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Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O Lord: let thy loving kindness and thy truth continually preserve me.—Psalm 40:11.

WITHHOLDING A NAME

A youth, probably 20 years of age, forgets himself in a basketball game and shatters the game's code of sportsmanship by slugging an opponent. The daily newspaper gives a full yet fair account of the occurrence the following day.

Another youth, probably 14 or 15 years of age, is found by police officers with stolen money in his possession, and a confession follows. Yet the daily newspaper, while giving an account of the incident, does not use the boy's name, although as a matter of fact the name is withheld by the officers.

Why the difference? Both acts are condemned by public opinion, both are infractions of the rules, but one constitutes a crime and the other does not.

The difference lies much deeper. The hot-headed youth who broke a rule of sportsmanship may have been as fine a young man as ever came to play basketball in La Grande, or he may have been in the habit of breaking the rules whenever an opportunity presented itself. But that is beside the issue.

The reason for publication of the facts, outside of their news value, was that there is a constant striving on the part of school and college authorities to build up the highest possible standards in all forms of athletic competition; and, in that connection, the publicity served two purposes.

It notified the offender, more or less, through the unfavorable notoriety given him; and it acted as a warning to other youths that they might not expect to follow in his footsteps without incurring public disapproval.

In the case of the younger boy who was found with stolen money, the officers were almost certain that outside influences were working upon the lad who is yet so immature as to be easily swayed from the path of the righteous.

There is reason to hope that the boy will reform and within a few years develop into an honest, upright man and a good citizen. And if hardened police officers feel that way about it, the Observer is more than willing to co-operate. A good citizen is worth his weight in gold to any community.

In Washington

By Herbert Plummer

WASHINGTON (AP)—The death of Wesley Edwards has taken from the house of representatives a member who never failed to give it an hilarious good time whenever he took the floor for an address.

For 19 years the Mississippi representative brought fun and color to the capitol hill.

Members of the house perhaps never enjoyed anything more than they did one of Quint's speeches. They never knew what Percy—as he was known to them—would do next. By way of voice, capable of hitting as hard as the next one, and witty he packed 'em in when he spoke.

When he advanced to the well of the house, thunderous applause greeted him. But invariably his colleagues would quiet down that they might hear his numerous cracks. Cries of "louder" punctuated his speech, gales of laughter and applause swept the house, but they always heard him.

Gestures Quint would usually start by loosening his collar, but before he got through he was as likely as not to rip it off—he has done so.

"I want to brush aside all this folderl," he would snort in the beginning, and then he would proceed to do so.

The posture he assumed was impressive. His right foot would be forward, his left back. He would incline his body backward. Every now and then he would stride up the aisle and slap the knee or shoulder of some colleague to emphasize his point.

The gentleman from North Dakota once tried to display his lack of knowledge? "Whack!—down would come his hand.

"My friend from New Jersey argues in a circle?" Bam!

He'd Add Amendments Quint had a knack of killing those bills he was opposed to by introducing facetious amendments. One came to mind.

An attempt was made in the house to pass a bill which would make persons circulating harmful information about the status of a national bank subject to prosecution. Quint couldn't see the justice in it.

bank who gave out harmful information about the financial status of an individual subject to prosecution as well. And he won—the bill was withdrawn.

AMERICAN LEGION RELIEF PLAN TO BEGIN FUNCTIONING

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perhaps only a few will be aided remains to be seen. But no matter the number if by so starting and assisting those who will be benefited a work has been accomplished which will in the end raise that number from their now most critical condition.

No person will gain selfishly out of this campaign. Work being done by those in charge of directing the campaign, many of them being the same persons who directed war time activities, is entirely voluntary. Those who have pledged their services along the advertising and publicity branches have given freely of their services. All those in charge of local direction in the various communities are doing the work free gratis. They have all seen the results of the depression. They all see the fact that it is possible to lift the country from its straits, and hope and pray that through their efforts and the efforts of those who are willing to co-operate with them that the unemployed throughout the nation will be given the opportunity to again work and enjoy life as every true American would have them. All those who have entered into the work and giving of their time and energy are doing so with a feeling that by so doing they are doing all that is possible to perform a citizen's duty to his country and his fellow man.

