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BE GOD-LIKE—Love your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great and ye shall be the children of the Highest; for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.—Luke 6:35, 36.

A sign on the edge of Salem says "Half way to the North Pole." From the looks of snow-piled Salem streets one would guess it at least four-fifths of the way.

The wreck of a passenger plane at Kansas City yesterday was somewhat similar to the crash near Oceanside, Calif., recently. Yet air travel goes on just the same, with bookings constantly on the increase. Commercial flying must go through the same period of life sacrifice that was experienced with the early railroads and automobiles. But it will go through and become proportionately successful.

There's some old saying about never missing the water 'til the well runs dry—and here we aren't missing it because the wells haven't run dry while Beaver Creek is very close to it. The pumping plant is working day and night supplying the city with water from the two municipal wells. Beaver Creek is frozen and there is just about enough water coming through the pipe line to wet the pipe. Where La Grande would be without the wells is a matter for speculation. Certainly the supply is most fortunate during such severe winter weather as this section has had this year and last.

Contrary to the impression given in some news stories, Chicago is not bankrupt although suffering from lack of funds. The difficulty comes from a change in the assessments against property within the loop district as compared with property lying outside of it—and litigation has suspended the collection of taxes until a settlement is reached in the courts. There seems to be plenty of money available—taxes that are due but uncollectable—but not at the present time. With the tax dispute settled there will be plenty of revenue. Chicago is too rich a city to be bankrupt. Bad management and poor planning may have contributed to the present involved condition of city finances but the assets outweigh the liabilities by a good deal, regardless.

THE JOB OF REFORMATION

It is fairly obvious that America's prison system is not doing a very good job. Crime continues to increase. Investigators repeatedly assail our prisons as schools where hardened criminals teach the tricks of the trade to impressionable youngsters. If the reformation of the criminal is part of the prison's job, there will be no one to deny that the present system leaves a tremendous lot to be desired.

The most recent bit of evidence comes in a book, "Five Hundred Criminal Careers," by Sheldon Glueck and Eleanor Glueck of the Harvard University faculty. In this book the Gluecks recount their studies of criminals in Massachusetts penal institutions. The figures they present are extremely interesting and valuable.

For example; they find that in 70 per cent of the careers studied, the criminal's home life had gone to smash before he reached the age of 14. Only one-third of the men were of normal intelligence. There had been prior delinquency in 80 per cent of the families represented. And—most damning of all—of 510 men discharged from the Massachusetts Reformatory between 1911 and 1922, 80 per cent returned to lives of crime.

Those figures indicate the nature of the task that faces our prisons. They would seem to prove quite clearly that mere severity and harsh discipline will never suffice. As Dr. Richard C. Cabot of Harvard remarks:

"Why should this regime reform anybody? In my experience there are few tougher and more unyielding structures in the world than a bad habit. It does not change as the result of a few months of forced, unpaid and unpalatable labor."

Reform, Dr. Cabot believes, requires one condition: "That someone should come to know and understand the man in so intimate and friendly a way that he comes to a better understanding of himself and to a truer comprehension of the world in which he lives." An enormous amount of work, evidently, remains to be done.

KAMELA PERSONALS

By Mrs. C. E. Thornburg (Observer Correspondent)
KAMELA, Ore. (Special)—The most people January 25th means only another day, but to those with a little Scotch blood in their veins, it means the anniversary of the birth of the well-loved bard of their homeland, Robert Burns.

Abe Martin



Ever' cloud has a silver lining. Durin' the world war we laughed at the newly rich, an' now comes the newly poor in the wake o' the Wall street crash. "I'd git an auto if I thought their wuz room fer another one," drawled ole Wash Pusey, today.

seenes, oatenkes, currant bun, shortbread and trifle.
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Burton and little son Karlee spent Saturday in La Grande visiting at the W. Piddcock home.

Dinner guests at the C. E. Thornburg home on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Schubert and daughter, Lillian, and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Tamarie.

A Kennison, government trapper of Kamela and surrounding district, went to Telocast on Monday on business.
Mr. Cantile, of Meacham, owner of the Kamela grocery store, received news from Miss Alta Smith, who is still in Pilot Fork, that her father, though able to be up, has not recovered the use of his legs.

C. Hudson, second shift operator in Kamela, has a severe cold at present and is unable to work.
Walter Ingerson is working in Kamela at present. Mr. and Mrs. Ingerson spent Monday in La Grande.

Alla Wignersworth who has been absent from school for over a week because of a severe cold returned to school on Monday. Last week several children were absent but all were present Monday morning.

