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GOD IS TRUSTWORTHY. Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man. Neither will he uphold the evil-doers. Job 4:29.

There is still time to get floats in the big parade Saturday afternoon. It may cost the firms and organizations a little money and considerable work but the convention will be worth it—as will the rest of the parade.

Homes can be decorated appropriately during the Legion convention this week to properly match the gala appearance of the business area. Hang out a flag or two. Every corner of town should be enthusiastic in appearance as well as in fact.

CAREFULLY PLANNED PROGRESS

The overwhelming defeat of numerous municipal improvement projects by the voters of Portland in the June election, some worthy and some not, has caused the Oregon Voter to urge the establishment of a Bureau of Research for that city similar to that of San Francisco, to study city improvement problems impartially and to plan intelligently for the necessary projects over a period of years so that the people can approve without fear of exorbitant tax increases. Discussing the subject, the Voter says, in part:

"Shall we pursue the hit-or-miss method of coping with these problems? Or shall we take a survey of the whole situation from time to time, with a view of cutting down some existing expenses that well may be pruned, and of conserving our resources so we can meet the major expenditures without sending taxes up to where they impair property values?"

"There is danger that we will fritter away our substance in minor and unnecessary expenditures, so we will not have the tax resources available for our larger and more vital projects. A Bureau of Research can save tens of thousands to the taxpayers who finance it, and save millions to the public.

"It would bring under review all new proposals involving public expense and subject them to searching analysis. Instead of voting 'No' only when irritated and by so doing carry worthy projects to defeat, and voting 'Yes' only when excited and adopting a lot of unworthy proposals, the public would have before it such definite information that discrimination would be possible."

"That's a plan as applicable to the small city as to Portland and would, we believe, find increasing favor with the taxpayer. In a community like La Grande it would not be necessary, perhaps, to employ a paid bureau or commission. Interest in the city's welfare would be sufficient incentive for capable citizens to take part in a municipal survey with the occasional help of a paid impartial expert. Major needs could be planned five and ten years ahead and finances regulated accordingly. The saving to taxpayers that would result is obvious.

Not always can a city expect to have as efficient and as capable a commission as at present. None is perfect and all make mistakes, but the law of averages predicts less satisfactory conditions than we now have. Improvements are going to be needed in the future as they have been needed in the past. The city will grow. People who have basements flooded after a hard rain are already convinced that La Grande must spend considerable money within the next few years for an adequate storm sewer system. And although the school district would probably not be affected by a municipal research bureau, it is becoming generally recognized that we will have to have, in the near future, another large school building.

Those in close touch with the community's business could suggest numerous things worthy of consideration—necessary of consideration—during the next ten years. Isn't it possible to decide on these things with reasonable certainty, to plan for providing them gradually, to plan for paying for them without increasing the tax burden? Other cities have found it so. Citizens can well keep the possibility in mind.

TWO ARRESTED AFTER GUN FRAY

Los Angeles Pair Fires at Traffic Officers But Fails to Escape

SALEM, Ore., July 15 (AP)—Alvin Young, 19, and James Baker, 17, both of Los Angeles are being held in jail here following their arrest yesterday and subsequent confession to stealing an automobile and robbing a store in Portland. Portland officers will take them into custody today.

Young and one of the arresting officers exchanged shots before the arrest was effected. Captain Flannery, of the state traffic officers, received a call Sunday morning from the Checkered auto camp near Gervais to the effect that the two men had wrecked their car on the highway, had it towed to the Checkered garage, but skipped out when informed that the car couldn't be repaired immediately.

Flannery and Reinhart went to the vicinity of the accident. They saw two men sitting on the Southern Pacific right of way. Reinhart went toward them, while Flannery waited in an automobile. The two youths started to run and twice Young, the older of the two, stopped and fired his revolver at Reinhart. The officer emptied his gun at the fugitives at a distance of about 100 yards, but they were a poor target in the tall vegetation.

Flannery in the automobile, headed them off and held them up with his gun.

Boys Confess

The two youths, according to the information they gave the officers, left their home in Los Angeles a week ago last Friday. They beat their way as far east as Salt Lake City, then decided to return to Los Angeles by way of Portland. Both were unfamiliar with Portland and were unable to give definite information as to the location of the store which they had robbed and the garage where they stole the car that they wrecked. Apparently, however, the two places are on the east side near 52nd street.

From the store they took nearly \$20 in money from a till and a slot machine, and a quantity of candy and cigars. These were found on them by the officers. The boys said they had not slept for three days. The result was they drove south. Baker, who was driving, went to sleep and ran the car into the ditch near Gervais.

Favorable Turn Taken in Naval Meet in Geneva

GENEVA, July 15 (AP)—An official communiqué, which indicated that the tripartite naval conference has taken a favorable turn, was issued today at the end of a meeting of the representatives of the United States, Great Britain and Japan.

The communiqué read: "Following discussions in the plenary meeting (last Thursday) and acting on the suggestion there made that one of the chief differences was to reconcile the views of the British and Japanese delegations concerning the three powers with respect to auxiliary surface craft with the purpose of bridging those differences."

"The progress has been sufficiently encouraging to warrant further examination of the matter in detail."

THE PAL BYRD LEFT BEHIND HIM



Floyd Bennett, close friend and flying mate of Commander Richard E. Byrd, receives at St. Vincent's hospital in New York word of the progress of the "America's" transatlantic flight. Bennett, Byrd's sole companion on the historic flight to the pole, was kept from the "America's" Paris stop by injuries received in an accident on the plane last April.