In communities the size of La Grande the work will be lined out to comply with the national organization's instructions as closely as possible. In most instances different types of undertakings will be worked out to suit different communities. Today has been set as the zero hour for the campaign to start. The local committees work is well under way and is being directed by Norman Desilet as American Legion chairman. Other committees are to be appointed and as much work as possible will be done on preliminary plans during this week and an honest effort will be made to assist those who have so ably carried on the relief work here up to date.

Details of the local plan will be announced later this week.

THEORETICAL CONSTITUTION Theodore Roosevelt because of a delicate constitution, received his grammar school education at home instead of in school.

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Other Papers Say:

REWARD OF A HERO

Thirteen and a half years after the event commemorated, the war department announces the award of the distinguished service cross to Private Helmut B. DeWitz, a Salem volunteer in the World war, for valor in attacking and capturing a machine gun nest held by 70 Germans at Juvigny, France, in August, 1918. This tardy reward is typical of the recognition bestowed upon our war heroes by a red tape bureaucracy. France long ago rewarded DeWitz the French Croix de Guerre for the same valorous act and Italy presented him with the Croce de Guerra for a similar act of heroism.

When the news was broken to him, DeWitz is quoted in the Oregonian as saying: "It's fine of course, but I had rather have a job just now. I've been out of work for a year. It's pretty tough, you know, with the family. Pretty blamed tough. I'd sure like to have a job."

Here is DeWitz' modest narrative of the incident which so tardily recognized by a grateful government: "We went over the top that morning but didn't get very far. That was a mining country and a couple of German machine gun nests in old mine entrances held us up. Another fellow and I went after them. I don't know who he was. But we had a machine gun of our own and we started out. It was rough country in there. We got down on our bellies and snaked along, zig-zagging back and forth. We got within about 200 yards of one nest.

We waited until we thought things were right to take a chance and then we let our own machine gun and cut loose with hand grenades. It was the hand grenades that did the trick. There were about 70 of the enemy in that nest. Only about 30 of them were able to surrender on their feet. They came out with hands in the air and we jumped in and got hold of that German gun, and pretty soon it was chattering away again, but this time it wasn't streaming toward our doughboys. It was whipping bullets into another enemy machine gun nest that was in full view of us. We stopped that one, too.

Those who held up 5000 men. After we got them to talking out of the other sides of their mouths the advance went ahead.

It is a sad commentary that such gallantry is not better rewarded. DeWitz asks for a job and gets a medal. With millions of the undistinguished on his payroll, Uncle Sam can find place for the distinguished. DeWitz and his family can starve as a reward for heroism in their feet.

country on the battlefield, for all those who parade their patriotism care. The rewards and the jobs go to the blatant patriot politicians demanding bonus and the courageous but unassuming heroes are passed up—except on the battlefield.—Salem Capital Journal.

PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE War clouds along the Pacific shores of Asia put a changed complexion upon the Philippine islands as a possession of the United States. If this country had any idea recently of giving the islands independence, Sino-Japanese conflicts effectively stopped such notions.

The political affairs of the Far East are such that this is now no opportune time to turn loose the Filipinos. The indications are that they would not long be free and independent. From strategic and military points of view the islands are quite desirable to any nation seeking conquest.

From other points of view, also, the Philippines are not ready for immediate autonomy, even were there no possibility of Japanese accession. This country probably sees in the future a time when the islands can be freed with safety to all concerned. Right now the less there is talk about Philippine independence the better.—Walla Walla Bulletin.

Mrs. Walter Pleiss, who is credited with being an aspirant for congress along with her husband, the former governor, says that she can write two platforms as easily as one. Walter won't like that a little bit.—Albany Democrat-Herald.

GAME HEADS ASK INTERPRETATION OF POLICE ACT

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Factors governing the commission's action, it was announced included closing of areas newly stocked with fish, proximity of water area to hatcheries and egg-taking stations needed spawning grounds; proximity to dams and other obstructions and unfavorable water conditions.

