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MY KING—For God is my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth. Psalm 74:12.

The trouble with these single-track minds is that most of them haven't any switches.

"Lay off that Christmas liquor from Canada!" advises an assistant prohibition commissioner, in a warning to a section said to be flooded with fresh importations. The stuff may be "pure" enough when it is smuggled across the border, he says, but it is immediately adulterated, doctored and doped beyond recognition, so that by the time it reaches the consumer it is little better than poison. Analytical tests of 100,000 samples seized in one of the states adjoining Canada, showed only one-tenth of 1 per cent was genuine whiskey. That means the chances are 999 out of 1000 against the drinker. "Holiday liquor" may give the drinker an everlasting holiday.

Abel G. Warshawsky, American artist who has been painting and sketching for 20 years, says that in all that time he has found only four "perfect women" and that today he finds American women losing their beauty. Without knowing precisely what he means by "perfect" and "beautiful," one would be foolish to fly into a passion at the artist's cruel statements. It has been rather commonly felt that perfection, even in beauty, was more of an ideal than an attainment in this world. And as for human beauty, that has never yet been so clearly standardized that all the world agrees on what it is. We suspect the artist has some technical meaning which makes his statement clear to fellow-artists and leaves everyone else free to enjoy feminine beauty according to personal preferences.

CHICAGO AND CANADA

The report of Special Master Hughes, for the United States supreme court, in the Chicago water diversion case, concerns Canada as well as the United States. Canada owns as much of the diverted water as the States do, and has objected as strenuously to losing it as have Chicago's neighbors at home.

Many Canadians have felt that Canada's water rights were flouted in the Hughes report. Many Americans have felt that by ignoring the Canadian interest involved, the United States was so antagonizing that country as to lose Canadian co-operation in building the desired Great Lakes-St. Lawrence waterway to the sea. These fears seem unfounded on both sides.

Canada was not a party to the suit in question. The suit merely concerned whatever American authority there might be for Chicago water diversion. That authority, Mr. Hughes holds, is vested in congress, and has been delegated to the secretary of war, who issued the permit under which Chicago is now drawing water from the lakes for her drainage canal. The secretary of war might revoke that permit. Or congress might order it revoked. Congress can do anything it likes in the matter, if the supreme court adopts the Hughes report as its own decision. That is to say, congress can go as far as our government's jurisdiction permits. But the jurisdiction of the United States over the waters of the Great Lakes, which are international, is finally determined by international law.

There are treaties with Canada affecting the right of either country to abstract water in which the other possesses a right. Canada can object to Chicago diversion just as we would object if Canada were emptying Lakes Michigan, Huron and Erie by a canal from Georgian Bay into Lake Ontario. It may take a new treaty to settle the question, if Chicago diversion continues. Or it may take a court of arbitration. In any event, there need be no fear that justice will not be done to Canada, even though it is delayed somewhat.

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ABE MARTIN



It's too bad more couples can't get along like Ruth Elder and her husband, who seem to understand each other perfectly. Gustaf New Plum's son-in-law up to it in dispoles, is out o' jail, but still a Republican.

PERRY PERSONALS

PERRY. (Special)—Mrs. C. C. Johanson and children were recent visitors at Ponderosa.

James Beacham, who went to Hood River to work more than a year ago has returned to the home of his mother, Mrs. Frank Braden, of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Dean and family, who formerly lived at Perry, recently motored to Seattle to make their future home.

Oscar Lee, who has been working in Idaho for several months, returned to the A. W. Lee home here one day early last week.

Mrs. James Vess, who has been ill, has recovered enough to be doing her own work again.

Mrs. Alfred Mathson was entertained at the home of her mother, Mrs. E. O. Morris, in La Grande one day last week.

Miss Harriet Haskins is on the sick list this week.

County Superintendent of Schools E. A. Sayre was visiting the Perry schools recently.

The Boys' Camp Cookery club took a hike last Friday and report a splendid time considering the condition of the weather.

Mrs. Ida Stephenson is their leader.

Mrs. Francis S. Larsen, who has been employed in Portland for some time returned to Perry last Thursday for a few days visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith.

Millard and Carl Robertson, of La Grande, were callers at Perry Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rand recently visited relatives in La Grande.

Mrs. Vernon Stone and small daughter called on friends in La Grande one day last week.

Mrs. Thomas Hopkins was a business visitor in La Grande Tuesday.

Mrs. Molly Braden was shopping in La Grande Saturday.

Merle Smith, of Ponderosa, recently visited her grandmother, Mrs. Walker, of this place.

Herbert Myers was a La Grande visitor Saturday.

Mrs. C. C. Johanson and Mrs. Mary Murray were La Grande shoppers recently.

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