On Sunday and Monday the weather was quite springlike, making a pleasant change from the recent zero weather. The Kamela water tank is almost full of water now, but the pipes are frozen leading to most of the houses, so many of the residents still have to carry water.

STUDY MANNIX-JOSEPH CASE

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 29 (AP)—Judge G. F. Skipworth of Eugene has postponed his term of court in Lincoln county next week so that he may devote all of his time to a study of testimony and documentary evidence submitted in the Joseph and Mannix disbarment cases, according to a telephone message received from Skipworth by Arthur S. Henson, clerk of the supreme court. Skipworth was presiding referee in the Joseph-Mannix hearings. The other two referees were Judge Fred W. Wilson of The Dalles and Judge H. D. Norton of Grants Pass. The cases were heard here in December.

MALONE WEDS AGAIN

LONDON, Jan. 29 (AP)—Dudley Field Malone, American divorce lawyer, was married at noon today to Edna Louise Johnson of Brooklyn. The civil ceremony took place in Mayfair. There was no church service.
Malone recently was divorced from Doris Stevens, the feminist.

14 SAHORS RESCUED

BIARRITZ, France, Jan. 29 (AP)—Fourteen members of the crew of the British steamer Knebworth, marooned in the fore part of the vessel which had broken in two after going aground yesterday, were rescued this afternoon.

CORDOBA, ARGENTINA

CORDOBA, Argentina, Jan. 29 (AP)—Several persons were killed and a number injured by a violent storm which swept the region of Cordoba during the night.
The town was in darkness all night because of power plant failure while telephone and telegraph services were interrupted.



Wherever a few Scotch can get together on that date, they celebrate the occasion with feasting, dancing and the singing of songs by Burns and other Scotch song writers. To such a gathering at the Alfred Milne home in La Grande on Saturday went Kamela's Scotch, Mrs. C. O. Schubert and daughter, Lillian and Mrs. C. E. Thornburg and son Jay. On the supper menu, along with other American dishes were such things as Haggis, potted hie, store tattie,

SUPREME COURT TO DEFINE GUILT

Tribunal Asked to Make Ruling on Man Who Orders Bootleg Rum

By L. A. BROPHY (Associated Press Feature Writer)
WASHINGTON (AP)—America's liquor purchasing public shortly may learn what measure of guilt, as well as cracked ice and ginger ale, goes into a highball.

Before the United States supreme court, in petition for review, is the case of the United States of America vs Alfred E. Norris, one of the most noted of many recent court actions seeking to fix the guilt of a buyer of liquor.

If the court hears the case it will have for decision the question of whether a person who orders liquor, when transportation is necessary to make delivery, is guilty of conspiracy against his government.
Up to this time, a purchaser of liquor has been guilty of no federal crime, but there are various state laws against possession. Likewise, there is a movement to write into federal law a provision to make the buyer guilty with the seller.

There is this about the Norris case, however; it seeks to fix the guilt only of an individual who orders liquor, and thus, in effect, arranges for its transportation. The person who buys from a bootlegger, who, unsolicited, brings his wares to the home, is not involved.

Norris, a New York broker, ordered liquor, over a period of months from Joel D. Kerper in Philadelphia. Each was indicted in Pennsylvania on a charge of conspiracy. Kerper pleaded guilty and is in Atlanta. Norris won in the lower courts and the government appealed.

The record specifically points out that "said rye whiskey was purchased by defendant, Alfred E. Norris, for his own consumption or that of his guests; and he was in no sense a dealer of liquor."
While the Norris-Kerper transactions were between two cities, it is pointed out that a phone call to a bootlegger in the same city as the prospective purchaser would result in transportation.

Thus at stake is the broad issue of liquor purchasing by order, no matter what distance separates the man with the thirst and the one with the means to satisfy it.
The court is expected to pass upon the application for review within a few weeks, and, if it is granted, to hear the case probably before the end of the present term.

HUGE CUSTOMS FINES LEVIED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 29 (AP)—Two of the largest customs fines ever levied in this port were paid Tuesday by Louis A. Schwabacher of San Francisco, who paid \$72,986.13 and Mrs. Frank Vance Storer of New York City, who paid \$103,917.16 as duty and fines on clothing and jewelry they failed to declare.

The sums paid include the foreign purchase price, plus duty and a 100 per cent fine for failure to declare.
Mr. Schwabacher, accompanied by his wife and a maid, arrived October 22 on the Bremen. A quantity of undeclared wearing apparel and jewelry, including a necklace appraised at \$18,000, was found in their baggage.

