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I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil - - And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. — Jeremiah 29: 11, 13.

INADEQUATE POLICING?

A few months ago, when slippery streets and bad weather were curtailing the automobile traffic of our city, the city manager and commissioners decided to cut expenses by reducing our police force, and the position of traffic officer was eliminated.

There was no serious objection to the move at that time, for it seemed the logical thing to do in view of the financial situation of the city and the comparatively light traffic. And those that did drive in bad weather usually drove carefully and obeyed the rules.

But with the coming of real spring weather again hundreds of cars are driven around the streets of the city every day, and a considerable number of the drivers are in too much of a hurry to observe the speed limit or the stop street rules.

It appears to us that the time has come to put on another traffic officer. Of course most drivers guide their cars carefully and need no supervision, but there are a few harum-scarum drivers that are a menace to all the others and to pedestrians, too.

It is naturally impossible to make every driver obey the law all the time, but when a traffic officer is roving about town continuously traffic violations go into a sudden slump—and accidents do likewise. The presence of the officer is a restraint upon carelessness.

Violations are not numerous on Adams ave., for a policeman is usually on duty in the business section. But there is plenty of speeding on Fourth street, or over on Second, or most any well-traveled street outside of the business district. And all too frequently irresponsible drivers—usually of the youthful class—become engaged in a race or a game of follow-the-leader, and make the streets unsafe for everyone.

The city manager states that another traffic officer may be hired this summer if the tax money comes in with enough volume to warrant such action, which we hope will be the case. But our streets must be made safe for our citizens—budget or no budget.

We should keep in mind the fact that tourist traffic is going to be heavier than ever this year, and that last year more than thirty thousand people were killed in auto accidents in the United States. Let's keep La Grande's record clean this year!

FILIPINO INDEPENDENCE

That vote in the lower house of congress to give the Philippines absolute independence in eight years is a straw in the wind pointing toward a growing sentiment in the United States in favor of deliverance of the Islands from American suzerainty.

Sooner or later the islands must be granted their freedom or they will fight for it as they opposed Spanish rule, so it is well to prepare for it now. Perhaps in another eight years the Filipinos will be in a position to convince all of their ability to govern themselves. If not they will have to struggle along the best they can.

One of the reasons why Washington has been loath to put the Philippines on their own is the threat of Japanese imperialism. No one is fooled by the Jap offers to agree to a policy of neutrality or by their disclaimers to an interest in the islands. Unless the islanders are in a position to defend themselves against foreign control and exploitation they will be in immediate danger of transferring their allegiance from the United States to Japan. Japan has long had her eyes on the Philippines and has fostered the independence movement there.

If a majority of the inhabitants of the islands desire their independence, Washington cannot morally deny to them that inalienable right of peoples, even though to do so may put them in peril. Uncle Sam's word must be kept as good as his bond, especially in the Philippines where there have been so many betrayals.

tion on Oregon are flowing into the Portland chamber from every corner of the country in nearly double the volume of 1931, an indication of a marked increase in tourists and new millions in income for the state this year.

Other Papers Say:

TRAVEL PROSPECTS
Inquiries for recreational informa-

Oregon advertising are regarded by members of the chamber's advertising and promotion committee as responsible for the greatly increased interest in Oregon this year.
From January 1 to April 6 of this year, total of 18,340 inquiries, the great bulk of them asking for recreational information on the state, were received by the chamber for answer. The total of inquiries for 1931 was 32,487. Hence, in just a little over three months this year, more than half as many inquiries have been received as during all of last year.
The inquiries received as a result of the On-to-Oregon advertising are turned over to the advertising and promotion department of the Portland chamber of commerce to answer with literature, letter or other means. In each day's mail around a dozen requests for recreational literature and other facts are from persons in far corners of the country who explain that they are planning to attend meetings on the Pacific coast and want to know what to do and see in Oregon. The great bulk, of course, simply sign coupons appearing with the advertisements and calling for recreational literature. It is an obvious conclusion that hundreds of these are from persons planning trips to Portland for the Legion convention, to some other meeting at Portland, or to conventions at other Pacific coast cities.
In each day's mail comes a sprinkling of requests for information on farm opportunities in Oregon. During March, 123 were received as a result of On-to-Oregon advertising, although it is primarily recreational in appeal. During the same month, 140 were received by the Portland chamber direct. These inquiries of an agricultural nature were handled through the state development section of the chamber, all chambers and communities over the state being given the names that they might endeavor to interest the prospect.

