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GOD'S WAYS NOT OUR WAYS—Will thou keep the old way which wicked men have trodden? Who said unto God, Depart from us; and What can the Almighty do for us? Yet He filled their houses with good things. Job 22:15, 17, 18.

For an "off year" politically, 1927 so far is certainly very presidential.

Next week is official Clean-Up Week in La Grande—the one particular period in the year when pride in property is supposed to show itself for the sake of a more tidy community appearance. There are many spots in the city that can be made more attractive to the eye with a little cleaning.

It is gratifying to La Grande citizens in occasional travels to find that this community is becoming recognized more and more throughout the Pacific Northwest as the leading city of Eastern Oregon. Comparatively a young city, La Grande's development during the last ten years has made it deserving of front rank recognition—a recognition that is now being accorded.

A new broom sweeps clean—if and when used—and Mayor Thompson of Chicago promises to do a lot of sweeping. If he was elected with the aid of the "lawless element," as his critics charge, the joke might be on that element if Big Bill carries out his threat to "drive law-breakers out of Chicago in 90 days." It would be a criminal heire such as this country has never seen before—would be a wonderful thing for Chicago—but we will believe the clean-up when it is accomplished. Other mayors have promised similar things but the old Chicago is still with us. The difficulty seems to lie in the fact that it takes a little revolting public sentiment along with a mayor's authority to clean up any city.

OUTDOOR CONCERTS

Band stands are coming back. The stand in the little public park of many a town and village, fallen into disuse and disrepair in these latter years, may take on new life and come into greater honor than it ever knew before.

Big cities are taking the lead now in giving outdoor concerts. In New York, Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis, Cleveland and many other large communities, there are regular series of summer concerts given by local symphony orchestras, providing as good music as the country or world affords. In parks where old band stands have been torn down, new ones are being erected. Dozens of smaller cities, all over the country, are doing likewise. They may not have expensive symphony orchestras, but it is a pretty poor town, musically and financially, that cannot muster some kind of presentable orchestra or band.

All this is evidence of the new musical era now begun in America. There is genuine love for music, widely diffused, and there is more knowledge of music and more musical taste than ever before. Our people never seem to get enough music—at least, never enough of anything but jazz. The public is getting fed up on that, and begins to crave something better, and to go after it when it isn't furnished without effort.

Music is good, and outdoors is good, and the two belong together in the good old summer time. We may yet have more people attending outdoor concerts than ball games and in cities like La Grande there is an increasing demand for park facilities that will permit pleasant band concerts during the warm months.

EX-GOVERNOR OF WYOMING SPEAKS

Nellie Tayloe Ross Would Like to See a Catholic President of U. S.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 25 (AP)—Nellie Tayloe Ross, former governor of Wyoming, declared today that although she is a Protestant, she would like to see a Catholic elected president "just to prove that this is, in reality, a republic in which we live and not see one in name only."

Speaking before the National Women Democratic club, Mrs. Ross denounced as unworthy of the "precious heritage of American citizenship, any declaration by policy or practice, that prejudice rather than liberal principles shall prevail in this government," and called upon women of the democratic party to back her up in this stand.

Speaking of "Principal" she said she was not referring to any particular potential presidential candidate, but speaking "only of the principal," involving and added that the issue was one "that cannot be dodged or evaded."

"There are many factors to be taken into consideration in the nomination of a president," she continued. "I do, though, insist that one factor that cannot be taken into consideration is church alignment."

"I believe that the sin of intolerance is the greatest sin of the age. It is amazing that those who call themselves christians can harbor and encourage in others a sentiment so consistent with the teachings of Christ."

SAYS SMITH SIDE-STEPPED

RICHMOND, Va., Apr. 25 (AP)—Declaring that Governor Alfred E. Smith, of New York, had failed to answer the religious questionnaire put to him by Charles C. Marshall and that he had done "nothing but to avow his faith and to vouch his record," Dr. George W. McDaniel, president of the Southern Baptist convention said in a sermon here that "millions of God-fearing democrats" would not remain acquiescent while Smith is being mentioned as standard bearer of his party.

Dr. McDaniel said that the governor's reply to the open letter of Mr. Marshall addressed to him in a recent issue of the Atlantic Monthly, "emphasized what his correspondent concluded and implied that matter about which his correspondent inquired."

Dr. Dobbs Takes Stand In Trial, Denies Murder

SEATTLE, Apr. 25 (AP)—Unequivocally denying that he had had anything to do with the disappearance of Letitia Whitehall, 14-year-old Kirkland school girl, Dr. C. C. Dobbs, who is accused of slaying her, took the stand in superior court here today in his own defense.

Called as a witness shortly before the noon adjournment, Dr. Dobbs gave his version of what occurred in his dental office between the time the girl entered it and the time he says she left, unharmed and well, half an hour later.

"I escorted her to the door and told her 'Good night.' I never saw her again," Dobbs told the jurors. He denied that he had extracted a tooth or administered any kind of narcotic to the girl.

After she left his office, he said, he went to the postoffice and several stores before going home. He detailed how he had accepted every minute of the evening. The state contends that he killed the girl.

COOLIDGE TO SPEAK

WASHINGTON, Apr. 25 (AP)—President Coolidge left here today for New York where he will deliver an address tonight before a meeting of the United Press association.

