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Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.—John 14: 27.

### ONE MORE BLOW AT THE CRIMINAL

Whenever you take up the problem of crime and its prevention, you are pretty likely to find yourself talking about the lawyers before you get through. Attorney General Cummings' announcement that the Department of Justice is preparing to open fire on lawyers suspected of underworld connection should not be surprising. That there are lawyers who work hand in glove with notorious crooks is perfectly obvious — as, likewise, is the fact that the crooks can't be curbed effectively until something is done to the lawyers.

"One of the most important elements of predatory crime," says the attorney general, "is the manner in which some members of the bar co-operate with the underworld."

Any man accused of crime, no matter how black his reputation, is entitled to the best legal defense he can get when he gets into court. That much goes without saying. But what the attorney general is talking about is the lawyer who advises the gangster on how to commit and cover up crimes, who helps him slip out of the law's grip when he gets caught, uses trickery to guide him safely through the courts, and in general steps over the ethical borderline in looking after his interests.

There are lots of lawyers like that. Not in small communities like La Grande but in the large metropolitan areas where court activities and crime is a daily occurrence. Everyone who has had anything to do with the criminal courts knows it perfectly well. So far the various bar associations of the country seem to have been either unwilling or unable to do anything very effective about putting such lawyers out

of practice.

As an emergency measure, action by the federal government would be a very good thing. Uncle Sam has taken on a lot of unfamiliar jobs this year; if he wants to tackle the racketeers of the legal profession, now, we can do nothing but wish him lots of luck.

But in the long run the job is up to the legal profession itself. A much finer sense of the necessity of living up to the profession's ethical standards, a finer sense of the lawyer's responsibility to society as well as to the client who happens to be paying him, a passion for justice and a recognition of the fact that a lawyer can soil his hands by handling the wrong kind of business—these are things we must have if the house cleaning is really to be effective.

### ASSAILANTS OF AMERICAN JAILED

BERLIN, Oct. 17 (AP)—The two assailants of Roland Velz, an American who was struck in the face when he failed to salute the Nazi emblem, were sentenced to six months imprisonment on charges of assault and battery in a so-called speed court here today.

Velz, a native of Meriden, Conn., was struck twice in the face by the pair — one a chauffeur, the other a glass blower — at Dusseldorf, Germany.

### Bend Editor Talks Of Indian Summer

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called Indian summer, we beg to inform the unknown poet-meteorologist of the far eastern part of the state. There is often room for difference of opinion as to which particular spell of ideal fall or early winter weather is the true Indian summer, but we fear the Observer reader is wrong when he maintains that this type of summer is a November or December phenomenon.

Thoreau, in his notes on the meteorological conditions in Massachusetts during the 10 years, 1851-1860, records the occurrence of Indian summer weather on dates all the day from September 27 to December 13 — a range of 77 days. If the La Grande resident cares to read the "Narrative of the Canadian Red River Exploring Expedition," he will find data bearing on Indian summer weather which started one year on October 5 and lasted to November 20. J. W. Schaeffer, of the United States weather bureau, some years ago published an analysis of the weather records at Milwaukee, Wis., showing that Indian summer weather varied widely at that place in its date of occurrence.

The origin of the term Indian summer still remains in doubt. The earliest known use of the term was an entry dated October 13, 1784, in the journal of Major Ebenezer Denny, kept in Western Pennsylvania. That date, October 13, is significant in disproving the contention that the term is only applied to ideal weather occurring in early winter.

The La Grande man would place his Indian summers in late November or in December. We will take ours as they come, hopeful those delightful days will return again around Thanksgiving time and just before Christmas.

### LARGE GROUP AT PROGRAM MONDAY NIGHT

Three hundred attended the Eagles broadcast program last night at the lodge hall.

The program, arranged by Arthur Bremer, included piano solos by Dave Stewart; song by Doris Williams, Alvena Williams and Betty Buntin, accompanied by Otto McGuire; Dutch and Art, harp and guitar; Florence Daniels, song, accompanied by Dave Stewart; Jim Henaley, song, accompanied by Clifford Slack on the guitar; Richard Duckett and Jerry Galbraith, harp and guitar; musical reading, Fun Gertson; balloon blowing contest.

