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Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. — Phil. 2:3.

AN IMPORTANT BATTLE

American citizens, regarded at least by themselves as the most enlightened and advanced people in the world, are witnessing one of the grimmest battles of the decade in the United States courts this year — a battle upon which the future social welfare of the nation is dependent.

The battle is that of Alphonse Capone, super-racketeer, against our government; and, to the everlasting credit of the latter, it must be said that so far Uncle Sam is far and away in the lead.

Capone, openly called and in some quarters looked up to as the gangland king of America, finally fell afoul of the income tax laws, which have also been wielded very effectively against numerous other well protected "gentlemen of the underworld" recently. Thereupon his troubles began. He was thrown rudely into jail and in spite of his exalted position and his following of murderous thugs, was sentenced to imprisonment in the federal penitentiary for a period of years!

Of course, in this country where the laws seem designed to give a criminal every possible chance of escape from the dreary, barred cell, that sentence was merely the beginning of the battle.

Since that time Capone has won but a single point in the long-drawn-out struggle for freedom—a decision which delays his departure for the federal prison pending action by the higher courts. The U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals denied his petitions, and then Wednesday emphatically refused to give him further attention. For a few hours it looked as if Capone's lone point would be erased from the wall, but the gangster's lawyers became extremely busy and after due legal procedure a circuit court judge granted him a stay of one month on the understanding that within that time his attorneys would file a petition for a writ of certiorari for appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court, which merely means that Capone will continue to remain in the Cook county jail until the highest tribunal in the land sees fit to reach a decision on an appeal, providing it is filed and granted.

As free born American citizens we all sincerely hope that the Supreme Court will not delay in making a decision sending him to the penitentiary, and we have faith enough in our American justice to believe that is exactly what will happen.

But if it doesn't? If Capone were to go free? If even the income tax law failed to function? What then? You and I and the rest of the American people would be subjected to a reign of terrorism, at the hands of racketeers, that would hark back to the middle ages in its barbarism.

That's why the battle is grim. If they succeed in showing Capone behind the bars of a federal prison it will be the greatest set-back the gangsters have ever received, and we are confident that such an event would result in checking, to some extent, the boldness of the crown princes of gangdom. But if Capone should finally win his battle against justice and be released from his cell, then it would be high time to tear the cover from our highly touted law enforcement machine and find out why it won't tick!

Other Papers Say:

CHOOSING A CHANCELLOR

In announcing the qualifications it would look for in selecting a "chancellor" for the state's new unified system of education, the board of higher education announced that the selection would be made more on administrative ability than on academic qualifications.

to become almost a myth. He has little or no time for scholarship or scholastic supervision. His success is measured by his ability as a go-getter, for endowments, subsidies, foundations, scholarships, legislative appropriations, board manipulations and political maneuvering—and if he doesn't make good in building up the institution financially and physically, he walks the plank.

If it were not for the insane rivalry that has characterized the state university and college and the traditional mutual and community jealousies thereby engendered, either Dr. Hall or Dr. Kerr would be an ideal chancellor for Oregon's unified school system. Dr. Hall in the five years he has been at the university has secured many endowments and advanced the interests of the institution all along the line. Dr. Kerr in his 25 years, has built up the college from a modest little institution into the largest of its class in the west. Both are able executives, above politicians, suave solicitors and have few equals as go-getters. It is too bad one or the other is not selected, at least during the troubled period for consolidation, for either is broad enough to work for the system instead of the school and familiar with the problems to be solved. — Salem Capitalist touch with the student body as Journal.

JAPAN IS UNHAPPY

There is evidence of considerable unrest in Japan. This oriental nation, the most westernized of all in that hemisphere, has been feeling the effects of hard times and the people are looking to the heads of government with some disaffection. Japan has accepted western ways to the extent that its standards of living are considerably above those of other oriental nations. The unfavorable economic condition which has descended upon virtually all the nations is making itself felt in the land of the rising sun.

There has been an unfavorable trend of foreign trade and even an inflation policy put into effect by the Seiyukai party, the present ruling group, has not checked it. The Japanese effort to increase trade with China, which took the form of campaigns in Manchuria and at Shanghai, doubtless has caused more trouble at home for Japan did not make a great success in any department.

Japan, like the United States, has two major parties. When one loses favor, it is usually the practice to elevate the other. At this time, however, the Japanese have none too great faith in either major organization. If there is a change in the government in the near future, predictions are that a neo-partisan government, with both parties participating, will be tried.

Such a union appears desirable to many because in Japan a fascist movement exists. There is a group which would throw overboard the present bi-party parliamentary system and have a dictator, somewhat in the fashion of Italy. This, however, is a bit radical for a people accustomed to strict obedience and recognition of authority of a real ruler. It is not likely to be widespread. A deal more like that which has prevailed in Great Britain appears the more logical. Whatever the decision Japan will be happy only when the rest of the world becomes happy once again. In its case East and West appear to have met and what has prevailed. — Walls Walls Bulletin.

33 States Voting Wet In Prohi Poll; Dry Vote Gaining

Thirty-three states are voting more than 2 to 1 wet as over three million ballots from all forty-eight states are tabulated in the Literary Digest's nation wide prohibition poll, as announced in tomorrow's issue of the magazine.

The thirty-three states represented in this wet group have a combined population of over 88,000,000 people, as enumerated in the latest census figures.

Eight of these states register a vote of more than 4 to 1 for repeal of the eighteenth amendment.

Three million forty thousand and thirty-six votes are tallied this week in the "straw" referendum of which 70.17% or 25.1 per cent, are dry and 27.86%, or 74.9 per cent, are wet.

The dry vote scores a fifth consecutive gain this week rising from 15.85 per cent of the total vote of the first week's returns to 25.10 per cent in the current eighth tabulation.

