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MRS WALTER M. PIERCE.

Mrs. Walter M. Pierce, wife of of the state's chief executive, is dead after years of suffering.

During the recent session of the legislature it was known that but a few days remained on earth for the patient woman who had been an inspiration for her husband but who had been able to enjoy but a trifle of the honor that was his after election to the highest position within the gift of the people of the state.

Torn between the duty of a husband, and a devoted one, to a wife he had taken "until death do us part," and his duty to the state which had so highly honored him, it is not to be wondered that during the recent legislative session the governor seemed oftentimes not to be fully aware of the import of some of his acts and messages. Those who did not know under what a strain he was struggling will now forgive him for what then seemed inexcusable blunders.

Those of us who have criticized the governor may not retract what has been said, but for the time we forget political animosity and extend the hand of sincere sympathy, for none of us is so hard of heart that he does not regret the loss by friend or foe of one held dear.

In the case of the governor and his life campanion, the tie seems to have been an unusually close one and their relations as man and wife such as should be an example for others in these days when marital ties are held all too lightly. The breaking of such ties is sad. They can never be mended in this world. The sympathy of the state is with its chief executive.

HOW RICH ESCAPE.

There are many who sense in the failure of the tobacco law to impose a tax upon cigars another case in which the rich escape. There is the possibility that the rich use more cigarettes (which are taxed) than do the so-called poor, but however that may be, the fact is that the framers of the tobacco tax law had no intent to let the rich escape. The original tobacco tax bill provided for a tax upon all tobacco, including cigars, and in that form it passed the house. During the consideration of the bill in the senate the amendments were made which relieved cigars of the tax. The reason was that it was thought impossible to successfully tax articles not sold in packages and that, even if the tax could be imposed, the expense of collection might wipe out the receipts. That is all there is to the hullabaloo that another sop has been thrown to the rich.

Cigarettes and tobacco are taxed in packages. Possibly even they can escape by being sold in bulk. Cigarette dealers might stock their cigarettes and tobacco in barrels and boxes and sell them by the pound and thereby avoid the tax. The Sentinel does not suggest that this be done, nor does it insist that it can be done, but there is that possibility and someone may try doing so in order to evade the tax. If such can be done, and should be generally done, the state would be in a pretty way to float a large quantity of its warrants during the biennium and a special session of the legislature might be necesssary.

Some may take the position that another session of the legislature would be worse than paying the tobacco tax.

The Southern Oregon Spokesman, Grants Pass, now one year of age, is outgrowing its swaddling clothes to such an extent that it has issued a 16-page aniversary community booster edition that was well patronized by the business interests of the several live communities of southern Oregon and northern California. The youngster is a credit to its city and its section of the two states and its editorial expressions indicate that it has but started upon its career of doing things for its territory.

THE GUARD CAN SPELL.

Eugene Guard: The Cottage Grove Sentinel says that after pursuing a number of exchanges, it is inclined to revise a preconceived view and admit that sometimes there is a difference between good English and newspaper English. It cites as one list of horrible examples "exhilirating" and says that word, "despite its common use," is in no standard dictionary. We confess that we hadn't observed common use of the word in just that form and readily agree that it is in no standard dictionary. But The Sentinel's lesson in orthography is refreshing, not to say exhilarating.

SOCIETY

Mrs. T. C. Wheeler was hostess Tuesday afternoon to the LaComus club. She was surprised with a handkerchief shower, the occassion being her birthday anniversary and it being the custom of the club to observe the birthday aniversaries of its presidents. The afternoon hours were pleasantly spent socially and a delicious three-course luncheon was served. The day being also the wedding anniversary of the hostess, a prettily-adorned cake was the centerpiece of the table and bouquets of trumpet daffodils were at each end of the table. Yellow place cards bearing the maiden names of the guests caused much meriment and the favors were of yellow and white. Daffodils were also about the rooms. Mrs. A. W. Swanson was an invited guest of the club. At the business session which was held the club decided to sponsor a card party in the near future which will be for the benefit of the proposed city playgrounds.

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Mrs. F. E. Mendenhall, Mrs. H. A. Miller, Mrs. M. F. Wyatt and Mrs. M. C. Bressler entertained yesterday afternoon at the regular meeting of the Presbyterian ladies' aid society. A short business session was held at which the society again pledged $200 to the church budget. The following officers were elected: Mrs. G. B. Pitcher, re-elected president, Mrs. Charles Adams, vice president Mrs. J. E. Blackmore, re-elected secretary and treasurer. The following program was enjoyed: Piano solos, Miss Adeline Adams and Miss Margaret Short; readings, Misses Marjorie and Betty Jane Quigley. The remainder of the afternoon was pleasantly spent socially. Dainty refreshments were served. More than 30 members were present.

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Miss Clara Milne and Mrs. Gladys Eby entertained the Toujours Prete club last evening at the home of Mrs. R. L. Stewart. A short business sesssion was held and needle work and social conversation were the diversions of the evening hours. The club decided to sponsor a dance in the near future for the benefit of the proposed playgrounds. A tempting two-course luncheon was served. The approach of St. Patrick's day was the incentive for the attractive luncheon decorations, the shamrock cutouts being used and the napkins having the St. Patrick's day designs. Mrs. Seth French, of Albany, who is a house guest of Mrs. Stewart, was an invited guest of the club.

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Mrs. O. W. Hays entertained the school teachers this afternoon at a surprise shower for Mrs. William Thum, west side principal, who is a recent bride. The reading aloud by the honor guest of the clever verses attached to each gift caused much amusement. The afternoon hours were pleasantly spent socially. A delightful luncheon was served. With St. Patrick's day so near at hand it served as the motif for the table decorations. Green candles were at each end of the table, green candy sticks, candy Irish potatoes and shamrocks were used on the table, while daffodils, with the green, were about the room. Vocal numbers by Mrs. Brune and a piano solo by Miss Laura Stewart were enjoyed. Mrs. F. L. Grannis assisted Mrs. Hays.

