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FELLOWSHIP—Lord, who shall sojourn in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness. And speaketh truth in his heart. Psalm 15:1, 2.

The United States seems to have four kinds of federal government—state, territorial, insular and marine.

Organized beauty barbers are beginning to call themselves "academies of cosmetologists," and now haircuts should cost more than ever.

PATRIOTIC HISTORY

Poise is something much American-written history has lacked. First it ran to the extreme of depicting all or national heroes as perfect and all our national acts as wise and good.

Then came an awakening. "This won't do," said many honest citizens. "That part of the uniform of the British soldier in our Revolutionary days was red is no reason for regarding all British ever after as 'red coats' and enemies and thereby biassing our whole historical outlook. We'll change this and be fair."

Then some of the history writers went to the other extreme and began to dig up scandals about our great men and to try to show that the United States was always wrong and only luck had moved us forward. This was a little more modest, but it gave about as false a picture of American history as the earlier type. There is a better way to write history. Philip Guedalla, a British historian, suggests the way in a recent comment.

"History," says Guedalla, "doesn't have to be patriotism. All that's needed is the truth. There's no use for either whitewash or lampblack." School children who are taught true history with the whitewash and lampblack omitted ought to turn out better patriots in the long run, because they will have an intelligent understanding of historical events, their causes and effects.

GETTING ALONG—OR GETTING AHEAD

Failure to find revenue for state needs is being excused with the statement that "Oregon has got along without these things up to now and can worry along for another two years the same way." Of course we can. We can worry along with one pair of pants and a red flannel undershirt, too. We can worry along with a hole in the roof of our shanty and in the floor of our sock. We can worry along with dog biscuit and sowbelly on the table. We can worry along with a log school house education. We can worry along with the barest and most ridiculous necessities—if need be. But does Oregon have such a need or such a desire?

Oregon is neither bankrupt nor poverty-stricken. Not all her taxpayers are highly prosperous, by any means, but neither are they suffering from the pangs of starvation. They can get along without some of these new and better things, to be sure—but they don't want to. They want, instead, a state that is equal to its neighbors, a state that is as attractive in its man-made advantages as it is in its God-made advantages. They want a state that is worthy of the name, a state that both can and does move forward.

The library at the University of Oregon, for example, can be and must be endured for another two years. But that fact doesn't make it any less a disgrace. Students will continue to attend the university without a new library. But that doesn't minimize the advantage the new building would be in the making of many future Oregon citizens.

We can get along with the mess that the legislature has left, it's true, but what a set-back for a young and vigorous state! It's a serious responsibility—not because we anticipate any dire results. We don't. But it is serious because Oregon is not interested merely in getting along—but in getting ahead!

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STILL HOPES FOR NAVY AGREEMENT

Coolidge Believes 5-Power Limitation Plan Not Entirely Defeated

WASHINGTON, Mar. 1 (AP)—President Coolidge still hopes for a five-power agreement further to limit naval armament.

While he has not had opportunity to examine carefully the favorable replies to his suggestions received from Great Britain and Japan and the unfavorable answers from France and Italy, it was foreclosing the possibility of such agreements as he has in mind. The proposals made by the president to the powers was confined strictly to "limitation of armament" and was not intended by Coolidge to imply plans for reduction of armament. The president attaches significance to this in view of the form of some of the replies.

The president doubts the practicability of a three-power understanding between Great Britain, the United States and Japan, should it prove impossible to obtain a five-power treaty. He recalls that at the time of the Washington conference Great Britain took the position that it could not agree to a limitation on cruisers unless France was prepared to undertake limitation of submarine tonnage.

It is felt there may be possibilities in the three-power suggestion despite this circumstance that for the present the Washington government still is pursuing the five-power plan, and is not without hope of ultimate results.

THE OPEN COURT

CORRESPONDENTS MUST SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO THE EDITOR IF THEY DESIRE LETTERS PRINTED.

Cove, Ore.

To The Observer editor—

Because I am unwilling to be even unintentionally robbed of the glory of having lived all of 40 years in Oregon, most beautiful of America's scenic states, I am asking you to kindly correct a statement appearing in your issue of 19th inst. shown me by a friend. It says "Mrs. Grace came to Oregon in 1862", when, in fact I came in the Dolph-Mitchell-Binger Hermann days, 1886, and, like other country journalists, had the honor of helping make Eastern Oregon history as late as 1899, when I retired to Cove in the sunny Grande Ronde. After the Ozarks in Missouri, White River mountains in Arkansas, flower bedecked ranges of the Alleghanies in East Tennessee and Old Virginia, I knew I had never seen a mountain until I beheld the Rockies. From the age of eight to 25 years near and on the mighty Mississippi, I felt I had never seen a river until I was on the mightier Columbia. Though no invalid, I have found in Grande Ronde valley continuous health as no where else. Ten years hence when I shall have enjoyed a half-century in Oregon and shall have seen 93 years pass over my head—why not? Union had a lovely mother-woman visiting her relatives in Union and Malheur counties when over one hundred, and La Grande Grandma Rinehart at 96 travelling at will about Grande Ronde valley as can any other not living in her past with old-fashioned ideas and prejudices against the eternal present to which all belong. A daily newspaper, like the human tongue, is a daily necessity. Long may The Observer continue to record the daily advance of Union county and Eastern Oregon.

