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THE EYES OF THE WICKED—The eyes of the wicked shall fail, and they shall not escape, and their hope shall be as the giving up of the ghost. Job 11:20.

For so backward a country, China's pretty forward.

In this age of idol-shattering, some of our conscientious objectors to prohibition will be sorry to learn of evidence that Robert Burns, the poet, never drank to excess.

UNCLIPPED COUPONS

A whole lot of people in this prosperous land bought Liberty bonds during the war, put them away in safe places and apparently proceeded to forget them and the nice little coupons which may be clipped twice a year and turned into ready cash.

The treasury department reports that tens of millions invested in these war bonds are untouched. None of their interest coupons have ever been cashed. This idle sum amounts to \$35,000,000. If it were reinvested at only 3 1/2 per cent interest, it would net more than \$1,000,000 a year. There are other government securities which matured years ago but which are ignored by their owners. They are worth more than \$40,000,000.

Americans may be as money-mad as some of their critics assert, but they are also amazingly simple or careless in some of their financial actions. Quite a number of things could be purchased with those neglected coupons—even the smallest of them would pay for a couple of movies or a good show, and the larger ones or the sum of a number of small ones would pay for more important things.

"MASTER CRIMINALS"

A veteran sheriff who has known many thousands of criminals says of them: "I am convinced that all crooks are cowards at heart. And there is no such thing as a smart crook. These so-called 'master mind' criminals exist only in the story books. A man with brains knows it doesn't pay to commit crimes. My experience shows that gun bravery is the only kind ever displayed by crooks. Take their weapons away, and they are tame indeed."

Most practical men who have been able to observe closely the criminal population filing through our jails and courts seem to hold about the same view. The clever, masterly criminal is a creature of literary imagination. When we do seem to see such criminals at long intervals functioning in real life, and coming into court with a sort of glamor about them when they are brought at bay, the glamor is still largely literary—a product of publicity. Entertaining reporters, vying with novelists and dramatists to make such characters as interesting as possible, do their best with the material they have. Yet between the lines can usually be read the fact that the celebrated prisoner is, after all, pretty shallow, and seems brilliant only in comparison with his mere stupid brethren.

The "gun bravery" the sheriff speaks of is a real thing. These weaklings and social misfits are brave only when they have a deadly weapon in their hands, and their victims have not. Here is a fact which lends still more force to the widespread demand for the disarmament of criminals, which can be accomplished only by disarming all who have no legitimate use for weapons.

IT ISN'T A HOME WITHOUT A TELEPHONE

WHAT else can you buy—
That will please every member of the family—
That they can all use—
That will make it easy for friends to keep in touch with them—
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DISARM MEETING NEAR COLLAPSE

Hugh Gibson, of U. S., Intervenes and Explains 3-Power Plans

GENEVA, Apr. 11 (AP)—With the preliminary disarmament meeting here in danger of collapse because of a conflict over the method of limiting navies, Hugh Gibson intervened in the debate today for the purpose of removing any impression that the United States is proposing a three-power conference, sought to prejudice the general disarmament conference.

His statement was made after M. Paul Boncour, of France, had remarked that the three-power conference had hovered over the preparatory commission since the beginning of its sessions and had disagreed with a declaration by Lord Cecil, of Great Britain, to the effect that the commission should avoid doing anything to prejudice the three-power meeting.

Explains Policy
Gibson said President Coolidge had made it clear that the United States wanted, if possible, to reach a general agreement; failing this, she wanted to attain a limited agreement with the hope that this would lead the way to a general accord.

While the American delegation was authorized to negotiate a special naval accord, Gibson emphasized that the main object of the United States was to contribute to the success of the commission which is preparing for a general disarmament conference and that there was no desire to subordinate the success of the mission to the three-power party.

The French Proposal
Mr. Gibson declared that the total tonnage system established at the Washington conference was the best and fairest method. The United States would examine the French proposal on its merits but if it was found unacceptable it would be the cause of any hearing on the three-power conference.

The French proposal, which would provide for limitation by categories of warships instead of by total tonnage, was flatly rejected by the spokesmen for Great Britain and Italy but was approved by Argentine and Chilean delegations.

ENTERPRISE PERSONALS

ENTERPRISE (Special)—The O. K. Man's shop, a branch of Conner's store of Union, is being closed only. At the close of the sale the remaining goods will be moved to Union. The Emporium will occupy the room, which will be vacated by May 1.

C. C. Green and wife have moved from Union to Enterprise, where Mr. Green will install and have charge of the new trout pond. If this experiment is successful there will be a hatchery put in here next year.

Dr. Lee Jouvy and H. E. Coolidge, of La Grande, were business visitors here Wednesday.

Carl Christiansen, president of the Enterprise Packing company, and W. H. Platzgoeder, secretary, were in La Grande on business last week.

Arthur Wood left here last week by auto for Dayton, Wash., to be with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dobbin and Mrs. Mary Hutchinson, of Union, were Enterprise visitors Tuesday.

NO DECISION GIVEN

WASHINGTON, Apr. 11 (AP)—On the ground that no opinion now is necessary, the supreme court today refused to decide whether the tariff committee could be compelled to furnish to individuals or firms data collected for the information of the president.

