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STATE MILLAGE TAX TO FORE AT SALEM

Support of State Educational Institutions Overshadows Other Problems.

(By ELBERT BEDE.)

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Ore., Feb. 18.—Support of the state's institutions is likely to overshadow tax relief legislation and roads and highways legislation as a major issue. This is the first time that this has been the case since the enactment of the millage tax, which was supposed at the time to settle for all time the support of the two institutions.

There are few members without decided views that one institution or the other is without adequate support, or that both are without adequate support, but so far no plan has been evolved that would insure adequate support to either or both, nor has any solution been offered that would enable members to decide what is the fair thing to do about the division of the mill age.

Typical of the expressions of opinion concerning the state college is the view of Claude Ingalls, Corvallis editor, postmaster, etc., etc., etc. Although Claude directs many of his satirical shafts at modern education and expresses the belief that the larger percentage of students waste a large portion of their time, at the expense of the state and their parents, and is especially cynical when sororities, fraternities and educational frills are under consideration—and when Claude is cynical he is cynical—yet when his home educational institution is threatened he puts on his armor, girds his loins, gets out his editorial and oratorical spears and javelins and goes forth to battle to a finish.

In discussing the millage tax and the proposed equal division between the leading institutions of higher learning on a basis of student load, he points out that at the time the four-three division was decided upon the student load basis was practically the same, the R. O. T. C. students at O. A. C. having been eliminated in the computation. He points out that the cost of a technical education is much higher than one in the languages, arts and sciences, and argues lustily that for this reason the college is entitled to the larger portion of the millage.

Those espousing the cause of the university point out that the somewhat testy report recently made by a minority of the sub-committee of the ways and means committee, in which it was said that Representative Angell had not been fair in the report submitted as the report of the entire sub-committee, does not list the number of students at the college taking the expensive technical courses, while the majority report pointed out that only 8 per cent are registered in agriculture, and but 30 per cent are taking engineering courses. The remaining 2598 students, representing 42 per cent, are enrolled as follows: Commerce, 1146; home economics, 476; vocational education, 517, and smaller numbers in similar courses, all of them said to be less expensive than many of the courses given at the university.

The belief has been prevalent over the state that there has been a great disparity in student enrollment in favor of the college. This was true at times in the past, but the majority report gives the university 3,732 students and the college 3739. The university enrollment includes extension work paid for from millage funds, which is considered a fair way of arriving at student load. Of course, the actual number of extension students is not used, but the total hours of extension students is divided by 45, the average number of hours for the student on the campus.

There was at first some criticism of the fact that Representative Angell, author of the majority report of the sub-committee, is a University of Oregon alumnus. The score is evened by the fact that Senator H. J. Elliott, who wrote the report of the minority of the sub-committee, is an alumnus of Oregon State, although it was just a plain unsophisticated ag college when Elliott graduated.

Despite bickering back and forth, there is sentiment for adequate support for both institutions. There is little danger that experiment stations will be done away with and considerable chance that Oregon will get money for extension work in addition to the millage. There is little sentiment, however, for getting more money for the institutions by radical advances in student tuition fees. It is felt that high tuition fees would work hardship upon the great number working all or the larger part of their way through college. The suggestion has been made, and it is the best one I have heard, that tuition fees be advanced and that students be given a reduction in proportion to their grades. This would tax the laggards, and that seems to meet the approval of all except the laggards.

Highway Crash Results In Driver's Arrest

A. C. Skelton Pleads Guilty to Driving While Under Influence of Liquor.

A. C. Skelton, a truck driver of Lorane, pleaded guilty at his hearing before Justice of the Peace Wells in Eugene Monday to the charge of operating a car while intoxicated. He was sentenced to three months in jail and fined $400. His driver's license was also revoked.

Mr. Skelton's arrest was made by Green Pitcher following an automobile accident Sunday on Pacific highway north of the overhead crossing near Divide. Skelton was driving a new Nash sedan when he collided with a coupe driven by William Berdine of Roseburg. Mr. Berdine was badly cut with glass and one ear was nearly severed from his head. Skelton received minor wounds from broken glass. The sedan was badly wrecked and the coupe was damaged. The men were brought to this city for medical aid.