Fish have limits on two or three streams and a very few lakes were slightly reduced but the reductions were made in response to petitions from sportsmen in the sections affected.

Lake county presented a plan of building up its sport fishing by stocking and closing streams to restore trout. This program was approved by the commission.

Acting on the agreement of sportsmen of the Roseburg and South Umpqua districts the commission closed to fishing 200 feet of water immediately below the old dam at Roseburg.

Many petitions of sportsmen's groups and other organizations were considered because of lack of authority. They will be referred to the legislature.

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AMERICAN TEAM OLYMPIC WINNER

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his world record holding team in the last two heats of the delayed time event.

Going into the final two heats with a margin of slightly over three seconds, Fliske piloted his team down the mile and a half on a much faster course than yesterday in two runs of one minute, 57.41 seconds, and 1:56.59. His total for the four heats was 7:53.63.

Hitting a bad slew in dangerous white-water on his first run, Homburger driver of the world record-holding team, was clocked in 1:59.56 for his first run and needed to break his own world record mark of 1:52 in the final run to catch the champion.

Homburger made a spectacular effort, riding the curves high and taking every chance, but the best he could get out of his sled was 1:54.28, fastest run of all the heats, but not enough to catch Fliske. Homburger's total time was 7:55.70. The mark gave him second place.

Hanna Jillian, last of the first sitting German cravers, two of whom crashed in practice, captured third place with a total time of 8 minutes, 4-100 seconds.

In fourth place finished Reto Capadrutti, young Swiss sensation of the two man bob event last week, with 8:12.18.

Program Completed The final standing, figured on 5 point score basis of 10 for first, 9 for second, 4, 3, 2, 1, for the remainder of the first six finishers in each championship event in that order, was:

United States 103, Norway 77, Canada 49, Sweden 26, Finland 25, Austria 15, Germany 12, France 10, Switzerland 9, Hungary 7, Roumania 4, Poland 3, Italy 3, Belgium 1.

Chapter 14 NOBLE IDIOTS "The devil take wills," growled Dickey as he poured the coffee.

"The will take all," said Dickey. "A knock at their door interrupted them."

As Dickey opened the door, one Mr. Andrew Hall walked in, and greeted the golden haired child sitting in a white velvet evening gown with a white kitten in her lap. He announced himself as the manager of the hotel who had just talked to Mr. Dale, the theatrical producer, and Dickey's father.

Let him be the first to congratulate the young couple, said Mr. Hall.

"I must make one demand," Hickey said.

Excitedly Hope phoned this Madame Renée, giving her size and asking what were the possibilities in the current wardrobe of the shop.

In a haphazard brown covert suit, peach satin blouse, brown shoes and brown felt hat, Hope was tucked into the car beside her Dickey and bade good-by to Mr. Hall, Madame Renée, and a bill of a hundred and twenty-seven dollars.

It was a glorious morning. A teasing, spring morning that seemed to be laughing at their fears. Good morning Mr. and Mrs. Are you happy? Terribly in love?

"You'll stick by me no matter what," Dickey demanded as they flew through the main street of the town that was Hope's home.

"No matter what!" she vowed. And meant it.

On and on they traveled. Talking, at traffic stops, of the future. Of how Dickey would go to work. Real work. And write plays on the side to make a fortune for them. And how they would take a little studio apartment. And live within Dickey's means. No more college for Dickey. Life was serious now.

So serious! Hickey met them at the door of the hotel suite that he called home; and that, indeed, he had made home, by a mad collection of trinkets, reminiscent photographs, pieces of stage furniture, tapestries, curios, innumerable books, framed programs, and a huge Great Dane, who, from a pup, had been Hickey's solace in the lonely months when his son was off acquiring an education. The Great Dane, called Dobson after the play that had made Hickey's first great success on Broadway, was Hickey's ever-faithful shadow.

Hickey greeted them solemnly. Kissing Hope and calling her "daughter." With remarkable dignity in that word—"daughter."

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"Your father won't discuss matters with me. I tried to hold my temper. I think I did hold my temper. Yes, I may say I did. Admirably. But I couldn't change your father's opinion. The man is quite out of his mind with worry and anger.

