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HANNAH COMFORTED—"Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him."—1 Sam. 1:17.

One measure, at least, on the official ballot this year has no intelligent opposition—the Repeal of Free Negro and Mulatto Section of the Constitution. It is in conflict with the federal constitution—is antiquated. Its repeal is sought merely to clear the state constitution of dead matter.

Failure of a special election in 1925, at which the measure could have been considered, is given as the argument against the Six Per Cent Limitation Amendment effecting the tax levy within the Portland school district. The relief for which the measure was designed is no longer needed, according to the board of school directors of Portland.

TWO REVENUE MEASURES.

Two measures passed by the last legislature, referred by petition of the people for decision at the coming election, are revenue measures simply and deserve consideration chiefly in proportion to the state's need for funds. One is the Act Appropriating Ten Per Cent of Self-Sustaining Boards' Receipts, otherwise known as the "Tithing Bill" (on official ballot as Nos. 326 and 327). It would take ten per cent of the fees collected by all the self-sustaining boards of the state and put them in the general fund—the fish and game commission, for example—and is objected to strenuously because the loss of ten per cent of a board's revenue would, in many cases, nullify the activities and benefits that are now possible. The other measure is the Cigarette and Tobacco Tax Bill (on the official ballot Nos. 322 and 323) which is designed to provide state revenue by taxing a specific commodity. It should be considered purely on the basis of revenue need, although its opponents argue that it will result in the setting up of mail-order businesses just outside the state to thus permit tax evasion and will thus start and encourage mail-order business that will be contrary to the state's interests. They also say that it is unfair because it taxes one specific business, because it will be easy to evade and difficult to collect. Neither of these measures are an absolute necessity from a revenue standpoint. It is expected that both will be defeated for that reason.

ENDING A DIFFICULT TERM

City government, because it is close to those for whom it operates and therefore more often subject to intimate scrutiny, is always a serious consideration, or should be, at election time. Especially is this true when the needs of the community are constantly increasing, when old facilities become inadequate for a new population, and when a higher standard of living demands civic betterment along many lines.

Those conditions, innocent enough in the reading but extremely difficult in the doing, confronted the La Grande city commissioners on their election two years ago. No one can deny that it has been a hard job. The water supply problem, the question of sewage disposal, the need for better fire protection to keep insurance rates down, the street improvement requirements of the north side with consequent sewer problems. These are some of the more important matters that have had the attention of the commissioners and have been all or partially settled for the community's best interests. In spite of minor mistakes and petty errors, which are the lot of any governing body no matter how excellent, the three commissioners who are now ending their term deserve distinct credit for a hard job well done.

The program that has been inaugurated and carried on in such a constructive way is of great importance to the people of the city. It is regrettable that only two of the present commission are able to offer their continued services to the city. Dr. Landis, who is retiring, has given the same conscientious, capable, and business-like attention to affairs of the city that characterized the other members. We are sure, however, that his successor will be equally well fitted for a position on the commission and that the program and policies now in effect will be carried on for the city's good. Nothing is more important than a sane and constructive community government. The selection of those who head it deserves the careful and sincere attention of every citizen. La Grande is growing, progressing, attaining its rightful place as one of the outstanding cities of Oregon. That tendency should be guarded and aided in every possible way.

Trunk Owned by Ormiston Found In N. Y. Hostelry

NEW YORK, Oct. 28 (AP).—Kenneth G. Ormiston, missing radio man of the Almee Sempie McPherson case, lived at a New York hotel for almost a month until September 17, when he disappeared, leaving a trunk behind him, the district attorney's office announced today.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 28 (AP).—District Attorney Asa Keyes announced today that the trunk of Kenneth G. Ormiston, missing defendant in the Almee Sempie McPherson conspiracy case, has provided him with documentary evidence of the highest importance. He refused to disclose its nature.

The trunk was seized in New York some time ago, according to press dispatches from that city today.