About a half pint of liquor is said to have been found in Skelton's car and, following the arrest by Mr. Pitcher, Skelton was taken to Eugene by a traffic officer.

Following the arrest and conviction of A. C. Skelton, charged with driving an automobile while intoxicated, a suit for damages of approximately $1500 was filed in circuit court Tuesday by William Berdine. The plaintiff charges that the defendant was negligent in driving his automobile on the highway near Divide February 17 at 4:30 p. m. and caused a crash with the car of the plaintiff. This crash led to the arrest of Skelton. Herbert W. Lombard is attorney for the plaintiff.

Local Members Named On Red Cross Board

Rev. Cameron Is Again Chosen Vice President of Advisory Group.

Mrs. B. R. Job represented Cottage Grove at the annual meeting of the Lane County Red Cross held last Thursday in Eugene. Luncheon was served at noon at the Osburn hotel and was followed by a meeting of the advisory board. Judge G. F. Skipworth presided.

Mrs. Job with R. L. Stewart, Worth Harvey and Rev. Duncan P. Cameron were retained as members of the advisory board from this community. Rev. Cameron will again be vice president of the board.

The report of Miss Mary Anin, executive secretary, showed that an average of 308 cases a month was handled through the office during the year with a total of 1072. Of these 534 were ex-service men and 538 were civilian cases. Miss Anin gave illustrations of many cases of various types.

The financial report given by Frank L. Chambers showed a total of $8,092.29 was expended. The general expenditure account included disaster relief to both Florida and the West Indies. Cash received totaled $9,548.50, leaving a balance on hand December 31, 1928, of $1,456.21.

A number of talks were given by speakers regarding the other service departments of the Red Cross chapter. Miss Aleta Brownlee, field representative from Portland, gave the main address, telling the history of social work in Lane county.

The Cottage Grove branch of the Red Cross has the following officers: Rev. Cameron, chairman; Mr. Stewart, vice chairman; Mr. Harvey, treasurer; Mrs. Job, secretary.

The community chest is doing largely what the Red Cross did. During the past year the local chapter contributed $100 to the community chest, gave 10 bed jackets, value $50, to the veterans' hospital and sent four Christmas boxes, value $8, contributed by the city clubs, to veterans in hospitals.

Mrs. William R. Everett has gone to Oregon City, her former home, where she is receiving medical treatment. She is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Burge.

High School Notes

The senior girls played the lower class girls in basketball Friday morning in the gymnasium. The seniors won by a score of 14 to 23. More pep was shown at this game than ever before at a girls' basketball game. The senior class came in last and serpentined around the floor, giving their class yells. Then they seated themselves on one side of the gymnasium while the lower classes were on the other side. Much yelling was done as the score was close at times.

Public speaking, taught by Miss Hannah Lewis, and penmanship and spelling, taught by Miss Clemens, have been added this semester to the subjects offered by the high school.

The following new books were added to the school library this week: "Shakespeare's Theater" by Thorndike, "Shakespeare, the Boy" by Rolfe, Hayward and Johnson's "The Story of Man's Work" and John Macy's "The Story of the World's Literature." These books were purchased with fines received from students for overdue books.

Cottage Grove high was defeated by Springfield high 18 to 16 in a close, snappy, hard fought basketball game Friday, February 15, on the local floor. The students showed more enthusiasm than they had since the first of the season.

The Citizenship Council met for the first time Monday afternoon. This council is composed of the principal, Mr. Grannis, the class "Dads," Worth Harvey, Charles Brown, Loren Harvey and Roy Heck; the class representatives, Genevieve Meranda, Alberta Williams, George Kebelbeck and Kenneth Williams; and two faculty members, Miss Bowen and Miss Clemens. Hereafter this council will meet every six weeks to rank the classes for the contest.

Ted Miller has been absent from school several days this week.

Wayne Shaw and Kathleen Beidler returned to school Monday after a week's absence.

