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September 10, 1924. RULER OVER ALL.—Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine: thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all.—1 Chronicles 29:11. PRAYER: "God Eternal, Lord of all. Lowly at Thy feet we fall: All the earth doth worship Thee; We amidst the throng would be."

THE BLUE SKY LAWS

(From the Pacific Homestead) The HHH man would like to rise to a question of privilege to say a few words about the blue sky law discussion that has been going on of late. "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than it meet, but it tendeth to poverty," said Solomon; or at least some one of his day, and it got into his collection of Proverbs. Now, a blue sky law is a very good thing. But the idea might be overdone. It would be, if the advice of some people were followed (and in some cases it is the advice of revenge or selfishness.) What would have become of most of the useful discoveries of the world had there been blue sky laws, or had they been administered in a manner that "withholdeth more than it meet," tending to poverty? What would have become of Morse with the telegraph, Bell with the telephone, Goodyear with rubber, Edison with his first electrical inventions? You yourself can name many others. English chemists had the secret of the coal tar products, but they had no encouragement at home. Far seeing German chemical engineers and capitalists developed the English discoveries. Result, great dye works in Germany, and makers of other products running into the hundreds, from perfumes to high explosives, and that may run into the millions, making Germany a powerful and wealthy nation. Heroult, a Frenchman, discovered "silver from clay," or aluminum; made from material that is a third of the elements in the way of abundance in the crust of the earth. Charles M. Hall, an American, in 1826, a year after he had graduated from Oberlin college, when he was 22, discovered the same thing at about the same time. The Frenchman lived among a people who had an ingrowing case of the blue sky spirit. Hall mingled with the millionaires of Pittsburgh, willing to take a chance. They backed him and he brought his "silver from clay" from four dollars a pound, at which his first output sold, to eighteen cents a pound—and though he died at the age of 40, he left a fortune of many millions! and the world had the use of a metal that may finally become the cheapest and most abundant of them all; and is one of the most useful. Drying of articles used for food is older than history. Dehydration, a form of drying that keeps all the food values and flavors, is new. It was a great invention; or rather series of inventions. The principle will prevail, and save the world billions upon billions annually, and save parts of the world from starvation, transferring the abundance of one year or district to the death of some other year or district. Some clean young men attempted to develop dehydration on a large scale in Oregon. Their undertaking went on the rocks. So they are condemned as crooks, where, had they not missed some contemplated connections, or had their management and calculations been slightly different, and they had made a great commercial success, they would have been acclaimed as highbrows and supermen of the industrial world. So it goes. The English bricklayer who discovered "Portland" cement, had been stifled with the ultra blue sky spirit, would not have been able to hand on to the world one of its most useful and most generally used building materials, cement, the miracle mixture of clay and limestone that, when "set," is more durable than any stone. Henry Ford is the heretic of science. He refuses to be orthodox. He is constantly doing the things that "cannot be done," and he intends to keep right on. Blue sky laws could not hamper Henry; but he is one of a million; of 1500 million. There is in the world only one Henry Ford. But there are many men with vision in the Pacific Northwest. There are many embryonic Edisons and Halls and Morses and Goodyears (and all the rest), and we must not hamper them with the blue sky spirit to the extent of clipping their wings.

The above from one of the departments of the Pacific Homestead of this week is commended to a lot of people who would hamper development in Oregon. We must have a blue sky law; perhaps the one we now have needs some amendments. And our blue sky law must be administered strictly, to do the things it is intended to do—to prevent the operations of crooks, and to head off stock selling schemes that are either dishonest or manifestly headed to failure. In the ultimate results, the one is as bad as the other. And then it must be administered with the exercise of some judgment as to what undertaking or enterprise may lead to great and useful developments for the benefit of Oregon and all our people.— And it is the opinion of the writer that the Oregon law is now being so administered. Mistakes have been made in the past. But they ought not to be charged to the present force. Mistakes will be made in the future; and the general public will ask only that they be honest mistakes. The general public in Oregon does not wish to have legitimate development schemes hampered and hamstrung by the unwise administration of our blue sky law. This is a young state in point of development, and it has great resources. Their orderly development is one of most urgent of all our needs.

