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GOD AND HIS PROMISES—"Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe His prophets, so shall ye prosper." 2 Chron. 20:20.

## DENIED SEAT



Upon his arrival at Washington to present his credentials to the senate, Frank L. Smith, republican, Illinois senator-designate and elect (right), conferred with his colleague, Senator Charles S. Dimech. Awaiting introduction at the capitol where resolutions designed to deny Smith his seat on the ground that he had accepted campaign contributions from Illinois public utility interests and they were subsequently passed.

## Slayer's Motive For Crime Told From Own Lips

LANCASTER, Wis. Jan. 31 (AP)—A desire to hide his bigamous marriage to Mrs. Hattie Haies from his wife and children induced William N. Coffey to slay Mrs. Haies as she lay asleep, he told authorities in his third and latest confession.

After holding for several days to a story that he accidentally slew the former La Crosse woman, who eloped with him to Winona last September, the itinerant bond salesman broke down under a ceaseless fire of questions and admitted that he deliberately plotted Mrs. Haies' death. A baseball bat and a hammer were the instruments of death, he said. He converted to his own use \$5,000 in securities which the woman possessed.

Coffey's latest confession was given to Lyall Wright, the youthful sheriff of Juneau county. "I killed her deliberately; there was no quarrel," Coffey said in a whisper. "I struck her first with the bat and then with a hammer we used to pound tent stakes."

Willing to Pay  
"She was asleep in our camp in Braffton's woods. I knelt beside her bed and there on my knees I lifted the bat and struck her across the temple. Then I picked up the hammer and hit again. It must have been the last blow which fractured her skull."

"I was afraid this bigamous marriage would get back to my family in Madison. "I murdered her and am willing to pay the price. I have tried my best to conceal the crime. I am guilty."

A woman of Powell county, Kentucky, earns her living by catching snakes and selling them to showmen.

## Wilhelm's Daughter



This is the most recent photograph of the only daughter of the former German Kaiser. She is the Duchess of Brunswick, and is now living with her five children in Munich.

CALL IT "METHANOL"

NEW YORK—Believing that the common name induces use as a beverage, the National Wood Chemical association is campaigning for discontinuance of the term "wood alcohol" and substitution of the scientific name "methanol."

John D. Rockefeller recently gave a Sunday school pupil of 1865 a dime. Virtue has its reward eventually.

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READ THE OBSERVER CLASSIFIED ADS

From 9 in the morning until 12 at night constant legislative sessions and committee gatherings take every waking hour of senators and representatives as the last half of the period gets under way. We hope there is some honor for them—\$3 a day is little more than a gesture in compensation for the grind.

Keeping the mountain highways free of snow in the winter time may seem like a large expense for a small amount of traffic. Actually the operations result in enough additional gasoline tax to pay 65 per cent of the cost, it is estimated. The greater convenience to the public should be worth the other 35 per cent.

### THE TOBACCO PARADOX

A scientist at Johns Hopkins university has been closely observing the effects of tobacco on smokers, with these interesting results: He finds that it quickly speeds up heart action, and raises the blood pressure; that it decreases steadiness and accuracy; that it retards muscular fatigue, stimulates any automatic function, whether physical or mental, and increases apparent efficiency in work requiring sustained attention over a long period of time. This is a pretty satisfactory report, from any point of view. Those who condemn tobacco may find justification, and those who defend it may find equal justification. So the anti-smokers will say "I told you so," and the smokers will keep right on smoking, and everybody will be happy as usual—excepting, of course, when the smokers do too much smoking, or the novice tries to acquire the habit too quickly.

### OUR PET LEGISLATION BILLS

With the normal school and armory projects awaiting a state appropriation—the only obstacle to their early realization—it is only natural that people of La Grande and Union county are more interested in the acts of the legislature and in the accomplishments of our own delegation than at any time in many years.

There has been, in the last two or three weeks, some anxiety about the bills which mean so much to this territory. The cry of "deficit" has been sounded so frequently and insistently that fear for any appropriation has been only natural. The anxiety is unnecessary and the fear unfounded, in our opinion. A journey to Salem will convince any citizen that the utmost is being done by the local delegation and that there is every reason to believe that favorable action will be taken on both projects of interest here.

Whether or not the armory bill will be successful depends somewhat, perhaps, on the fate of various new revenue measures to be considered, but it is as definitely assured as anything can be in a state legislature that the normal school for Eastern Oregon will receive an adequate appropriation and work can actually be started within about 90 days after adjournment. The tremendous majority with which the measure carried at the November election is a mandate to legislators that is being taken seriously.