SINGULAR HONOR

Cincinnati has a singular and plural pitcher. Carl is Mays and Jake is Mays.

LeBourveau of the Giants, "Bevo" for short will have to take a chance.

The proof-room has one development.

American forest week originated in the Pacific Northwest in 1925. It has been observed nationally since 1927. The 1927 observance will be April 24-26.



Sister Perpetua, of the Women's prison at St. Lazare, France, is the first nun to wear the cross of the French Legion of Honor. It was conferred upon her for her humanitarian and spiritual service to the women in her care.

VETS' REUNION BRINGS ROMANCE



A year ago Dan Cupid shot a couple of arrows at the United Confederate Veterans' reunion, at Birmingham, Ala. They took effect, and at this year's reunion at Tampa, Fla., Aaron L. Hurt, 52, of Homaker, Va., and Mrs. Fannie Graves, 56, of Chattanooga, Tenn., were married. Colonel J. W. Dykes of Sweetwater, Ark., step-father of the bride, and W. D. E. Snipes, who tied the knot, are shown to the right.

Puzzling Names in Baseball World Worry Proofreaders, Also Fans

By Brian Bell (Associated Press Sports Editor)
NEW YORK, Apr. 25—Every baseball indication points to a hard summer for proof-readers. Names of major league players will continue to give the comma chasers in newspaper offices a stiff battle.

The proof-reader get one break. Fox will not catch many games for the Athletics. The newspapers do not have to worry about the extra "x" when he is in the bullpen warming up relief pitchers. However, Harris, with a double "a" at the end will be in the box for the Boston Red Sox at regular intervals and Grove, who has not even one "a" at the end of his name will be pitching often for Connie Mack.

When Glard gets in for the Yankees he will be called Glard in many places and Ruetter has the "u" and "r" reversed as often as not. Pipgras gets along with one "r" and Wera worries through with a single "r."

Hendrick, the new Brooklyn outfielder, does not answer to Hendricks as does the Cincinnati manager and Welch is the Boston outfielder while Welch pitches occasionally for the Cubs.

Steve O'Neill will catch for the Browns but the Washington catcher is Mickey O'Neil. The Brooklyn catcher is Hargreaves while Cincinnati's star backstop is Har grave.

Jack McCallister, new Cleveland manager, has grown accustomed to being called McAllister and Myer, the Washington infielder, frequently sees himself in print as Myggs. Even the official Detroit roster called the manager "Morlarity" when his name is Moriarty and a Tiger infielder is Deiveros. He often picks up an extra "l" in the spelling.

Brannon of the Athletics is referred to by many names and while Boley, the infielder gets by on the last name, he insists that his first name is John, which they changed to Joe in Baltimore.

The catching for the Boston Red Sox will be done in part by Hoffmann, one "f" and two "n's" and W's Carlyle, in the outfield. He had a big league brother to teach the fans how to spell his name, how-ever.

The Phillies have a young pitcher whose name is Taber while the White Sox have an old one named Faber.

Layne, the Pirate outfielder, will lose the "s", in transmission now and then, just as Ken of the Cardinals picks up an "e" ever and anon. Sherdel is with one "d" and Reinhart has no "d" and Cengree and Yac of the Pirates have names easier to spell than pronounced and the same goes for Shatto of Cleveland.

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POTASH FOR QUALITY VEGETABLES

Potash is the fertilizer for quality in vegetables, particularly in those vegetables whose fruits or roots are used for food.

Wood ashes form the best potash fertilizer for the garden, but wood ashes are sold by all the able. However, hardwood ashes, which contain the highest percentage of potash of the various wood ashes are sold by all the larger seed houses. Ashes from bonfires should be saved carefully and spread over the garden.

Some plant experts are now inclined to view plant diseases as due to deficiencies in the diet of the plants much as some human diseases are ascribed to the same cause. Plant troubles, particularly in tomatoes, are blamed on lack of potash.

A balanced plant ration produces stocky, sturdy growth. An oversupply of nitrogen produces a heavy, sappy growth of foliage and delays maturity. The excessive use of nitrogen and phosphates without a proper proportion of potash will defeat its own end. It is therefore best in buying chemical fertilizers to buy the so-called complete or balanced fertilizers, the chemical formulae of which are indicated by figures showing the percentage of nitrogen, phosphates and potash. They are manufactured with a due regard to proper proportions and also are made up of both quick and slow acting fertilizers, so that their effect is fairly lasting.

It is safer to use these balanced fertilizers than to use too much nitrate. A little nitrate goes a long way, and it should be applied only when it is desired to speed up the growth of leaf and stem. Murate and sulphate of potash are commercial forms, and are applied by sprinkling light-

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ly around the plants in the same manner that nitrate is applied. They are especially good for bulb and root crops.

ROGERS HAS HIS FUN
NEW YORK—The inside of that offer of \$100,000 to Mayor Walker to head the American league came from Will Rogers at the Lamb's gambol. He said the mayor had to refuse because he could not get up in time to see a ball game.

MOSCOW—Eight thousand persons are to be employed for nine months in the making of a film of the Bolshevik revolution under government auspices.

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