HALL OF JUSTICE, LOS ANGELES, Oct. 28 (AP).—Clarence Wiseman, 19, son of Mrs. Lorraine Wiseman-Steloff, denied on the stand at the conspiracy hearing here today of Almee Sempie McPherson, at which Mrs. Wiseman also is a defendant, that he ever stated to anyone that it was his knowledge that his mother and her sister were the cottage companions of Kenneth G. Ormiston at Carmel, Cal., last May. W. I. Gilbert, chief of Mrs. McPherson's counsel, fought the hardest battle of the hearing around a single witness and succeeded in propounding the half dozen questions by which he hoped to impeach the testimony of Mrs. Wiseman, star witness for the state.

REPUBLICANS CONFIDENT OF VICTORY

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California; or they will say by their ballots they are willing for the west to lose these influential friends and to turn the senate over to control by southern democrats. "Voters of Oregon have an important decision before them next Tuesday. It is whether this strongly republican state shall be deluded by democratic propaganda and lose substantial things while it grasps at shadows.

Has Faith in People

"I have faith in the people of Oregon. I do not believe they will fall a great president when he needs them most. I do not believe they will be misled by a campaign of slander and misrepresentation aimed and designed to split our representation in the upper house of congress and give one of the two seats to a democrat. I do not believe they will turn their thumbs down on the ordinary law.

"I expect a republican victory on Tuesday. Reports from all parts of the state are most gratifying. The race for the United States senate is clearly between Steiwer and Haney. The issue is plain. I cannot believe, any more than the people believe, that a delegation divided is stronger than one united. I expect the good sense of the voters of the state to declare itself on that proposition.

Sees Steiwer Victory

"I expect Steiwer, republican nominee for United States senator, to win by a substantial plurality. Patterson, for governor, will be elected by an overwhelming vote. Oregon must not lose its opportunity to elect an executive who will give the state a business-like administration. His acts as governor will not be influenced by considerations of political expediency.

"Congressman N. J. Sinnott, W. C. Hawley and M. E. Crumpacker are assured of reelection from the three districts of the state. Justices of the supreme court will be reelected without opposition. I have the utmost confidence in the election of Charles A. Howard to the position of state school superintendent. J. E. Bean, of Eugene, will undoubtedly be elected to the public service commission. I look for similar party success in the other state offices and throughout various counties generally.

Senate Control in Balance

"There is no valid reason for any republican to desert his party on election day. There is every reason for every voter to reaffirm his allegiance to republican principles. On the decision of this state may hang the control of the next senate by republicans or democrats. President Coolidge is looking this way for a vote of confidence and support.

"The battle is already won. Let the republican ranks stand firm. Let no last-minute flood of falsehood or partisan propaganda that may be spread in a desperate attempt to mislead the voters stampede or dismay us. Let nothing prevent us from doing our plain duty in electing the entire republican ticket. Get the vote out and the victory is ours."

Court Rules on Sunday Baseball

HARRISBURG, Pa., Oct. 25 (AP).—The Dauphin county court today declared Sunday baseball in Pennsylvania "a worldly employment" and a violation of the "blue laws" of 1794.

The decision upholds the state in an action against the Philadelphia American League baseball club.

Joseph Zalesky went to work on a farm near Nancy, France at the age of nine and has worked it 31 years continuously. He is still able to do to full day's work.

IN LIMELIGHT AGAIN



LEONARD WOOD

Conduct of the Philippine Islands administration by General Leonard Wood, governor-general, will be one of the topics covered in a forthcoming report on the Philippines to President Coolidge by Carmel Thompson, it is believed. Thompson went to the islands as the president's personal representative.

Talks Electric Problems Here At Conference

Cooperative action to work out problems of the electric industry in Eastern Oregon, was discussed by representatives of all branches of this industry, at a dinner held last night in the Foley hotel. J. P. Lottridge, vice president of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company, host, also acted as chairman. Those present from Baker were D. H. Potter, Fred Schultz, W. T. Rith and W. T. Small, of the electrical contractors; and La Grande contractors were represented by Frank Robinson, Harry Williams and Jesse Rosenbaum. G. H. King, Gene Walker, Ernest L. Crockett, M. A. Prelez, B. H. Nickerson and Raymond Gray of Eastern Oregon Light and Power company were present as were Fire Chief Charles Murrellson, of La Grande, and Fire Chief Frank Grabner, of Baker. The possibility of some form of organization similar to that functioning in larger cities was discussed.

