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SEEK THE LORD—"The Lord is with you, while ye be with Him, and if ye seek Him, He will be found of you; But if ye forsake Him, He will forsake you." 2 Chron. 15:2.

The January thaw is going fine—at least in the daytime.

Happy will be the first of February if it brings no bills for forgotten Christmas presents.

If the snow still bothers you, just think what wonderful weather we had this time last year.

If the British continue their warlike gestures in China we'll come to the conclusion they're not so poor nor so disgraced with war as they have seemed when discussing debt settlement.

Congress does not seem much nearer any approval of agricultural relief legislation. We doubt if it ever gets there. The heavily populated areas on the east not dependent immediately on farm prosperity will not likely be convinced of the need during this short session. And probably not in the coming session. Adequate attention to agricultural problems cannot be predicted until the balance of power is held by a united western and middle western group.

The action of the ways and means committee in preparing budget recommendations affecting state educational institutions is worthy of praise, though the job is not complete. Nothing is more important to Oregon. The amounts asked by heads of the state university and state college and the normal schools were settled on as the least that could be had while maintaining the institutions in keeping with the needs of the state. By comparison with our local schools and the money we spend and need to spend thereon, the funds required for state schools make a moderate total.

TOLERANCE IN TENNESSEE

The famous anti-evolution law of Tennessee appears to be far less drastic than has been supposed. The recent decision of the state supreme court in the Scopes case is interpreted, according to one authority, as "not prohibiting the teaching of the scientific theory of evolution as usually taught in schools and colleges, but merely the teaching of the materialistic theory of evolution."

That is to say, if this interpretation is correct, any teacher in Tennessee is "at liberty to teach the gradual development of human and other life in accord with the scientific theory of evolution, provided that in so teaching he doesn't deny man's divine origin."

Many scientists will find this quite satisfactory. They are ready to admit, or at least not deny, that while all animal life seems to have been developed by a gradual upward process, from simple to complex, there may be a special factor involved in the development of man, in his acquisition of a mind or soul.

"As ordinarily taught," explains a Nashville attorney representing the Tennessee Academy of Science, "evolution is the theory dealing with the gradual development of human and other life upon the earth. It does not undertake in any way to determine original causes; it leaves that to religion and philosophy. It does not deny that God is the original cause, nor does it deny that the gradual development of life upon the earth has taken place and is taking place pursuant to a divine plan. Materialism undertakes to deny this and to eliminate God from the universe. There are countless thousands who believe in God, in Christ and in evolution, and find in the gradual development of human and other life upon the earth additional evidence of a divine creator."

TAX, FINANCE MESSAGE DUE IN FEW DAYS

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man Milton A. Miller, approached him with a proposition to favor a certain text. Miller left the inference if he would approve the text then Miller would recommend Turner to the governor for appointment as state superintendent, the witness testified.

Turner further testified that book salesman had told him that Miller had given them opportunities to go shopping with them and that they had made him personal gifts.

When the book salesman took the stand they denied the whole matter, branding it as positively false.

Hampton Speaks

A. C. Hampton, of Astoria, one of the members of the commission said no undue influence had ever been brought to bear on him by any of the publishing companies nor by Miller.

"I am satisfied Turner lied," said Milton A. Miller, chairman of the text book commission, when asked about gifts that agents were reported to have given Miller.

PATERSON'S PLAN OKED BY STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Jan. 28 (AP)—Governor I. L. Paterson's suggestion that the governor be made the budget making official of the state was approved by the ways and means committee last night. A bill to that effect giving the governor authority to appoint a budget director was endorsed. A clause providing that the appointment of this officer would be subject to approval of the senate was stricken out.

At a public hearing last night by the senate committee on education Senator Eddy agreed to some amendments to his education bill. These will leave the state text book commission and the state board of higher curricula as they now are, and make the proposed new board of education of seven members supplant only the present board which is composed of the governor, the secretary of state and the state superintendent of state schools. Another will make the new board members all laymen. As the bill was drawn it provided that three should be professional educators.

