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PRIDE GOETH BEFORE DETRUCTION—"But when he (Azizah) was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction; for he transgressed against the Lord his God." 2 Chron. 28:16.

There are big stakes in China—and big mistakes.

Artificial sunlight is now urged for cows. Why not send 'em to Florida for the winter?

The United States and Mexico each want arbitration, provided the other will come right out and ask for it.

Lazy men do most to put mankind ahead, by figuring out labor-saving devices. But they're only lazy-bodied, not lazy-minded.

Spring can't be very far off, so one of these days work will start on the transformation of the now dull business district into a real "white way"—street lights worthy of the largest city of Eastern Oregon.

The ways and means committees of the legislature have approved the \$175,000 appropriation for the Eastern Oregon Normal school. Such action, viewed in the light of previous legislative precedent, is equivalent to passage of the appropriation bill. It is good news for all those interested in the community's development, but it is better news for the scores of young people of the Blue Mountain region who have been denied better educational opportunity. It will mean much to them and therefore much to all Eastern Oregon.

NEW REVENUE IDEAS

Governor Patterson's revenue message, urging an income tax with a moderate maximum, will not be received with approval throughout the state, perhaps, but it offers at least one practical solution to our present financial problem. Opponents of the measure will point to the last two elections when voters disapproved the idea. Those favoring this means will argue that the evils of the original Oregon law have been corrected, that the people desire an income tax but were confused with two measures on the November ballot. If the legislature cannot agree on the adoption of the governor's primary program, it is entirely likely that it may turn to a corporation excess tax, similar to California's, or a luxury tax to provide immediate and adequate revenue while the income tax is given a year or two to gain popularity. Whatever tax is decided on, it is needed speedily. The state must have new revenue and many tax howlers will be silenced until a sound financial footing is secured.

THE MORAL CREDIT BUREAU

Fruit and vegetable growers in this country are planning to set up a code of ethics for themselves. Not to be outdone, shippers, brokers and commission merchants contemplate establishing a "moral credit bureau" to discipline all who indulge in unethical practices. It is pointed out that only "ethical business is successful in the long run." In other words, the Golden Rule is found to apply quite as well to the fruit and vegetable business as to other phases of life. Putting ethics into daily business dealings is fine. But the moral credit bureau, as planned, has its weak points. The idea, apparently, is to have the bureau obtain from the trade a lot of information about individuals whose business dealings are unethical. This information would be used to warn others against dealing with the unethical persons. If the emphasis is placed on honest and generous business methods, very well. But if it is placed on passing around unpleasant information and instigating boycotts, the plan itself begins to take on a dubious ethical tinge.

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GLASTONE CASE IS NEARING END

Closing Testimony for the Defense Heard Today—Jury to Act Soon

LONDON, Feb. 3. (AP)—A verdict for Viscount Gladstone was returned today in the libel suit brought against him by Captain Peter Wright.

Captain Wright in a recent book cast aspersions on the character of Viscount Gladstone's father, the great Victorian prime minister, whom he accused of moral hypocrisy. Lord Gladstone termed Captain Wright a "liar, coward and foul fellow," for this reflection on his father and the captain sued.

The jury considered the case over two hours and then brought in a verdict for the defendant with costs. The jurors attached a rider to their verdict stating that the high moral character of the elder Gladstone had been completely vindicated.

LONDON, Feb. 3 (AP)—The sensational Gladstone case in which the character of England's "grand old man" of the Victorian era has been virtually on trial drew near its close today.

Viscount Gladstone, 73 year old son of the great prime minister, was sued for libel by Captain Wright, author and clubman, for terming him as a "liar, coward and foul fellow" in a letter to the Bath club following publication of a book in which Wright accused the elder Gladstone of voicing high principles in public and striving "in private to pursue and possess every sort of woman."

Justice Sir Horace Avory said the questions he proposed leaving to the jury were: first, whether the alleged libel was in substance true; second, if not true, whether the defendant, Viscount Gladstone, was actuated by malice in writing what he did about Captain Wright.

Closing testimony for the defense was marked by the appearance on the stand of T. P. ("Tay Pay") O'Connor, known as "father of the house of commons" because of his long public service in the British legislative body.

O'Connor, famous for his sparkling wit, pool-pooled the idea that reference by the late Lord Milner to Gladstone's "seraglio" had any bearing on his morals.

It referred, he said, to extraordinary solicitude for her husband displayed by Mrs. Gladstone, who used to sit in the house of commons gallery listening to his speeches and then hurry to the lobby to see that he was properly bundled up for the trip home.

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Motor tourists bought 11,400 jars of home made apple jelly from one orchard near Bowdoinham, Me., last summer.

NEW APE BATTLE



Above is Assemblyman S. J. Heisinger, Selma, Cal., author of a bill in the California legislature to prohibit teaching of evolution in grammar and high schools as a fact; and below, Maynard Shilley, president of the Science League of America, his main opponent in the evolution-fundamentalist battle just opened in California.

