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TEST FOR SERVICE—Examine me, O Lord, and prove me. Try my reins and my heart. For thy loving kindness is before my eyes: and I have walked in thy truth. Psalm 26:2, 3.

Judging from the condition of Louisiana's "Sugar Bowl," the cane sugar prospects this year are all wet.

Then, too, some of those princely offers now bothering Lindbergh might be used to boost aviation in some other way.

Ruth Hanna McCormick is getting ready, so they say, to announce her candidacy for governorship of Illinois. She and Illinois both might do worse. And then what shall we expect of Alice Roosevelt Longworth?

It's difficult to pick out the best thing about the Union stock show but one of the most inspiring and encouraging things was the stock displays made by the boys' and girls' clubs over the valley. The youngsters have some remarkable animals and the interest they have taken in club work bodes well for the agricultural future of the county. Unconsciously, perhaps, these boys and girls, through the aid of the stock show and interested individuals, are laying a most valuable foundation for the years to come. They, and all those who have lent encouragement to their efforts, deserve congratulations.

A good majority of the farmers in the districts affected by the new county road proposal are in favor of the new bond issue, according to present indications. Some property owners located on improved roads in the center of the valley may not consider the plan so necessary but the value of better roads and more roads will be so obvious that the rural districts are counted on for a favorable vote. If such is the case and the farmers want the new road improvement, the least that the voters of La Grande and other lightly benefited districts can do is add their support. "They voted for our roads; let's vote for theirs" is a fair slogan. Cooperation and mutual understanding will promote any community progress.

MORE COOLIDGE THRIFT

If there is any one characteristic that has endeared President Coolidge to the people of the country, it is his thrift. Whether actual or political, it has been a success and his recent remarks before the semi-annual budget meeting will find wide approval. Speaking of the prospective tax cut he says: "One thing is certain. Unless we succeed in holding expenditures at about their present level, hope of further tax reduction will be gone."

The present year will show a treasury surplus of nearly six hundred million and next year promises a surplus of nearly three hundred fifty million. Based on previous gains and on general business conditions, the administration probably will seek a tax cut amounting to the latter figure or less. It should be done—unless, when the time comes, conditions are so encouraging that reduction of the war debt to that added extent seems more advisable.

Although the average citizen probably looks upon a federal tax cut as merely the means of saving a few income tax dollars, actually the various reductions have been very influential in preserving prosperity and in releasing money for new industrial development. The less severe the tax burden, the more easily is capital attracted away from tax-exempt securities into productive channels, and the more money there is available for such purposes.

This can be accomplished, Coolidge says, if present expenditures are not increased. There is no reason why they should be. Our federal government is not designed as a public business agency. It should find no attraction in spending money for improvements out of the general treasury that states and smaller units of less government can adequately handle. The true purpose of the federal government—security and protection—is of that we generally require. Providing that should not require much increase in expenses.

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GET INKLING OF DEFENSE PLANS

Guardsman Testifies in Re-Trial of Hugh De Autremont Today

COURT HOUSE, Jacksonville, Ore., June 13. (AP)—The defense in the retrial of Hugh De Autremont, alleged Siskiyou county bandit-slayer, charged with the murder of Charles O. (Curly) Johnson this morning in the cross examination of G. H. Moore, of Tennessee, Cal., gave the first inkling of what its contentions will be. Moore, a member of the national guard detail of Ashland, Ore., that was ordered to the tunnel a few hours after the holdup, testified to the finding and identified three cartridges found in the vicinity of the Mountrevet cabin.

Under cross examination by Attorney Collier of Portland, Moore said that the national guardsmen were all equipped with army cartridges of the type the state had belonged to the De Autremonts, and automatic revolvers similar to the one found in the railroad yards at Siskiyou which the prosecution holds belonged and were purchased by the defendant and his twin brothers, now held at Columbus, Ohio pending return to Oregon under murder and robbery indictments. The state, in the first trial, stressed that the trees in the vicinity of the bandit camp were used by them as targets.

The defense indicated it will contend that cartridges were lost by guardsmen and that the cross-scarred with .45 caliber blind bullets were from revolvers in the hands of militiamen.

State Objects

Moore, in response to questions would neither deny or affirm that the state troopers had not indulged in impromptu target practice during their stay in the vicinity of the holdup.

The state interposed vigorous objection to this line of questioning and were sustained by the court.

The defense fought hard for the introduction of the testimony and both counsels were admonished by the court not to be too zealous and indulge in extended argument.

The defense attempt to bring out by witness Moore that Victor Villa, also of Ashland, and his companion for a month while on duty in the Siskiyou mountains had committed suicide in Seattle, was blocked by the state. Moore did not know the manner of Villa's death, or the circumstances thereof.