OBSERVING DEFENSE DAY The ministers of Portland had a very severe debate about the observation of Defense day. Two of the ministers who were quoted in the Portland papers made statements of more than ordinary importance. Dr. A. B. Snyder opposed the resolution of endorsement declaring that "You are committing

ments. However the military part has been soft-pedaled. It has now resolved itself into a question of patriotism. It would be encouragement to the reds to still criticism on Defense day. The American people are not militaristic. As long as Defense day was regarded as a military movement, it met with disapproval. This is changed so that it meets with just as universal approval. Mayor Glesy in his proclamation has taken about as sensible a position as we have seen. We hope you will look up in Sunday's Oregon Statesman and read what the Mayor says. It will be endorsed by the people generally. Defense day on Friday is American day. It is not in any sense a military parade, it is not flaunting our power in the face of any nation. It is a gathering among ourselves for our own purposes. Of course the military organizations such as ex-soldiers, etc., will be in it, but these men who carried with them into the war the embodiment of our patriotism can not have their Americanism questioned. These men have shown their patriotism under circumstances which imperiled their lives. It is but proper that they should be in the front ranks of every parade of American citizens. We must not associate them with militarism. We must continue to associate them with patriotism and its expression. Militarism is not popular in this country. There is a growing demand that war must be relegated to the rear. It is a cruel and unnecessary thing and our civilization has outgrown it, but we must not forget our Americanism. We must not fail to put our country first and we must not fail to honor the men whose lives were imperiled and who gave years out of their lives in defense of the country. We do not want them to do it again, but we want to honor them for what they did do and at the same time we want to consecrate ourselves to peace and to a better understanding among individuals. As the plans are being carried out they are not open to criticism, everybody hates war. It is time to close ranks and are given a united expression of our patriotism on Friday, September 12.

MAINE WENT Certainly there is no uncertainty about the pronouncement of Maine on the republican administration. The candidate for governor was denounced but at the same time ward went out that the election of the republican ticket meant the endorsement of the national administration. The democrats contended that the election of the democratic governor meant the endorsement of the democratic ticket. Maine is so situated that it can not have a state election in national years conducted on state policies. It has to be national. Maine went republican under the circumstances by a tremendous majority. Whenever there is an expression the people are lining up with Coolidge. They like him. They like his way of conducting things. They like his quiet masterliness, his unobtrusively independence and they are going to vote for him quite generally. It does not look now as if there was much danger of the election being thrown into the house.

TAX REDUCTION In his message to congress December 6, 1923, President Coolidge made this decisive and emphatic declaration: "For seven years the people have borne with uncomplaining courage the tremendous burden of national and local taxation. These must be reduced. The taxes of the nation must be reduced now as much as prudence will permit. The expenditures must be reduced accordingly. High taxes reach everywhere and burden everybody. They bear most heavily upon the poor; they diminish industry and commerce; they make agriculture unprofitable; they increase the rates of transportation; they are a charge on every necessary of life. Of all the services which congress can render to the country, I have no hesitation in declaring this one to be paramount. To neglect it, to postpone it, to obstruct it by unsound proposals is to become unworthy of public confidence and untrue to public trust." That is the republican's paramount issue. That is a question that can not be relegated to the rear. We do not blame the democrats and progressives for trying to force a religious issue or any other diverting issue. They know they must cloud the minds of the people or else the unequal declaration of President Coolidge will receive a merited endorsement.

DENIAL OF GUILT It is a great pity that the German nation feels that it must repudiate any part of its admission or confession. No matter what is written in any treaty or agreement history will give the truth. History has a way of sifting out the chaff and finding the truth and an admission does not help or hurt a case. History is inexorable in this and can not be deceived by Germany. In the treaty it admitted guilt. Posterity will pass on that just as effectively and fairly as if there had been no admission and history will record the truth.