Hereafter the girls' glee club will meet Mondays at 8:30 and Wednesdays at 3:30, the boys' glee club on Tuesdays at 8:30, the boys' and girls' glee clubs on Thursday at 8:30 and the orchestra the eighth period on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Goldie Collette returned to school Tuesday after an absence of several days.

The sophomore class chose as its project the improvement of the lawn, the selling of tickets to business men for baseball and basketball, the arousing of interest outside of school in high school games and the management of the open house for school exhibits.

The junior class decided on the style of its class pins and rings last Wednesday.

Agatha Snyder of Eugene visited school Monday afternoon.

The freshmen class chose as its citizenship project the duty of tending the doors of the gymnasium during girls' games, of keeping the score boards during basketball games and of stirring up interest in the junior high towards student body membership and citizenship.

A number of the boys of the agricultural class went to Eugene Monday to attend the "farmers' week" sponsored by the county agent and agricultural council. They heard a discussion on the cost of sheep raising, on the livestock program for Lane county for 1929 and the livestock outlook for the year. The control of rodents was also discussed.

Clayton Townsend and Mr. Averill took some of the students in their cars and the following farmers also took students in their cars: Mr. Townley, Clinton Garoutte and O. A. Nichols.

Baseball practice for girls of the freshman and senior classes started Tuesday night and practice for girls of the sophomore and junior classes started Thursday.

Thomases Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Thomas observed their fiftieth or golden wedding anniversary Monday. Friends and relatives called during the day to express their well wishes and congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were married February 18, 1879, in Palmira, Ia. A few years after their marriage they moved to Oregon and have been residents of this state ever since. They have been residents of this city for five years.

There are six living children: H. S. Thomas, Spokane, Wash.; Mrs. Cecil M. Lathen, Oaksdale, Wash., A. L. Thomas, Portland; R. E. Thomas, Anlauf; Mrs. Victor Chambers, Cottage Grove, and Mrs. Floyd Hopper, Anlauf.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Chambers, accompanied by Mrs. Warren Oliver, left Sunday by motor for Seattle. They are expected home the latter part of the week.

Hatchery Will Serve Shrimp to Trout

An experiment that bids fair to solve the expensive problem of feeding trout in the hatcheries of the state game commission is being attempted by Matt Ryckman, superintendent. Several hundred thousand fresh water shrimp have been imported from the Rocky mountains and have been planted in a specially constructed pond at the McKenzie hatchery in Lane county. These shrimp are about one half inch in length and make excellent trout food, according to Mr. Ryckman. They propagate almost as rapidly as mosquitoes and thrive in cold water where there is plenty of vegetation. The raising of these shrimp for fish food has been tried successfully in several states and has greatly reduced the cost of running hatcheries.

Concert Program Brings Memories of Old Times

The Sentinel has come into possession of a concert program that was printed in 1902 and is typical of the printing of that day. As many kinds of type as possible are used and doo-dads are scattered around prolifically. The concert was given by Coming Men of America band, Charles S. Cochran, director. The printed program was preserved by Guy VanRiper, who was a member of the band.

Those who had solo parts were Miss Lettie Veatch, vocalist; Charles Cochran, cornetist; T. K. Richardson, pianist; Miss Daisy Gilbert, vocalist. A quartet was composed of Wallace, Veatch, Clement, Cochran. Accompanists were Miss Carrie M. Ford and Miss Neva Perkins. Harry Brehaut took the leading part in a farce, "Cremation."

Advertisers in the program were J. D. Cochran, furniture; F. E. Goodman, cigar store; The Cash Grocery Co.; Eakin & Bristow, general merchandise; Lurch's, general merchandise; Thornton & Plaster, racket store; Bohlman's, candies; T. K. Richardson, pianos; O. O. McClellan, confectionery; J. P. Currin, wall paper; Hemenway & Burkholder, general merchandise; Pacific Timber Co.; Lewis & Veatch. All of these firms have been out of business for more than 20 years.

Local Man Gets Contract.

