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GOD SEARCHETH THE HEART.—The Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts; if thou seek Him, He will be found of Thee; but if thou forsake Him, He will cast thee off forever. 1 Chron. 28:29.

INSTRUCTING THE LEGISLATURE

Today the new legislature starts its work of economizing and spending in an effort to guarantee greater progress and prosperity for Oregon. Very little time, it is now indicated, will be spent with subjects other than that of state money—how to secure it with the least disapproval of taxpayers and how to spend it with the greatest approval. If that is done with credit and if other legislation is confined mostly to the amending, improving, or repealing of existing statutes, the session will go down in history as a most successful one.

Mr. Pierce, who ends his term as governor, and Mr. Patterson, who begins his, both sense the importance of the legislature's work in this session with reference to taxes and give more or less lengthy opinions as to how that work can best be done in their respective messages today. The retiring official offers many excellent suggestions in the light of his study and experience, but because he represents the minority party and was a defeated candidate for re-election last year his counsel will not be as highly valued nor as studiously considered as it deserves.

Fortunately for the state, the new governor, I. L. Patterson, presents a message that is at least equally practical and that will command the attention and respect of every member of the two houses. It is a brief message. It is business-like. Although he does not go into such detail as does Mr. Pierce on the subject of taxation, his entire message is influenced by the recognized importance of the tax problem and he offers many suggestions that, if enacted by the legislature, will improve governmental efficiency and effect worthwhile economy.

Both messages to the legislators refer to the question of property assessments as now made throughout the state each year, and both the new and the retiring governor feel that a strict enforcement of the present assessment law or the enactment of a new assessment law that will assure greater equality in assessed valuations is one of the immediate requirements of Oregon in seeking better tax distribution. We hope that the legislature will give attention to that problem. It is not only important because of the effect on state revenue but because of its vital influence on the whole tax structure.

Portland is not the only city where the present law's working has become ridiculous but it serves as a glaring example. There, as we have pointed out previously, we find the assessed valuation actually less than they were ten years ago while during that decade there have been building permits alone which indicate new real property wealth of \$175,000,000. Without doubt there are equally flagrant tax evasions on the part of individuals in every community in the state. The difficulty is with the county assessors, but one assessor cannot correct the evils of the entire state's system. He might be honest, fearless, and experienced in valuations, yet by his individual efficiency he would place an unfair burden on the property owners of his own county unless life efficiency were practiced in every county.

The need for an amended assessment law is obvious, one that will provide state equalization, power of review and re-assessment as a means of eliminating tax dodging which has almost become a habit of citizenship. The correction of this evil will do more to provide new revenue for state purposes and to redistribute the entire tax burden than any method immediately available. If the legislature thus follows the instructions of the new and old executives, its session will be a most profitable one for the people of Oregon.

FOREIGNERS IN CHINA MENACED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP)—Arrangements for immediate transportation to China of the marine detachment at Guam were announced today at the navy department.

PEKING, Jan. 10 (AP)—Official foreign dispatches from Hankow reaching here today said anti-foreign conditions, while somewhat easier locally, were growing steadily worse in other interior cities along the Yangtze. All American women and children were being moved from Ichang, 200 miles up the river from Hankow, and the British were evacuating all missionaries from accessible points in three states—Hupeh, Hunan and Szechwan.

Although the Chinese soldiers had left the British concession at Hankow they were in an ugly mood because of not having been paid for several months and it was feared they might run amok. More American women and children were ready to leave Hankow as soon as transportation was available.

All foreigners had left Kichiang, 150 miles down the river from Hankow, three Kichiang refugees reaching Hankow were being put aboard ships which were to turn back down the river toward Shanghai.

Chinese Take Kichiang—The Kichiang concession was entirely in Chinese hands, all buildings having been destroyed.

The Hankow British concession was being ruled by a provisional commission of five members of the nationalist government with a special Chinese police force for keeping order. Both troops and pickets were withdrawn. But foreign representatives refused to trust the Chinese assurances of their safety. The non-British foreign banks had resigned and the British finance houses were hoping to resume business soon.

PUBLISHED SUMMONS
In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Union.

City of La Grande, Union County, Oregon, a municipal corporation, Plaintiff.