A HOLIDAY Monmouth has declared a holiday for the purpose of celebrating the completion of a new road. That is the proper spirit. The roads will be a great help to that country in every way, and the public generally will rejoice with the people of Monmouth in this great accomplishment. Roads are something that everybody should have—good roads. They contribute so largely to the creature comforts of life and we need them and we need many more than we have. The nearest thing the republicans and democrats have done, or which ever did do it, in raising the price of wheat, was in also increasing the crop in the LaPlotted states. All those radical states show a big increase and of course Wall Street did it. Just how, even the wild charge makers do not contend, but it was done

is wrong. Our criticism is that we are feeding the youth with black dope. We are taking the heart out of them. We are destroying their ideals. We are displacing honorable ambitions with sordid selfish motives of personal aggrandizement. There is discontent in the country and it isn't the part of patriotism to encourage it. There is a feeling of unrest that means dissatisfaction. This has been caused largely by unfair and unjust criticism. Criticism is wholesome and necessary. But it has been carried brutally for our freedom of speech is one of the guarantees of our national life, but it is not a criticism to impugn the motives of our statesman or attack the integrity of our courts. Our free speech is being perverted when this is done. We need to teach our youth hope and good cheer.

Fun Shop. WALLY THE MYSTIC. He'll Answer Your Questions Somehow. Dear Wally: I'm up in the air! Please tell what dress I ought to wear. When I go to a baseball game With my best fellow. Dear Puzled Mame: Well, I declare! So that has you up in the air! Come down, then, for at baseball games. Ball gowns are proper for the dames.

These Contractors. A contractor and builder, Pat Ryan, Simply laughed at all danger of dyan'. "In a twenty-story fall He contracted chills, that is all, Except Mrs. Ryan is cryan". —Peter Pan. The Editor's Gossip Shop. Won't some of our readers show a bit more consideration for the editor? We get some contributions, written in pencil, but so light and the writing so poor that we can't distinguish what is what. Write on one side of the paper only. If you must use pencil (and we prefer typewriter or ink) use a pencil with soft lead, and please try and exercise care in what you write. The rule of THE FUN SHOP should be your rule: A contribution must be easily read and easily understood. A Personal Question. The colored parson was dining out. The fried chicken was quick disposed of, and dessert was reached—watermelon. The parson praised its size and quality, took a bite and turned to his host. "Brother Jones," he said, "excuse my curiosity, but whar did you get dis melon?" "Why dat came outen mah own patch, parson," said his host. "Come outen your own patch?" questioned the minister, sternly. "den how come it's got bird shot in it?" —Helen Solomon. Sleepy Hollow? Whiz: "This old town has such a sleepy air." Bang: "Yes, it is full of 'Bed-time Stories.'" —Hal Singer. Etiquette for Eaters. For a dinner partner, I must refuse. Falsely Accused. Shelton: "You know we have to economize, and yet you will play bridge and lose money?" Mrs. Shelton: "That's not true, Walter! Whenever I lose I always give my IOU to the winner." —Mrs. Bernard Livingston. Either there aren't so many revolutions in Central and South America any more, or else the press correspondents are laying down on the job. Are You in Position to Answer? Who has the greater chance of success in life: the fellow who keeps his nose to the grindstone or the fellow who keeps his ear to the ground? A Full Supply. The Keeper was having his Peary Gates overhauled. In fact, the entire place was undergoing a general house cleaning. Everything was being shifted about to make room for the Celestial painters. Said one, as he lifted a heavy golden utensil: "Where shall I stand this pot of gold that we keep at the end of the rainbow, Sir?" "Better place it over there, in the cloud room, right next to the silver linings." —Miriam Otto. Sad Memories. Kind Lady: "Why did you shudder so when I mentioned pie?" The Tramp: "I used to be a movie comedian. Do I get it in my face or on a plate?" Its Nature. Prospect: "Why do you declare that this machine is essentially a woman's car?" Salesman: "It's the last word." —George F. Paul. A Man's Version. There are stockings large and small. There are stockings awful thin. At some I must not look at all; They are so neat and trim. I know they wear 'em short, I know there's some like flesh, What is to be the next resort? Were I to guess, they'd say I'm fresh! —Gilbert H. Hill. The Eternal Feminine. The pair were drifting in a canoe. The moonlight shimmered on the water. The setting was one to produce the usual madness. He proposed (as she knew he would.) Just as he was about to unfold her in his arms, the canoe upset. She sank beneath the water, but immediately upon coming up said: "Oh John. This is so sudden." —Harrison Jones. The Expert. Maleic: "Isn't Fred a puzzle?" Dateic: "Not at all, my dear. I have no trouble in working him." —Willa Hanson.

