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JERUSALIM'S SCHEMPTIONS—The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor, he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.—Luke 4:18, 19.

Disapproval of the Wallowa lake basin as a national park area does not mean that this dream of a tourist wonderland will not be realized eventually. Rather can it be interpreted as a mere statement of existing policy by the national park authorities. National parks are already very numerous and they represent a large drain on federal income. Practically all public officials are sold on their advantages but the demands for more parks from practically every section of the country makes it easy to say that your pet project is lacking in park qualities—thus reserving present funds for the better improvement of present parks. The Wallowa area offers just as much recreational advantages as many existing parks. With the growth of park patronage and the natural increase in travel to western parks in the next few years, arguments in favor of a Wallowa park will have more weight. In the meanwhile every effort should be made to develop its possibilities as a wilderness area.

ON THE POLITICAL SIDELINES

With Eastern Oregon lacking a candidate for the republican nomination for governor this territory promises to be a general battleground for aspirants from west of the Cascades during the next few months. Already a few advance scouts have been going over the local situation and campaign literature is arriving in almost every mail.

Although there is yet no general interest in the primary scrap the confining winter weather has started some comment on the chances of those who have entered or who are expected to enter the race. So far, Corbett and Kay are receiving most attention with Norblad and Hall considered as possibilities if five or six men get into the contest.

Several experienced observers say that Henry Corbett stands the best chance of carrying this section if Tom Kay, present state treasurer, stays out of the campaign. Both of these men are favorably regarded here and would run a pretty close race, drawing support from much the same type of republican if they were in competition.

The only objection to Kay seems to be his doubtful health—and voters are giving serious thought now to the possibility of a governor dying in office and being succeeded by a senate president whom they did not select at the polls. Kay, on the other hand, contends he has not felt better for years and is entirely able to go through a campaign and handle the office. No one questions his knowledge of state business and keen ability.

Corbett is regarded as possessing all the qualities that go to make up a successful governor. Coming from an old Portland family and active in civic affairs for years his name and ability are both familiar to many Eastern Oregon people. He has had valuable experience in the state senate and has an immediate advantage in a large following from the city of Portland.

How far Norblad and Hall, who will be active contenders, will get in the La Grande territory remains to be seen. Neither of them is well known outside of a small political circle and the votes they can gather will depend on the effectiveness of their respective campaigns. Governor Norblad will, of course, have the edge over Hall because of his office. With enough candidates in the race and the party badly split it is possible that he might get a majority in this county.

All of which is speculation at a very early stage of the campaign. Eastern Oregon, however it may finally go at the polls, is now playing the role of impartial observer—with serious thought being given the question of what candidate would be most fair to interests of this section if elected. That will have an important bearing on the ultimate majority to be gained from counties over here.

Farmers Making Ready For The Lambing Season

By Mrs. Grant Wilde (Observer Correspondent)
HOT LAKE (Special)—Archie Don and Bill Beveridge are getting new sheep sheds and building ready for the lambing season the middle of February.
Miss Ruth Baxter, of Hot Lake, spent Sunday visiting at her home in Union.
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilde were business visitors at the sanitarium and in La Grande Monday of this week.
Mr. and Mrs. McClellan and Mrs. Nellie Woods and children, Shirley J. W. Baxter this week. Miss Irene and Don were Sunday visitors at the John Peterson home. Little Bill Peterson has been very ill of late and it will be a great im-

provement to the town to have it fixed.
Dr. C. V. Poling Is Speaker At Pongosa Affair
By Mrs. M. E. Raymond (Observer Correspondent)
PONDOSA, Ore. (Special)—One of the most enjoyable parties held at the school house for some time was given by the Medical Springs Women's club Thursday evening. A program was given in which Dr. C. V. Poling, of Corvallis, gave a very interesting talk, followed by community singing. After the program a beautiful supper was served and dancing concluded the evening's entertainment. The affair was the regular husbands entertainment which takes place each time a fifth Thursday appears on the calendar. About 25 couples were present. Mrs. E. E. Whitten was chairman of the entertainment committee and Mrs. D. E. Nelson of the supper committee.
Plans for the primary conference to be held here in the near future were made at a meeting of the primary board held at the hotel Monday evening. Mrs. David Johnson was hostess and served ice cream and cake to the members at the close of the business meeting.
Mrs. C. M. Gray and infant daughter, Dorothy Anne, who was born at a Baker hospital 26 days ago, returned home Wednesday. Mrs. Gray was Miss Mary Heids before her marriage.
George Robertson and L. G. Murray made a business trip to La Grande Wednesday returning the following day. They had to go by way of Baker since the road through Tolobent is impassable.
Mrs. Earl Murray and two children are quarantined because of scarlet fever at their home in Baker. They moved to Baker four weeks ago. Miss Pearl Murray is caring for them during their illness.
Mr. and Mrs. David Johnson entertained 24 of their friends at a dancing party at the hotel Saturday evening. At a late hour supper was served in the dining room.
Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Bloom, of Baker, former residents of this district were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Whitten Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. George Duncan, of Aberdeen, Wash., who have been visiting his mother and brother for the last three weeks, left Saturday and will visit relatives in La Grande and Walla Walla before returning home.
Vernon Lark, who has been attending high school in La Grande, returned home Saturday and will discontinue his studies until next fall.
Mr. and Mrs. Archie Stephenson entertained a number of friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bonham Saturday evening. Dancing was enjoyed in the large living room until a late hour when sandwiches, cake and coffee were served.