Identifies Cap

The state expects to complete direct evidence by Wednesday afternoon.

Fred M. Stratton, of Weed, Cal., a mill foreman and member of the searching party identified a cap as Moore cap he found in a clump of jack pines south of the holdup spot. A shoe belonging to the De Autremonts, he was unable to identify as the one found by Forest Game Warden Ray Carr of Ashland. Stratton said also 45-calibre pistol shells were in the clip.

Under defense examination Stratton explained disappearance of his moccasins at the first trial as to the distance of the gun fight from the railroad track, and the present one by stating that he had recently gone to the store and bought moccasins.

Boys' and Girls' Club Members at Summer Session

CORVALLIS, Ore., June 13 (AP)—Close to 300 boys and girls club members from 25 counties of the state were registering today for a five weeks' junior summer session at Oregon Agricultural college. A Southern Oregon special train arrived last night with delegations from Klamath, Falls, Jackson, Josephine, Douglas and Lane counties.

During the stay here from morning work will take class work in agriculture and home economics each morning with athletics and special features each afternoon.

GOTHAM PAYS TRIBUTE TO WORLD HERO

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cheers as the crowds' cheers were suddenly stilled. There was a concerted gasp of "Oh" when Whalen grabbed the lines and then, as it was seen that he was unharmed, the cheering broke out again, louder if possible than before.

As the Lindbergh car neared city hall a great waterfall of confetti, adopted with streamers of tickertape, was poured on it from the roof of the Woolworth tower and settled upon it and over the already joyous whitened street.

After the near accident at the factory, Lindbergh resumed a standing position and rode on to city hall, bowing and waving as he passed along through the ranks of screaming admirers.

Walker Presents Scroll

At City Hall, Mayor Walker presented the flyer with a scroll commemorating his historic flight.

In reply, Lindbergh said his New York reception was greater than those of Paris, Brussels, London and Washington "all put together."

"When I was preparing to leave for Europe," he said, "I was told that if we landed in La Bourget we might expect a rather demonstrative reception. After one half hour at La Bourget, I didn't believe any one in New York would have the nerve idea of the reception there is."

"And again at Brussels and also at London. Why, in London 1200 of the people of Scotland said were lost in a crowd at Croydon so completely on though they had been dropped in the ocean. Except around the car in which I was and around the plane, I don't recall ever seeing two at them together.

New York Greatest

"At Washington there was applause, but at New York I believe that there was a crowd greater than all lost together. I wonder how many times Lindbergh believes he will have thoughts of their good cheer.

"Lindbergh then went over many matters of previous conversation, stressing the point that he did not wish anything for "New York to do through the entire year."

Three hour, thousand thousand cheers interrupted the speaker. He paused, smiled and waited quiet again and continued.

"I propose, mayor, notwithstanding my to come home, that New Jersey committee decided not to come back. When I started up the Delaware the other day I decided I wasn't sure that I had followers that night. And when I reached New York this morning I was very glad indeed that I had taken it."

Dinner Friday

After the conference of the Lindbergh party passed the evening and continued unknown. The day of rest had through Lindbergh arrival and was Tuesday morning. The aviator looked and there the crowds walls and whenever he appeared with the crowds in the street.

At the Lindbergh dinner on the evening closed to outside in, and the conference started on the whole. The conference and discussion the plane which he was with Lindbergh. The time passed for Paris, where he flew after crossing.

SACRED CONCERT AND TALK FEATURES

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gram was at the First Methodist Episcopal church, where Miss Olneva Sayre, returned missionary from China, spoke on conditions there.

May Oust Bible

"Just what effect present difficulties in China will have on the mission work which has already been established there cannot be told," she told her audience. "If the nationalists should get in, which she thinks likely from present indications, then all schools operating in China will have to be registered. That may mean that the teaching of the Bible will be prohibited. With this prohibition many of the schools may not care to register, she said.

However, it is her belief that the present situation will be a forerunner of better and more awesome days, and while mission work may be retarded and while it may be some time before missionaries can return to their former fields yet eventually they will return and an even greater work will be accomplished.

Miss Sayre spoke especially on the superstitions of the Chinese people, basing her remarks as part of John three. "It is hard to teach these people about the love of God, for they are steeped in a religion which has taught the worship of gods of fear; they have no background to comprehend a God who loves. Missionary work among them must be largely one of teaching particularly in standards of right and wrong. "The Chinese think it is clever to lie, to cheat and to deceive," Miss Sayre said. "And they lead and worry unless they are caught. Consequently she believes that instruction as to what is sweet is the first essential.