OUT OUR WAY



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Here's Devore Andrews, who once tried out with Connie Mack and who took up a political career when he failed. He was recently elected mayor of Greenwood, S. C., by a unanimous vote. He is the youngest mayor in his state.

HEALTH

KEEP THE EYES HEALTHY NO. 2
By L. L. McCoy, M. D., Seattle, Wash.

Member Gorzak Memorial Inst. Keeping on the alert for the beginning of abnormality of the eyes in order that they may be corrected early is essential for the preservation of the health of the eyes.

Quite frequently there occurs a tender swelling on the side of the bridge of the nose near the inner angle of the eye with perhaps a pus-like discharge apparently coming from the inner corner of the eye. This is an infection of the tear sac and should be treated by a doctor to avoid a serious outcome. Occasionally this ailment comes to operation. It is manifested in very young children by much tearing and discharge with gluing together to the lids.

Pink eye, so called, is very common among school children and is quite infectious. It runs its course in about two or three weeks if not treated but can be quite easily cured in a few days.

Another condition which resembles pink eye but which is more infectious and serious, especially the final outcome, is gonorrheal infection. It is more often found in very young children than in those of school age. It requires very energetic treatment in an isolation ward or hospital but even then partial or complete blindness usually ensues.

Light intolerance is sometimes noticed in debilitated children or in those who live under adverse circumstances. One or both eyes may be inflamed, there is tearing accompanied by a very strong aversion to light and the child may bury its head in a pillow or its hands to avoid light.

Observation reveals one or more small gray spots on the front of the eyeball with considerable redness over the white part of the ball adjacent to these spots. This is believed to be a tubercular condition and requires long continued local and general treatment.

Crossed eyes are usually quite striking. They are due to muscular imbalance, that is, the eye muscles do not act normally together. The patient is greatly handicapped as far as his appearance is concerned but the greatest handicap comes from the gradual loss of vision in the uncorrected eye that turns.

As soon as the eyes are seen to be turned, even only occasionally, the child should be taken to an oculist for advice because a squinting eye (squinting means deviation) becomes virtually blind if left untreated. Glasses often straighten and keep straight squinting eyes but many cases come to surgery as a last resort. Try glasses first!

Occasionally a child whose eyes appear perfectly normal will be unable to get around well or to see even large print. On examination the child will be found to have congenital cataracts or some serious condition inside of the eyeball. These are cases for the eye specialist of good reputation.

By Williams

COVE PERSONALS

COVE (Special)—W. E. Beckwith and family, of Denver, Colo., were guests at the home of L. D. Sutherland last week. They were on their way to Seattle, Wash., by auto, where they plan to locate.

Fred Dutil, of Enterprise, for many years a resident of La Grande, was here Monday visiting his sister, Mrs. C. Bertsch. He left here Tuesday and is starting on a trip to Switzerland, where he made his home at one time. He has not been there since 1920. Mr. Dutil plans to be away all summer.

Mrs. Edna Conklin and daughter, Miss Clarice, and Miss Dorothy Mills, were here from Walla Walla, Wash., last week.

J. B. Welmer is moving his family and household goods near Hilgard. The three girls, Eva, Wilmet and Vera, and one son, Stowell, will remain here until the close of school.

Miss Lucille Peck, a student at O. A. C., has returned to her home here. She will not return to school until next fall. Justin Peck is also home from school.

Ben Harris, another O. A. C. student from Cove, has gone to Seattle, Wash., where he will work this summer.

Mrs. C. Bertsch was a visitor at

ENTERPRISE PERSONALS

Mrs. C. E. Lawson entertained a few friends at ten Monday afternoon.

C. E. Lawson and Robert French took part of their cattle to the Mjnam Monday.

The Ladies' Guild of the Ascension church will hold a bazaar and apron sale in one of the vacant buildings on Main street Wednesday, April 13. Lunch will be served.

The movies must be emancipated, says Will Hays. And the subtitle writer who first thought up "Come the dawn" is the first guy we'd like to see them emancipated of.

UNION PERSONALS

UNION (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jory, accompanied by Mrs. Ralph Smith, left early last week by auto for Portland, Ore., and Aberdeen, Wash.

Mrs. C. W. Parker, who has been a patient at the Hot Lake sanatorium for some time, returned to her home at Union last week.

Merton Kiddle, of Island City, was a business visitor in Union Friday.

Ralph Smith, of the Smith and

THOMPSON PERSONALS

Thompson grocery was a recent La Grande visitor.

Miss Maude Lay was shopping in La Grande Wednesday afternoon.

A. W. Middleton arrived in Union several days ago and will be here for several days on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gilmerson, of Union, are the proud parents of a baby son born to them March 28.

Mrs. Mable C. Laughlin will present her music pupils of Union in a recital Thursday evening, April 14, at 7:30 o'clock. The program will be given in the high school auditorium.

Mrs. George Delap returned to her home here last week from Hot Lake, where she has been a patient in the hospital. She is much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mitchell, of Union, are the proud parents of a son born to them Tuesday, April 5.

Adrian Goodbrod left Thursday evening for Tacoma, Wash., where he will undergo an operation at the veteran's hospital there.

Mrs. J. E. Hutchinson, Mrs. Raymond Pitts, and Mrs. Fred Fox were La Grande shoppers Tuesday afternoon.

Wm. Penn—5 cents—A Good Cigar

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