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The Tuesday Evening Study club met this week at the home of Mrs. H. W. Titus, with Mrs. Titus and Mrs. R. A. Trask as leaders. French drama was the subject studied. Mrs. Trask gave an account of the life, style and works of Edmond Rostand, a great French dramatist. Mrs. Titus gave an interesting review of "The Chanticlere," one of Rostand's works. The club decided to hold a cooked food sale Saturday at Smith & Short's for the benefit of the city playground.

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The Baptist ladies' aid society held their regular business meeting yesterday afternoon.

Springfield Hoopers Defeat Locals.

The Springfield high school hoop team defeated the Cottage Grove high school team in a close but rather rough basket ball game played here last evening, the score being 13 to 10. The score was tied, 5 to 5, at the end of the first half, Springfield's points all being made on fouls. Out of Springfield's 13 points, 9 were taken on fouls. This game closed the basket ball season for the local high school.

Local Bowlers Lose to Springfield.

Local bowlers lost to Springfield here last evening, the score being 2218 to 2280. The game was close throughout and to last frame the locals held their competitors nearly even. The lineup was:

Springfield: Andecott, Wilbur Lepley, Leonard Lepley, West Stevens and Clifford Bryon.

Cottage Grove: Clarence Stoneburg, Virgil Jones, Glenn Walker, Ralph Saltzman and Frank Snodgrass.

Mrs. Vernon Fields, of Roseburg, daughter of Mrs. Rosa Currin, of this city, is in a Portland hospital recuperating from a recent operation for appendicitis.

ARCADE Theatre
WEEKLY PROGRAM

Friday, Mar. 13—A laugh a second—a thrill a minute—wait till you see this great film entertainment "EXCUSE ME" with Norma Shearer, Conrad Nagle, Renee Adoree and Walter Hires. You'll never excuse yourself if you miss it. Also a comedy.

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Sun.-Mon., Mar. 15-16—"MERTON OF THE MOVIES" starring Glenn Hunter with Viola Dana. If you're one of the seventeen million people who read the story or saw the play, you won't need coaxing to see the picture. And a comedy.

Tuesday, Mar. 17—Jack Hoxie in "THE SIGN OF THE CACTUS." And a comedy.

Wednesday, March 18—Dick Hatton supported by Marilyn Mills and her trained horse "Beverly" in "COME ON COWBOYS." Comedy Andy Gump's Stump Speech.

Thurs.-Fri., Mar. 19-20—"ABRAHAM LINCOLN." The tale of Lincoln's life opening thus, is pictured carefully through to his martyred end. His early life is shown, first as a boy by the log-fire light studying what books he finds and later as a young man preparing himself for a career as a lawyer and as a political leader. Then follows his public life, his days in the White House, the dark period of the war and at last his tragic end. International News. Admission: adults, 50 cents; children, 25 cents.

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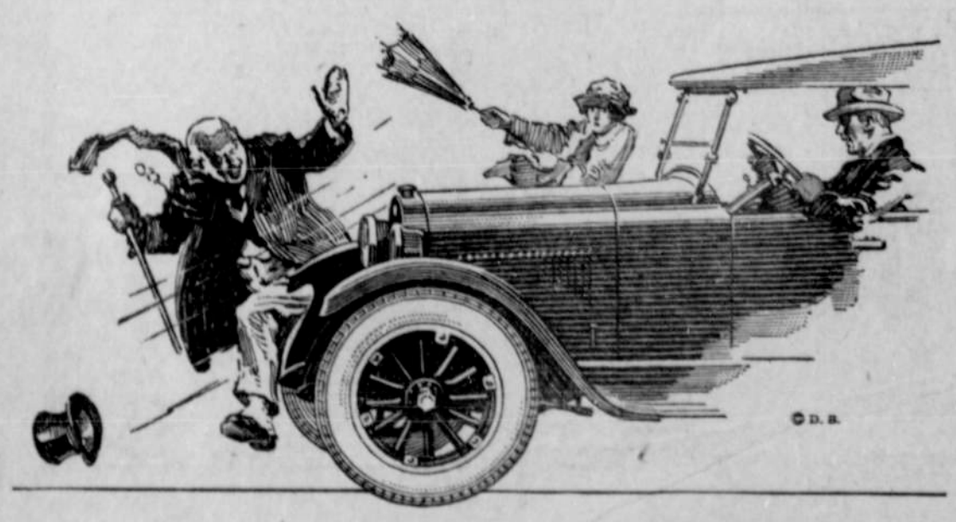

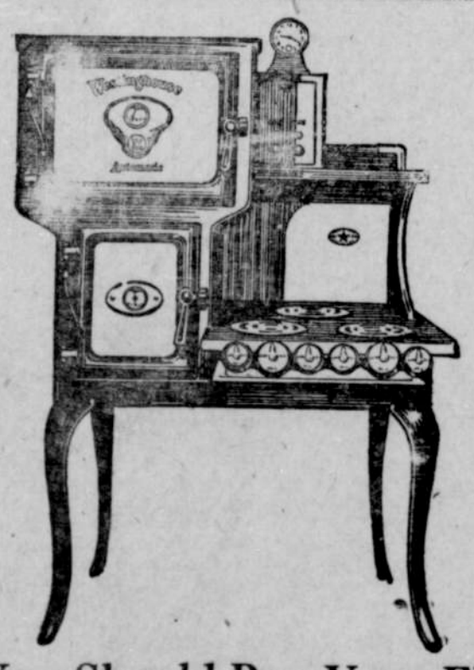

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