The case was fought here and in Washington, but the explanation for failure to declare will not be made public. It was found however that there were no extenuating circumstances and he was ordered to pay the full domestic value of the merchandise plus the 100 per cent duty.

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Mineral Output In U. S. During Year 6 Billion

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—Mineral production in the United States during 1929 was reported Tuesday by the department of commerce to have increased nearly ten per cent over 1928 to a total value of \$5,900,000,000.

The increase was in metals and minerals fuels, the value of non-metallic mineral products decreasing slightly during the year. Copper and iron showed the largest gains in the 12 months while lead and zinc also increased. Production of gold and silver decreased.

Value of mineral products for 1929, as estimated by the bureau of mines were:
Metallic \$1,540,000,000; non-metallic (other than fuels) \$1,200,000,000; mineral fuels, \$3,160,000,000.

Sandino Visits Mexico For The Rubio Ceremony

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 29 (AP)—Augustino Sandino, former Nicaraguan insurgent leader, dressed in military civilian clothes and accompanied by six staff officers, arrived in Mexico City Tuesday from Vera Cruz where he arrived Monday from Merida by airplane.

Sandino told Mexican newspaper men that he planned to return to Nicaragua at an early date to carry on his campaign against "American oppression."
He was quoted as saying he had 2,000 loyal followers awaiting his return and that he would take up his campaign where he left off last June when he went to Merida after his hands had been dispersed by American marine forces.

Sandino was found riding in a day coach. When a reporter expressed surprise that he was not in a Pullman, he replied "This is how I am spending that \$50,000 the newspapers say I was paid to get out of Nicaragua."
He refused to say for what purpose he had come to Mexico City although it is understood he wants to attend the inauguration of President-Elect Ortiz Rubio.

Emmy Destinn Is Dead At Budweis

BERLIN, Jan. 29 (AP)—The prima donna, Emmy Destinn, died today at Budweis, Czechoslovakia. She was 51 years old.

Mrs. Destinn became one of the most famous figures of European opera of the first quarter of the century. She was born in Prague, Bohemia, Feb. 29, 1878, the daughter of Emanuel Kittel, and began her education as violinist under Lachner.

From 1892 to 1898 she studied under Maria Lowew-Desflan whose name she adopted. In 1898 she joined the royal opera company in Berlin.

A great increase in the sale of 5 cent cigars was noted in December, 1929. We've still got some of 'em.

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TO VISIT BEND

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 29 (AP)—Governor Norblad will speak Thursday night before the chamber of commerce at Bend, and will later engage at Redmond. He will leave for Bend tonight.

Former Champion Attempts Comeback

CHICAGO, Jan. 29 (AP)—George Butler Sutton, the billiard player with the fancy goatee and flowing mustache who won the 1822 billiards championship more than a decade ago, is attempting a comeback.

"He has removed his goatee and mustache, too, as he wants to appear much younger than his 69 odd years."
"You must look younger these days of you hope to get work or billiard opponents," he explained. "It used to be you had to look old."
Sutton had entered the national

THEATERS

Pick of Song, Dance, Monologue In Film at State

"The Hollywood Revue," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's musical extravaganza, received the most enthusiastic ovation ever given a talking picture at the State theater.

This new musical extravaganza proves to be a sensational follow-up for the immensely popular "The Broadway Melody." Designed on the order of a sumptuous Broadway revue, it contains not only the pick of the song, dance and monologue talent from the M-G-M studio, but also a number of outstanding stage celebrities.

Twenty new songs make their appearance in this production.

Sammy Lee, who staged a number of Ziegfeld shows as well as other New York musical productions, was in charge of the chorus of 72 carefully selected girls and boys and has turned out ensemble numbers that could not be beaten on any stage. Harry Rapf, unit producer, has accomplished something for which he may well be proud.

"Singin' in the Rain" is the outstanding song number but there are a dozen songs.
Among the stars and famous stage personages who appear are Marion Davies, Anita Page, Bessie Love and Charles King, the trio who scored so heavily in "The Broadway Melody." Joan Crawford, John Gilbert, William Haines, Conrad Nagel, Buster Keaton, Norma Shearer, Karl Dane, George K. Arthur, Gwen Lee, Marie Dressler, Polly Moran, "Eckle Ike" (Cliff Edwards), the Brox Sisters, Natacha Nattova, Jack Benny, the Alpertina Rasch ballet and the Rounders.

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