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THE GIFT OF PEACE—Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.—John 14:27.

Under the proposed \$3 auto license law a Ford car would pay \$3 a year instead of \$15, as at present, saving \$12. A Lincoln owner would also pay \$3 instead of the present schedule, \$79—a saving of \$76. Yet we read that many light car owners are in favor of the \$3 license!

The Oregon Journal interprets Iowa's instruction of delegates for Lowden as a slap at Hoover, since the cabinet member was a native of the corn state. The conclusion is wrong. Iowa was Lowden's state eight years ago, before Harding's nomination, and has remained so. Hoover was not then in the presidential picture and the difference in their capabilities is hardly great enough to warrant or justify a change of heart under present circumstances. Iowa is steadfast, if nothing else.

POLICE AND CRIME

One of the most illuminating reports dealing with the crime problem in this country is that of a committee headed by Frank O. Lowden and submitted to the national crime commission. It deals specifically with the "relation of the police and the courts to the crime problem" and draws numerous conclusions that can well form the basis for state, municipal, and county action in the interest of crime prevention. Arnold Bennett Hall, president of the Oregon Police Association, is a member of the committee submitting the report.

The report is too long to review in a comprehensive way in this column but certain recommendations deserve publicity and the attention of a law-abiding public. First, there are too many ways by which criminals can sidestep justice; second, local police officials too often lack the intelligence, training and character to apprehend criminals (due largely to inadequate pay and political selection); third, prosecuting attorneys possess too much power, without public check or knowledge, in carrying on or dropping criminal prosecutions; fourth, police courts and justice courts (presided over too frequently by incompetent and poorly paid judges) handle an overwhelming majority of criminal cases; fifth, miscarriage of justice through abuse of bail or adherence to technicalities in considering the indictment; sixth, the unnecessary presentation of evidence to a grand jury; seventh, the laws requiring trial by jury when trial by jury or by the court might be optional with the accused; eighth, restriction of the powers of the judge to the extent that a case becomes the trial of the lawyers by the jury, instead of the trial of the case.

If intelligent attention were given to these eight points affecting the crime problem, much of our existing difficulties could be eliminated. It is significant, in the English and Canadian systems, that a notable difference exists in the law and the practice with reference to these points. It is also significant that the ratio of convictions to known crimes and the ratio of convictions to arrests is very much to the credit of England and Canada and to the discredit of American cities, as shown by statistics in this report.

Unfortunately, we pay too much attention to criminals who actually get into court and too little attention to those who do not. Police, prosecutors, and courts should be judged, not on the number of convictions, but on the living conditions in a given community. The fact that few arrests are made does not indicate that few crimes are being committed. The fact that some criminals are being convicted and punished does not prove there are not too many others going free. Crime exists in proportion to the lack of opposition to it. Law observance can be helped through an improved system of police protection, prosecution, and trials. It can be further helped by a demand for this, plus a demand for a cleaner community, by the community's citizenry.

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La Grande Air Field Personals

LA GRANDE AIR FIELD (Special)—For a short time Monday afternoon an airplane of unusual attractiveness not only in construction but in the ease of maneuverability as well landed here at the aviation field enroute from Seattle, Washington to Cheyenne, Wyoming. The machine which was a Boeing plane that runs in price from \$10,000 to \$40,000, was powered with a 500 h. p. Pratt and Whitney Wasp air cooled engine and was equipped with a passenger cock pit large enough for two passengers besides a pilot cock pit and mail compartments which hold 1000 or more pounds of mail. It operated on the transcontinental air line out from Cheyenne.

The airplane from the flying school did an excellent business Sunday in making passenger flights from the Gekeler field just out from La Grande. Flights were made all day until late in the evening—so late that there was only light enough left for the pilot to see to make a safe landing when he returned to the hangar at the aviation field.

Mrs. Ernest DeLong and daughter Alma are both on the sick list. Miss Alma has been out of school for several days.

Arthur Spencer has taken Red Meyers' place as night man at the Mail hangar at the airfield here. He is replacing on partitions, in order to make one of the rooms usable by putting in closets where needed, by making improvements in the kitchen, etc. Mr. and Mrs. Claire Crossen are making some extensive alterations on the interior of their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Groat and son, Delbert, were Sunday dinner guests at the home of his mother, Mrs. E. E. Groat of La Grande.

For the past week, Mrs. Dick Young and her mother-in-law, Mrs. P. A. Young, both of Elgin, have been guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Daron. While working in the logging camps for the Minam Lumber company, Dick Young contracted typhoid fever two weeks ago and was brought to the Grande Ronde hospital where he has been in a very serious condition, until just recently when he commenced to get better and is mending very fast now. Mrs. Young, the wife of the patient was formerly Miss Fern Daron, niece of Elmer Daron of this locality.