The recreational and general inquiries are not only answered with the chamber's pamphlets and booklets covering alluresments of all Oregon. Those who, particular sections of Oregon would be concerned in are sent to the chambers of those sections that all possible means may be used to set forth the attractions the inquirers are interested in as indicated by their letter, card or coupon.
That there will not only be a heavy increase in automobile visitors, but also in those coming by railroad is the opinion of members of the chamber's advertising and promotion committee. Removal of the fare differential on coastwise travel in connection with transcontinental tickets is expected to have a marked effect on increasing rail traffic up and down the coast. Many who in the past would only have bought a ticket to California and back to the east are expected to take advantage of the opportunity to make the swing up through Oregon and Washington. Generally lower summer road trips from the east are expected to have a decided bearing on travel increase.—Portland Commerce.

President Hoover has called on congress to inaugurate a drastic economy program by amending laws and making other provisions for the elimination of unnecessary and non-essential governmental activities. The president estimates that more than 200 million dollars could be saved annually in this way.
First would come a wholesale weeding-out of governmental bureaus, of which there are hundreds. Many of these bureaus have no excuse for existence, as John W. Kelly, Washington correspondent of the Morning Oregonian, showed conclusively in a recent series of articles. Many others could well be merged and operated with decreased appropriations.
Cuts in salaries is another field for governmental economy that congress thus far has ignored. Hundreds of thousands of dollars could be saved if congress would cut salaries, including its own, even by the moderate ratio of 10 per cent. These cuts could be imposed only on employees earning more than \$2500 a year, and would cause no great hardship. The cost of living, even in Washington, has declined far more than 10 per cent during the last several years.—The Dallas Chronicle.

SEEK WOMAN IN LINDBERGH KIDNAP CASE
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bergh bills," she ejaculated.
The woman tore it from her hand, and sped away toward New York on the Boston post road. Police automatic telegraphs clattered the alarm.
"Woman is white," it said. Age 42. Five feet six inches. Good looking. Dark complexioned. Wore string of green and silver beads around neck. Gray felt hat. Gray tweed coat. Brown dress."
No word from the kidnapers since the swindle has been received by Col. Lindbergh, said Col. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, head of the state police, after a conference in New York with Col. Henry Breckinridge, legal adviser of Lindbergh.
Dr. John P. Condon, aged educator described as the author of a series of cryptic newspaper advertisements signed "Jasfite" which led to the thwarted negotiations for the baby's return, was believed to have attended the conference also.
Grand Jury To Take Case
The kidnaping case was to be laid before the Hunterdon county grand jury later today, Attorney General William A. Stevens said.
Dr. Condon was quoted as believing the "situation would adjust itself" but three Norfolk men who have been negotiating with a person they believe to be an agent for the kidnapers were represented as pessimistic about the return of the baby by the person who took the \$50,000. The Norfolk intermediaries are understood to have warned Col. Lindbergh they were dealing with the real abductors, and that the other person was a member of the gang who broke away and used his inside knowledge to make \$50,000.
According to the story told police headquarters in New York, the \$50,000 was turned over by Dr. Condon after a series of meetings with a mysterious emissary, one of them near a cemetery. The New York Daily News says that after the baby failed to be returned, Col. Lindbergh and aides returned to the cemetery scene in the Bronx, and using surgical plaster, took casts of the emissary's footprints to aid in the hunt.
Safety Pins Used
The Daily News says that the tokens given to Col. Lindbergh during the negotiations as proof that the baby really was in the possession of the persons demanding \$50,000 were two safety pins such as had been used to pin the baby's blanket to its crib.
Dr. Condon, carrying two heavy suitcases and a satchel, made a mysterious trip away from his home in the Bronx yesterday, but refused to say where he had been.
Dr. Condon still expressed hope that the agreement would be kept and the baby returned. The police theory was that the child is still alive. Last night Inspector Harry Walsh of the Jersey City police department said:
"We still hold the best of hopes for the child's safety and we believe the good reasons for this belief, but the present is a poor time to explain."
The Rev. H. Dobson-Peacock, one of the Norfolk intermediaries, said that something good was coming in reply to that question.

