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REFUGE, STRENGTH, HELP:—God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1.

PRAYER:—May we trust Thee, O Lord, and not be afraid.

GOD IS GRACIOUS:—Thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness. Nehemiah 9:17.

PRAYER:—We rejoice, O God, to know that like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.

January 27, 1925

"PRISON HELD OBSOLETE"

The Oregon state penitentiary is "held obsolete," after an examination by G. Ogden Chisholm, of the "International Prison Commission," who gave the institution the once over one day last week—

And so it is, in buildings. They are old fashioned. But this does not prevent very good prison men declaring that the Oregon penitentiary stands very well by comparison among the institutions of the kind in this country, or any country.

The discipline is good. There is a high order of cleanliness. There is a general spirit of good order and good feeling, as far as good feeling can go in such a place. The comforts of life are not wanting. The meals are good, for prison fare, and there are many privileges, and withal an atmosphere of humanity and respect between man and man—

And there are constant advances towards the status of a model prison. In this regard, there is a constant effort to make the employment of the men general, and to allow each worker a small wage. This is the most important of all things in making a model prison. A high percentage of reformations cannot be reached without employment and wages; the money for the most part going to the innocent dependent relatives on the outside; in order to prevent the breaking of home ties.

All this will be accomplished, if there is just a keeping on keeping on of the system now in operation—

The full development of the flax industry; perhaps up to the spinning stage, and the development of such other industries as may be found practicable; like the manufacturing of shoes, the making of auto plates, etc.

And all this can be accomplished in the present "obsolete" buildings, with certain improvements from time to time. The new shops at the Oregon prison are surely not "obsolete." In fact, they are very fine and modern. The new water power development is not obsolete.

There is a plan among some of the members of the Legislature to provide for the extension of the penitentiary wall, in order to take in all the flax manufacturing operations. That is a very good suggestion. In the course of time, the expense would be fully justified. With the use of prison labor, and not making it a rush job, the expense would not be great.

The model prison system besides making for the highest percentage of reformation, provides for the self support of the institution—

And to this the Oregon system is headed; to taking permanently from the shoulders of the taxpayers the entire expense of the penitentiary. A considerable advance in this program ought to be shown in 1926.

BANKER PROMOTES FLAX INDUSTRY

As an example of the active work outside of banking proper that is accomplished partly through the efforts of the modern banker, Andrew Miller, field secretary of the Oregon Bankers' Association, cities the development of the flax industry in the vicinity of Stayton, Marion county: "J. W. Mayo, of the First National Bank, interested himself in getting a number of his farmer customers to sign up for a small acreage of flax production," says Mr. Miller. "Then he procured the seed for planting; got a number of other business men to finance a plant for handling the flax and processing it for use in upholstering work; and followed this through by arranging with several houses in San Francisco to take the processed flax at a good price, for use in their factories. The result has been a new industry established and an influx of money into this community."—Portland Spectator.

The above from the Portland Spectator is well put. The mill in question is to become a threshing and scutching mill, extending its operations beyond the making of upholstering tow. On account of competition from the Dakotas, the making of upholstering tow is not very attractive here now—

But there is no end to the markets for long line fiber and the spinning tows, and all the by-products of flax.

And who knows but this same Stayton plant may one of these days get into the spinning class, or even weaving?

HE IS WRONG

Dr. Edward Laird Mills, editor of the Pacific Christian Advocate, is one of the great editors of the country and one of the great men, but he does get off wrong sometimes. He spoke Sunday in Portland on the "Worth of Worship," and decried music in the church. He declared it was a mistake to make the church a concert hall or social club, and the preacher

who takes his text from the daily paper instead of from the Bible has the wrong view of his mission in life.

Dr. Mills forgets that institutionalism is growing up around every church and is largely responsible for keeping many of the churches alive. A church, of course, is primarily a place of worship, but it is more than that, and must be more than that. If the church is to survive it must

be a community center where all activities worth while congregate. The daily newspapers should have part in this, and the preacher should not be averse to taking notice of the daily events that are worth while or effecting the trend of civilization. Further than this, music in the church is worship, just the same as preaching. As good a sermon as has been preached in the First Methodist church in Salem for many years was given Sunday night. Every bit of the service was worship, and was not only devotional, but inspirational, and the congregation went away uplifted, feeling that they had had an evening of better things.

The church must be encouraged in this sort of work. We must be encouraged to worship God in every way—in work as well as play.

THE FARMERS' LOST

The farmers lost by listening to La Pollette, Wheeler and their crowd last year. They were told that the price of wheat was boosted up by Wall Street to influence the election and urged to market their wheat in order to put one over on Wall Street. In large numbers they did this.

