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THE GIFTS OF GOD—The Lord will give strength unto his people, the Lord will bless his people with peace. Psalm 29:11.

People who want liberty have a quaint notion that it's worth while for its own sake, and it's nobody else's business what they do with it.

For this being an "off year" politically, Oregon is going to have to do a lot of deciding on political measures. There'll be almost as many things on the ballot in June as there was last November.

The advantage and convenience of Union county's increasing market roads should certainly lead approval to this type of public expenditure. The Mt. Glen road, the Lower Cove road, the extension of Hunter lane—all with a fine macadam surface—provides very necessary links in a transportation system that guarantees future development of the valley.

One thing seems sure: President Coolidge hasn't made up his mind definitely to refuse to be a third term candidate. At least we would gather that from his announced plan to establish a "summer White House" out in the "great West." If politics weren't influencing Cal somewhat, one would imagine he'd prefer another eastern location. It's possible, of course, that we thus do him an injustice and all he really wants is to see a little more of the country while Uncle Sam is still paying the bills.

**AVOIDING VETERANS' BONUS LOANS**

The United States Veterans' Bureau, which was organized following the war to handle government insurance and compensation, has now shifted the bulk of its financial handlings from insurance to banking, as a result of the authority given World War veterans to borrow on their bonus certificates. The bureau is now conducting a banking business of enormous proportions, according to the director, Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines.

Banks and bureau agencies throughout the country have loaned more than fifty million and the bureau itself has loaned some thirteen million on these adjusted service certificates—a total of over sixty-three million—and it is estimated that probably three hundred million will have been loaned former soldiers and sailors within the next five years under this plan. Discussing the loans further, General Hines points out the value of the certificates and says that the Veterans' Bureau is "trying to dissuade veterans from obligating their certificates unless there is a real need."

Surely the bureau is taking a proper stand in urging that these loans be avoided wherever possible, and veterans should give the subject very serious consideration before taking advantage of Uncle Sam's temporary banking accommodations in their favor. There are scores of men, of course, who actually need the immediate help that is available through this bonus certificate loan and who will bend every effort to repay the loan so that the certificate is not jeopardized further. Many others, however, see only the fifty or eighty dollars that can be borrowed on the certificate and are blinded to the importance of a cash payment of five hundred, a thousand, or fifteen hundred dollars at the end of the twenty year term.

The immediate possession of fifty or seventy-five dollars would hardly make or break very many of the 3,200,000 World War veterans who are privileged to negotiate such a loan. Now, too, the former service men should be enjoying their greatest earning power and should be conserving their resources for the time when savings will be less easily accumulated. The adjusted service certificates actually mean a cash savings account that can be withdrawn, invested or spent, when twenty years from the time of issue have expired. For many veterans it is visioned as the guarantee of an education for their children. At the least it is a paid-up portion of one's insurance estate that should be guarded jealously and not presented for loan security except in dire emergency.

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## HIGHWAY BOARD GIVES DECISION

### Turns Down Proposed Boundaries of Falls City-Valseltz Improvement

SALEM, Ore., May 17 (AP)—On grounds that the proposed Falls City-Valseltz highway would not adequately serve the district involved, the state highway commission has disapproved the boundaries of the Falls City-Valseltz highway improvement district in Polk county. This was announced here today by State Highway Engineer R. A. Klein upon receipt of the votes of Chairman William Duley and C. E. Gates, of the state highway commission. Commissioner Vanduser did not attend the hearing, which was held at Falls City, May 14 and he did not vote.

The action of the commission is final and an election on the question of forming the district will be held.

The proposed boundaries are such because of the topography, as to include too great an area which can not be served by this road or require any benefits from it," says a statement by Mr. Klein, which summarizes the reasons given by Commissioner Duley and Gates. "If the boundaries were to be reduced to more nearly cover the section involved, the valuation would not be sufficient to meet the cost of construction on the permissible tax basis. Further, the benefits to be derived from the building of the road do not appear to justify the expense of construction of a through road."

**Held Local Matter**

"This commission feels that the improvement of the Falls City-Valseltz road is a local matter which should be handled by Polk county and the road districts in the customary way that such local improvements are handled and financed either by district, county or municipal funds."

Following the Falls City hearing and the return of the commissioners to Salem, Chairman Duley returned to the district, and according to his letter to Klein, made a careful survey of the situation.

The hearing was the second on the question, the commission having approved the district several weeks ago. The second hearing was granted on petition of certain inhabitants.

The western terminus of the proposed road was Valseltz, but ultimately it would have connected with the Roseburg highway at Newport.

## REFUSES EXTRADITION

SALEM, May 17 (AP)—Governor Hatterman yesterday decided not to issue a warrant on the governor of California for the extradition of Leonard Washby, who is accused of failing to provide for the support of a minor child in Portland. Mrs. Washby filed proceedings against her husband, but her attorney refused to appear before the governor and asked that the regulation be not issued.

Some citizens still hold spectacles in superstitious reverence and it is considered correct to remove them when visiting a social gathering.



—NBA, Los Angeles Bureau COMPTONIAN HOLLYWOOD, which draws beauty from all over the world, now has a star from our next-door neighbor, Mexico. She is Lupa Veloz, signed as a comedienne but looking as though comic parts should be her forte.

