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Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him. — Psalm 37: 5, 7.

HIGH SCHOOL BAND The whole city is proud of the excellent performance of our high school band in winning second place in the state band contest at Corvallis Saturday.

In competition with seven other bands from the largest cities in Oregon, our local musicians were able to pile up more points than any other band except the one from Jefferson High of Portland, which is a much larger school than ours.

The members of the La Grande band, it should be remembered, had to make the long, tiring trip by auto from here to Corvallis the day before the contest, while Jefferson's band, as well as all the others, had the distinct advantage of being comparatively near the scene of the contest.

In spite of that fact and Jefferson's superior numbers, the La Grande organization was only seven points behind the winner and was twenty points ahead of the third place band. La Grande may well be proud of its high school band.

The state band contest (in case anyone should ask the question, "What good does it do?") is a powerful incentive to the members of local bands to put forth their best efforts throughout the year, to practice faithfully and make definite progress in mastering their instruments.

This is especially true of the La Grande band, for the distance to Corvallis is so great that it is not possible to take the entire band. Every member therefore is stimulated to work hard enough to be counted among the thirty who are chosen to go to the state contest.

In praising our band for its achievement we should by no means forget that it was made possible only by the skillful training and directing of Mr. Nusbbaum who is now recognized as one of the most capable directors in the Northwest, and who has raised the musical activities of La Grande schools to the highest level in history.

HAWAIIAN HOME RULE

Within two years after its annexation in 1898 Hawaii received full territorial rights with a legislature of two branches having the same powers which had been conferred on territorial legislatures in continental United States.

Now Assistant Attorney General Richardson recommends, because of crime conditions on the islands, that instead of advancing them toward statehood, they should be deprived of some of their territorial rights of self-government. The inference is that the islanders have shown ineptitude for self-government.

It is not proposed to take law-making powers away from the natives, but to have the president of the United States appoint the attorney general and high sheriff, who are at the head of the law enforcement agencies of the island territory. Richardson is of the opinion that this drastic step is demanded by the alarming conditions which are responsible for the Massie-Fortescue case.

If the situation in Hawaii argues for less home rule, then those American cities that clamor for more home rule should have less rather than more, for crime conditions in them are of a kind with those in the one-time Pacific paradise. If the Massie-Fortescue case proves the breakdown of the island government, the governments of all large American cities have also broken down and should be supplanted by a federal police force. This very thing has been proposed in at least one instance.

Substitution of a police power directly responsive to Washington may be the only way out of the Hawaiian dilemma, but Washington should ponder long before taking a step which is certain to make the sensitive and nationalistic natives bitter and promote political unrest.

Other Papers Say: STEINER GETS PRAISE The following appraisal of Oregon's senators comes from the National Press association at Washington: Oregon, while not as densely populated as some of the eastern states, has two men in the upper body of

Presiding at 'Honor' Trial

Just now Steiner is keeping the trails hot from the White House to the capitol building in an effort to save the lumber industry of the northwest from complete destruction. He is seeking import tax on lumber from Canada and Russia. He may not get it, as the opposition in the populous east to a tariff on lumber is very strong, but he is fighting for it. Steiner is a native-born worker, has boundless energy, is eager to do things for Oregon. Steiner has made a good senator, and as a Washington newspaper staff man, he is well known. If the people of Oregon realized one-half what Steiner has done there would be no question of his re-election. — Oregon City Enterprise.

Pierce Speaks Before Church At Baker, Ore.



BAKER, Ore., April 19 (Special)—(What changes will the next 50 years bring?) was the question former Governor Walter M. Pierce, of La Grande, sought to answer in a talk before a capacity audience at the Church of Christ Sunday evening. His appearance here was sponsored by the young people of the church.

A Call to Arms

The forces that are trying to destroy our American form of government are getting ready for riots and disorder on May Day, the first of next month. They are the Reds, the communists, the revolutionists, the radicals. They are even now, as they have been for months, making their plans to foment riots and bloodshed, disorder and destruction, on what they call International Labor Day.

Union Minister, Ill Many Weeks, Back In Pulpit

By Mrs. L. Z. Terrill (Observer Correspondent) UNION (Special)—The Sunday morning services at the Methodist church were conducted by Rev. E. C. Lee assisted by Leonard Clark, who took charge of the preliminary work. In his sermon Mr. Lee linked up crime at the close of his sermon with the present bi-centennial celebration of Washington's birthday with the similar celebration that will be held for the Methodist church in four more years.

Gov. Roosevelt Replies to Al in St. Paul Talk

Gov. Roosevelt said he was "pleading" for a policy broad enough to include every part of our economic structure. He stated that he has a million men, the American Federation of Labor, with its 30,000 locals and membership of 3,000,000 true American laboring men whose banner is not the flag of the international communists but the glorious stars and stripes; the Association of National Advertisers, an organization of 300 of the leading manufacturing and professional agencies, to put a million jobless men and women back on the payrolls of the nation.

Blue Sky Ahead Britons Learn

no outgoings for war debts. The two are self-balancing. "Later in the year, after the Lausanne conference, I shall submit whatever proposals may be necessary to give effect to the measures we agreed upon." No New Policies "This decision to hold both accounts in suspense for the present does not imply, he said, that any new decision has been made "on our policy in this delicate question."

France Wants an Alliance

France is not friendly to the American proposal to abolish tanks and big guns and gas as a step in disarmament. France, through the alert M. Andre Tardieu, comes back with the old counter-proposal for a defensive alliance of world powers against aggressors, the only possible basis for world peace.

Judge Acquitted On Liquor Charge

Police Judge Roy Fowles was acquitted by a justice court jury here Monday on charges of drunken driving. He was arrested March 18 and accused of operating a vehicle while under the influence of liquor, and was confined in the county jail on the night of his arrest.

Northwest Wool

PORTLAND, April 19 (AP)—Wool trade of the northwest continues to reflect more or less normal volume. In the meantime shipments from Idaho to Portland terminals are gaining rapidly. The wool will be offered for sale here but as yet no local representation of the sellers has been announced. The trade expects at least 4,000,000 lbs. from there.

Visiting Cars Increase

Indicative of what may be expected in the summer auto travel to Oregon, is the fact that 103 motor machines from outside Oregon registered as visitors in the state during the first three months of 1932 than in the corresponding period of 1931. Total for the first three months of this year was 8505; that for the first three months of last year, 7442. — Portland Commerce.

In Washington

WASHINGTON — Odd habits of some of those Washington "big shots" you read about so much in the papers. "Ham" Lewis will reward you with a gay wave if he catches you eyeing him from the galleries of the senate.

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