Wheat was rushed to market which would otherwise have been left in the granaries. The result is that wheat has gone to \$2 in Chicago, and is going higher, and many farmers who sold their wheat for a dollar to a dollar and a quarter will have to buy flour at the advanced price.

These false prophets who are defaming America for political advantage must be brought to account before the bar of public opinion and emphatic disapproval put upon their deeds. We want progress in this country and progressive things, but we don't want maliciousness to influence the farmers one way or the other.

A mere temporary advantage in the election is too costly if it hurts the entire body of American farmers. In this instance the independents did not get any advantage. They didn't get to reap what they sowed, but they did get to do damage in influencing the farmers to sell to an under-developed market.

THE LATEST

The opponents of child welfare have hit upon a brand new argument. First they tried to prejudice the farmers and make them believe their boys wouldn't be permitted to work, but the farmers were too smart to be caught with this. Now the argument is that the labor unions are trying to put it across to keep out apprentices. Manufacturers are being told that if the amendment is adopted they can have no more apprentices and will have to pay whatever wages the unions demand.

This is the limit of all arguments, and the unions have a right to feel that they are being made the goat. This amendment has no bearing on unionism, one way or the other. Unions are for it because unions are generally composed of men with families and they want their children to have a good chance in life. They don't want to have to put their children to work in order to compete with foreign labor. They want their children to go to school and to get an education.

Of all the arguments advanced, this last one is the worst. It is simply playing upon whatever prejudice there may be against union labor, and it is unfair and unjust.

BIRD RESERVES

There is a hot discussion in Oregon whether to enact a state migratory bird law or depend upon national laws only. Why not have both?

The birds are slaughtered in this state unmercifully and we have an idea a good deal of it is pot-shooting—not sportsmanship at all. Out where we live a flock of quails has been coming up to feed in the yard where we spread grain. When the snow came in December and the feeding started there were 24 of them. The number has been dwindling. They have not been there for some days now and we have an idea that some pot-shooter has killed the remaining part of the cover. And yet quails are the greatest friend man has, according to their size. There isn't another bird that destroys so many insects and forages so beneficially for the farmer.

We must protect our birds. We must have state migratory laws as well as national laws, and there should be no controversy. We should do everything we can to protect our birds.

Quick Starting SHELL GASOLINE

CIVIL SERVICE

It is now proposed to put all first and second-class postmasters under the civil service. There is not the contention for office there used to be. Office holding is not so attractive for the reason that business has become more attractive and pays larger salaries.

We hold to the belief that a rural carrier out of Salem has the right to aspire to the office of postmaster general—at least to the office of postmaster of Portland or Washington city. When we have this we will have men coming from the bottom to the top just like we do in the railroad business. Of course few men go from the section to the presidency now, and the reason more do not is because the number is so big, but some men get high positions from low ones, and some men in the postoffice should be able to climb from the ground floor up as a reward for efficiency.

A POET LAUREATE

Fred L. Stanton has just been made poet laureate of Georgia. He was writing poetry before Eugene Field was born, and has been writing it ever since.

Stanton has probably written little great poetry, according to intellectual standards, but he has written very entertaining poetry according to the standards of the American people. Stanton's poetry is wholesome, sweet and enervating. It is the kind that you want to clip out and tarry around in your pocket to read at leisure and show to your friends. It makes the world better and makes you feel better because it interprets the kindlier, sweeter sentiments of your heart.

AVOIDING THE COURTS

The entire attention of the senate of the United States is being occupied with an effort to prevent a re-indictment of Senator Wheeler. Just why there should be such effort about one senator and that senator so despicable, is hard to see. Wheeler is a bad actor. In his efforts to avoid the courts he is invoking senatorial courtesy, senatorial consideration, and everything else under the sun, just so it keeps him out of the courts.

MUST PAY

There has been a good deal of trouble in France because France does not want to pay its debts. They are even using the ugly word repudiation. France now proposes to pay a dollar down and a dollar a year until the debt is paid. That is better than nothing. If they will just pay interest. They haven't paid anything so far. It is a great pity to have France act this way because America naturally feels very friendly towards France.

EXACTLY

The Statesman a few days ago contained a protest against judges brow-beating prisoners they were about to sentence to imprisonment or death. The Corvallis Gazette-Times took this to be a progressive protest and straightway declared that the woman with whom we were sympathizing deserved every bit of it. There is no use talking, reactionarism is death to the milk of human kindness in the veins.