The following residents of this district attended either one of the two days or both days of the Economic conference while it was in session at the high school building in La Grande, Friday and Saturday: Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Sherwood, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Fleishman, Mrs. Sam Williamson, Mrs. Char Spencer, Mrs. B. A. Munster, Mrs. Wm. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. John Hamann, Mrs. J. A. Holman, Miss Minnie Holman, Ira Kennedy, Alex Robertson, S. T. Dulle, Ben Gekeler, and Albert and Charles Hamann.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Buchanan, of Cranston, Ore., Mrs. Harriet Harrison, of La Grande, were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Spencer, Sunday and then in the afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Roe Buchanan, Mrs. Josephine Spencer and Marian Spencer came out from La Grande and spent the remainder of the day. Wm. Hughes, Earl Hughes, Roy

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Spencer, I. D. Smutz and three sons, Charles, Dee, and Lynn were among those of the locality who attended Arthur Hamann's sale, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Baxter are visiting relatives in Walla Walla, Wash.

WALLOWA GRANGE TO MEET

WALLOWA, Ore., Mar. 1. (Special)—A regular meeting of the Wallowa Grange will be held here March 3 at 11 o'clock a. m. in the basement of the M. E. church. The women of the organization will serve a lunch of sandwiches and coffee, following the meeting. The business meeting will be held before noon, due to the fact that County Agent Donaldson and Mr. Jamison, O. S. C. extension specialist, are to be here to conduct one of the series of dairy meetings, commencing at 2 p. m. at the high school gymnasium, and many of the grangers wish to be in a position to attend this meeting.

MOHAWKS WIN

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Mar. 1. (AP)—The Eugene Mohawks defeated the Wilkinson Independents at North Bend in a basketball game last night 52 to 46. The score was tied, 18 to 18, at the half.

Winter Weather Nearing End In Wallowa County

WALLOWA, Ore., Mar. 1. (Special)—Prospects at this time are that the worst of the winter weather in this county has passed. The frost is gradually leaving the ground where the snow has melted away, and warm sunshine most of the day is helping considerably in thawing the snow. While the most of the snow is gone on the south slopes and in the valley sections, there is still several inches of solid snow covering the greater part of the dry land farming sections in the hills. Many feel that this will probably be several weeks in melting away, as it is likely that the most of it will have to be melted by sunshine, due to the fact that chinooks rarely occur here after this season of the winter. Practically nothing can be ascertained regarding the condition of winter wheat in this section, as nearly all fields are still covered with solid snow. However, it is not believed that chances are favorable for any damage to have been done to the grain from severe freezing, as the most of it has been covered to some extent with snow since near

the beginning of cold weather in early December. Considerable damage might occur from smothering ground too long at a little later in the season. This condition caused quite a large amount of damage to fall sown crops of this county last winter and spring. Much feeding is still being done in all parts of the county yet, reports from scattering farms tell of stock continuing to do well. Lambing has started on some of the farms recently, and with favorable weather which is prevailing the most of the time, it is said that very good luck is being had in saving at least a normal percentage of lambs.

Coquille Murder Trial Is Started

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Mar. 1. (AP)—Trial of Robert Green for murder of his neighbor at Catching Inlet, Caleb Green, on Nov. 21, 1927, opened at Coquille late yesterday before Judge J. F. Skipworth.

PRESIDENTS GAME

Game No. 9
1—What president died at San Francisco?
2—What future president married a famous St. Louis beauty?
3—In what state were most presidents born?
4—What president's wife was a

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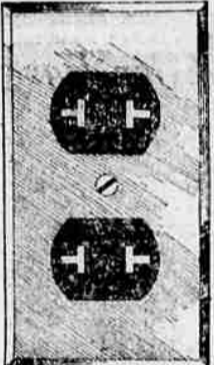
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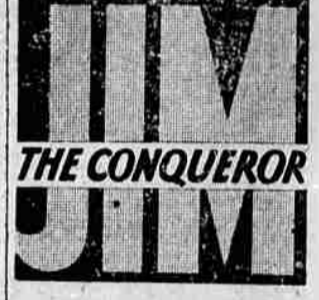
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founder of the D. A. R.?
5—What was the occupation of the father of the largest number of presidents?
6—Which president was the son of a president?
7—Which four presidents were never elected to that office?
8—Who was president during the War of 1812?
9—Who was president when Maine and Missouri became states?
10—Have more than half of our presidents attended colleges?

Answers to the questions in Game No. 9 will be found on another page.



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