## Unwritten Law Murder Defense



When Arthur Birkes of Red Rock, Okla., goes to trial for the murder of Dr. Harry McQuinn, his wife will be a witness for him. She is expected to testify that Dr. McQuinn tried to make love to her, that she told her husband, that Birkes warned McQuinn to leave town within 15 hours and, after a sleepless night, shot the physician the next day when he saw him on the street. Mr. and Mrs. Birkes are shown above.

## Greatest Danger of Pan-American Flight Encountered Over Chile

SAVANNAH, Ga., May 16 (AP)—Most of the Pan-American flight was fraught with danger, but in the opinion of Major Herbert A. Dargatzis, commander of the fleet, the greatest peril was encountered on the southern coast of Chile.

"In that part of the world," he states, "it rains virtually every day. At times the rain was so heavy we were forced down into the water, which was like a whirlpool because of the down-pour. We always flew close together and didn't dare to separate."

Also, flying in the heat of the day through the heavy, humpy air currents was disconcerting to say the least.

"Flying over the Andes mountains, the tops of which frequently were covered with dense clouds, caused us many an anxious moment, as did the flight across the mouth of the Amazon river, miles away from any civilization. A landing would have been more than hazardous, but fortunately we had no engine trouble."

"People must remember we have some air conditioning where there were no facilities and on a good will mission which required considerable time and fuel. Every 4000 feet we had to drop 1000 feet."

"Critics derided our ability to cross the Andes with cargo so heavy that we almost believed ourselves we could not possibly make it. But we did and without any mishaps. We crossed from the Pacific to the Atlantic without a stop. We went from Rio de Janeiro to Lima, in flight, a distance of 2,600 miles in four days."

"One thing of importance the Pan-American flight demonstrated is the feasibility of travel by air in South America, Central America and the West Indies. I believe a proper relay service of mail delivery by plane would produce a five-day service between New York and Buenos Aires, and a similar time might be obtained on the west coast, where air conditions are considerably better."

## NORTH POWDER PERSONALS

**NORTH POWDER**, Ore. (Special)—The North Powder high school basketball team defeated Idaho last week by a score of 6 to 3. Dr. and Mrs. Lewis, new settlers here Saturday, Dr. Lewis, former of North Powder, now resides at Roseburg.

Mrs. Nellie Thum will have Wednesday's hair done at 2 o'clock in the afternoon with her daughter, Miss Alice Gentry.

The residence of Miss Looney, partly destroyed by fire last fall, is being repaired.

Two O. H. Williams, principal of the North Powder schools, will teach at Newport this fall. Mr. Williams has taught here for two years.

Miss Helen Beutner will spend a week visiting in Baker with her sister Mrs. G. H. Mitchell.

Eric Moore, George Augustine, John Dalton and Russell Jones will leave Wednesday for California to work for the P. P. L.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hutchinson took a crowd of people to Redding Saturday night for a contest.

One person who maintains close to such affairs like the Sheriff trial is that many orders are sweepers.

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## WALLOWA PERSONALS

**LASTING**, Ore. (Special)—The Women's club met Friday evening in the grange hall. Election of officers was one of the features of the meeting. Mrs. Harry Wade was selected as president, Mrs. Pearl, vice-president, Ada Lockwood, secretary, Vera Parsons, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. J. H. Jackson, treasurer.

William Houtel, of Elgin, was a visitor at Lasting Friday.

M. Oren has been confined to his home for several days of ill.

The service station at Lasting is being improved. A rest room for women is being built.

Miss Verell Kuhn, who has been attending school at Elgin, stopped at home after enjoying "Thank" day at Wallowa lake Friday.

Miss Genevieve Parnon has been very ill the past week of the flu.

The Neighborhood club met at the Presbyterian church Thursday afternoon with Mrs. W. F. Shields, of Wallowa, as hostess.

The Rev. and Mrs. Shields, of Wallowa, visited at the homes of Grandma McQuinn and Grandma Hammock, who are both very ill.

Mrs. G. W. McKenzie has returned home from Elgin where she visited relatives and friends for several days.

"Home Bright" will be given at the school auditorium the evening of May 18 by the senior class. Commencement exercises will be held Friday evening.

Relative and friends have received the announcement of entrance of the graduating class of students from the Good Samaritan

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hospital in Portland of which Miss Beulah Mae Magill is a member.

The Lasting Cemetery association met this week and made plans for decoration day. The plans are to serve dinner in the Presbyterian church basement.

Mrs. Gray was hostess to some Grande Ronde friends. Mr. and Mrs. Howell and son Lyle, of Cove, having spent the week end here.

The senior class of the Lasting high school and Mr. Prefelt, celebrated "Thank" day at Wallowa lake Wednesday. The class is composed of Anna Allen, Mina Crow, Frieda Sberlin, Van Goodman and Wesley Leonard.

The baccalaureate sermon for the Lasting graduating class was given by the Rev. Lester Jones, of Koterpriss, Sunday afternoon at the Christian church.

Visiting day was observed in the Lasting school Friday morning with a large assembly of parents and friends who were eager to learn what students had accomplished during the school year. The visitors were shown the laboratory, a technical test in typing, the manual training exhibits and a demonstration of first aid.

Several La Grande people attended the high school commencement exercises Friday evening.

Many authors have been checked by the news that a garbage man died and left a fortune.

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