In Washington

By Herbert Plummer
WASHINGTON—Ever since Senator J. Hamilton Lewis of Illinois returned to capitol hill last December many observers have been awaiting the time when he would again hit his stride in a speech.
In the old days a speech by Senator Lewis was something to look forward to—a thing to be enjoyed as a work of art.
His deep, resonant voice was calculated to soothe those in the galleries. His ability to phrase was such as to delight even the most jaundiced.
While he might at times cause the official reporters of senate debates to despair by his readiness for long sentences and absence of the proper inflection in his voice so necessary for them to punctuate correctly, others didn't mind.
To them it was enough just to hear his voice.

Back In Form
But for some reason the senator was a bit slow in regaining his old form. He was heard quite frequently on the floor of the senate, but there seemed to be something lacking. One found it a little difficult to come under such spells as they were accustomed to in former days.
That is—until just a day or so ago.
Senator "Jim Ham" took occasion at that time to deliver some personal observations on this much-talked-of subject of balancing the budget.
He gave a new meaning to that phrase heard so often during the past few months. His description of it made it appear not half so sinister as hundreds of others have made it.
"What is meant by this wretched call of cutting down expenses and 'balance the budget'?" he asked, his arms describing a majestic arc, his voice as musical and resonant as a pipe organ.
Those listening seemed to sense

Feeling Loggy? Look at This!



No cutting remarks now! Woodsmen and woodswomen were having their day when these pictures were taken during the sawing and chopping championships held recently at Skytop, Pa. The finals of the wood-chopping competition are shown above, and left to right are: Fred Barney Malnes, 1931 champion who placed third; Jonas Shaffer; Fred Singer, this year's winner; Floyd Shadler; and Peter Williams, runner-up for the last two years. Meanwhile, the weaker sex was sawing wood and below, left to right, you see Lella Heller, Mrs. Brutzman, Mrs. John Fish, Mrs. Alfred Seese, and Mrs. Frank Kresge.

Magie Remains
"We roll it out to the masses as a benediction or doxology," he continued.
"It is like a lollipop rolled under the tongue for the joy of taste and for the occupation of the procedure."
"Even rolling around the tongue is the cushioned phrase, 'balancing the budget,' that might attract the admiration of those who, hearing, imagine it has some fanciful delight to appease."
On and on he talked in that fashion, phrasing more expertly as he progressed. He probably talked for less than 15 minutes, but it was long enough to charm all who heard. No one dared interrupt.

And when he concluded with an apt quotation from what he said was a "command of the bart"—they came back to earth.
"Jim Ham" had proved there is still magic in his voice.

in that city he was increasingly optimistic that the negotiations in which he is helping would be successful. One of his colleagues, John H. Curtis, boat builder, has been away from home since Sunday on a mysterious errand.
The "Jasfite" advertisements were 13 in number. The last, inserted after the money was paid and the baby failed to come back, read:
"What is wrong? Have you crossed me. Please better instructions."

This Game of Golf
I have seen as many as four birdies made in a row; and I once saw seven holes in 3 each, successively, which also may be a record for medal competition on a regular golf course.
But consider this performance by Mr. Kinder, playing with Tom Kerrigan and Archie Manbrick. It may sound a bit impolite, but I could not help characterizing Mr. Kinder's round in my story next day as possibly the worst 69 ever played. Certainly it is the most unusual I ever heard of.

RAMPAGE
Par on the long No. 2 course, on which the tournament was played, began 4-4-4-3 and Mr. Kinder started modestly and sanely enough, 4-3-4-3, a stroke above par.
Then he lost all control of himself. I will just set down par for the next six holes with Mr. Kinder's score:
Par 4-5-3-5-4-4-25
Kinder 3-4-2-4-3-2-18
That is to say, Mr. Kinder, after his calm and collected opening, touched off five birdies in a row, and then an eagle. He picked up seven strokes on Old Man Par in six holes. The eagle was committed on a hole of 316 yards, where he holed a pitch of about 60 yards.

After this unexampled exhibition of ferocity, Mr. Kinder quieted down and produced the next five holes in 4-4-4-4-3, which is precisely par at each.
This left Mr. Kinder with three holes more to play. The 16th, while a par 5 on the card, is of 450 yards and the big boys were getting home comfortably in two shots. A finish of 4-3-4 would afford Mr. Kinder a card of 32-32-64, a course record for the revised No. 2 layout, and a tie with Craig Wood for the lead at the end of the second round. Mr. Wood, having done a couple of very pretty 69's, while Mr. Kinder's matutinal card was a modest 74.

