage her with the aid of a tug.

Popular colors of government: black shirts, red flags, white sheets.

SNOW FLAKES

...largest selling soda wafers in the West!

Quinaby Farmers Turn to Plowing
QUINABY, Ore., Oct. 22—For the first time in many years farmers are enabled to do October plowing and a few hoards of September seeding, the early harvest, followed by copious rain has made this possible and a number of new tractors in this section are speeding up the work. The frost was a peculiarly spotted one, several large potato patches being still green and in bloom, while others were cut to the ground three weeks ago. Practically no digging of late potatoes has been done.

New Invention Saves Millions
A Lamp That Burns 94% Air

A new oil lamp that gives an amazingly brilliant, soft, white light, even better than gas or electricity, has been tested by the U. S. Government and 25 leading universities and found to be superior to 10 ordinary oil lamps. It burns without odor, smoke or noise—no pumping up, is simple, clean, safe. Burns 94% air and 5% common kerosene (coal oil). The inventor, V. M. Johnson, 161 North Union avenue, Portland, Ore., is offering to send a lamp on 10 days' FREE trial, or even to give one FREE to the first user in each locality who will help him introduce it. Write him today for full particulars. Also ask him to explain how you can get the agency, and without expenditure of money make \$250 to \$500 per month. —Adv.

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