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CHILDREN AND THE KINGDOM—Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.—Matthew 19:13,14.

It you want to do something unusually nice for a friend or relative living in less favored sections of the country, send a box of Grande Ronde valley apples. They are coming in now and they are beauties—outside and in.

Perhaps the world series will be sufficiently dull by Friday afternoon so that local sport fans can get away from the radio for a real thrill at the Nampa-La Grande football game. Prospects are exceedingly bright this year and the contest this week stands out as one of the most important on the schedule. The high school deserves a big attendance—and the team promises to deliver your money's worth.

A POSSIBLE HANDICAP FOR OREGON

The interest in the cabinet form of government that flares up in Oregon at frequent intervals has attracted the attention of an Idaho paper which comments in the light of that state's experience. The Times at Twin Falls, edited by a former Oregon newspaper man, believes that there is much to be said both pro and con on the cabinet form of state government and sees one serious handicap for Oregon if it were adopted here. It says:

"If Oregon decides to adopt the cabinet plan, one of the greatest sacrifices it will be called on to make, in the opinion of this newspaper, is that it will run the risk of jeopardizing its highway department. The Beaver state now has a highway commission that has functioned with a degree of efficiency highly creditable to the state. Its personnel has always included men of excellent type whose chief claims to distinction have been success in their private business activities and public spiritedness. Political motives have not always been lacking in the decisions of Oregon's commission, it is true, and sectional strivings have not been absent, but Oregon has reason to feel real pride in its accomplishments in highway building.

"In Idaho the department of public works which is in charge of highway routing, construction and maintenance is headed by a single individual. The inescapable chief penalty imposed by the system is that Idaho's whole highway program is subject to politics. The highway program is the political football that is kicked this way and that—or tucked, Indian fashion, under someone's overpay during periods of storm and stress."

There is no doubt about the Times touching a sensitive spot when it suggests the loss of efficiency in highway management through the adoption of a cabinet government. That's one thing Oregon would not want and the possibility of state roads getting seriously involved with politics would turn many citizens against the plan.

On the other hand, the elimination of waste and the more definite placing of governing responsibility through a properly conceived cabinet plan might compensate in Oregon. As with other schemes of government organization, the secret of success lies largely with the men selected for various posts, not with the number. While one-man power over highways in Idaho may seem to lead itself to the sways of politics there are many cases where three and five man commissions play the game of votes and political influence just as loudly.

The fact that Oregon's highway commission is known for impartial and non-political efficiency reflects credit, when all is said and done, on the caps of men composing it rather than on the system. We can easily conceive of the authority being placed in the hands of one man without making the highway system a political football, as we can see with the Times the chance for the opposite condition. What really matters in state government is the personnel of the executive staff. Whether Oregon keeps its present form or adopts a new plan of organization, governing success will be measured in terms of the calibre of its leaders.

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Fall "Duds"!

Prune Picking Under Way This Week At Cove

By MRS. A. G. CONKLIN
(Observer Correspondent)

COVE, (Special) Prune picking will begin in Cove this week. The prunes have been very late ripening here this year and are only now about ripe enough for shaking and for drying. They need to hang on the trees considerably longer. Some of the orchards on the hillsides are too really ripe for drying.

The Dorcas society of the Baptist church was entertained at the home of Mrs. Joseph Fisher Thursday. Mrs. R. W. Van Dyke, Mrs. Chronister and Mrs. J. W. Stanfield Jr. being assisted hostesses. There were 22 women present and the afternoon was spent in sewing. A dainty lunch was served. The next meeting will be held Oct. 17 at the home of Mrs. Joe Childers in Lower Cove when Mrs. Rickhardt of La Grande will be present to sell their wheel, the work in the mission fields.

The meeting session given by the Boy Scouts Dads at the Boy Scouts of church, was taken from Mrs. Stevens (3, Vol. 1 to 6. The subject was "Faith. "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin" from Romans 14:23. Kind words were in all conclusion in the Sunday school. The evening sermon at the Baptist church was taken from John 10:1-5, "Behold I stand at the door and knock" and the kingdom of Heaven.

Sunday was fully day in the Methodist Sunday school with the church and teachers present. The Sunday school observed "Rally Day" in an annual event, and it revealed what denominations are doing Sunday school. This was the first attempt made for enlargement of the children in higher grades. The sermon was preached by the Rev. R. A. Williams, who came to come from Mott 8:24 specialties of Christ's miracles. The morning sermon was "Christianity as Applied to Daily Life."

Mrs. Ben and Mrs. J. H. Kirk who have been guests of the latter's parents for the past month, left on Tuesday for their home in Portland. Mr. Mrs. King and Mrs. Lauck now visitors.

Mrs. Harry Dwyer, who has been a convalescent at St. Mary's Hospital in Pendleton for the past month, returned home Tuesday. Mrs. Dwyer is improving nicely with Mrs. L. F. Lee.

The publishing school of publication was the Bell Ringer Friday at the school building, Joseph and Cove schools. Mrs. Ethel Chronister, Mrs. Chronister, Mrs. Ethel Chronister, Mrs. Ethel Chronister, Mrs. Ethel