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Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.—Galatians 6: 1.

THREE CENT POSTAGE

The administration at Washington should know by this time that its revenue-raising plan for adding a cent to the first-class postal rate will not be tolerated. There is a chance of obtaining congressional approval for increases in rates which do not pay for the services rendered but as there is a profit in a two-cent letter rate opposition to an increase will be solid.

Members of the house ways and means committee, whose difficult task it is to find \$920,000,000 additional revenue for the federal government, showed what they think of a three-cent letter rate when they, with unaccustomed alacrity, recognized the jurisdiction of the house postoffice committee in the matter. As for the latter committee, it would not have been so jealous of its jurisdiction had it felt constrained to report out with a favorable recommendation such an unpopular and unwarranted measure. Chairman Mead, of the postoffice committee, declared himself as opposed to the three-cent rate and he probably spoke for the majority of the members of congress.

Postmaster General Brown has given no plausible excuse for increasing the letter rate. Under the department's traditional non-profit-making policy this rate should be lowered instead of upped. And the mere fact that the traffic would bear the additional freight does not justify abandonment of that policy.

It would be useless to suggest a reduction in the overhead of the postal system. Mr. Brown has not yet heard that the cost of everything purchasable, including labor, has greatly decreased recently.

GROUNDHOG'S JOB

One fears that Bre'r Groundhog will have a lot of sympathy for President Hoover and some other politicians after February 2. He is due to learn that this is a time when promises are hard to keep.

Normally, Prophet Groundhog can see his shadow, or not see it and know his prediction of six more weeks of winter or an early spring will come to pass as per schedule in some sections of this great but, this moment, climatically uncertain land. But all weather predictions fail this year. Even nature missed bets she never lost before.

When it snows in Southern California and the trees blossom in Pennsylvania in January, Forecaster Groundhog, if he is as wise as he professes, will stay in his hole on February 2 and let winter and spring fight it out themselves. Any attempt at forecasting this year will be at the risk of his reputation.

Should the groundhog have more winter under his shadow let him rush it along before the blossoming fruit trees, in regions where May is the normal budding season, bring forth buds to have them nipped by pursuing freezes and frosts.

These are parlous days for goosebone prophets and almanac compilers. They will be a long time explaining their "misses by a mile" in the winter of 1931-32.

HILGARD PERSONALS

(Observer Correspondent)

HILGARD (Special)—The Saturday Night Pinocchio club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Price Saturday night with three tables at play. High scores were made by Mrs. Al Reynolds and Guy Thornbrue, with consolation going to Mrs. J. B. Weiner and Fred Rees.

Mrs. Laura Bartness is visiting friends and relatives in La Grande for the week.

Large herds of deer have been seen holl down on the south side of the hills feeding. The snow being crust on the north side, makes feeding there impossible for them.

Preparations for a Washington Birthday program were started this week at the Hilgard school under the direction of Miss Blanche Whitman.

Mrs. Q. Randolph and niece, of Vancouver, Wash., arrived the first of the week for a visit with Mrs. Randolph's brother, Henry Cohn, at the home of Mrs. P. Y. Young.

Mrs. G. O. Thornbrue entertained a group of friends Wednesday evening in honor of Mr. Thornbrue's birthday anniversary. Those who were the diversion of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rees entertained Mr. and Mrs. Claude Puckett at dinner Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Coats and Mrs. Jack Keffer of the Mt. Emily logging camp, were visitors at Hilgard and

in La Grande Wednesday.
Charles B. Carl, state deputy sealer of weights and measures, was a business visitor here this week.

Emmett Walker, of La Grande, spent Wednesday here on business and at the home of Arthur Cantel.

ALICEL PERSONALS
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ALICEL (Special)—Pat Groesbeck, of Nampa, Idaho, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Mel Stewart.

Omar Ruckman spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Loree, of La Grande, have been visiting friends at Alicel recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stevens, of Union, have been visiting their relatives at Alicel.

Mrs. Mel Stewart is in Enterprise visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Cecil Lavell.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Webster, of Lone Star, Mrs. Roy Redman, of Imbler, and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Meginty, of Greensburg, Wash., were guests at the Otis Buchanan home Tuesday.

Ireland's Distinction
Ireland is one of the few countries which has never persecuted the Jews.

In Washington

By Herbert Plummer

WASHINGTON — Whatever else may result from the senate finance committee's investigation of the sale of foreign securities during these past few weeks, one thing is certain—The open hearings were a success socially.

There have been few investigations conducted "on the hill" which attracted the elite more than this one. The big room, in which Senator Hiram Johnson of California lambasted witnesses ranging from the greatest of bankers to attaches in the state department, at times took on the appearance of a fashionable salon.

At almost any one of the hearings smartly gowned women, some with lorgnettes, representative of the last word in Washington social swank, could be picked out in the crowd that took up about every bit of space in the room.