Abe Martin



"They're still kiddin' Dr. Snook, arch murderer, along in Ohio, and it'll be quite some weeks before his case makes the rounds of all the various tribunals and finally gets down to the Gov'or. Great country. Well, I won't need an over-coat today. The Weather man says it'll drop to five below by noon," said Late Bul, as he left his home this mornin'.

"It's Snow Fun!" Cry Brave Co-Eds



It's just an old Arctic custom, but when neighbors peered out the windows and saw Helen Hobbs and Jean Handley, Drury College freshmen, cavorting about in the snow at Springfield, Mo., with only scanty bathing suits for protection from the zero weather, they decided they had their seasons mixed. "It's snow fun," cried Miss Handley, sliding at the right, "but, just the same, we enjoy throwing snowballs, sledding and playing leap frog."

Health Talks

GOUTER
It has been observed that where pigs are born hairless and stunted, human gout is common. The connection between pigs and gout is more than casual, and also of historic interest. For it is true that it was the study of the cause and the prevention of the economic losses involved in the birth of hairless, stunted and weak pigs that led to a discovery of effective methods to prevent human gout.

Gout, swelling and enlargement of the thyroid gland, has been known for thousands of years. The ancient Greek physicians treated it with the ashes of burnt sea-shrimps. The treatment probably was effective, but it is hardly conceivable that the Greek physicians knew why.

Modern science has demonstrated that the presence of a certain minute quantity of iodine in food or drinking water is important to the normal functioning of the thyroid. A lack of iodine will lead to an enlargement of the thyroid—in other words, will result in gout.

Gout is prevalent in the regions of the Great Lakes, in sections of the middle west, and in parts of the Rocky Mountain regions. Public health authorities have taken steps to prevent the disease by adding iodine to drinking water, by iodizing salt, and by advising the consumption of iodine-containing foods, principally fish and green vegetables.

While these measures have been productive of much good, they are not without some risk, and warnings have been issued to gregarious persons on the dangers involved in indiscriminate intake of iodine. In fact, where a person is predisposed to an enlargement of the thyroid, iodine should only be taken when, and in the quantities, prescribed by a physician.

Vocalism Unpopular

An inspirational writer says it is a fine thing to be able "to sing in the rain." That depends on the singer. Some of us can hardly sing in the sun, even without causing it to start to rain.—Detroit News.

Know Thyself—Be Honest

Criticize yourself more frequently. Longfellow said forth truth when he wrote: "Not in the flames of the crowded streets nor in the shouts and plaudits of the throng, but in ourselves is triumph or defeat."—Gilt.

House Plants

It is a pleasant occupation for children to care for plants. If each child is given bulbs, or small plants and allowed to paint the plants' pot any color he wants, quite keen family competition results and the plants benefit by the diligent care given them.

"Cades" Ride

A hitch-hiker is the name given to one who walks along the road seeking and taking rides from any persons who may be going in the direction which he wishes to travel.

Smoking Request Causes Discussion

NEW YORK, Feb. 1 (AP)—The request by women students of Swarthmore college for a smoking room has resulted in widespread discussion among members of the Society of Friends, which supports the school.

A formal protest against granting the request, unanimously adopted by the annual meeting of the friends, has been forwarded to the board of managers.

Old-Time Wars' Victims

The fate of prisoners of war varied in different countries. In some instances the prisoners were enslaved only during the period of time in which the captor was in power. Occasionally they were freed and married into families of their new homeland. Sometimes they continued to be slaves until death.

Agas Attained by Dogs

There is not a great difference in the ages to which dogs can attain. One veterinarian has observed that terriers seem to live longer than bulldogs, and in general that large dogs outlive small ones. Most dogs which escape automobiles, poison and other such hazards of a dog's life die at from nine to fourteen years of age. But occasionally representatives of practically all breeds survive until past twenty.