The girl who copies the methods I use. It always fills my soul with wrath When a finger bowl is used for a bath. A high chair should be handy And thereon should be piled The man who wears his napkin Just like a little child. —E. J. K.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST The automotive industry— That is the Slogan subject tomorrow. You will be surprised at its size in Salem. The situation in the Salem school district, in which three fire insurance men write the bulk of the \$581,300 insurance carried on the public school buildings, one of them being the clerk, with \$139,500 of it, can be very easily remedied by the legislature this winter, if in no other way. Through no particular fault of any one, a situation has grown up in Salem that of course should not be allowed to exist in any district in this state—or any other state. The Masons are forming Hiram clubs in the southwestern part of the United States, and a California paper hastens to say that this is not a Hiram Johnson boom for president. This is another. W. J. Bryan hastens to say that the Maine election is not significant. That is the Bryan way. A republican landslide is nothing in his young life. He has been buried under a series of them, and always came up with his lung power unimpaired. A Massachusetts woman is the mother of five children at 21 and there are no twins in the collection either. She is in a fair way to have a real family when she grows up. There are four boys and one girl, and the young mother thinks she should have at least

NEW CORPORATIONS The following articles of incorporation were filed yesterday by the state corporation department: Central Lutheran church, Portland; incorporators, J. M. Erickson, C. Lempke, A. J. Grande and others; assets, \$18,000. Imperial Auction mart, Portland; incorporators, Charles J. Greenfield, Joseph I. Lowenstein, Charles H. Spackman, Jr.; capital \$50,000. C. E. Weller Building company, Portland; incorporators, O. E. Weller, E. E. Meekberg, Maud Weller; capital, \$10,000. Notice of an increase in capital from \$150,000 to \$200,000 was filed by the Columbia Pottery company of Portland. Notice of dissolution was filed by the Lion Clothing company of Portland. Under the blue sky act a permit was issued to the Oakland Oil company of Oakland, Or., to sell stock in the sum of \$100,000.

FUTURE DATES September 12, Friday—National Defense day. September 15, Monday, Willamette university opens. September 22-27, Oregon State fair. September 17, Wednesday—Constitution day. September 29, Monday—Salem public schools start. November 11, Tuesday—Armistice day. November 20-22, Third Annual Corn Show and Industrial Exhibit, auspices Chamber of Commerce.



MANY PAY DAYS FOR THE FARMER Like most every community, Marion county has many farmers who raise but one crop. What a gamble this is, for if that crop be a failure, as is sometimes the case, a whole year's work is more than wasted for financial loss results. Diversified farming eliminates this gamble on the farm. In addition to your principal crop, why not have a few acres in strawberries, gooseberries, raspberries, pears or prunes? If one or two of these crops fail, there are the others to tide you over; if they all are successful, there will be a succession of pay days for you. Isn't this something to think about? Here at the United States National Bank we believe it is. The United States National Bank Salem, Oregon.

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