Socially prominent spinsters, wives of high ranking officials and prominent diplomats mingled with the mass of curious ones always found at such events.

Then the appearance of state department dignitaries had appeal. As the hearings went on, testimony was heard about state department activity which promised spicy sessions.

And when Francis White, assistant secretary of state in charge of Latin American affairs, himself took the stand—a radical departure—interest reached its highest pitch.

Even Mrs. White, the assistant secretary's wife attended and eagerly watched her husband grapple with Senator "Hill."

Johnson Takes Front Rank
Senator Johnson himself made the affair quite interesting and worthwhile. He emerged from the investigation with colors flying and henceforth must be placed in the front rank of senate investigators.

Almost single-handed he broke through witnesses' testimony to unearth that which he sought. Not many of them were able to withstand his constant barrage of searching questions, and once he thought he was on the right track he became almost merciless.

He had been criticized before because it was said he stopped with a witness when he had him on the verge of "opening up." Certainly that couldn't be said of him in this investigation.

1931 FIRE LOSS
HERE \$38,912.86
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valued at \$305,945 was at risk, or nearly 10 times as much as was lost. The amount of insurance at risk was \$311,100.

The fire loss on buildings amounted to \$25,068.74 and the fire loss on contents amounted to \$13,844.12.

During the year 1930 the total fire loss was \$11,707.33 and the property at risk was \$337,556.70.

Of the 130 fire calls, only 24 were box calls. Seven were issued by telephone, and the remainder by telephone. Fire Chief C. T. Lindsey reports.

Causes listed as "unknown" caused the most fires, 25, and cigarettes were second with 16 to their discredit. Children playing with matches, and sparks each caused 11 fires.

Other causes and the number of fires resulting therefrom follow: burning trash, 8; defective flues, 7; defective wiring, 7; drills, 6; grass, 4; spontaneous combustion, 4; grease and oil, 3; gasoline, 3; carelessness, 3; fireworks, 3; welding with acetylene torch, 2; candles, 2; overheated stoves, 1; fire scare, 1; fumigating, 1; smoking in bed, 1; high tension wires, 1; cat knocking over lantern, 1; oily rags, 1; paraffine wax, 1.

There were six false alarms answered during the year.

OUT OUR WAY
THERE—WATCH THIS! THAT'S WHAT YOU CALL BALANCE—TH' BULL O' TH' WOODS HAS A STRONG DESIRE TO KETCH THAT CRANE MAN ASLEEP—BUT HE ALSO HAS A STRONG DESIRE NOT TO GO UP TH' DIZZY HEIGHTS OF THAT RICKETY LADDER. NOW SEE WHICH WINS, ANGER OR FEAR.

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Winter weather was prevalent throughout the Pacific Northwest, Portland had five inches of snow yesterday and near Hood River a boy, 14, was found frozen to death in the foothills of Mount Hood.

BOY SCOUT FROZEN
HOOD RIVER, Ore., Feb. 1 (AP)—John Taylor, 14, Dee, Ore., boy scout, was found frozen to death Sunday in the foothills of Mt. Hood.

The lad had gone on a hunting trip and when a blizzard trapped him with 14-foot snow banks, he sought to utilize safety measures he had been taught as a boy scout.

He built a brush lean-to, but apparently the bitter cold drove him from this to seek an open trail. His body was found near a wind-fallen tree within 300 yards of an open trail and by his brother, William, and J. N. Bartlett, Hood River, who had searched through the night. They believed he had been dead about three hours.

The father, John Taylor Sr., was in Portland, but hurried home yesterday.

NO IMMEDIATE RELIEF
PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 1 (AP)—Freezing temperatures prevailed throughout Oregon today and the weather bureau could promise no relief from winter's most severe attack of the season.

In blizzard-like waves the storm swept into the state Saturday night, depositing snow to a depth of from one to five inches.

The temperature in Portland Sunday ranged from a minimum of 23 degrees to a maximum of 27 degrees. A bitter east wind prevented snow from melting.

At Bend the temperature dropped ten degrees in two hours last night, reaching 5 degrees above zero at 6 p. m., and a low of 1 degree above this morning.

Major Roads Open
Communication systems generally were operating normally, and trains

and buses were on their usual schedules. The Umatilla ferry was reported out of service due to ice floes in the Columbia. All major roads in the state were open.

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LANE COUNTY COLD
EUGENE, Feb. 1 (AP)—Western Lane county lay white today, covered by the heaviest fall of snow in years. Snow fell practically all day Sunday and freezing weather late in the afternoon covered the streets with ice. An inch of snow fell on the ice during the night. The temperature dropped to 18 degrees, the coldest of the season.

Highway crews had snowplows at work on mountain roads near here. Telephone lines were out in some sections.

Highway Funds In Use For Emergency Can't Be Diverted
SALEM, Feb. 1 (AP)—Highway funds dedicated for emergency relief purposes cannot be diverted to other uses, which means they cannot be garnished or attached by creditors of men who are employed in relief work. J. M. Derers, attorney for the state highway commission, announced today. Devers said if it becomes necessary to go into court to defend this position the commission would do so.