Kansas is still the only state voting bone dry, but North Carolina is within a fraction of one per cent of registering a vote for continuance of the eighteenth amendment.

This Game of Golf

Not long ago I was writing something about the persistence and studious industry with which the American amateur golfer, masculine persuasion, pursued his game. Indeed, I was quoting Dr. Alistair Mackenzie, noted golf architect, to the effect that this was probably the reason why the amateur golfers of the United States had in recent years apparently taken command of the game internationally.

"British women," added Dr. Mackenzie, "study the game relatively more conscientiously than our men, and you see that they are quite able to hold their own with the American ladies."

P. G. A. DOUBTS IT
Now comes a report from the Professional Golfers' association of America from a recent poll taken of its members, with the information that women golfers take more than fifty per cent of all the golf lessons given by professionals in the United States.

As I recall it—information not guaranteed—the proportion of men golfers to women golfers in this country is about four to one. This makes the ratio of golfing students under professional instruction just so much more remarkable.

The P. G. A. study also reveals that feminine golfers in the northern and western portions of the country take more instructions than those in the south. In some northern clubs as much as 75 per cent of lessons given are to women, whereas 15 per cent is a fair average for clubs in the south.

WOMEN HAVE RHYTHM

One thing strikes me as a bit odd; the unanimity of professional opinion that women possess more natural rhythm than men.

It has always been a set conviction of mine that the sense of timing, which is a sort of focus in the matter of rhythm, is far more universal in men than in women. The average feminine beginner in golf seems not to know what you mean when you tell her to "hit it."

However, a lot of good teachers seem to incline toward a theory that calls for swinging or sweeping instead of hitting.

Skua, Air Pirate

The skua, a species of gull, is third largest of the sea birds. Despite its foodless for fish, the skua is no fisherman so it resorts to piracy and robs other birds of their gains. It will dart at a gull in the air, causing it to drop the fish it has just caught, and then swoops down and catches the fish before it touches the water.

Early Cosmetics

The ancient Egyptians used cosmetics. The women tattooed their bodies with zigzag designs and painted their faces and eyebrows with green paint, which they made by grinding malachite on palettes of slate. This is believed to be the earliest known use of cosmetics.

Affections in Same Class

That old theory that a common cow, killed by a railway locomotive, had a value far in excess of what it was worth on the hoof seems related in some way to the high price placed on alienated affections.— Toledo Blade.

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COOKED FOOD SALE

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American Economists Form League For Independent Political Action

AMERICAN ECONOMISTS—box ed pg (This is the second section of the Four-year Presidential Plan prepared by one hundred economists and experts under the auspices of the League for Independent Political Action. The Observer is printing a portion of this plan each day, believing its readers will be interested in studying the recommendations of this group for social planning and control of governmental functions).

II. TAXATION AND THE TARIFF

A. Taxation
We recommend the taxation of personal incomes and estates at steeply progressive rates in order that the enactment of a sales tax in any form may be avoided; that the current normal expenditures may be made out of taxation rather than loans, the budget balanced and deficits eliminated; that our national credit may be preserved for financing construction projects of permanent value and for use in extreme emergencies; that public revenue may be obtained from those who can make payment with the least sacrifice; that gross inequalities of income and ownership may be reduced; that industrial activity may be revived by lightening taxes on small incomes and increasing taxes on large incomes, which will tend to increase consumer demand and check the excessive accumulation of idle capital.

HIGHER INCOME TAXES

Continuance of the principle of progression in rates of the personal income tax beyond the brackets of \$100,000 established by the present law, to a top bracket covering the part of any income which exceeds \$5,000,000, with the institution of a scale of rates rising to a maximum of 75 per cent on this highest bracket.

ELIMINATE GAINS AND LOSSES

Elimination from the personal income tax of the deduction of capital losses on assets held more than two years.

HIGHER INHERITANCE TAXES

Continuance of the principle of progression in rates in the federal estate tax beyond the top bracket of \$10,000,000, with the institution of a scale of rates rising to a maximum of 75 per cent on this highest bracket.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The First National Bank OF LA GRANDE

at the close of business March 23, 1932

Resources	Liabilities
Loans and Discounts \$972,531.87	Capital Stock \$125,000.00
Overdrafts 490.80	Surplus 25,000.00
Bonds & Securities 258,194.85	Undivided Profits 566.64
Banking House & Fixtures 70,348.35	Rediscounts 22,140.50
Cash Assets	Deposits
Due from Banks \$156,690.79	Individual \$1,386,631.74
Cash on hand 110,329.68	Banks 4,247.46
	United States 5,000.00
	1,395,879.20
	\$1,568,586.34

We will appreciate it if all depositors will call and get their statements of account and cancelled vouchers. These statements are prepared up to the date of the consolidation of the accounts of both old banks with the new First National Bank of La Grande.

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Washington, D. C., March 7, 1932.

In testimony whereof witness my hand and seal of office this seventh day of March, 1932.
J. W. POLE, Comptroller of the Currency. 3-24-90 t.

In the District Court of the United States for the District of Oregon, United States of America vs. John Hammel, Defendant, C-13597 United States Marshal's Notice. By virtue of an order issued by the United States District Court for the District of Oregon, in the suit of the United States of America vs. John Hammel, Case No. C-13597, I am commanded to and do hereby give notice that certain Chevrolet Sedan, Motor No. 2678501, will be forfeited to the United States pursuant to the provisions of Section 26, Title II, of the National Prohibition Act, unless good cause to the contrary be shown by the owner or any one having an interest therein, at ten o'clock, A. M., on the 14th day of April, 1932, in the Court Room of said Court in the Old Post Office Building, Fifth and Morrison Streets, Portland, Oregon. JOHN L. DAY, United States Marshal. 3-18-25.