Contracts for cedar posts for the fencing of the right-of-way of the seven-mile section of the McKenzie highway east of Springfield were let by the county court Saturday.

A. M. Matlock of Veneta will furnish 2000 of the posts and H. H. Russell of Cottage Grove has a contract for 2000. A price of 12 cents a post was bid for delivery along the right-of-way. Within a few weeks work on the improvement of this portion of the highway will be under way.

Harold Hoslaugh was brought home last night from the Eugene hospital, where he had been for a week. Harold fell while at play and injured a knee cap. Infection resulted which necessitated an incision and drainage. He is improving satisfactorily.

Oil Folder Recalls Local Well

F. L. Hunter, who has just returned from Saskatoon, Canada, brought with him a folder which is a report on the structures of Eden Valley Oils Limited by David Eugene Olson, inventor, scientist, geologist, mineralogist, paleontologist, educator, lecturer, discoverer and perfector of scientific system for locating oil and gas and measuring the depths of the same. One page of the folder is devoted to the findings of Olson after an examination of the oil field and four pages are devoted to reprints of encomiums on Dr. Olson.

The report of Dr. Olson reads much like the report on the late lamented wells at Cottage Grove and Eugene.

Oregon Will Experience Big Influx of Settlers

State Chamber of Commerce Reports 89 Families Coming; Others Write.

With a record of 1992 families who wrote during January for detailed information about opportunities in Oregon, this state during 1929 will see the greatest influx of new settlers since the days of the covered wagon, according to W. G. Ide, manager, state chamber of commerce, Portland.

Along with this large number of inquiries, came letters from 89 families stating they had decided to locate in Oregon this year, some of whom had already started on the journey westward.

The January report of the state chamber also shows that the 89 families will have $228,600 to invest in Oregon property. During this month 26 families were reported as having arrived and located in different sections of the state and invested $[illegible],850 in property. This amount would have been greatly increased had weather conditions been more favorable for inspection of farm properties.

The state chamber has been working with many local chambers of commerce in perfecting plans for assisting the new folks who will soon be coming in a steady stream from the south and also from the east as soon as roads in some of the western states become passable by automobiles.

Students Attend Sessions.

W. S. Averill, accompanied by 30 agriculture students from the local school, attended the "farm week" session in Eugene Monday. The courses included in this department are animals, crops and shop. Each boy has his own project for the year which is expected to bring him $150 gross receipts. The boys were keenly interested in the lectures given during the day and gleaned many practical points from them.

Mrs. Bessie Meranda returned last week from Klamath Falls, where she visited at the home of a brother, Smiley Morris.

'Round the Circle

(By JACK HOWARD.)

Last Sunday a busy scene was enacted on Harms creek, two miles north of Dorena, when two members of boy scout troop No. 16, Cottage Grove, of which K. D. Baker is scoutmaster, slapped a pioneer bridge across the stream in short order. Assistant Scoutmaster Armand Riggs was one and Patrol Leader Lawrence Wiese the other. The young scouts were on the job by 10 o'clock that morning, and by 4 o'clock that afternoon the work was completed; and a three bent portage bridge was across the swift stream, capable of supporting several hundred pounds portage weight. The occasion of this bridge building stunt was a series of tests, of which pioneer bridge building is one, that these two scouts are now taking in effort to win another mark of boy scout distinction, known as the Beaver badge. The writer was an invited guest and it was interesting to watch the procedure of two scouts, whose bridge building tools were the regulation scout equipment of rope, hand ax and, in this instance, a handful of nails; plus a fine reliance upon their personal ability to achieve.

The writer has had occasion before now, to be with parties in the mountains, when a stream was encountered across which some kind of portage must be made for heavy packs. It has been noticed that ordinarily when two mountaineers drop down upon a stream, with a portage bridge construction project ahead of them, the frist phase of the program is to sit down upon a log and talk it over. Then a plan is discussed. After a time they get a move on and build the bridge and it is substantial and does the work required; but it always seems that there is considerable "lost motion" occasioned, presumably, by no well defined plans with which each participant is fundamentally acquainted. Such "lost motion" did not enter into the program of the two young bridge builders last Sunday. The approximate point of portage had been designated by Scoutmaster Baker, and it didn't appear that he selected the easiest place on the creek at that, for it was apparent to an observer that there were more convenient places.