Luby Hargrave, Alvena Kude, Alvena Kude, L. Montebello, Fred Probstel, The Security Land & Savings Company, a corporation, Edward G. Adcock, Lylla O'Conner, Marie O'Conner, Amanda C. Moore, Jay Van Buren, Bruce Dennis, Mizz Bruce Dennis, Florence J. Dennis, Doris B. Hutchinson, Ralph W. Hutchinson, Stephen A. Hutchinson, Mabel E. Wigby, George W. Baldwin, Grande Ronde Meat Company, a corporation, Ida J. Davis, A. L. Richardson, William Hutchinson, Jr., James F. Corbett, Edward Thomas and Margaret Ayson, also all other persons of lawful unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein, Defendants.

SUMMONS, To Fred Probstel, if living, and if not his unknown heirs, to Edward G. Adcock, if living, and if not, his unknown heirs, to Jay Van Buren, George W. Baldwin, Ida J. Davis and Edward Thomas, defendants above named: IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court and cause, on or before six weeks from the date of the first publication hereof, which is November 29th, 1926; and if you fail so to appear and answer, for want thereof plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in its complaint herein, to-wit: for decree adjudging plaintiff to be the owner in fee of the following described real estate in Union County, Oregon, to-wit: Lot 12, Block 1, Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 in Block 2; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 in Block 3; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 in Block 4; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 in Block 5; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 in Block 6; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 in Block 7; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 in Block 8; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 in Block 9; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 in Block 10; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 in Block 11; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 in Block 12; all in Condonade Addition to the City of La Grande, Union County, Oregon, according to the recorded plat thereof, situated in the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 8, in Twp. 28 S., R. 33 E., S. W. M.; Lots 4, 5 and 6 of Block 33 in Chaplin's Addition to La Grande, Union County, Oregon, according to the recorded plat thereof, Lot 1 of Block 4 of Bynarsen's Addition to La Grande, Union County, Oregon, according to the supplemental recorded plat thereof, Lot 6 in Block "Y" of Kammerer's Subdivision of Blocks "X," "Y" and "Z" of Oregon's Second Addition to La Grande, Union County, Oregon; and further decreeing that you and each of you have no right, title or interest therein, and barring you of all right, title, estate, lien, claim or interest thereof, and for additional equitable relief.

This summons is served upon you by publication thereof in the La Grande Evening Observer by order of Hon. J. W. Knowles, Circuit Judge, dated and filed herein November 24th, 1926, presiding six weeks publication hereof 2 said newspaper.

Dated and first published 14 29th day of November, 1926.

GEORGE T. COCHRAN, Attorney for Plaintiff
Residing at La Grande, Ore.
Nov. 29; Dec 6-12-20-27; Jan. 3-11

ANNUAL FIRE DANCE TO BE HELD TUESDAY

The annual fire department dance, which will be held tomorrow night at Zuber hall beginning at nine o'clock, will be well attended according to progress of ticket sales.

The proceeds of the dance will be used for the benefit of the volunteer department. Helms orchestra will furnish the music.

Governor Pierce Pardons Kubli

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 10 (AP)—Governor Pierce announced today, before stepping out of office that he had granted one full pardon, four conditional pardons and 11 commutations of sentences.

The full pardon was granted to Chester Kubli, who had been under two years sentence, following conviction of aiding and abetting in the failure of the bank of Jacksonville in 1924. Kubli has been at liberty under two reprieves, and has been farming in Lane county.

Recently residents of Jackson county, including many of the persons who suffered loss in the bank failure signed a petition for pardon for Kubli, who is a member of a pioneer family.

Commutations included: Clifford Brennan—statutory offense, 20 years, commuted 3 years 3 months. The state parole board recommends executive clemency because of the circumstances in the case corroborated by county officials of Willouwa county.

Brookhart Linked With Cyrus Woods

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP)—Investigation of rumors that Senator-Elect Smith W. Brookhart of Iowa is a "paid lobbyist of Cyrus E. Woods," nominated for the interstate commerce commission, was ordered today by the senate.

The inquiry will be conducted by the interstate commerce commission which is now holding hearings on Woods' fitness for office. Efforts to have the investigation by the judiciary committee were defeated 49 to 33.

BILL NEXT CHAMP?
—SYRACUSE, N. Y.—A drama which might be entitled "Big Bill's Comeback" is in the making with a prominent athlete actor in the leading role. "Tidour will be the next tennis champion of America, England and France," says President McCreary, of the U. S. L. T. A.

