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CREED AND DEED.

Dr. S. C. Lapham's challenge to the Christian Scientists is highly ingenious. He asks them in his last Sunday sermon to "prove their power by the restoration of incurable cripples."

An incurable cripple is one that cannot be cured. Here is where the good doctor's ingenuity comes in. No matter how many thousand cripples Christian Science may restore, he is always perfectly safe.

But let us grant, for argument's sake, that Christian Science cannot quite keep all its promises in the way of curing diseases. Does that prove it to be a fraud?

Let the attorneys in the Yamhill County tax suit hurry the case along so that the courts may pass upon it and teach the people and their representatives in the Legislature the status of our state tax laws.

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nearly all of the shortage has taken place since the panic of last Fall. Unless there should be unusual business complications following the Presidential nominations and election, it is probable that we are near the bottom with this unfavorable showing, and receipts will from now on show an improvement.

THE GREEDY INSURANCE TRUST.

Paul Bates is a Portland fire insurance agent who thinks that the most effective way to fight the voracious and conscienceless insurance trust is to repeal the Oregon deposit law.

A news dispatch in yesterday's Oregonian says that cherry picking has been abandoned in some of the Lewiston-Clarkston orchards on account of the instability of the market.

CHECKING ECONOMIC WASTE.

Under a new law passed last Winter by the Massachusetts Legislature, a savings bank in one of the manufacturing suburbs of Boston recently opened a department of industrial insurance.

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John W. Gates' method of distributing money won in Wall street has much to commend it; but, unfortunately, he can visit only one village and can hold only one potlatch at a time.

The Treasury deficit for the past year is the largest in the history of the Nation, but nobody is worrying. Isn't this a billion dollar country, and then some? But wait.

complished in the past, there is nothing serious in this temporary handicap; but steps for its removal should be taken at once.

MAKE OREGON SOIL SURVEYS.

Government Bureau Will Send Specialist to Klamath Falls.

SALEM, Or., June 29.—(Special.)—Congressman W. C. Hawley today received the following letter from the Chief of the Bureau of Soils, relative to soil surveys, which Mr. Hawley has been urgently requesting to have undertaken.

UNION COUNTY TO BE DRY.

Circuit Judge Orders Prohibition in Effect July 1.

LA GRANDE, Or., June 29.—On the eve of July 1, when saloons of this county were to go out under the local option vote, Circuit Judge Crawford, has dealt the death blow to the saloons.

MAKE CUT IN NORMAL COURSE.

President Would Eliminate Short-hand and Typewriting.

SALEM, Or., June 29.—(Special.)—At a meeting held here this afternoon for the purpose of organizing the Normal Schools decided to recommend to the Board of Regents the elimination of shorthand and typewriting from the course of study.

FIND DEAD BODY IN CANAL.

Evidence of Foul Murder Uncovered at North Yakima.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., June 29.—(Special.)—The body of Jim Sims, an Indian residing near Wapato, and who has been missing since June 21, was found in a badly decomposed condition, with knife wounds in the head.

Effort to Block Road Falls.

SALEM, Or., June 29.—(Special.)—The Oregon Electric was today given a permanent injunction by the court in the case of the Beaverton Electric, which is a five-acre tract.

CHARTER NOT SUPREME, SAYS JUDGE.

HILLSBORO, Or., June 29.—(Special.)—Judge T. A. McBride today held that the city charter of Hillsboro, which gives "exclusive" right to regulate the sale of liquor, does not have supremacy over the local option law.

CONTEST CHARGES NOT SPECIFIC.

HILLSBORO, Or., June 29.—(Special.)—Judge McBride held today in a special session of court here today and took up the election contest case of E. L. McCormick vs. J. W. Bailey, petitioner for a recount.

CHEHALIS LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

CHEHALIS, Wash., June 29.—(Special.)—Mayor West has appointed H. C. Coffey, J. E. Powell, J. E. Willis, Dan W. Bush and Miss Maude Newland as members of the board of trustees for the new Carnegie library which has been secured this city.

EZRA MEEKER AT CHEHALIS.

CHEHALIS, Wash., June 29.—(Special.)—Ezra Meeker, the pioneer, arrived with his oxteam today and will deliver his lecture here tonight.

"WINE BUG" STANDS TEST.

HAMMONDSPOUNT, N. Y., June 29.—The "wine bug" flight was made Saturday by G. H. Curtis in further tests of the aerodrome "Wine Bug" at the Aerial Experiment Association grounds here.

COMMITTED TO INSANE ASYLUM.

ASTORIA, Or., June 29.—(Special.)—Frank Beckman was examined by the County Board this afternoon and ordered taken to the Insane Asylum at Salem.

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Other Measures Also Proposed to Fight Insurance Trust.

PORTLAND, Or., June 29.—(To the Editor.)—I have notified during the past few days various expressions of disapproval on the part of the public to the 25 per cent advance in fire insurance rates on a large amount of business property in the City of Portland, and which action is due to the attitude of the Board of Underwriters.

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Portland Advocate.

Wisdom in Selecting Sherman.

Baker City Herald.

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