The two lads came down to the stream, took a look across, studied the water a bit and then one said something to the other, and the other nodded in approval. With a snap they were into the brush looking for material. In a short time they had a fair supply of poles and short timber on the bank, and by noon three bents had been fashioned and the two main bents were in place, anchored with ropes, and the span structure had been made, ready to be raised in place. After lunch the span was raised and locked into the top of the bents with securely fastened cross ties. It required a rather long apron on the opposite side of them to reach a friendly log, and here the third bent was used to support the apron. Then came the decking, and by 4 o'clock the bridge was ready for the inspection of Scoutmaster Baker, and the boys were ready to go home.

In reviewing the day's performance the following foot notes may be of passing interest: Each scout was a worker. They were quiet and unassuming, attending to the business at hand. No profanity nor slang was indulged in. They were courteous and appreciative of courtesy, as witness a bystander, who had the pleasure of saving one of the boys a climb-down for an ax by handing it up to him. He promptly received pay for the favor in "I thank you, sir."

Just as the writer thought to shuffle off home, with many a thought afussing around in his old "noggin," he thought to do a bit of "trailing" on his own account, for he, too, reads the signs of trail and the woods,—and, do you know, there was nary a cigarette stump to be found!

BAPTIST CHURCH SETS ATTENDANCE RECORD

Three new attendance records were set by the Baptist church at Sunday services two weeks ago. The church had the largest attendance in Sunday school, the largest morning congregation and biggest attendance at the young people's meetings in the evening. Having set new records, the church broke three and tied a fourth at the services last Sunday. The attendance records broken were for Sunday school attendance, evening service attendance and young people's meeting attendance and the record that was equaled was for attendance at the morning worship hour.

Rev. L. H. Randle, pastor, says that the church's plan of having a supper and social hour preceding the young people's devotional hour has increased interest in that service in addition to fostering a spirit of fellowship.

Lumber Market Outlook Brightest Since War

Logging Operations Tieup Helps Strengthen Prices for Mill Owners.

(Crow's Lumber Digest.)

Fundamentally the general outlook for the northwest lumber market is the brightest that it has been at any time since the prosperous days that immediately followed the world war.

If it had been within the power of the lumbermen to select a date for the beginning of the storm, which tied up production the latter part of January, it could not have been better timed. Production had just begun to get back to a normal stride after the holiday shutdowns and it must be admitted that the market was showing signs of wavering, even though the production regulation program was functioning well. The fir manufacturers are not able to operate their logging camps when there is any snow on the ground and the combination of snow and low temperatures either necessitates closing the mills entirely or greatly hampers operation.

The snow storm was the most general that has been experienced in western Oregon and Washington in the past 20 years, having effectively reached from the Canadian line to southern Oregon. Since the first of February there has been freezing weather every night and most of the days. It is not exaggerating to say that there has been practically no logging done since January 29. The tidewater mills, as usual, have been in a better position on account of the heavier footage which is always carried in storage both by the mills and the open market loggers. It never fails that there is talk every winter of a prospective log shortage but this seldom ever gets beyond the stage of being just talk. However, at present there is a bona fide shortage of logs varying some in intensity in the different districts. On Grays harbor the supply of logs is so low that the mills are faced with a complete tieup, several already being idle. On Puget sound it is authoritatively claimed that the supply of logs in the water will be exhausted before the end of another ten days and already several mills have been forced to shut down temporarily until they could hunt around for logs. Number 1 fir logs are scarce every place and while there has been a general advance on log prices of $1 per thousand, premiums are being offered freely by the mills that have orders calling for a heavy percentage of clears that must come out of No. 1 logs. On the Columbia river the situation is not quite so tight as it is in Washington. At the same time log prices have been advancing and the camps are still tied up with no immediate prospects of getting under way.