Again Herrin is a storm center. That has been a cesspool for years. It is entirely un-American, and the state of Illinois should clean it out if militia have to be kept there all the time. They are a bad bunch.

Plumbing Regulation Is Cause of Lively Tilt

Final reading of HB Nos. 72 and 73, by Rushlight, regulating plumbing and the plumbing code, brought forth a lively tilt in the house yesterday. The measures

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were opposed upon the grounds that they would prevent unlicensed plumbers from doing simple jobs around the house and that if passed, a host of inspectors would be necessary. The bills were referred to the revision of laws committee.

Three bills pertaining to game matters were referred to the game committee for further consideration. One, covering the killing and taking of beaver, is bringing a delegation to Salem and action was postponed until these persons had an opportunity to present their problems to the committee.

It's odd that Mr. Edison hasn't thought up a cross-word puzzle to expose the ignorance of college men.

YOUR INCOME TAX

The taxpayer must include in his income-tax return for the year 1924 all items of gross income specified by law. In the case of a storekeeper, gross income usually consists of gross profits on sales, together with income from other sources. The return must show the gross sales, purchases, and cost of goods sold. The professional man, lawyer, doctor, dentist, must include all fees and other compensation received from professional services. The farmer must report as gross income the proceeds of sales or exchange of products raised on the farm or whether purchased by him and resold. He must report also gross income from all other sources, such as rentals or profits from the sale of farm lands.

Net income, upon which the tax is assessed, is gross income less certain deductions for business expenses, losses, bad debts, contributions, etc. To take full advantage of the deductions to which entitled taxpayers should read carefully the instructions on the form under the heads of "Income from business or profession."

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The Fun Shop By MAXSON FOXHALL JUDELL MRS. JOSEPH By Wallace M. Bayliss Rich girls who want to wed a foreign prince, A count, marquis, or earl—some sort of quince— Should know of Mrs. Joseph, Princess, who Was proud to wed below her station to A man who had served time in Egypt's jail; It is, indeed, a rather pretty tale. When Pharaoh, her papah, had dreamed a dream That was without all sense, so it would seem, Joe said the nightmare had come to advise A course of action certain to be wise. He laid before the king, this clever man, The first-known food administration plan. The king was tickled, pleased, delighted, glad, And said unto his daughter: "Here's a lad Who has got brains. What care we if he's broke; He'd run the country right if I should croak." So they were wed, and Joe called Pharaoh "Pa." And stately Mrs. Pharaoh was his Ma. But when they fought, this shaft she always threw; "You were nobody till I married you!" "And if it weren't for me" old Joe replied. "Long years ago you would have starved and died." But also they had mushy spells, and then She'd stroke Joe's hair and murmur: "Of all men 'Twas lucky I got you, not some dumb earl." And modest Joe would say: "You're tootin', girl!" JANGLE-JANGLE COUNTER A man may have a bony frame Yet have not one bone to his name. C. A. Van Inger. With figures lots of jugglin's done The marriage rite turns two to one. N. Preston. Ties that bind are sometimes strong; Railroad ties just run along. Mrs. G. H. Usher. Thoughtful Man Smith: "I want to buy a rug as a present for my wife." Clerk: "What color, sir?" Smith: "Here, match the ashes from this cigar. I want to cause her as little work as possible." —Arthur O'Neil. SAP and SALT By Bert Moses Don't let go when you are out on a limb. Most new ideas are old ideas dusted off and given new names. Industry is a lubricant that makes the wheels of life turn easily. A little happiness today beats a lot of happiness you expect to get tomorrow. No one can really be called rich until his pile is big enough to excite envy and hatred. Before anything can be done right it has to be tried out many times to find where it is wrong. Hez Heck says: "Some is honest by nature, some by principle, while others is honest only when watched." FUTURE DATES January 27-31 Inclusive—Annual preliminary show. January 27, Tuesday—Knights of Pythias entertainment. February 2, Tuesday—Third annual concert, Women's Auxiliary, YMCA, First Methodist church. February 7, Saturday—Debate, Williamsite university vs. University of West Virginia. February 9 to 18—Annual Red Cross drive. March 12 to 14, Thursday to Saturday—Annual Oregon State Championship basketball tournament, Willamette university. March 14, Saturday—Oregon Physical Education association meeting, Willamette university. To Cure a Cold in One Day Take Laxative Bromo Quinine tablets The tonic and laxative effect of Laxative BROMO QUININE Tablets will fortify the system against Grip, Influenza and other serious ills resulting from a Cold. The box bears this signature E. W. Snow Price 30c.