A good program also is being arranged for next week. Because of the Elks Days of '49 show the regular Eagles dance will not be held Saturday evening.

### COURT HOLDS TRUCK, BUS LAW VALID

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rules in respect thereto as he may deem advisable. The functions performed by contract carriers are in many respects similar to those of common carriers by truck. It does not appear that the latter possess any special privileges or monopoly of business. Both are granted the use of the highways on certain conditions.

Concerning alleged discrimination in favor of creamery trucks the court pointed out that the "plaintiff does not show that he is engaged in any competitive business with the creameries, and therefore does not show any injury resulting to him from this alleged discrimination. The fact that the creamery does not operate its conveyances for hire is sufficient reason for placing it in a different classification from that of the plaintiff."

Justification for the exemption of log trucks from the requirement that they pay certain fees and charges imposed upon contract and private carriers is found by the court in the fact that such trucks are otherwise taxed and can claim the exemptions only when engaged in the specific business of log hauling under permits.

### BLACK AND PINK COMBINE SMARTLY

PARIS (AP)—Black and pink are a smart combination in winter fashions. Afternoon, dinner and evening frocks are often designed with pink touches at the neckline.

## TODAY IN BRIEF, IN AND AROUND OREGON

AS CHRONICLED BY THE DAILY LEASED WIRE OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**TWO MORE INSANE MEN CAUGHT**  
SALEM, Oct. 17 (AP)—Only one of the six patients who escaped from the criminally insane ward of the state hospital here 10 days ago was at large today.

Alvin Carter and Dean Welch were captured near Oregon City last night. Search continued for William O. Bowen, described by the other five as leader of the escape.

**HEARING NEAR COMPLETION**  
MEDFORD, Ore., Oct. 17 (AP)—Hearings continued today before Public Utility Commissioner C. M. Thomas, on the California-Oregon Power company rates, and will be concluded late this afternoon.

**SLAYS HIS NEIGHBOR**  
OREGON CITY, Oct. 17 (AP)—A man who four years ago was confined in the state insane asylum was held in the Clackamas county jail today accused of murder while the county grand jury prepared to take the case.

John J. Haley, 42, was captured yesterday at 10:00 or so after he had beaten a neighbor to death with a club. The man he killed was Marion Boltano, 40. Police said Haley told them he killed Boltano because he liked him and did not want to see him mixed up in Haley's quarrels.

Haley was stripped of all clothing when a posse captured him.

**FATALITY INJURED**  
BURNS, Ore., Oct. 17 (AP)—Perry Sheldon, 23, of Portland, was fatally injured in an automobile accident near Wagonville on the Burns-Lakeview highway yesterday. His car was destroyed by fire after it struck a truck. He was a chairman on the state highway crew. Sheldon was alone in the automobile.

**TODAY'S GOLD PRICE**  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 (AP)—Today's newly mined gold price was announced by the treasury as \$29.86 as compared with \$29 yesterday.

The steamer J. P. Schoellkopf, Jr., 832 feet long, is the largest self-unloading boat on the Great Lakes.

### AT THE LIBERTY

Menaced by monsters and madmen in her recent pictures, Fay Wray, attractive motion picture actress, has at last been given a role wherein she herself provides most of the danger. The film is Columbia's "The Woman I Stole" based on the Joseph Hergesheimer novel, "Tampico," and featuring Jack Holt.

In "The Woman I Stole," Miss Wray plays Veda Corow, an alluring and sophisticated woman of the world, who, not content with the love of her husband, becomes involved in a romantic affair with Holt, an oil magnate. Despite the picture's locale in Northern Africa, Miss Wray wears many alluring Parisian gowns. Donald Cook plays Miss Wray's husband. Others in the cast include Noah Berry, Raquel Torres and Edwin Maxwell. Irving Cummings directed it. It is showing today at the Liberty theatre, where it will remain for three days.

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All Elks Are Requested to Appear Each Night Your Presence Is Necessary for Success of Show

**The Weather**  
WEATHER FORECAST  
Oregon: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday but cloudy at times in north portion; moderate temperature; gentle changeable winds offshore.  
LOCAL WEATHER  
Monday: maximum 66, minimum 34 above. Partly cloudy.  
Tuesday: maximum 53, 7 a. m.—54 above. Cloudy.

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