Chinese Superstitions

In speaking definitely of superstitions she mentioned those pertaining to death, to their attitude toward their ancestors, toward marriage, toward sickness, etc. The medicine man, or witch doctor, as he really is, has a tremendous hold on the people, and their practices are quite unthinkable, according to Miss Sayre.

She was forced to leave her station field in the Honan province of China and now refuses to return, returning to her home here recently, after spending six years there.

Harry J. G. Barker, of the Salvation Army, returned here for one two years. Lee received transfer orders, which means that he and Mrs. Barker will move to Oregon. A farewell meeting will be held next Saturday night, although they will not leave until after June 21. No plans as to where they will be located have been announced.

WM. PENN—5 cents—A Good Cigar

CROP SITUATION GOOD THIS YEAR

Grain Situation Promising in Lewiston Region; Some Winter Damage

LEWISTON, June 11.—The crop conditions are good with about a total average acreage, but with an increase in fall wheat of from 10 to 15 per cent and about the same decrease in the spring wheat acreage, according to E. W. Hayes, manager of the Vollmer-Clearwater Grain company. Mr. Hayes reports the crop prospects better than a year ago, there being an abundance of moisture in the ground and while the prairie crop is a little backward because of the cool weather, the conditions as a whole are good and the farmers should have good crops if favorable weather conditions continue.

The seeding of barley and oats is very light. There has been some winter damage to wheat in some localities, but taken as a whole throughout the Lewiston country, the damage has not been serious.

Better Than Six Weeks Ago

"The prospects for the new crop market are better than six weeks ago," said Mr. Hayes. "The conditions at this time would indicate the 1927 harvest will be about on the same level as last year. The seeding in Canada is lighter and there has been damage in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. The recent flurry in the Chicago markets should not be taken as indicative of any material advances that will carry into the new crop period. In the Lewiston country there remains but very little of the 1926 crop unsold. Perhaps from three to five per cent of the old crop now remains in the hands of the growers in this district.

"The farmers will plant beans on their summer fallow land in the Potlatch country and in the Gifford and Culdesac sections they will plant corn and field peas. The corn has always been a profitable crop for the farmers who cultivate their fields and have hogs to consume their corn.

Field Peas Profitable

"There is not enough attention given to field peas as this is perhaps one of the most profitable crops that can be grown on the summer fallow land where the conditions are favorable for peas. The peas are a good crop for the land and they provide a mighty valuable feed for hogs at a time when there is no other good pasture. A pea crop is ready to be hogged off before the stubble fields are available and they put the swine herd in excellent condition for the stubble fields. Many farmers find they can market quite a percentage of their hogs direct from the stubble fields if they have had a pea field for late summer range and those not conditioned in the stubble field are easily finished on corn.

"Each locality must turn to such crops as are best suited to that particular district but not enough attention is given to the crops that can be profitably grown on the summer fallow land."

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MASKED ROBBERS MISS DOPE VAULT

CHICAGO, June 13. (AP)—Mystery surrounding the raid of eight masked robbers who for seven hours early Sunday leisurely searched the plant of the $2,000,000 Abbott Chemical laboratories here after binding and gagging two watchmen and barricading themselves armed with three machine guns was unsolved today. Company officials, after a thorough checking of stamps and money, formulae files, and stocks of alcohol, narcotics, medicines and serums announced nothing was missing.

The company discounted the theory of some investigators that the gang was seeking a reported newly discovered formula for a non-habit forming narcotic. Company executives said today their chemists had perfected no such formula.

The gang told the watchmen they had been informed the company kept considerable money and stamps on hand. Two safes, ten filing cabinets and desks and files on the two floors were broken open. The narcotic vaults were not located by the robbers.

BABY ABANDONED BY YOUNG FATHER

Medford Woman Notifies Authorities of Mysterious Actions of Man

MEDFORD, Ore., June 13. (AP)—The baby left by a man giving the name of H. Spencer, who left Medford with a girl named Mary Parker and baby girl on the night of May 2, by the mother, Mrs. J. H. Hilliard, 1334 pers, and sent for a special train, arriving in Medford early Sunday morning with Mrs. Hilliard and her child, in the office of the chief of police.

Mrs. Hilliard, the baby, left Medford with Mrs. Thomas Lee, who is a sister of Mrs. J. H. Hilliard, and who lives in Medford. Mrs. Hilliard said that the baby was left in a basket on the porch of her home by a man who she had never seen before. The note left with the baby said that the father of the child was not able to care for it and that it was left with her because he was sure she would care for it.

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