AWAKENING
Having picked up seven strokes in five holes earlier in the spin, Mr. Kinder now gave us a phenomenon apt illustration of Mr. Emerson's compensation theory.
He dropped five strokes on the last three holes, most of them putts which would not drop. He finished 6-4-8, for a 37, and a 69. This score never can be what you would call a terrible round in heavy medal competition, but it probably always will seem pretty terrible to Mr. Kinder, who will not fail to reflect on the chance he had for fame and very likely a neat bundle of change.

As it was, Kinder finished in a tie for eighth place with Paul Bunyan and Denny Shue, and he was a stroke ahead of Sir Walter Hagen.
Which is not too bad for a youngster. His final score came from cards of 74-69-75-75-293.

"Scot Free"
Scot means a tax, contribution or fine. Scot free is a natural combination of words conveying the idea of being free without payment of fine.

50 Men Return To Work at Medford

MEDFORD, April 12 (AP)—Fifty men, all former employes of the plant, returned to work Monday when operations were resumed at the timber products plant here.

STEAMER ON ROCKS
TOKYO, April 12 (AP)—A dispatch to the Rengo news agency from Hakodate, Japan, today said the steamer Taisei Maru No. 3, carrying 950 Japanese men and women workers to the fisheries and canneries of the northern seas for the summer season was grounded on the rocks of Murakami Bay, on Paramushiru Island in the Northern Kuriles.
The ship also carries 31 men in its crew. An S O S call brought the Otaru Maru and the Taisei Maru No. 1 to the scene but the high seas thus far have prevented a rescue.
The rescue ships were standing by, the dispatches said, hoping to take off the passengers before nightfall.

ESCAPE INJURY
BEIRUT, Syria, April 12 (AP)—Soubhi Barakat, former president of Syria, escaped injury today, but two of his companions were wounded, in an attempt on his life by an assassin with a knife and pistol.
The former president is leader of the moderate party which won in recent elections at Aleppo. The assassin was shot and seriously wounded.

THREE RAIL MEN PROMOTED
PORTLAND, Apr. 12—Three prominent railroad traffic employes of the Union Pacific in the Northwest are involved in promotions effective Apr. 16 and announced today by A. S. Edmonds, assistant traffic manager for the company at Portland.
Promotions involve W. H. Olin, assistant general freight and passenger agent at Seattle who is promoted to the position of assistant traffic manager at San Francisco; H. M. West, district freight and passenger agent at Yakima who succeeds Mr. Olin at Seattle; and H. M. Adkins, chief clerk in the office of the assistant traffic manager at Portland who succeeds Mr. West at Yakima.

Coal in Peru
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"SEE THEM IN THE WINDOWS"

Teachers and Exercise
Teachers might be able to avoid many of their ailments if they would take more exercise. A survey made by Frances Ross Hicks and reported in Hygeia, the Health Magazine, shows that nearly 63 per cent of 602 teachers take no daily exercise other than that required in going to school. Nearly half of the 602 state that they ride to school.

From Byron's Verse
The expression, "On with the dance" is a line from "Childe Harold," by Lord Byron.

Briefly Told
Hasty impulse manages all things badly.

DISARM PLAN OF U. S. NOT LIKED BY THE FRENCH
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He proposed a similar plan for reduction of navies and air forces.

FRANCE DISLIKES U. S. PLAN
PARIS, April 12 (AP)—Perrinax, noted French political writer, said in the Echo De Paris today that the American proposal at the world disarmament conference yesterday, to do away with tanks, mobile heavy artillery and gases, was a maneuver against France.

Paris morning papers greeted the American proposals with little show of favor. They called the plan an attempt to isolate France but added that it was frustrated by Premier Tardieu.

American disarmament proposals advanced at Geneva cannot satisfy France, the newspaper Le Temps said today, because they apply only to land armaments without taking consideration of the relationship of that branch to the arms of air and sea.

Le Temps linked the Geneva plan with Secretary of State Stimson's trip to Europe, suggesting these two developments were impelled by a desire by the American administration to achieve a diplomatic success on the eve of the presidential election.

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