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**JOSIAH OBEYS THE BIBLE**—" . . . Josiah . . . turned to the Lord with all his heart and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses." 2 Kings 23:24, 25.

Our climate may not be getting milder but it certainly is getting most erratic.

Just one worry after another. If we do get the normal school located here, then we'll have to worry about the legislature appropriating enough money to get it started.

We all suffer from poor memories. Only twelve months ago we went through the agony of last-minute Christmas jams, last-minute Christmas mailing, and last-minute Christmas disappointments—but we'll never remember how easily it could be avoided until it's too late.

The East Oregonian, of Pendleton, in commenting on Governor Pierce's future political activities suggests that he would be an ideal vice-presidential nominee for the democrats and would be able to preside over the United States senate with singular credit. Maybe so, but we'll have to present Walter with a real "Hell an' Maria" pipe before he can measure up to present standards.

### PREVENTING CRIME

Kirby Page, in The World Tomorrow, disusses the problem of crime prevention and crime cure with special emphasis placed on the challenge of Christianity to overcome evil with good. Incidentally he makes the following observations regarding fear of punishment and fear of apprehension in their effect on criminals:

"How shall we prevent crime? A common answer is that we must instill fear of punishment in the mind of the potential criminal. It is impossible to know just how effective fear is as a deterrent. We do know that severity of punishment has frequently been accompanied by an increase in crime, and that states which have abolished capital punishment often have a lower rate of homicide than neighboring states where the death penalty is inflicted. So many factors are involved that statistics are of little value in determining the part played by fear of death.

"So far as certain classes of criminals are concerned it is obvious that fear of the consequences will not prevent murder or other serious offenses. Persons who lack self-control because they are diseased, physically or mentally; young persons who for one reason or another lack self-discipline; and persons who commit crimes under the sway of passion, are not likely to deliberate upon the chances of their being caught and make their decision accordingly. In the case of professional criminals, the certainty of being apprehended would act more powerfully as a deterrent than the severity of the punishment. This class of criminals are emboldened by the knowledge that they may easily avoid punishment. A well known judge recently estimated that the criminal has forty chances to one of escaping any penalty, due to technicalities, delays, court congestion and the activities of shyster lawyers."

There may be much truth in this effect of being caught and punished on professional criminals but a very small proportion of our crimes are committed by that class. As is further pointed out, in quoting a certain judge, ninety per cent of the major felonies—burglary, robbery, assaults on women, murder—are committed by men whom society should not allow at large. The stranger who is being hunted feverishly by the police of the entire Pacific Coast is obviously a demented individual whose crimes have been committed without capacity for considering the result of being caught and punished. Society has committed a crime in allowing such a person freedom. Whenever such freedom is denied and propagation of defective and potentially dangerous children is made impossible we will be somewhat nearer crime prevention.

There are numerous sure ways to discover and thereby make possible the detention of potential criminals. Careful and expert examination of school children can show the defectives in this respect, and incurable cases can be segregated. Prisons and reformatories present opportunities for similar examinations so that society can be permanently protected against demented criminals and against propagation of their type. This will not solve the problem of the criminals resulting from poverty, breakdown of the home, lack of ethical ideals and religious experience, but it is one step in crime prevention. It means that we must have broad visioned legislators who are willing to seek the cause and lay a better foundation for society's future generations by enacting these new regulations. Eventually an enlightened public is going to demand them.

### Nab Governor



Governor W. W. Brandon of Alabama (above) and eight of his guests were arrested on liquor possession charges when a sheriff's posse raided a fishing camp where the executive was entertaining. All denied guilt.

### Senator Will Be Laid to Rest in Champaign, Ill.

MARTINSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 8 (AP)—His courageous battle against impending death over, friends and relatives today were to take the body of Senator William B. McKinley, of Illinois, to his home in Champaign where the funeral services will be conducted Friday.

The Senator died at 4:10 yesterday after a four months battle against prostatic cancer.

Messages from President Coolidge whom "I had to call him my friend," and scores of business and political associates have arrived at the Home Lawn sanitarium here and at his Champaign home. Relatives wish the funeral to be representative of the man himself in its freedom from ostentation.

A private service will be held Friday afternoon followed by a public service at the First Presbyterian church at Champaign.

The death of the senator, who was 70 years old, was apparently only a matter of weeks as long ago as last May, when he was defeated for renomination to the senate by Colonel Frank L. Smith, of Dwight, who was subsequently elected.

The defeat in the primary came on the heels of the senator's vigorous stand in favor of American adherence to the world court protocol and brought to a close a congressional career of 20 years, 14 of which were spent in the house of representatives.

### Portland Logger Held in Frisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8, (AP)—The police today picked up George Hutchings, a lumberjack from Portland, on suspicion that he might be the dark stranger who has killed a number of women in the northern city, San Francisco and elsewhere. Hutchings was pointed out to detectives by Willie McElone, a Portland lumberman, who is visiting here. McElone said that Hutchings strongly resembled the descriptions of the stranger.

