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LOVE AND HATE—These things I command you, that ye, love one another. If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.—John 15:17, 18.



When an ordinary bee stings you, it dies; but a political bee just seems to get more enthusiastic.

This country is getting close and closer to participation in the World Court. With the Root interpretations approved, the United States is to sign the protocol and it will be then submitted to the senate for ratification. The step is imaginary if our peace efforts—such as the Kellogg treaty—are to carry real weight throughout the world. America cannot pose as a leader in any peace movement without offering whole hearted participation in every peace movement.

The greatest difficulty in the way of the tariff bill is, in the opinion of Mark Sullivan, whether or not the president is to continue his authority over flexible rates. Yet the tariff issue was brought to the front because—so everybody thought—the republican party wanted to make revisions to benefit agriculture. That hasn't been accomplished. Instead of working out a schedule that would protect the home market and increase agricultural buying power, industry has tried to monopolize the tariff fight to get new advantages. Some of them have been warranted. Most of the controversy has been political, however, and there is no indication of a benefit for farm products.

MORE BONDS FOR MORE ROADS

The Observer has long been in favor of the issuance of additional state highway bonds to the extent of a million a year for three years while the interest and principal payments are at their height. We have believed that this would permit completion of the state highway system at a much earlier date and a saving in motor costs that would more than offset the additional interest charges.

It is encouraging to see that this bond proposal is again attracting attention and that the commission may consider the program as a response to the Hoover appeal for increased public work in 1930. An extra million dollars next year would satisfy many of the demands for road improvement throughout the state and would provide satisfactory employment for no small number of men.

More important than these considerations, in our opinion, is that numerous links in the state road system would be finished ahead of the present schedule—an actual economy for the motorists of the state. Some communities in the south central part of the state have waited all too long for their share of road money. Coast counties would also benefit and the whole state would be more closely tied together. The way would be laid for more rapid rebuilding and modernizing of certain sections of the Columbia River and Pacific highways.

A big majority of the people are no longer fearful of road expenditures. With more than three-fourths of Oregon families owning or driving motor vehicles, they have discovered by actual experience that good highways pay for themselves in lower tire costs, fewer repairs, and a general reduction in operating expenses. They much prefer paying for highways and having them through gas and license taxes than paying for them and not having them through car wear and tear.

Ordinarily the desired road program could be carried out with sufficient speed, but Oregon is now at that period in her debt retirement when interest and principal payments are largest. After two or three years more these will decrease gradually, leaving more highway funds for actual construction and maintenance. The million dollar bond issue would help the present situation and would keep Oregon roads moving ahead.

Abe Martin



Mr. and Mrs. Burly Sap's son, Livin'ston, home from college for the week-end, was mistaken for a buffalo and shot while stepping in the postoffice early today. "Jest be patient an' don't fret. If Fords an' milk bottles an' freight cars kin all git back to where they belong their haint no good reason why your daughter won't turn up safe. Consoling Plumb, consoling a mother this mornin'.

The Town Doctor (The Doctor of Towns) Says

DO YOU STILL BELIEVE IN SANTA CLAUS?

There are many people who still believe in Santa Claus. They must believe in Santa Claus for year after year, they expect and receive gifts which, if they did not believe in Santa Claus, they would never get.

This year, last year, and the year before that you were showered with gifts and blessings, presents and remembrances. You accepted them and made use of them, yet, as if they were gifts from old St. Nick, you made no visible acknowledgment, and gave nothing in return.

You know what I mean—free schools, parks and playgrounds for your children; constant protection of you and yours from vandals, tricksters and murderers; twenty-four hour guarding of your property; unceasing vigilance over your health and well being. You live in a heated home with electric lights, running water and a radio; eat good food; sleep in a good bed; go places and see things, riding in your own motor car over wonderful roads—all GIFTS, and from whom—Santa Claus?

Now what, you ask, what you have, whatever you enjoy and partake of, you are not alone responsible. Without neighbors, without friends, without the community of which you are a part, you could not be where you are with what you have, or doing what you do as you do it.

If you DO believe in Santa Claus—if you DO NOT believe that others should be done by as they have done and do for you, then never mind the debt you owe!

If you DO NOT believe in Santa Claus, then give thanks for all that La Grande has made possible for you and yours, NOT just in the quiet sanctuary of your heart and mind, but openly manifested in words and deeds—show your gratitude by starting NOW to do YOUR part to do for La Grande what La Grande has done for you.

You can show your worth at no better time. When you finish reading this call your chamber of commerce or call an officer of Lions club and say, "What can I do to help you fellows do something to make La Grande a better place for all of us to live, work, play and prosper?"

Don't say to yourself, "I'll do that sometime, but I'm too busy now," or "I'll wait 'til I see those fellows, then tell them"—do it now! The bolder you are, the quicker you should do it, for if anybody can do it when he hasn't anything else to do, but it takes a regular fellow, a real woman, to do it when they are busy.

This is the Christmas season. Get the spirit of it and make your neighbor, be he high or low, rich or poor, a present by offering, at least to get together with others and do something for the good of La Grande. Go ahead—do it now! You'll feel better, be better, and the other fellow will appreciate it. Copyright, 1929, A. D. Stone. Reproduction prohibited in whole or in part.