NEW YORK—There's big money made and lost in the theater. Some \$18,000,000 has been paid to see "Abel's Irish Rose," which gives its two thousandth performance tomorrow night and it has made about \$2,000,000 for its author, Annie Nichols.

LINCOLN, Neb.—Certain that the punishment of shirks and rascals for stealing affections of married folks would prove effective, State Senator John W. Cooper, a bachelor, is to press his anti-shirk bill which would make alienation a felony.

GANG WAR AGAIN CAUSES DEATHS

Five Persons May Have Been Slain in Illinois' Latest Outbreak

MARION, Ill., Jan. 10 (AP)—The possibility that five persons instead of four lost their lives in the latest outbreak of the Southern Illinois gang war was under investigation today.

Mrs. Art Newman said those at Shady Rest, the fortified road house of Charles Brager, gang leader, shortly before it was dynamited and burned Saturday night, were Steve George and Mrs. George, the caretaker, Jack Crews and Elmo Thompson, of West Frankfort, and Jimmy Sims, of Harrisburg.

The identity of the victims remained in doubt, however, as a brother said Thompson was alive and a West Frankfort policeman said he saw Crews yesterday.

Mrs. Newman, the wife of a Brager lieutenant, attributed the affair to the rival Shelton gang, whose leaders, Carl, Earl and Bernard Shelton, brothers, are facing trial on a mail robbery charge.

Birger Missing
Birger, who is wanted on a Franklin county murder warrant, has not been seen at his home at Harrisburg for ten days. His roadhouse, half way between Marion and Harrisburg was just inside the Williamson county line.

Sheriff Owen Coleman said he did not believe the outbreak would result in immediate reprisals by the Birger gang, and he would not appeal to Governor Len Small for troops. The gang war previously had taken eight or nine lives within less than five months.

High Court Will Probe Oregon Law

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP)—The supreme court announced today that it would inquire into the validity of the orders of the Oregon highway commission fixing maximum loads upon certain highways of the state during certain periods of the year.

The case brought by Morris and Lewther and other truck companies was set for hearing on Feb. 23.

The walls of a bungalow erected by the town of Middleboro, Ky., to advertise the chief product of the district, are made entirely of bituminous coal, laid in mortar.

All But Three Go For Harry Corbett

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Jan. 10 (AP)—Three votes went astray, when Senator Henry L. Corbett of Portland was elected presiding officer of the senate today. One of these was the vote of Corbett himself, he casting a complimentary vote for Senator Eddy.

Senator Banks of Multnomah cast a complimentary vote for Senator Butler.

When Senator Joseph's name was called he arose and said: "I do not feel that I can cast my vote for Senator Corbett. I believe he has ideas and business interests that are inimical to the public welfare." Joseph voted for Senator Brown.

SAUSAGE LOSES OUT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP)—Sausage has lost its stellar role at the white house breakfast table. It is too fattening, and the white house physician advised President Coolidge to replace it with fried ham.

The presidents buckwheat cakes also were frowned upon by the doctors, but they have so far managed to hold their ground and this morning were still present.

ONCE IN A BLUE MOON

There comes to every community an event that demands attention, that stirs the imagination and excites the admiration of the people in a most remarkable way.

Such an event is the forthcoming Henry Duffy production of "RAIN", shortly to be seen in this city. Here is the perfect play, courageous, virile, true.

Here, too, is a perfect cast. A real star, set in a bright constellation. Actors, who seem not to act, but to live their roles. Scenic features unsurpassed.

The Pacific Coast dramatic critics have not enthused over another play in years as they did over

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LISTEN TO THEIR EULOGIES

"Rain" is the most consistently popular dramatic success in ten seasons. Here is acting of the first rank, acting that is ironic, mordant, vivid and wonderfully sustained. Lovers of fine acting are unfortunate if anything prevents them from seeing "Rain".—Ildal Jones, SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER.

"Rain" is a fine play, maybe great, in its understanding of a woman's soul. Isabel Withers gives an independent and vivid performance of Sadie, an illuminating impersonation, well planned and skillfully executed.—George Warren, SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE.

A mighty play, mightily well played. SAN FRANCISCO CALL.

That ceaseless emotional downpour that is "Rain" was given to Oakland for the first time last night in as fine a production of as fine a play, as has been presented here for many years. Isabel Withers gives a colorful, tense and thoroughly human performance.—Wood Soanes, OAKLAND TRIBUNE.

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