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Behold I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith.—Rev. 3: 20, 22.

PROGRESS EACH YEAR

The La Grande junior league baseball team, sponsored by the American Legion post No. 43 of this city, has returned from what sport writers would term a "disastrous trip" to The Dalles—losing two consecutive games of a play-off for the Eastern Oregon championship and the right to play at Portland in the state finals.

Sport writers have their own terms for results, of course, but nevertheless, we feel that the La Grande boys have done a great deal on the junior league diamond this year—and when we say La Grande boys, we mean to include every member of the squad which is made up of youngsters from Cove, Elgin, Imbler and La Grande. It is called the La Grande team, of course, because it is sponsored by the La Grande legionnaires, and for no other reason.

Four years ago the junior league movement started in this section, and the Union county team failed to set the district afire the first few years. This season, however, with a well balanced team, the juniors went undefeated through a play-off for district honors, defeating Ontario and Burns decisively. Then the trip to The Dalles, and two losses, 6 to 3 and 12 to 2.

But, we repeat, the boys have nothing to be ashamed of, and much to be proud of. Somebody has to win—few games end in a tie—and the team this year set a mark, in winning the district championship, for nines in future years to shoot at. And they played hard, clean baseball throughout the season, taking the breaks—regardless of which team was favored—with good sportsmanship and good spirit. We think they had a splendid season, although we wanted to see them win at The Dalles, and go on to Portland.

But there's another year coming up, and more after that, and we venture to say it won't be long until a La Grande team will be in the state finals—possibly someday in the western finals.

It's a grand old game, this baseball, and its a pity there isn't more of it played in this modern era. The legionnaires are doing a noteworthy thing in attempting to revive the game among the youngsters of the nation, and we hope they're successful even beyond their anticipations.

And, in conclusion, why not high school baseball? La Grande High has the material—enough material, we believe, to have a baseball team in the spring without conflicting seriously with the track and field squads. We heard from apparently reliable sources the other day that Baker High is planning to revive baseball this coming year. Why not La Grande, too?

A REVIVAL OF NATIONAL SPIRIT

One of the most interesting things about the current demand for economy in government is the way in which numerous small cities reacted to the recent congressional proposal for an extensive postoffice building campaign.

In the old days the "pork barrel" bill was always a sure-fire hit. It got through congress over and over again because each congressman wanted to make the folks back home think that he was a big shot, and the easiest way to do it was by getting an elaborate postoffice building put up in some town in his district.

In the aggregate, this was always horribly expensive; but such bills almost always got through because the separate districts always thought more of their own bit of pork than they did of the federal budget.

This year, however, things are different. There is, for example, the state of Missouri.

The proposal in the house of representatives would have given new postoffices to 17 northwestern Missouri towns. But it wasn't long before the people in these towns began to object violently. They would like new buildings very much, but they would prefer to see Uncle Sam practice a little rigid economy. So most of them let their representatives know in unmistakable terms that the pork barrel would make no friends back home this year.

Nor was his phenomenon peculiar to Missouri. It happened in many other parts of the country, in many, many towns. A great many congressmen who thought they were about to make themselves solid with their constituents discovered overnight that they had guessed wrong.

All of this, when you stop to think about it, is very encouraging to a believer in democracy.

One of the things that has kept democracy from functioning as well as it might in the United States has been the triumph of the sectional viewpoint. Too many congressmen have tackled all problems from the local angle and have let the national angle go hang. What we are witnessing now is a revival of the national spirit. It restores one's faith in the republic's integrity.

In Washington

By Herbert Plummer

WASHINGTON — Perhaps there is no better evidence of the way and fear to which senatorial nerves were subjected during the past months than the heated and at times bitter personal clashes on the floor in the closing hours of the session, just passed.

Violent disagreements between senators are nothing new. Scarcely a day passes while they are in session but that someone somehow gets into a tangle with a colleague.

But it is a rare occurrence for them to engage in personalities. No matter how worked up they may become or how loud they shout at each other, there is always that feeling that they have respect for one another and a courteous demeanor.

But there were times in the last few hours of this past session when those watching from the galleries had their doubts. There were flare-ups and clashes that made one wonder at times just how they would end.

FRAYED NERVES

There was the time, for example, when Joe Robinson, of Arkansas turned on the portly, bespectacled Hatfield, of West Virginia, shouting to him to quit interrupting—that his interruptions were "childish" and based either on ignorance or incompetence.

Hatfield became so incensed that he left the chamber, berating Robinson in no uncertain terms. The West Virginia senator was trying to get an amendment to the conference report of the relief bill, which the Democratic leader insisted was too late.