With more than half of February already gone it will not be possible for the log production to reach a normal stride before the first of March even if there should be a sudden moderation in temperature. These conditions, which have had such a serious effect on tidewater logging, have forced a big percentage of the inland plants to remain idle since the first of the month. While it is impossible to say just what part of a normal cut has been turned out since the first of the month, as the mills that have been operating have not been securing their normal hourly production, it seems a safe estimate that there has been less than half of the usual production.

Realizing the fortunate position they are in the mills are already laying plans to launch a further production regulation program immediately when operating conditions again become normal.

The psychological effect of the abrupt falling off in the output has been very beneficial. The mills are thoroughly sold on the idea that they now have control of their market and with real spring buying so close at hand and prices advancing daily it looks as though the first half of 1929 is made.

BEAUTIFYING RIVER PLAN OF LIONS CLUB

As a major activity for its spring program, the Lions club, at its weekly luncheon meeting last week, discussed the possibility of beautifying the river banks of the Coast fork within the city limits. The club will endeavor to interest property owners in tearing down some of the unsightly old barns and buildings which have stood for years along the river's course. They will also clear away the brush and trim the trees that overhang the river banks.

A program appropriate to the memory of George Washington has been planned for today's meeting. Rev. Duncan P. Cameron will give an address on Washington.

W. G. Perry and V. Whitlow were visitors here Sunday from Newberg.

REV. RANDLE TELLS OF CHINESE LIFE

Baptist Minister and Family Have Dangerous Journey on Trip Home.

What Chinese life is like and some of the hardships of the Chinese were told by Rev. and Mrs. Louis Henry Randle in a lecture and exhibition on China Monday night at the Baptist church.

It was two years ago February 17 that the Randle family sailed from Shanghai for the United States after being driven from the interior of China, where they spent six and a half years in missionary work, by the revolution and counter revolutions in the Celestial country. Their trip from Suifu, the scene of the greater portion of their missionary work, to Shanghai, approximately 1800 miles, was filled with danger and thrills.

Instructions from the American consulate ordered the missionaries to leave the interior in a hurry and that they made haste is proved by the fact that the trip to the interior that took them six weeks going in was made in 18 days on the return trip. Part of the distance they were escorted by British and American gunboats. Sandwiched into the return trip were three weeks spent in the besieged city of Kaiting, near the Yangtze river, half way to their destination, Shanghai. Three Chinese armies laid siege to Kaiting, garrisoned by 10,000 soldiers of the opposition. Conditions in the beleagured city were the worst possible, Rev. Randle said. There was no food, no shelter, sickness was prevalent and life was constantly in danger from flying bullets. A trip through the rapids of the Yangtze river in a leaking boat was another of the perils of the journey. That they were fortunate to come through alive was the opinion expressed by Rev. Randle.

Chinese embroidery, Chinese jewelry and ornaments, Chinese clothing, utensils, miniature furniture, pictures of idol gods, Chinese pipes were included in the display of Chinese articles.

Mrs. Randle explained the furnishings of a Chinese house and the mode of life of the average Chinese family. The house is built of bamboo on a pounded dirt floor. When one steps over the door beam one enters the guest room, one of the important furnishings of which being the ancestral tablets, or, if the family are Christians, the ten commandments on a tablet. There is a tea table with chairs designed especially for guests. These, however, are not comfortable, none of the Chinese furniture being designed to afford any great amount of comfort. Almost as soon as a guest arrives tea is served. Tea is drunk in place of water, Mrs. Randle said, and this is considered fortunate as the Chinese water is often impure and the boiling water used in tea making destroys the impurities. The Chinese teacup is without a handle and has a cover.

The kitchen is equipped with a stove made of a kind of mud and covered with a form of concrete. It has a kettle in which all vegetables are prepared. Utensils include a wooden dipper, rice bowls, spoons, chop sticks and a sharp knife. The Chinese do a half day's work and then have breakfast about 9 o'clock. This consists of rice porridge or perhaps noodles with a bit of pork. Usually they have but two meals and the second is served about 2 o'clock and consists of more rice with vegetables and pork.

