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THE LONELY ONE—He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who shall declare his passion; for he was cut off out of the land of the living; for the transgression of my people was he stricken.—Isa. 53:8.

Nobody would object to the powers restricting armament secretly, if they'd only go ahead and do it.

The Elks '49 Show, worthy benefit for the Christmas of needy La Grande children, is under way. Friday and Saturday nights should see capacity crowds.

The editor of the Literary Digest writes a letter in defense of the article carried by that periodical recently in description of the Fairbanks painting, "Dry Land Harvest—Eastern Oregon," and says: "The facts were furnished by the artist of the picture, Mr. J. Leo Fairbanks of the art school in Oregon State college. Moreover, Mr. Fairbanks as we further stated, 'is essentially a western man with ideals of American art for America,' and we can safely trust that the artist spoke from first hand observation." Which explanation leads us to say that the Digest editor should, to avoid error and misrepresentation, restrict an artist to his artistry and seek written words of description where they may stand a better chance of substantiation by fact. Regardless of the source of the Digest's information, neither the picture nor the article accompanying it were typical and representative of our modern Eastern Oregon.

THE NEW COURT HOUSE MEASURE

For the last four weeks The Observer has refrained from comment on the new court house measure pending a thorough investigation to determine what type and size building could be had for the funds that might be available, what alternate solutions of the court house problem present themselves, and what the immediate and probable future needs of the county may be.

We present our conclusions for what they may be worth and urge the serious thought of taxpayers and voters on the subject as a whole. Residents of the country deserve to have the facts and to determine their actions now and in the future accordingly.

In the first place, we find that the sum of \$100,000, added to such insurance money and other funds as could be utilized, is insufficient to build the size and type of court house that Union county needs and should have, in our opinion, if a new building is undertaken. The building tentatively designed and submitted to the county court is not much larger than the old structure, and although fireproof and perhaps suitable for present requirements, does not allow for unit construction and later additions that should be possible in looking to the future. It is also questionable whether the building could be constructed for \$125,000 or \$150,000 and the possibility of cutting costs to a necessary level is remote if the advantages of the building are to be retained.

Second, The Observer believes that it is absolute folly to attempt a makeshift arrangement by the building of a new wing to the east of and remodeling the old building even though that could be accomplished without asking additional tax levies. Such a proposal has been made and the plan would necessitate the spending of approximately \$30,000 in tax money in addition to insurance money covering the fire loss. Which means that we would be putting \$50,000 in the old building—an investment that would be entirely lost whenever a new and proper court house structure was approved.

We realize that some taxpayers will disagree with us in opposing the building of a new wing, but Union county should look to the future and should be unwilling to possess an unsightly and inadequate county building when its cost will be at least a fourth of what a suitable new building would require. It's poor economy to waste \$30,000 of county money for such a purpose—an exorbitant cost that is entirely opposed to the otherwise practical and economic way county business is being conducted.

It is our conclusion, therefore, that the new building should be postponed for a period of two or four years until citizens of the county can have an opportunity to investigate the real and compelling needs for a new one, until it will be possible to ask not less than \$150,000 in new taxes for a court house that will be built for the future as well as the present, in proper keeping with the wealth and position of Union county. A hundred thousand dollars now will not do it. A new wing on the old building will not do it. And we will be better off to provide fireproof vaults in the old structure, put it in such condition as is possible for temporary use, until the people of the county can study the problem and can convince themselves of the need of doing the job right.

ABE MARTIN



If young Railroader John Coolidge does get married his fare to Nagary Falls ain't back won't cost nothin'. Mrs. Em Pash ordered a political caucus last night an' now she can't speak above a whisper.

LONE FLIER IS OVERDUE IN ENGLAND

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Early in the week the ship was somewhat and visibility was greatly improved. Hope continued that Macdonald might have passed over his objective point in Ireland and was proceeding onward possibly to the Crooklyn airbase which would hold about four hours to his flight. There is a question here among aviation authorities as to the distance Commander Macdonald would be able to fly with the amount of gas he had aboard and the time he could remain in the air. Some fix the period of time at 24 hours, which would mean that he must have already come down somewhere. Others place the time limit at 20 hours, while there are a few who ventured the belief that he could remain in the air 35 hours.

Wife Worried

Commander Macdonald's wife sat up all night in her Kensington apartment waiting for news of her husband while her baby son slept peacefully. At 1 o'clock this morning she fell asleep, thoroughly exhausted.

"She waited and waited for news until she could not keep her eyes open any longer," Mrs. Macdonald's wife said.

Commander Macdonald had a few hours rest this morning, but by seven afternoon was up and about and already had donned his hat and coat. The pilot's wife, who is a slim brunette, was then showing signs of anxiety, despite a cheerful smile.