Hutchings admitted having come from Portland but stoutly denied all knowledge of the stranger and his crimes. The authorities of Portland and Seattle have been notified.

### "Pig Woman's" Ma



An emotional figure at the Hall-Mills trial in Somerville, N. J., is Mrs. Salome Cerranier, mother of Mrs. Jane Gibson, "the Pig Woman" upon whose testimony the state so heavily relies. A witness for the defense, Mrs. Cerranier is here shown on her way to the court house where a hearing with her daughter is said to have been the principal cause of Mrs. Gibson's collapse.

# Gifts That any Man is Sure to Like



## Bath Robes and Dressing Gowns

Nothing quite takes the place of a warm, comfortable robe or gown for these chilly mornings to build the fire, or while shaving. He would never buy one himself but would surely appreciate one of these smart gowns or robes this Xmas. There are several styles and a number of colors.

<b>Ombre Stripes Slippers to Match</b> \$8.75, \$10.75	<b>Dressing Gowns</b> \$16.00 to \$27.50	<b>Pendleton Bath Robes</b> \$18.75 to \$24.50
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## SHIRTS For Gifts

These smart styles in men's shirts are sure to please him. The materials, colors and workmanship are the best to be found. The materials, madras, poplin, broadcloth and silks, have struck a new note in patterns in this large Xmas assortment. Plan to make your selection early.

<b>Silk Shirts Neckband Style</b> \$3.00 to \$9.00	<b>Collar Attached Shirts</b> \$1.75 to \$5.00
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## Mufflers

Various styled Mufflers are here for your choosing this Xmas. The new square and oblong styles as well as the scarfs, in both silk and wool materials.

\$2.50 to \$5.00

## Sweaters

Men's and boys' alpaca and cashmere sweaters in the light weights and shaker knits. The colors are bright and of many designs.

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## Daniel Greene Slippers

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## Monogram Buckles

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### Arid Seasons Dry Up Lake County

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 8, (AP)—Seven dry years, like the "lean" years of Egypt in Joseph's time, have dried up most of the lakes of Lake County, in southeastern Oregon. A succession of snowless winters has been a contributing cause.

Stanley C. Jewett, predatory animal inspector of the United States, biological survey, who has just returned from a trip through the region, reported that all the lakes except Crump Lake are baked dry. An interesting feature reported by Jewett was that he saw wagon tracks made by the pioneers across the dry bottom of Goose Lake 75 years ago when the lake was waterless during a similar arid spell. After the passage of the wagon trains retaining waters covered the tracks and preserved them.

A cypress tree growing in a churchyard near Mita, in Oaxaca, Mexico, is thought by some authorities to be the oldest living thing in the world. Its age is estimated at more than 5,000 years.

A government thermometer there registered 124 degrees in the shade. The coldest recorded locality is in Northern Siberia, where the mercury drops to 90 degrees below zero.

### Today in Washington

**TODAY IN WASHINGTON**  
Congress meets at noon.  
President Coolidge submits budget message.  
House takes up treasury-post office supply bill.  
Poisson and treaty ratification before senate.  
Elections committee moves toward Gould investigation.  
House naval committee considers comparison of sea forces.  
Democrats present measure for permanent reduction of taxes.

The famous West India Regiment, the oldest negro fighting unit in the British Empire, has been disbanded at Kingston, Jamaica.

**BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR FOUR BILLION**  
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### development of secondary routes.

The president also asked congress to give early consideration to a permanent merchant marine policy and to the disposition of alien property and settlement of American and German war claims, a problem now holding the attention of the house ways and means committee.

The increase of \$1,000,000 for the veterans bureau, making the total for this office \$175,400,000 for the next year, involves primarily an increase for military and naval compensation. Counting pensions and compensation to the veterans of all wars, the total carried in the budget for veterans' relief is \$79,900,000.

Aside from the \$20,000,000 reduction in interest on the public debt, the largest single decrease in the new budget is a drop of \$9,246,475 in the allotment for the navy. The program provides for the decommissioning of certain old ships, affording a considerable saving in fuel and maintenance, and a curtailment of more than \$2,000,000 in the amount to be spent for major alterations of vessels.

President Coolidge revealed to congress an almost unprecedented prosperous condition of the treasury in his annual budget message today, but he again emphatically declared his intent any permanent reduction in tax rates at present. A surplus of \$243,772,000 is in

sight for this fiscal year, ending June 30, and \$299,707,364 for the following year. "This year's surplus is \$200,000,000 more than was originally estimated, and despite the cut in tax rates of last March will exceed the margin of last year by \$6,500,000.

But not until there has been an other year's test of the new revenue law, and a sounding of the tax-ent of the present prosperity, the president said, can it be determined "what our permanent policy of taxation shall be."

Coolidge discussed the benefits of two possible means of disposing of the surplus—application of it to retirement of the public debt, or its return to the taxpayers—and left the choice entirely up to congress. He asked that if the latter course were pursued, it be accomplished by giving the taxpayers credit on their first tax payments of the coming year.

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