The diminutive but scrappy Carter Glass, of Virginia, bawled at "Puddler Jim" Davis, of Pennsylvania, during the same afternoon in truly terrifying fashion. Glass, feared by all when he arises in his wrath, pounced on Davis with "everything he had" for insisting that he was prepared to stay in Washington all summer to see that the congress did the right thing for the working man.

"Then why hasn't the senator gotten up here and asserted his rights before?" shouted Glass.

A CLASSIC DEBATE

But the classic was Jim Couzens' tie-in with Jim Watson when he thought the Hoosier senator was trying to pull a "parliamentary trick" on the senate.

Couzens is about as vitriolic in his speech and as merciless as any senator when he becomes angry. He fears no one, cares not where his shots fall. He learned the art of dressing people down in his celebrated controversy with "Uncle Andy" Mellon over the matter of a fortune in tax refunds.

Watson and Vice President Curtis, too, felt the lash of Couzens' tongue. It found its mark like the crack of a whip.

Frayed nerves, fatigue, exasperation—these were the reasons for the outbursts. If those senators had been forced to stay much longer wrangling as they had been doing for months, there's no telling what might have happened.

Union Grocery Entered; Nothing Of Value Taken

By Mrs. L. Z. Terrell
(Observer Correspondent)

UNION, Ore. (Special)—The Union Cash grocery owned by W. O. Haggerty was entered sometime Saturday night and the cash register opened, but the burglars must have been frightened away as they left without taking the change in the till, and nothing was missed from the store. They gained entrance by breaking the plate glass door near the lock and opening the door from the inside. No clues have been found to lead to their identity.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rowsell drove to Weston Saturday afternoon and spent the weekend with her parents.

Lee Biddle and Floyd Gamble spent the weekend fishing on the Rest Lostine and each caught the limit.

Weekend visitors of Dr. and Mrs. George Huffman were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Murphy, of Pendleton. On Monday the doctor's brother-in-law and sister, E. J. La Tendre, and two children, and his mother, Mrs. F. O. Huffman, stopped overnight on their way to Berkeley, Cal. Mr. and Mrs. LeTendre had been visiting her parents at Caldwell, Ida.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stream, of Baker, were callers at the Carl Riley home recently.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Knight and two children, of La Grande, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Hall and Mr. and Mrs. Tex Knight up Catherine creek for a picnic.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Browning and two sons, of La Grande, enjoyed a picnic on Catherine creek with Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Haggerty and Gracia Sunday.

William Herbst, who visited at the Wright home recently, returned from Spokane last week to spend a few days at Hot Lake.

Ralph Smith, manager of the local Safeway store, accompanied by Mrs. Smith and her mother, Mrs. H. A. Thompson, of Weiser, left the middle of last week for a two weeks' vacation trip into California. Vernon Hayes, of Baker, is in charge during his absence.

Mrs. W. A. Poser and daughter, Vertie, Mrs. Sterlie Wigglesworth, Mrs. Myra Gatchell and Marsdee spent the weekend camping at Pioneer park on Catherine creek. The latter are visiting Frank Wigglesworth and family at Rambo Flat this week.

Lewis Davis returned the last of the week from Omaha, having gone back with a shipment of sheep for Will Vogel.

T. D. Smith, Mrs. G. I. Hess and Miss Leona Spray returned Sunday afternoon from Wichita, Kan., after an absence of two weeks. Miss Jane Smith stopped over in Nampa for a visit with relatives and friends.

Sidney Dobbin, who has been visiting in Portland, returned home the last of the week.

Miss Carrie Williams, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Williams for the past two weeks, will leave Wednesday for a short visit with her brother, Henry Williams, at Blackfoot, Ida., and will then go back to New York where she is engaged in extension work at Cornell university.

Oregon Motorists Forced to Purchase California Plates

MEDFORD, Ore., July 26 (AP)—Complaints that California officials compelled Oregon motorists with old license plates to purchase new California licenses while on weekend trips to Northern California counties, were received by Oregon state police in the Southern Oregon district Monday.

While the Oregon law provides that motorists of this state must buy new license plates each July 1, a "moratorium," was granted by state officials this year until Aug. 1.

Members of the Medford baseball team, which played at Ilit, Cal., Sunday, and several fans who accompanied the team southward, reported they were among the Oregon residents who were forced to pay $5 for the California license fee and $1 for the title register.

William Briggs Jr., Medford attorney, and William Cusmano, of Ashland, complained of the same procedure. They said that California police told them their cars would be held unless the fee was paid.

Members of the Oregon state police said they have been unable to discover what prompted the California procedure.