Immediate approval cannot be expected, of course. Current expenses are first given attention by the ways and means committee. Capital outlay for the budget will not be considered until regular matters are disposed of, but the committees should get to that sometime this week. The actual appropriation measures will not pass the legislature until near the end of the session, in all probability, but in the past the approval of the ways and means committees has been equivalent to passage. We do not anticipate any exception this year, affecting La Grande, at least.

Union county is extremely fortunate in its present delegation and The Observer has great confidence in the ability of Senators Hunter and Kiddle and Representatives Weatherpoon and Charley Hunter. Both of the Hunters are experienced legislators; they know what they want and how to go about it. They are members of most important committees from La Grande's standpoint. Mr. Kiddle and Mr. Weatherpoon have dropped smoothly into the legislative regime and have made rapid progress. Mr. Kiddle, who will be back on the job this week after an illness, is chairman of the senate military affairs committee—an unusual position for a new senator to attain.

The position of the entire delegation is as favorable as could normally be hoped for. The Observer has great faith in its ability and though we anticipate nothing sensational and nothing impossible, we are sure our members will accomplish the primary things they have set out to do. Those things are right; they deserve to win on merit alone.

## Communist League in England Is Fighting British Oriental Policy

LONDON, Jan. 31 (AP)—Attempts to arouse British soldiers against going to China in readiness for possible trouble there, are being made by the young communist league.

Before departure of detachments of troops on Saturday the league spread leaflets and in some cases made personal appeals. The soldiers marching to their trains paid no attention.

The police quickly dispersed the league members. Similar efforts were made to induce dock workers to prevent troop ships from departing; they likewise failed.

League Small Body  
Although very active, the league is a small body, and is not recognized by the official laborites, who also have been bitterly opposed to preparations to meet contingencies in China.

Sir Austen Chamberlain's announcement that Great Britain was prepared for a change in all points desired by China "more than half way" has come in for a rare amount of endorsement. Both his policy and the manner in which he explained it are generally commended.

The foreign secretary spoke at Birmingham Saturday night, giving the public the first definite outline of proposals which had been presented to the Cantonese foreign minister at Hankow, and to the northern government at Peking. He revealed that the British were ready to replace the present antiquated system in China by one more in accord with present conditions, to recognize Chinese law courts as within their rights in trying cases brought by British companies; to agree to Chinese taxation for Britishers; and to approach the concession problem according to local circumstances.

British Sincere  
From first to last he emphasized the sincerity of the British government in seeking a peaceful settlement and to avoid any action that might be construed as aggressive. Some conservative comment is that he was over complimentary. The London Times described his terms as "extrordinarily generous—too generous perhaps to satisfy the 'sorely tried' British momentary in China."

The only exception to the generally favorable comment on the speech is that of the labor-socialist Herald, which declares that in parts it was "perilously vague." As for reaction of the Chinese to British proposals the foreign office is still awaiting definite information. It is known only that negotiations are continuing both at Hankow and Peking.

### Marines at San Diego

A detachment of several hundred United States marines, understood to be part of an expeditionary force of 1000 for foreign duty, presumably in the Orient arrived at San Diego, Cal., Sunday, from Bremerton, Wash.

From Shameen, China, came word over the week end that because of a nationalist proclamation placing restrictions on operation of hospitals, the John Kerr insane asylum, an American institution, would close immediately. Asylum authorities said that it was impossible to accept the regulations.

Eugene Chen, the Cantonese foreign minister, said a Hankow dispatch, soon will have in his possession a note, the object of which is to create a better understanding between American business men at Hankow and the nationalist government. The note was formulated by the American chamber of commerce at request of Chinese officials.

### Piracy Reported

The first case of piracy in Chinese waters to be reported this year, was reported from Hongkong. The steamer Seang Bee, Chinese owned, but of British registry was pirated while en route from Singapore to Hongkong. Five Europeans it was rumored, were taken as hostages.

### CARKIN NAMES EMMETT

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Jan. 31 (AP)—Due to serious illness of Representative James H. Hazlett, Hood River, Speaker Carkin today named Emmett Howard, of Lane county, as chairman of the committee on irrigation and drainage. If Hazlett is able to return and resume his work, he will automatically return to his post as chairman of the committee on irrigation and drainage, Carkin explained.

### IRISH CENSOR MOVIES

DUBLIN—Quite a few American movies are too something or other for the Irish. The censor examined 1,119 films last year, altered 186 and rejected 121. Most of them came from the U. S. A.

Sleep is largely a matter of climate, according to a new theory. In cold regions mankind needs a lot of fatty food and not too much sleep; in the tropics, on the other hand, much sleep and very little fat in the diet is the best rule.

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The "Price of Drifting" Is Failure

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