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SIX MONTHS DROUGHT ENDED

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Four inches of snow were reported to have fallen in the Cascades and Olympic ranges of Washington.

NORTHWEST WELCOMES DOWNPOUR

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 9 (AP)—The Pacific northwest stood relieved today after one of the most rain, starting Saturday night, poured down steadily over Northern California, Oregon and Washington during the night and yesterday, breaking the long period of drought.

Portland received 2.25 inches of rain in 24 hours, nearly as much as the total for the last five months combined. The sky was overcast today and indications pointed to another downpour.

Snow fell steadily in the mountains and prospects were good that more was to be forthcoming today. The weather bureau indicated that Eastern Oregon was due for a soaking rain today.

The grain belt of Oregon, Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho were particularly benefited by what ever rainfall they experienced. In some districts it said wheat had been molding in the ground because of lack of moisture.

SALEM GETS .77 OF INCH

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 9 (AP)—With .77 inches of rainfall in 24 hours Salem had its wettest day since June 15 when .79 inches were recorded by the weather bureau, the next best day being April 14 with 1.32 inches. The rainfall for the weekend was .81 inches, exceeding the entire month of November which had but .63 inches of rain.

Cabbage Known to Ancients

The ancients knew many varieties of cabbage, the curled, the ruffled and sprouts. Cauliflower, which entered France in 1694 from Cyprus, had been pronounced by one Roman herbalist the sweetest and pleasant to taste of all the coleworts, but of no value in medicine, an enemy to the kidneys, unwholesome and hard to digest.

Where Difficulty Lies

Quite a book might be written on the uninteresting pasts of interesting men. A sequel, more readable, could be on the interesting pasts of uninteresting men. It may be true that the inclination of the two owes itself to some earlier twinning; but the difficulty lies in the fact that every twig receives so many bendings that you never know which bend will become the ultimate inclination.—Boston Herald.

CHICAGO'S DRIVE BRINGS RESULTS

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much when vice and gambling aren't being allowed to run full tilt. So the boys are having a tough time."

Nightly Roche leads his plain clothesmen through the suburbs for, oddly enough, it has always been in the suburbs like Cicero and Calumet city that the Chicago underworld has maintained its worst dives. He has been so vigorous that crookdom has adopted a new attitude toward the law.

There is another Chicagoan who is in a position to speak with authority about the new situation—Frank J. Joesch, president of the Chicago crime commission, who took up the fight for clean government here at a time when that was discouraging a fight as a man could enter, and who is still at it. "The gangs have lost their grip,"

In Bank Swindle



J. W. Barron Frank Montague



A. J. Schlusser (Clifford Plumb) Here are four more former officials and employees of the Union Industrial Bank of Flint, Mich. who are alleged to have been implicated in the embezzlement of \$3,500,000 which was lost in stock market speculation. Their arrest brings the total number of arrests to 19. Montague was an assistant vice president and manager of one of the bank's branches. The others shown above were tellers.

says Joesch: "There'll be more trouble from time to time, of course. There's bound to be a sensational flare-up now and again. But the worst is over. The underworld's domination is gone."

"Mr. Swanson is handicapped somewhat by lack of funds, and this has to a certain extent, crippled him. But he is a man of thorough integrity and he is very much in earnest. Things are very much better."

A prominent Chicago professional man who has studied the situation for years, but who asked that his name be not used, revealed similar views.

"The tide has turned at last," he says. "We are not the 'murder capital' that some people think. Our murder ratio, in proportion to population, is actually much lower than in many cities far smaller than Chicago."

Chicago is planning on a great world's fair for 1933 with visitors from all over the world.

A couple of years ago, when the proposition was broached, business leaders were dubious.

"How can we have a world's fair with our underworld situation?" they asked. Visitors will be afraid they'll get held up in the hotel lobbies. "The scheme won't work."

But the situation has changed. The rule of gangdom has come to an end. And Chicago is going to have its world's fair.

HALF MILLION AMERICANS TO LIVE ABROAD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP)—

Nearly half a million American citizens have left the United States to take up residence abroad during the last twelve years.

Of these, 435,000 were native born, while 62,000 were naturalized and the department of labor, in its annual report, said they had sought "permanent" or at least extended places of living in other lands.

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Connections are made at Portland to and from Tacoma, Seattle, Vancouver, B. C., and Way Points N. and S. Salem, Corvallis, Eugene, Roseburg, Medford, Sacramento, San Francisco, Los Angeles and all Way Points South.

Connections are made at Salt Lake City to and from Denver, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago, New York and all Eastern Cities.

Motor Coaches Leave La Grande

FOR	Time	One Way	Round Trip
Pendleton	9:20 a. m.; 1:00 p. m.; 6:50 p. m.	\$2.25	\$3.40
Walla Walla	9:20 a. m.; 1:00 p. m.	3.75	5.65
Lewiston	9:20 a. m.; 1:00 p. m.	7.25	10.90
Spokane	9:20 a. m.	8.75	13.15
Yakima	9:20 a. m.	7.30	12.65
Portland	9:20 a. m.; 6:50 p. m.	8.00	12.05
Baker	10:10 a. m.; 3:30 p. m.; 8:25 p. m.	1.80	2.70
Boise	10:10 a. m.	7.10	10.65
Salt Lake City	10:10 a. m.	19.15	31.90

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