Substitute for Coffee

A beverage made of roasted ground figs is used widely in Chili in place of coffee.

Other Papers Say:

RUMORS ABOUT STALIN

News stories are coming out of Russia that Stalin is ill and that his real condition is being hidden from the world. Other stories are coming out to the effect that his non-appearance in public is due to his loosing power in the central committee rather than to any physical disability. After all, a dictator is a dictator in Russia only by the permission of this central committee of 240 persons, and if the plans of Stalin to collectivize the Russian peasantry have gone as awry as some observers claim, it well may be that he is having real trouble within the committee.

One thing seems certain, however, that if Russia should lose Stalin, either through death or through his being driven from power, the communist government will go farther and farther in the same wrong direction it has been taking in the last few years.

Two elements have existed in the government ever since it was set up—the intellectual revolutionists and the elevated proletariat, Lenin, Trotsky, Bukharin, Lunacharsky, Kollontai, Zinoviev and Kamenev belonged to the former class and while Lenin lived they remained in control of affairs. After Lenin's death, Stalin took the reins and as soon as he could manage it he drove Trotsky from the country and either exiled or demoted almost the whole list of intellectuals. It has been a constant question since then as to whether or not the new rulers — the real proletariat—could keep the wheels going.

If Stalin has failed, then we do not know of anyone within the party ranks to take his place. No one else of the proletarial ruling class has shown ability in any way comparable to his. Yet it is inconceivable that the proletarial rulers should ask any intellectual help. They are in control and they will stay. They will command the ship whether it sinks or floats.

GOVERNMENT READY TO DO ITS PART

The federal government is preparing to make use of the authority given it by the seventy-second congress to rehabilitate industry and to relieve unemployment.

The United Press estimates that jobs for one year for 2,370,000 unemployed may be created by construction work authorized under the new relief bill awaiting presidential signature.

The Reconstruction Finance corporation is geared to act quickly in authorizing loans for use as specified by congress. Nearly 100 applications for loans to be used in construction work have been received from states, individuals and corporations.

Huge sums will be available for road work, and several million will come into Oregon for that purpose.

Regional offices of the corporation have been instructed to give relief funds under the new bill quickest consideration.

Several other anti-depression activities are already functioning, or ready to do so.

All of these things are potent with promise. That promise is that through the government's war on depression the pendulum may be started swinging in the other direction. How far it will go depends on the courage and resourcefulness of the American people. Congressional legislating can give only the impulse. — Klamath Falls Herald.

WAR IN SOUTH AMERICA

To the North American mind nothing could be more utterly foolish than the war antics of Bolivia and Paraguay. The dispute involves boundary. As we understand it the area at issue has little value. If it had the ownership would have been settled years ago. Both countries consist of isolated, undeveloped land inhabited by backward, one might almost say semi-barbaric people. The land in dispute couldn't possibly be worth the cost of a war to the winner, but it is not probable anybody thinks or cares about that.

The trouble is emotional rather than financial. People in the interior of South America turn to war for sheer lack of anything else to do. If we get bored up here with all the conveniences modern civilization has bestowed on us you can imagine what a monotonous existence they must have in Bolivia or Paraguay. No wonder they want to pep things up by having a war. And since nobody will loan either combatant any money the war won't be big enough to do much damage.—Baker Democrat-Herald.

A Horse! A Horse!—And They Got One

Five shackles of feeds' corps had nothing on the plowing arrangements of 164 jobless men who are cultivating 76 acres of land near Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Dust recently all the plowing equipment consisted of six sturdy backs and an old plow. Five of the men, arranged as shown in the above photo, dragged the heavy plow along while the sixth guided the blade. Captain James T. Flowers, of the Akron National Guard, has promised to loan the men horses to plow the land they are tilling by hand.

OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams

HUGE WHALE ON DISPLAY HERE

Far from the sunny Pacific waters in which he deported his huge bulk only a few weeks ago, the famous whale of San Clemente arrived here yesterday and is on exhibition on a siding near the freight depot until Wednesday night.

Since the hour of arrival the gigantic mammal, more than 60 feet long and weighing 72 tons, has been the magnet for an eagerly interested throng regaling their eyes on one of the most unusual spectacles ever presented here.

The whale lies under a glass case on a specially constructed railroad car in which it is being taken on a transcontinental tour. Perfectly preserved by an expert use of the embalmer's art, the immense creature shows no signs of the terrific battle that preceded his capture recently by a whaling crew near San Clemente island, off the coast of Southern California.