Five Trans-Atlantic Flyers Come Home to Noisy New York Welcome

NEW YORK, July 15 (AP)—To the acclaim of their countrymen five men stepped back today onto American soil, the soil they had seen dropping away from under them as they took the skies on non-stop flights to Europe.

Crews of the Battery broke into tumultuous cheers of welcome as the city the Mieson nosed into pier A with the flyers at noon. The Mieson came from quarantine where it had taken Commander Richard E. Byrd and his three-man crew of the monoplane "America" and Clarence Chamberlain, the pilot of the monoplane "Eagle" from the liner Levantian on which they returned from Europe.

As the Mieson steamed up the bay harbor craft whistled a shrill greeting. Grenades sprayed fountains of sea water into the air, guns of Governor's Island boomed a nine-gun salute and airplanes hovered overhead.

Among the persons who made the trip down the bay to welcome the Byrd group was Charles E. Lindbergh, who presided these five over the Atlantic air route. Others on the Mieson were the mother of Commander Byrd and the wives of Bert Acosta and George Noville, pilot and engineer of the "America." No relatives met the "Eagle," the "America's" pilot whom as he is married and his mother and sisters live in Norway. Commander Byrd's wife was at the Battery to greet him as he stepped from the Mieson. Chamberlain's wife was with him on the Levantian.

Broadcasts Affair
As the Mieson warped into the dock, Graham McNamee, announcer for the National Broadcasting company, began a running account of the welcome for the millions unable to view the procession through lower New York.

The Mieson's arrival was just at the time when the great office buildings were disgorging their thousands into the streets for the lunch hour and streets were jammed with men and women who stifled the pangs of hunger that they might feed their eyes on these men who had to fly through almost insuperable obstacles and had won. As the top deck, ticker tape and turn paper was tamed from a thousand windows in the flyers' honor and the paper smogstorm that is Manhattan's accolade, began falling through the air.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of Union County, Oregon.

By this all persons having claims against the estate of Sarah J. Kuhn, deceased, are notified that the undersigned has been appointed administratrix of the said deceased, and that such claims should be presented, duly verified to the undersigned at her home in Island City, or at the law office of J. S. Hodgin, in La Grande, Union county, Oregon, within six months from the first publication of this notice, which is on the 6th day of July, 1927.

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RECORD CROP OF WHEAT IS PREDICTION

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Hybrid 128, federation and hard federation.

Hybrid 128 Popular

Hybrid 128 probably makes up about one-half the acreage of winter wheat grown in the Grande Ronde valley in Hard, Federation and Federation together make up 85 per cent of acreage in spring wheat in the county. In 1924 there was only about 1,600 acres of hybrid 128 grown here. At that time hard federation had been introduced as a demonstration planting 12 acres being grown on the Frank McKennon farm near Imbler. After that year, due to the greater yielding capacity, it was distributed rapidly and at one time made up more than 20 per cent of the spring wheat in the county.

Federation was first secured in 1923, some of the first who grew it being E. D. Jasper, of Alsea and George Grinnett, of La Grande. This variety is now estimated to make up about one-fourth of the spring wheat in Grande Ronde valley. It also makes up a considerable part of the wheat crop in the North Powder section, but is not grown to any great extent in the Big Lost section, the farmers there thinking hard federation better for conditions there.

There has never been an opportunity for a thorough county-wide measurement as to what these varieties will do since 1922 when the acreage was small. It has been demonstrated, however, that all three varieties generally out-yielded other varieties. Farmers are anxiously waiting to see the outcome of this year's crop.

Little Damage

There has been a little damage done to wheat crops in Imbler, and some from the severe frosts in early May, which shows on both the winter and spring wheat. The spring wheat, however, came out of it because of the heavy rains. Some of the winter wheat fields may be below normal due to the frost.

About 60 per cent of the wheat in the county is spring sown.

U. S. MARINES WHIP REBELS IN NICARAGUA

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to recover. One member of the constabulary, which was under Commander Lieutenant Grover Threlkoff, was seriously wounded. Reported to have looted that he would drink Yankee brand scotch and his followers began the attack Friday morning. No news of the situation was received at Managua until two scouting planes with two scouting planes came from Ocotul reporting that Sandino was attacking that place and the fighting was intense. General Feland immediately dispatched five bombing planes under Major Ross E. Howell, and it was probably the arrival of these planes that saved the day.

Short Truce
After the fighting had been in

progress for several hours, Sandino sent a messenger to Major G. D. Hatfield, in command of the marines at Ocotul, requesting a 60-minute truce. Major Hatfield replied that the truce would last only as long as the bearer of the white flag was in sight. The Americans were greatly handicapped as Ocotul is a rebel center, many sympathizers having arms and ammunition hidden in their houses. When the fighting began more than 100 joined Sandino.

According to a government report, a conservative senator by the name of Jose Maria Pazanga, was murdered by the rebels when he entered the town. Another report is that he was killed while seeking safety. Ramirez Alonzo, political chief of Ocotul, was

scouted in the left arm during the fighting.

Sandino Flees
General Sandino was not seen in the thickest part of the fighting, but directed his forces from a distance. Latest reports said he was fleeing to the northwest with a few followers. Among the rebel dead is General Marino. Sandino's right hand man.

General Feland commended Major Hatfield and Major Howell for their bravery. The scouting plane also proved their worth. The flight of the bombing planes to Ocotul through a terrific storm was a brilliant feat.

General Feland has given orders for this bombing squadron to destroy any concentration of Sandino forces.

SO MANY TALENTED CHILDREN SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO



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