"I am all ready dressed, you see," she remarked to a visitor, "because I am waiting to go to the airbase. Although I have heard nothing of my husband I feel sure

that he will make for London and be here today."

Little Son Jubilant

Mrs. Macdonald confessed that news of the attempt which she heard over the radio last night came as a great shock. Just then Macdonald's little boy, Ian Crawford, aged five, burst into the room crying hysterically. "My daddy is in an airplane," Ian was wearing the suit of the Macdonald tartan. He was evidently in high spirits over his father's adventure and assured the interviewer that he too was going up in an airplane "as soon as daddy comes to London."

FISHERMAN HOOKS DUCK

GALLEGSBURG, Ill. (AP)—E. M. Thayer, fishing for bass, caught a duck on the wing and has five witnesses to prove it. Thayer was waiting when the duck took off from a marsh. The fly caught its wing.

NEW FIRE HAZARD

RART DUGHAM, N. C. (AP)—Pneumonia, falling from the face of an employee into chemicals he was weighing in a laboratory, has caused this town's only fire in August.

WHITEWASH FOR SAFETY

PARIS (AP)—Whitewashing tree trunks at curves has been adopted by the government as a satisfactory warning signal for automobile drivers, particularly at night.

HOOVER WAS NEVER VOTER IN ENGLAND

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Explaining that "these whippersnappers" were to the effect that Mr. Hoover at one time was a British citizen or had applied for British citizenship, Chairman Work said he wished to denounce "now that all statements to that effect are false and all purported copies of such applications are forgeries."

The national chairman then explained that anyone who rents a house in England pays taxes and that the voting roll is made up by a return from the taxing authorities. Informing them of the names of taxpayers, there being a tax requirement for a voter in Great Britain.

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He added that all taxpayers were notified to vote and that (part of) his home at Stanford University and San Francisco where he and his family resided a considerable part of each year and where he was educated.

Photographs Taken

Work added that Hoover became aware of the fact that his name was on the voters' list in England when informed that a search was being made of the records there by American detectives and reported to the state department's statement. Mr. Hoover was fully maintaining his American citizenship, moreover, during the whole period.

"I am informed," Work continued, "that they have taken photographs of these rolls and they propose to produce them in the United States. They have raised a fund of money for their circulation. To circulate this material is misrepresentation and slander. It is an outrage on Mr. Hoover and a fraud on the American people."

SMITH IN CHICAGO
CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—(AP)—

Spurred by the arrival of the standard bearer in their midst, a 60-hour visit, Illinois democracy was rallying around the banner of Governor Smith today awaiting word he brings to this normally republican state in the seventh of his campaign speeches of his present stimulating tour.

Tomorrow night in the 33rd regiment armory the democratic presidential nominee will deliver his Chicago address, and Saturday morning will find him truthfully homeward to muster his resolutely for the final week and half drive of the campaign.

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Sheep Breeders Establishing Production Standards

Just as dairy cattle raisers select breeding stock on a basis of milk and butter production, so are wool growers now adopting a system of selecting breeding stock based on wool production. One prominent Rambouillet breeder retains only those ewes which shear 15 pounds of wool or more annually.

The progress made in this growing industry will be demonstrated by the larger and more comprehensive exhibits and displays in the Sheep and Wool divisions of the forthcoming 18th annual Pacific International Livestock Exposition at Portland, Oregon, November 3-10.

This event affords an opportunity to learn from the experiences and achievements of other wool growers. For this reason the La Grande National Bank is very much in accord with the splendid work of the Exposition. We believe that local farmers who attend will bring back a knowledge of better farming practices that will assist in the further prosperity of this section.

La Grande National Bank

Frank and Ernest

THEY TOOK SIX BOWS! AND COULD HAVE FORGIVEN A SEVENTH

HOW DO YOU GET DOWN FROM AN ELEPHANT, FRANK?

YOU DON'T ERNEST—YOU GET DOWN FROM A DUCK!

FIVE FLIVVERS IN SINGLE FILE CROSSING A BRIDGE... WHAT TIME IS IT?

TIN AFTER TIN

YOU MEAN TO STAND OUT IN FRONT OF THIS INTRIGUING AUDIENCE AND TELL ME IF I HAD YOUR WIFE'S HAND FOR AN HOUR LAST NIGHT?

I DID! I HAD YOUR WIFE'S HAND FOR AN HOUR LAST NIGHT!

IF THE CAT PUT HER KITTENS IN THE OVEN, WHAT WOULD THEY BE?

BIS-KITS

FOLLOW ME CLOSELY FRANK... WHY IS AN OLD GOLD CIGARETTE LIKE A HARD-BOILED EGG?

BECAUSE IT CAN'T BE BEAT

YES, BOYS, THAR'S GOLD IN THEM THAR PILLS!

OLD GOLD
The Smoother and Better Cigarette
... not a cough in a carload