—Nellie R. Grace.

A golfer teed off the other day at Mobile, Ala., on a cross-country to the Pacific coast, aiming to drive a golf ball all the way. If he would drink 122 cups of coffee every day on the way that would be news.

A Picture That Tells the Story

—NEA, Chicago Bureau

A Chicago police station was the scene of this drama. "He killed my daddy," said Joseph Bender, Jr., 10, as he pointed to William E. Gall, held for the murder of Policeman Bender. The lad's mother stands beside him with detectives grouped around. Seated with Gall is Victor Walinski, confessed accomplice.

Cleveland Man Buys Paper in Eugene, Oregon

EUGENE, Ore., Mar. 1 (AP)—Alton F. Baker, of Cleveland, O., today purchased the Eugene Guard from Paul R. Kelty and Eugene S. Kelty, its owners since July 1924. In assuming ownership Baker announced that the newspaper will continue to be conducted in accordance with its present editorial and news policies, and that Paul R. Kelty has been invited to remain permanently as editor if he so desires. Both Paul R. and Eugene S. Kelty will remain temporarily.

Baker has been actively connected with the Cleveland Plain Dealer, whose publisher is his father, Elbert H. Baker. Frank S. Baker, publisher of the Tacoma News-Tribune and the Tacoma Ledger, is a brother of the Guard's new owner. Baker's wife and four children will join him here in the near future.

"I have come to Eugene because I believe it to be one of the coming important cities of the Pacific northwest," said Baker, "and I have bought the Guard because I believe it to be a first class newspaper in accordance with its present high standard and to improve it as the field grows. Both my father and my brother, who like myself are familiar with newspapers and newspaper fields have investigated Eugene and the Guard and they believe, as I do, that there is a real opportunity here."

Paul R. Kelty said: "We bought the Guard when its circulation was 3,800. It is now 7,900. The volume of business has doubled since we have had it. We have published every day the best paper we could, and the public has responded. We are grateful. Mr. Baker is a splendid young man. He comes of a noted newspaper family and by inheritance as well as by training is a thorough newspaper man. We know that Eugene and this newspaper field will be as good to him a all has been to us, and that is saying much."

Horticulturist To Hold Meetings

C. L. Long, horticulture specialist for the Oregon Agricultural college extension service, will be here March 9 and 10 and will conduct two meetings, the first one to be held at Cove and the second at Imbler.

The meeting at Cove on Mar. 9 will be a general meeting devoted to fruit and at Imbler the time will be taken up discussing the control of blight and the removal or control of spray residue on apples.

Move to Abolish Hangings Started

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 1. (AP)—Petitions for an initiative constitutional amendment and revision of the penal code of Oregon to provide for abolition of capital punishment, construction of a model state prison and complete reformation of penal practices were presented to Secretary of State Kozer this morning and have been transmitted to the attorney general for preparation of a ballot title.

The petitions are signed by Dr. Nina Evaline Wood, of Portland, general organizer for the Sacrificial Service prison crusades, and 24 other residents of Portland.

Beyond providing for abolition of capital punishment in Oregon the proposal also requests an appropriation of $350,000 for replacement of the present penitentiary.

11 Millions Sought by Petroleum Co.

NEW YORK, Mar. 1 (AP)—Officials of the Pan-American Petroleum and Transport company today indicated that a congressional appropriation will be sought to reimburse the company for money expended in the Elk Hills naval oil reserve development, which the U. S. supreme court in a decree cancelling the leases on the ground that they were conceived in fraud, has ruled must be refunded to the government together with interest. Approximately $11,000,000 is involved.

VOICES OPPOSITION

SPOKANE, March 1 (AP)—Opposition to the proposed Great Northern - Northern Pacific railroad merger and a willingness for the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul to be consolidated with one or two of the northern lines, were expressed by S. E. Byram, former president and receiver of the Milwaukee road at a chamber of commerce luncheon here today.

He reiterated his arguments that the proposed consolidation of the Hill lines would throttle competition in the Pacific northwest, and asked his hearers not to reach a decision in the matter except after careful consideration.