Popularity of Local Library Increasing

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year. More than 4,000 books went out during that month.

Ranks Fifth in State

The La Grande library now ranks fifth in circulation among others of the state, two of the four above it supplying their entire county with books. Portland and Salem are the only two city libraries to circulate more books than the local institution. Two county libraries supply Umatilla and Wasco counties.

12,000 Books on Shelves

There are now 12,000 books on the shelves of the local library and additional ones are added at intervals. Approximately 1,000 books were added in 1925 and there will be at least that many this year. Three hundred and sixteen books were withdrawn from the records because they were lost or worn out.

Several copies of many of the books are necessary to supply the demand and to supply the branch libraries. High priced books are much in demand by both high school and grade school pupils since it is required that every student read books enough to make 25 points each semester of school.

Parkman Book Read

"The Oregon Trail" by Parkman—a 12 point book—is one which is sought by school students, and a number of copies are available. Robert Louis Stevenson's "Kidnapped" and "Treasure Island," always popular especially among the boys, are also on the list of books on which reports may be given. Sixteen copies of "Treasure Island" are in the library and 11 copies of "Kidnapped" and they are all out most of the time. Edith's "Little Women" is probably the most asked for book by the younger girls and there are 11 copies of it.

Travel books seem to be the most popular among the men visitors, while interior decorating, house keeping and cook books are in demand among the women. Recently lists of new and popular books have been sent out by the library, a separate list being sent to the men and the women, which are creating a new interest in reading.

Like Zane Grey Books in the fiction department the

by the library to interest the little children in reading and visiting the library. Miss Gertrude Wagener, who handles the children's department, visits the various school rooms frequently and tells of the new books to be had at the library, checks up on borrowers and, in the north side schools, tells about the branch libraries.

All kinds of books enjoyed by children, from "Burglers" bedtime stories, as one little boy visitor always asks for, instead of Burgess bedtime stories, on up to the more difficult reading books are in the children's department. The Browne books probably cause more disturbance than any other thing among the children when they visit the library, and they are always looked for first. The stereoscopic views on the children's tables are also enjoyed.

Teachers Cooperating The teachers are cooperating with the library in encouraging the children to use the library. Only last week Miss Imogen Russell, second grade teacher in Central school, brought her little students to the library for a visit where Miss Wagener told them stories and invited them to play a book game.

The regular story hour, which will be resumed for the winter this month when Halloween stories will be told, is another attraction for the children. This idea was started about two years ago and each time the attendance is larger. Miss Wagener usually tells the stories, although one of the other librarians, Miss Blanche Herzinger, Miss Ella Neiderer or Miss Mabel Doty, sometime assist.

"The White Rabbit" Another feature started within the last two years which outlives the children is the monthly publication, "The White Rabbit." In this the White Rabbit sends a message to the children, written by



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the county library and hope to accomplish that much before the end of the 54th year.
For almost three years the library has been confined to people living inside of the city limits, those living outside being required to pay a membership fee of two dollars before they were allowed to borrow books. Before that time books were stationed in all of the rural schools and everyone in the county had access to it. All of the smaller towns in the county were furnished with libraries through the one here. Now there are as few as five books to 24 upper grade students in some of the rural schools.
The movement to restore the county library was started less than a month ago by the Cove Women's club, the Parkdale club and other rural organizations, and is being supported by practically every organization in the city and county.

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But—at that, there are certain things. Both of you feel suddenly old when you see a pack of kids swimming frankly in the creek. Both of you get a tight throat when you watch men hoist the flag. Both of you fiercely want your sons to grow up into fine, respected men. Both of you want to get on, and save money, and cut some kind of figure in the world. Both of you get hungry along about dinner-time.

Not so very different after all. In lots of ways Brown and you are pretty close. In the human, simple things. Has it ever struck you how closely advertising deals with just those simple human things? Advertising gets down to fundamentals—the health of your children, the happiness of your wife, your comfort. It tells ways to save money and time and energy. It touches you in a hundred ways—in ways that make you and that good fellow, Brown, pretty much alike.

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