"Hold on, I say, and listen to me! Both of you. You had no right to run off like that last night. I'm surprised at you. I'm not going to hawl you out. What's done is done. I think you kids love each other. I'm sure of it. And I'm willing to back you to the limit. To certain limits that is."

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The girls who saw action for the orange and black were: Marguerite Berryman, Blanch Billings, Florence Beem, Marjory Perry, Mary Richeson, Dorothy Westesson, Roberta Brock, Winona Westesson and Jacqueline Berryman.

LEAGUE STIRRED BY WAR REPORTS

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some quarters, however, to the fact that instead of going directly to league headquarters for information, the Japanese spokesman visited Hema Massigli, French representative, to obtain an opinion regarding the procedure involved in calling a meeting of the assembly.

The report of the league's commission also said a "reign of terror" resulted in the Hongkong district of the national international settlement at Shanghai after its occupation by the Japanese.

COVE DEFEATS NORTH POWDER QUINT FRIDAY

By Mrs. A. G. Conklin COVE (Special)—The Cove and North Powder high school teams played a fast game in Cove Friday night. Cove winning. Cove played Spin Richards, center; Darrell and Lowell Welmer, forwards, and Don Smith and Billy Clark, guards, and used DeBorde, Laird and Peterman as subs. North Powder played Walk, center; Sloan and Williams, forwards; Hobbs and Simons, guards; Talley, Gerhart, Henderson, subs. Richards starred for Cove with 13 points and Williams and Walk each made six points for North Powder. Other points: D. Welmer, 8; L. Welmer, 9; DeBorde, 2; Laird, 2; for Cove; Hobbs, 3; Simons, 4; North Powder. Cove will meet Imbler, Saturday night, at Imbler.

The Camp Fire girls recently elected Veda Houx, president, Alda Blank, secretary, Ruth White, secretary, Jean Mill, treasurer, Maxine Towle, scribe, and Margaret Hubbard, song leader.

Miss Madeline Larsen, of the E. O. N. physical department, and Margaret Milne, student, were recent dinner guests of Miss Hileman.

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Joseph Quintet Defeats Union Saturday 33-27

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By Mrs. L. Z. Terrall UNION (Special)—Although the Union Bobcats met defeat, they held the racy Joseph team to a fairly even score in a fast and exciting game here Saturday night. The Union team kept the lead throughout the first half but Joseph made eight points in the third quarter, putting them two points in the lead. Union had a hard break getting the balls through the hoop during the last quarter and several balls rolled off ineffectually. Knapper, Joseph center, played an outstanding game, making more than half the points in the opponents' score. Only two men, Spagnuolo and Gray, of Joseph, went out on personal fouls. The game was refereed by Floyd and Clifton Baxter, of La Grande.

Individual scores were as follows: Joseph (33) (27) Union Russell (7) (F) (9) Prather McCully (6) (F) (8) Baum Knapper (18) (F) (11) Fullman Loefer (2) (G) (2) Conklin Gray (2) (G) (8) Baker

WINTER SPORTS LURE HUNDREDS TO MEACHAM, ORE.

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early Saturday morning, went over Fox hill and proceeded up the canyon, spending the night en route.

The cross-country skiers had not returned to the finish line when the last La Grande car left for home, and the Observer was unable to procure the names of 10 winners this morning.

La Grande Wins La Grande ranked first in three toboggan matches. A four-man team, composed of Jack Ferris, pilot, Jed Allen, Brick Anderson and Charles Fross, won first in their event, speeding faster and farther than any of the other entrants. A mixed team, piloted by Jed Allen, received first place in another event, and other members of the team of four were Mrs. Jed Allen, Mrs. Mary Starr, and Jack Hart. A five-girl team, which Mrs. Elmer Case, of La Grande, piloted, also received a first place. Others on the team were Mrs. Gaertner, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Wendell.

Florence Casey, of Meacham, was the best girl ski rider between the ages of six and 15 years, and Mrs. John Cleaver was the best woman ski rider. In the boys' ski jump, open style, two boys between the ages of six and