The dining table is about three feet square and around it are placed benches, which the Chinese call chair, each bench seating two persons. In speaking of feasts the Chinese say it was a two table, three table, etc., feast, depending on whether there were eight, 16 or 24 persons at the feast.

A bed is the sole furnishing of a bedroom. The bed is something on the style of the old canopy beds and is hung with netting which serves as protection against both mosquitoes and rats. It has a colorful embroidered valance and a round pillow, the ends of which are covered with embroidery. There are no springs to a Chinese bed. Slats are used. On these matting is placed, then loose straw, then more matting.

On cold days the Chinese use hand warmers. One of the customs of the Chinese is that girls wear their hair in braids until married when it is coiled on the head. Boys wear their heads shaven except for one patch of hair, which may be on the top or to one side of the head.

Mandarin gown squares, sleeve bands, pillow covers, napkins, combs made of wood, tea cannisters made of the water buffalo horns, amber rosaries of 108 beads used by Chinese priests, jade bracelet, Tibetan jewelry were displayed by Rev. Randle garbed as an embroidery man and Mrs. Randle as a missionary wife.

Rev. Randle declared that opium is the curse of China and showed the various devises used in opium smoking. Opium was forced on the Chinese years ago by the British and today the military powers force the Chinese to grow opium as they find it the best way to raise money, opium being taxed in the field, when it is harvested, vested, during its preparation into commercial form and in every manner when it is used in the opium dens. The curse of China is that not only the old men are addicts but the young men also.

The Chinese are full of superstition and this with their form of ancestor worship and the undermining effects of opium have hampered the Chinese nation, Rev. Randle said.

The Chinese are a hospitable people and patience is one of their outstanding characteristics.

Songs of Plain Folks

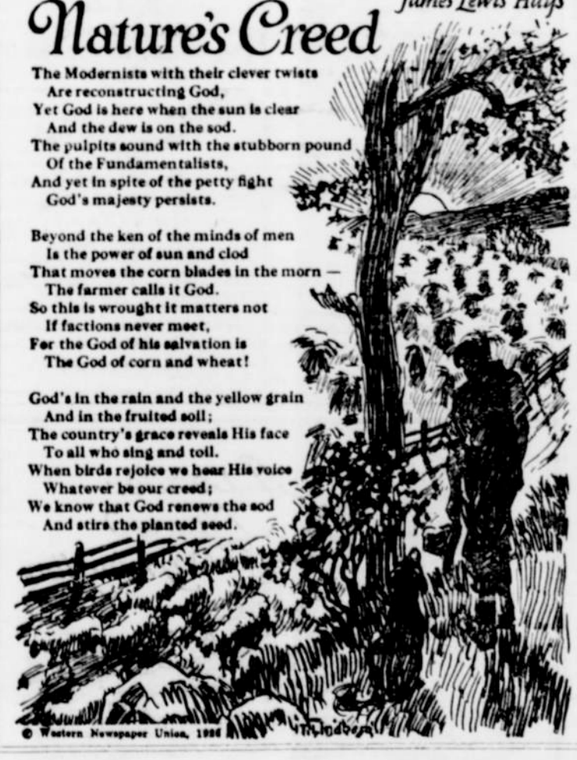
By James Lewis Hays

Nature's Creed

The Modernists with their clever twists
Are reconstructing God,
Yet God is here when the sun is clear
And the dew is on the sod.
The pulpits sound with the stubborn pound
Of the Fundamentalists,
And yet in spite of the petty fight
God's majesty persists.

Beyond the ken of the minds of men
Is the power of sun and clod
That moves the corn blades in the morn —
The farmer calls it God.
So this is wrought it matters not
If factions never meet,
For the God of his salvation is
The God of corn and wheat!

God's in the rain and the yellow grain
And in the fruited soil;
The country's grace reveals His face
To all who sing and toil.
When birds rejoice we hear His voice
Whatever be our creed;
We know that God renews the sod
And stirs the planted seed.



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THE FEATHERHEADS

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