The house committee on roads and automobiles is adverse to making any change in the present law covering the fees of taxes assessed against the bus and truck line operators. The committee voted to report "do not pass" on house bill 123 which would change the present scheme of taxation by levying a two per cent tax on gross revenues of the operators and also give a certificate of necessity and public conveyance to such operators.

Angling for steelheads in the Rogue river and its tributaries would be prohibited between Feb. 1 and April 15 by house bill 204, introduced late yesterday by Representative Theodore P. Cramer Jr., Josephine county.

Another bill designed to make it more difficult to circulate initiative and referendum petition is scheduled to make its appearance in the house today under the guiding hand of representative S. L. Stewart of Polk county. It provides a penalty for any one circulating a petition for money, the proposed fine being from \$25 to \$100, or imprisonment in the county jail for not to exceed 60 days or both fine and imprisonment.

PARROT DOES HIS STUFF

GRATZ, Austria, Jan. 28 (AP)—Brought into a court room as an exhibit an African parrot turned itself into an active participant and addressed the judge in such a way that the court refused to proceed with the case.

The suit was brought against Jacob H. Dizer, boarding house roomer and owner of the parrot by Henry Bergner living in an adjoining room, who complained that every time he started moving about Dizer's parrot would shriek "keep quiet, you idiot!"

Hardly had the judge started

SLAYER HUNTED



Harold W. Lage, upper picture, Stockton automobile salesman, was found slain after another man was traced as using Lage's automobile and name to flee from California toward Arizona. The suspected slayer, Willard Shannon, is in the lower picture.

a remark when the parrot on a perch nearby the bench, yelled, "keep quiet, you idiot."

Beauty Contest Winners Land on Movie Payrolls

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Jan. 28. (AP)—The home town beauty contest winner is a problem to the motion picture producer.

She usually is so certain that there must be a place for her in the films that she is a puzzle to handle until she definitely learns that beauty alone is only skin deep.

Where do they go? Here are a few answers.

Clara Bow broke into pictures with a beauty contest prize, sagged a bit, and then "caught on" to become a star.

Play Laupheimer became the "Miss America" of the year, played one leading role and now awaits another opportunity.

Gertrude Olmstead, a Chicago Miss contest winner, landed a leading role with Rudolph Valentino and played in other pictures.

Mary Brian, from Dallas, Texas, played in "Peter Pan," and is regarded as firmly planted on the ladder of hope.

"Miss Seattle" of 1924, Evelyn Atkinson, appeared in several of Elinor Glyn's picture-stories.

Lewiston School Attendance Grows

LEWISTON, Ida., Jan. 28.—The total enrollment in the Lewiston public school system during the first semester of the present term, figures on which were given out by Superintendent Joel Jenifer, was 1925—showing an increase of 12.69 per cent over the registration of the previous year.

At the half year mark in 1926, the registration for the first semester was 1717, the gain in numbers being 125. The majority of this gain was reflected in the high schools, which showed an increase of 109, or 14.61 per cent.

There were a total of 855 pupils in the junior high schools for the first semester this year against 746 the first semester of last term.

Enrollment figures for the semes-

VOCAL FAME



Nanette Gullford, lyric soprano, is the first New York girl to sing a leading role at Gotham's own Metropolitan Opera House. She was to appear as "Nedda" in Pagliacci. Miss Gullford made her stage debut when 17 and although now only 23, she has been with the opera company for three years.

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Smith spent November and a part of December in Albany with his parents and with his sister, Mrs. A. W. Metzger, and while here experienced at intervals excruciating pains in the region of his thigh.

He went to Klamath Falls about Christmas time and the other day he noticed the point of a needle sticking through the flesh of his hip. He took a pair of tweezers and extracted it.

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Clerk Is Stung By Big Scorpion

ALBANY, Ore., Jan. 28.—Lloyd Rich was stung by a scorpion at the Hamilton grocery store recently while selling a few bananas to a customer. A small bundle of bananas which had been taken from the main stalk was left on a counter, which he picked up and was in the act of delivering them to a customer when



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