Devers said in some isolated cases reports have been made that men working the one week in the month are being garnished. He said such conduct has made necessary instructions that all attachment papers must be forwarded to the commission's office. Devers said he had no sympathy for the man who cannot discharge his honest obligations but that he had no encouragement for the individual who would seek to divert relief funds for such purposes.

European Territory
The British Isles are a part of Europe. The islands were at one time a part of the continent.

TIGERS WALLOP WALLOWA QUINT

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one point in the final quarter. However, Wallowa had held the La Grande team to one point in the first period so the honors on defense were even in that respect.

The visitors employed a tight-checking system of play in the first half, and at the same time counted practically all of their points on long shots by Johnson. The little forward, McKennie, who upset the Tigers at Wallowa, failed to make a single basket from the floor—in fact, Johnson was the only man for Wallowa to count a two-point shot.

Torrence, although in a suit, did not go into the game, with Munsell carrying on in aggressive fashion. On the whole the Tigers were slow in starting on the offense but when the machine turned over, it accelerated with satisfying speed.

In a preliminary game the seniors defeated the juniors, 23 to 22.

This weekend the Tigers play two games, both in La Grande. Mac-Hi comes here Friday and Imbler Saturday.

The summary:

Wallowa:	PG	FT	PF	TP
McKenzie, f.	0	2	2	2
Carpenter, f.	0	0	0	0
Johnson, g.	0	0	1	1
Onstrom, g.	0	0	1	0
Johnson, g.	2	4	0	6
Smith, f.	0	0	1	0
Skilton, g.	0	0	0	0
Bird, g.	0	0	0	0
Totals	2	7	5	11

La Grande:	PG	FT	PF	TP
Lyman, f.	6	0	3	12
Stoddard, f.	2	1	2	5
Corey, c.	0	0	2	0
Burnell, g.	0	1	1	2
Munsell, g.	0	0	0	0
Fox, f.	0	0	0	0
Workman, g.	0	0	1	1
Feuerhelm, g.	0	0	0	0
Totals	11	3	9	25

Score by quarters:

Wallowa 3 2 5 1-11

La Grande 1 7 11 6-25

Free throws: La Grande, 3 out of 6; Wallowa, 7 out of 14.

Officials: Jack Loyd, referee; J. E. Reynolds, timer.

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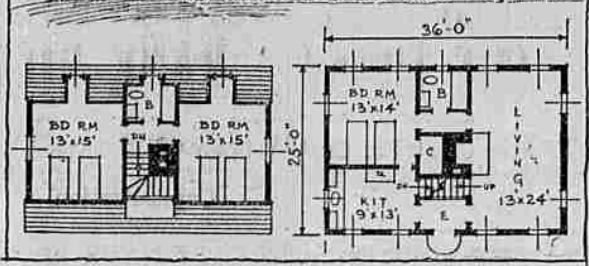
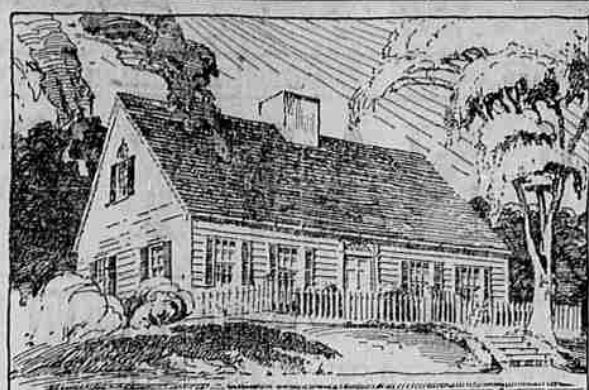
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WITHSTANDS ALL WEATHERS



By the Associated Press
When the prospective home owner has a small amount of capital, and a small income, but is anxious to build something beautiful that also has comfort, there are few designs to meet all these requirements as well as the Cape Code cottage.

On examination of the plan one will notice that there is only one exterior door. The rear entry is eliminated; in fact, every extra expense possible that may be saved has been taken into consideration. For a cold climate the stairs have been separated from the entrance hall to prevent the cold breezes reaching the second floor when the door is opened.

The house is large enough for a family of four or five, when two of the children are willing to sleep in

the same room. The three bedrooms have space for six beds and each room has cross ventilation. There is room in the kitchen for a table to accommodate six. There is no dining room to clean, and as some families only use their dining room once a week it can well be eliminated for the small family. The large living room, open to three exposures, has a fireplace and ample wall space for furniture.

The entire effect of the house is low. It would look well on high elevation and also on a low level lot. The cost of construction should be about four or five thousand, depending on the location. Size of the lot should be 50x100 feet.

The roof is of natural weathered shingles, the clapboard walls are white, and the shutters dark green.

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