Egg-Laying Species

Reptiles, including the alligator and tortoise, lay eggs containing a large amount of food-yolk with a smaller proportion of white, and usually the shell is like parchment in texture. Insects of all kinds, crustaceans and molluscs, amphibians and two species of mammals are egg layers. The egg-laying mammals are the duck-billed platypus and the echidna or spiny anteater, both Australian animals.

World's Hottest Places

The hottest place in the world is the town of Aziza, in Tripoli. This is located about 25 miles south of the Mediterranean. The temperature in the summer of 1924 was reported at 136.4 degrees Fahrenheit, and the temperature at Greenland ranch, Death valley, Calif., was recorded as 134.1 degrees Fahrenheit on July 10, 1913.

Millennium Possibility

Human beings are the most interesting objects on earth, and to know themselves and get along with one another is their most important business. That business drags because they do not know what they could do if they stopped quarreling among themselves and used their brains to solve their common problems.—Prof. George A. Dewey.

They All Do

A sick man usually thinks he is going to do worthwhile things when he shall be well again. Then comes the glad surge of health and of the world's myriad absorbing interests to blur the memory of all good resolutions.—American Magazine.

"Star Spangled Banner" Favored As U.S. Anthem

By Sue McNaum (AP Feature Service Writer)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (AP)—The stirring notes of "The Star Spangled Banner," sung by two soprano, rang Friday in the house judiciary committee room and echoed through the long corridors of the house office building as a group of patriotic organizations descended upon the capital to urge congress to adopt officially as America's national anthem the now famous song of Francis Scott Key. Although the song, inspired by the staunch defense of Fort Mifflin at Baltimore against the British fleet in the war of 1812, now is regarded through custom as the official anthem to which a mighty nation stands at attention, congress never formally has made it so.

The effort of the patriotic societies was directed to that end. They urged approval of the Lathlean bill which would authorize this action. For years, Representative Lathlean of Maryland has sponsored the measure without success.

The two sopranos who sang the song were Mrs. Elsie Jorns-Jelliffe of Washington, and Mrs. Grace Evelyn Boudin of Baltimore. It also was played by the navy band. The women sought to demonstrate to the committee that the singing of the song was not difficult as revised.

Official recognition of the song also was urged by Captain Walter L. Joyce, of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Joyce presented a petition signed by 2,000,000 citizens asking congress to make the song the official national anthem. He said he had worked 12 months preparing it and was assisted by 82 persons. Twenty-five governors of states have signed it.

Overnight News Briefs

Washington—White House and Representative Ford deny that he spoke for Hoover in justifying home brew.

San Pedro—Fifty-foot British motorship Northern Register seized by coast guard as rum runner suspect.

Washington—Senator Norris deplores fanaticism in announcing that federal law enforcement officers do not have to be total abstainers.

Oklahoma City—Ruth Morgan May, 23, testifies in federal court that her friend, a deputy sheriff, collected money from bootleggers.

Buffalo—Grand jury returns no true bill against three coast guardsmen who killed Eugene F. Downey Jr., in Buffalo harbor Christmas night.

Providence, R. I.—Dr. William H. P. Paunce, noted educator, dies.

New York—Gene Tannery leaves hospital after operation.

Beaumont, Tex.—Italy message from Standard Oil tanker Liberty says tugboat Edgar F. Coney sank in Gulf of Mexico with loss of 12 lives.

Nome—Six pilots and airplanes to remain at trading vessel Nanuk until Eklson and Borland are found dead or alive.

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London—Text of French proposal for compromising naval measurement problem made public.

Madrid—New government set to student strike.

Santiago, Cuba—Two cases of hemorrhage discovered in city jail.

Gibraltar—Destroyer goes aground when fierce gale sweeps port.

Mexico City—Moscow offers Russian minister to close location.

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Nebraska's Governor Is Flyer



With nearly 100 hours of flying time on various trips as a passenger to his credit, Governor A. J. Weaver, of Nebraska, recently took his first lesson as a pilot, flying part of the way from Wichita to Omaha—but he's not yet quite sure that he ever wants to take up a ship alone. The governor is shown here with Mrs. Weaver as they landed at Omaha airport.

Iowa Expects To Be Re-Instated

CHICAGO, Feb. 1 (AP)—Apparently forgiven for its athletic sins for which it was cast out of the Western conference last May, the University of Iowa today expected to be again a member in good standing by nightfall.

NEW SWIM RECORD

CHICAGO, Feb. 1 (AP)—Annes Geraghty, Lisa Lindstrom and Eleanor Holm, of the New York women's swimming association, today laid claim to a new world's record in the 200 yard medley relay.

Annuity Is Old Idea

Annuities are much older than life insurance. Possibly they were known to the Assyrians and Babylonians. The first record of an annuity is in Rome in 40 B. C.