After frequently threatening to wreck the whale boat and take toll of the lives of its crew, the whale finally succumbed to the internal explosion of a small bomb driven into his body at the head of a harpoon. The bomb in the first harpoon failed to explode for some unknown reason and the wounded creature gave the crew a perilous two hours of exciting battle before he was conquered.

Traveling with the whale on the tour is Capt. George Clark, head gunner of the whaling boat Hawk, who is telling spectators strange and thrilling tales of his exploits as a whaler. "Barnacle Bill" Clark, as his whaler friends call him, is also telling many interesting and little known facts about whales.

Science has never been able to clearly trace the origin of the whale or to understand some of its habits and physical characteristics. One of the mysteries is how he manages to dive a mile deep in the ocean and remain there an hour without rising for another breath of air.

The blood of the whale is warm and its young are born alive and nursed by its mother just as a cow feeds its calf. On the skin of some whales there are traces of hair, indicating that his ancestors were land animals of a type that disappeared probably millions of years ago.

Some whales still have, in addition to their flippers, the vestiges of the finback species, and one of of hind legs inside the body near the tail. There is an instance of a female whale having been discovered with two tiny hind legs actually protruding from the body.

The whale of San Clemente is one the largest and finest of the kind ever obtained for exhibition purposes. The use of a 90-ton crane was required to lift it from the water.

JOSEPH PERSONALS

By Mrs. Malda Stevenson
Observer Correspondent

JOSEPH (Special) — Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Peters, of Los Angeles, who have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Roscoe Foster, left Monday. Mr. Peters was at one time manager of the East Oregon Lumber company and the family lived here.

Ernest Metzger is building a new garage.

Wayne Irwin, of Camas, Wash., is visiting his father, O. R. Irwin, this week.

Elmer Roup, of Prairie Creek, is quite sick.

William Ragsdale, of La Grande, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Searcy Wednesday.

Mrs. Opal Workman, of La Grande, and sister, Sylvia Daggett, Kenneth Stewart, and Lyle Boner left Friday for the head of Imnaha to camp a few days.

Raymond Prout's leg was broken Friday while he was skidding out logs on the government reserve south of Joseph. Mr. Prout and William White were cutting wood and Raymond was dragging a log down the hillside, when it struck a tree, swinging it around and striking Raymond in such a way that his leg was broken below the knee. They had to bring him down part way by horse back. He is at the hospital getting along very well.

Mrs. William Warnock, of Enterprise, Mrs. Jess Foster and Mrs. Harry Mays went to Kuhn Ridge Friday looking for huckleberries. They found only a small patch and each picked a pint of berries.

Mr. and Mrs. Ele Hartsock, who recently came from Ellensburg are living in Enterprise in the William Zurcher house, until they find an irrigated farm that suits them.

Alex Gillespie is on the sick list this week.

Elmer Roup, of Prairie Creek, underwent an operation at the Willows hospital Friday. He is doing very well and will be home in a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Oman Powers are on the Imnaha this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Tom Marks and Mr. and Mrs. Burtin Christy. Miss Geneva Roup was with them but was called home by the illness of her father, Elmer Roup.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Woolridge and family are spending a week camping and fishing on the Imnaha.

Bert Sprague and George Granger have been busy the past two days reshingling the roof of the Methodist church.

Miss Mary Gwillim got a piece of bark in her eye while picking cherries and has had quite a lot of trouble and pain from it. Miss Gwillim lives alone, raises chickens and a garden in spite of the fact that she is 86 years of age. She is very fond of flowers and has many varieties growing in her yard.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Eben entertained Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Shorb and four children at their cottage "Hillcrest" at the lake Sunday.

Mrs. Vest and Mrs. Alvira Roup went to Enterprise Saturday to see Mrs. G. H. Vest who is quite sick.

Mayor Sam White is suffering from a carbuncle on the side of his face near his temple and had to have it lanced Friday.

APRICOT, PRUNE BIDS ASKED

PORTLAND, July 26 (AP) — Word has been received here that the veterans' administration, through its procurement division in Washington, D. C., will receive bids up to Sept. 7 for large quantities of dried apricots and prunes.

Quantities required include: 7,005 pounds of dried apricots for delivery at Perryville, Md., 4,725 pounds of apricots for delivery at San Francisco; 26,450 pounds of apricots for delivery at Chicago; 112,575 pounds of dried prunes for Perryville, San Francisco and Chicago.

SHOOTS 200-YARD 'ACE'

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—The first hole-in-one ever made on the fourth hole at the Nibley golf course has been made by Ward Thorp, who used a No. 8 iron to drive the ball 200 yards into the cup.

Two Sacramentans have been booked 155 times each by the police department of the California capital.

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