Milton-Freewater Cherry Growers' Pool Profitable

Milton-Freewater district cherries brought substantial returns to the district the past season, according to reports made at the annual meeting of the Cherry Growers' Cooperative association held last week, with C. G. Rogers, president, in the chair.

A maximum return of \$4,340.46 for one car of cherries was reported with \$1,690 as the average price for the 18 cars shipped by the association, or a net return of \$264,000. The tonnage was about 50 per cent of normal, it was said.

The association received an average of \$2 per lug for bins, which was considered a fair price. The growers were again warned to be on the lookout for "cherry maggot" which has ruined some crops in other districts but which has never broken out here. The idea is to keep the valley clear of it by prevention work.

County Court in Crossing Hearing

The county court, which opened its February session yesterday, is holding a hearing this afternoon on the request of Imbler citizens who desire to open a grade crossing.

Before the hearing the court's time was taken up with routine matters.

Find Market for Malheur County Rabbit Skins

VALE, Ore., Feb. 3.—Possibility of realizing an income from the pelts of the thousands of rabbits that are slaughtered annually in Eastern Oregon has been outlined by Ira N. Gabrielson, in charge of the rodent control work in Oregon and Washington national forests, who spent last week in Vale and Malheur county, where one of the greatest slaughters of recent years is under way.

More than 100,000 rabbits have already been killed and thrown away in Malheur county alone this winter.

Profit from rabbit pelts is made possible because of their usefulness in making felt cloth which, in turn is used in the manufacture of hats and various other articles of clothing. W. E. Crouch, rodent control leader in Idaho forests, learned of the pelt market, and as a result Idaho farmers have been selling the dried pelts for 40 cents a pound, which has enabled many of the farmers to average over \$12 a day in profit from their killings.

Heavy Snows in Deschutes Area Aid to Farmers

BEND, Ore., Feb. 3.—Passing of the first month of 1927 sends the year on its way with a very favorable start. From the viewpoint of agriculturists of Oregon's inland empire, precipitation in Bend and immediate vicinity for the first 31 days of the year measures well up toward the three-inch mark, characterizing the month as one of the wettest Januarys on record.

While the agricultural lands of the mid-state counties were receiving abnormally heavy precipitation, in the form of rain and some snow, heavy snow was falling in the Central Oregon Cascades, assuring a heavy runoff for storage purposes, to be used in future irrigation seasons. The western spur of the Blue mountains, as well as the mid-state Cascades, is reported to be well blanketed with snow.

Snow Deep in Hills

No definite information has been received in Bend, but it is generally believed that the recent storm has resulted in snow piling up to a normal January and February depth in the Three-Easters area of the Cascades. At Crater lake last week end, the depth of the snow was reported to be over 11 feet. A new and heavy mantle of snow covers the rain-packed snow that blankets the country tributary to the headquarters of the Deschutes.

While admitting that weather conditions during the growing season have an important bearing on crops, farmers of Central Oregon's wheat lands, in the Jefferson county region, are, on the whole, optimistic. A good wheat crop for 1927 is in prospect, it is stated. Although there was a heavy planting of fall wheat, there has been virtually no winter kill. A six-inch covering of snow mantled much of the Madras country during the recent arctic chill, when the temperature dropped to 32 degrees below zero in the county seat of Jefferson.

Believe Murderer Shamming Insanity

TOLEDO, Ore., Feb. 3. (AP)—Killing of Minnie Washington, 19, on the Siletz Indian reservation Tuesday by Alexander Hill was still being investigated here today.

Doctors Bell, Kaufman and Carter examined Hill yesterday and reported he answered intelligently all questions except those about himself. He declined to talk about his actions on Tuesday. The physicians expressed the belief that he was shamming insanity. A further conference was to be held to-



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day and if Hill is found sane the case will go before the grand jury. Prisoners in the jail said Hill told them he killed the girl because he was jealous and did not want anyone else to have her.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is by this given that the undersigned administratrix of the estate of Sarah J. Hill has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Union County her final account of said estate; and the said court has set February 5, 1927, at 10 A. M. at the county court room in La Grande, Union County, Oregon, as the time and place to hear objections to and for the settlement of said final account.

LETTIE M. MCGILDRICK, Administratrix Imbler, Ore.

Jan. 6-12-26-27—Feb. 5.

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Mary A. Warnick, deceased, has filed in the County Court in the state of Oregon, for Union county, his final account as administrator of said estate; and that the 7th day of March, 1927, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the County Court Room in the Court House of said county, has been fixed by the said court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said account and the settlement thereof.

LEB WAARNICK, Administrator of the Estate of Mary A. Warnick, deceased. E. R. RINGO, Attorney for Administrator. Jan. 27- Feb. 5-10-17-24.

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