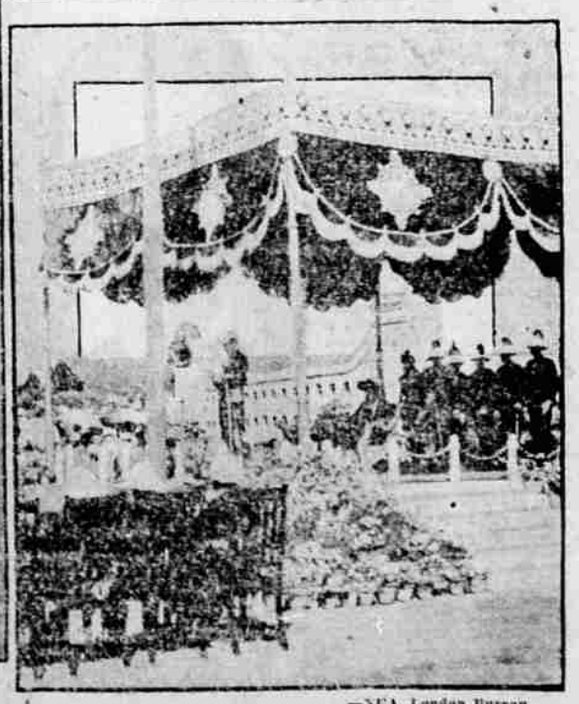
Possibility of a consolidation with an eastern road to permit a transcontinental system was believed by Byram to be slight. The present break in rate structures at Chicago is a barrier to such an arrangement, he said.

The Mobile golfer expects to make a million and a half strokes on the way. His caddy must have spent his youth reading the life of Jon or Joe Beckett.

Canada celebrates her diamond jubilee as a nation this years.

—NEA, Washington Bureau

MOST POPULAR SUB-DEB in Washington was not at all interested in clicking shutters, and devoted her attention to her toys.



—NEA, London Bureau

INDIA'S NEW CAPITAL, at Delhi, where the three Indian legislative bodies will sit, was opened recently with elaborate ceremony. At the left, dressed in oriental splendor, are the Maharajas of Bharatpur and Dholpa. Pictured at the right is the scene when Lord Irwin, viceroy of India, read the message from the king that officially opened the new capital.

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Irrigation Board To Visit Spokane

SPOKANE, Wash., Mar. 1. (AP)—The committee on irrigation and reclamation of the United States senate will visit Spokane probably the first week in October and from this city will make an extensive study of the Columbia basin irrigation project, says a Washington dispatch to the Chronicle today. The senate last evening adopted Senator Dill's resolution providing for the investigation.

Members of the committee who expect to make the trip, the dispatch said, are Senators Phipps, of Colorado; McNary, of Oregon; Dill and Jones, of Washington; Gooding, of Idaho; Oddie, of Nevada; Shortridge and Johnson, of California; Walsh, of Montana; Kendrick, of Wyoming; Pittman, of Nevada, and Ashurst, of Arizona.

The first robins are singing now at Oneco, Conn., Tijuana, Mexico, and all way points.

SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Union county.

Nell E. Thacker, Plaintiff,
vs.
Emma Young and Toy Young, Defendants.

To Emma Young and Toy Young, Defendants above named:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed by the plaintiff against you and Toy Young, your husband, in the above entitled court and suit, on or before six weeks from the 18th day of January, 1927, the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit, on, or before March 1, 1927, and if you fail to answer or otherwise plead to said complaint on or before such time the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in her complaint herein.

The relief prayed for is that plaintiff have judgment against the defendants herein for the sum of $1,720.00 and interest on $1,500.00 at eight per centum per annum from December 9th, 1926, till paid, $170.00 attorney fee and her costs and disbursements herein; and that that certain mortgage given by you on the 27th day of February, 1924, and recorded in the records of Union County, Oregon, on Tract "U" in Cogan's Second Addition to La Grande; and on lot 2 of block 12 in Honan's Addition to La Grande, all in Union county, Oregon, be foreclosed, and that you and all persons claiming under, by, or through you be forever barred of all right, title and interest in said premises, and that the same be sold at public auction, and the proceeds applied on plaintiff's claims in the manner provided by law, after paying the expenses of such sale.

This summons is published by order of the Hon. U. G. Couch, County Judge of said County, duly made and entered on Jan. 18, 1927, for six weeks in the La Grande Observer, the first publication being January 18, 1927.

J. S. HODGIN,
Attorney for Plaintiff,
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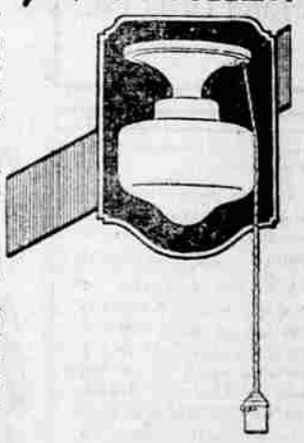

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