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Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yea and forever. Be not carried away by divers and strange teachings; for it is good that the heart be established by grace. Hebrews 13:3-9.

## WILFRED T. GRENFELL

The people of Salem who listened to Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell last night had the rare privilege of hearing the story at first hand of one of the world's greatest and most unselfish men; great primarily because he is absolutely unselfish. And the secret of his life he gave very simply in a few illustrations of his work. One of them was this: He was called to the bedside of a dying man. The man was old, nearly 90. Age had incapacitated him from working. He was a Labrador fisherman. He had been kept for a year by a brother fisherman, without money and without price, for he had no means; kept by a man who had a wife and children insufficiently clad and scantily fed. Dr. Grenfell asked the man why he kept the dying old fisherman, when his own family had not enough to live comfortably. "What would you have done?" was the answer.

The same answer came to Dr. Grenfell when thousands of cases of dire need and terrible suffering came to him, as a surgeon and a physician able to give aid, and as a human being able to help. What would you have done? And you and you, readers of these lines.

With the aid of thousands of high minded and able men in the United States and Canada, and throughout the world, Dr. Grenfell has been able to make a new world and almost a new heaven of the bleak Labrador coast.

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That appeal kept him and his wife to his task, with small beginnings and the drabdest of drab surroundings, in discomfort and danger, until the greatness of it has astonished the civilized world.

That is the simple story, the ramifications of which have filled thrilling books and engage the pages of a large magazine in telling the merest outward fringes of it.

## FOR THE POULTRY INDUSTRY

There is a bill before the Oregon legislature which will allow of the selling of eggs by weight, instead of the dozen. It should pass. It is not proposed to be made compulsory, but it would lead to the general adoption of the idea. It would help the poultry industry, by giving the buyers, who are mostly the small town and other merchants, a little better chance to protect themselves against loss. This would make for a shade of advantage to the producers of the eggs—in the total amounting to a large sum annually. The practice would make for a fair deal to the consumers of eggs, too. The vast majority would receive benefit. Oregon is becoming a great poultry state, and the growth of the industry will be speeded up under the plan that would be developed by the passage of the bill.

The old age pension bill before the Oregon legislature looks fair, according to the arguments of those who are lobbying for it. But the writer fears that the enactment of such a law might do more harm than good; by discouraging thrift and fostering a spirit of leaning on the arm of the government; by discouraging individual initiative and effort. The general rule that government governs best which governs least is a good rule. And that government performs its functions best which leaves the most to the individual.

The bill which, if enacted into law, will enable the making of a great section of the southeastern part of Salem and the lands beyond over into a magnificent manufacturing and residential and gardening district, adding many millions to the values thereof, is well worth while. For other cities similarly situated in this state the bill proposes to set up the machinery to perform the same magic things.

The people of Oregon must clean up the Columbia river and release the great commercial fishing industry from its hellish handicaps. If the legislature will not finish this task, the people at the polls must do it. The shame is that this has not been done long ago.

## STATE BUDGET OFFICER BILL PASSES SENATE

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 partment from \$4000 to \$25,000 during a biennium.  
 "It is my belief that this bill was sponsored to take care of some person as budget director. I read recently in the press that one of the men mentioned for the position of budget director is E. J. Adams of Eugene. I want it understood that I will not vote \$25,000 to take care of an ingrate. I cannot bring myself to vote for any man who bites the hand that fed him.  
 "This bill is not fair to the secretary of state and state treasurer who with the governor are members of the state board of control. Under this bill the governor could force the policies of conducting the institutions, and if criticism resulted, he could pass it on to his colleagues on the board of control.  
 "There has been no recommen-

dation of economy to this legislature. The governor now has a bill asking for various salary increases. Yet he returns to this senate his veto of a measure providing a slight increase in compensation for a county judge who is receiving the wonderful sum of \$1200 a year. I am opposed to this bill and it should be defeated."  
 Senator Joseph also opposed the bill on the ground that it provided the executive with unlimited authority.  
 At the close of the address by Senator Upton six senators who had voted for the bill changed their votes to no. These included Senators Strayer, Bailey, Brown, Carson, Dunne and Jones. Senators Klepper, Upton and Joseph voted against the bill on the original roll call.  
 It was said here tonight that an effort would be made to have the bill reconsidered.  
 Then, sensing, by a vote of 17 to 13, passed Representative Long-

organ's bill providing for increasing the salaries of circuit judges of the state from \$400 to \$5000 a year.  
 Senator Moser said the bill was meritorious and that it was high time the state of Oregon paid its circuit judges salaries commensurate with their official duties.  
 "I regret," commented Senator Hare, "that the compensation for the circuit court judges was not fixed in this bill at \$600 instead of \$500. The present salaries are inadequate."  
 Senator Miller declared that the bill was fair and that the salary rise would be welcomed in the up-state districts as well as in Multnomah county.  
 "I have no apologies to offer for supporting this bill," said Senator Hall. "It is the will of my constituents that I support the measure."  
 Senator Staples charged that attorneys in the senate had ambitions and it was evident that they were attempting to feather their own nests. He declared the bill was wrong in principle.  
 Senator Butt said he had not found any demand for the salary increases for circuit judges.  
 "The judges knew the amount of the salaries they were to receive when they presented themselves for election," said Senator Butt. "They entered into a solemn contract with the people of the state. It is not good policy to rescind these contracts and increase these salaries."  
 Voting for the salary increases for the circuit judges were Senators Banks, Beals, Bell, Butler, Davis, Dunne, Eddy, Hall, Hare, Joseph, Kiddle, Klepper, Miller, Moser, Norblad, Upton and President Corbett.

Voting against the bill were Senators Bailey, Brown, Butt, Carson, Dunn, Elliott, Hunter, Jones, Reynolds, Staples, Strayer, Mann, and Marks.  
 The senate also approved a bill introduced by the Benton, Marion and Yamhill delegations designating certain bridges as state highways. The bill was introduced by Senator Hall and Miller charged that the policy adopted in passing this bill was dangerous in that much other similar legislation would be introduced before the end of the session.  
 "I am satisfied that there is a joker in this bill," said Senator Miller, "but I have not yet been able to find where it is. I will ask to have this bill reconsidered before the end of the session."  
 Twenty-one of the senators voted for the bill.  
 A bill by Representative Lonergan authorizing corporations to dispose of their business upon such consideration as is approved by two third of the stock was defeated.  
 The senate also defeated a bill introduced by Representative Cramer prohibiting livestock to run at large in precincts through which state highways have been constructed.

**SENATE BILLS**  
 The following new bills were introduced in the senate yesterday:  
 SB 211, by Hall—Relating to professional engineers.  
 SB 212, by Hall—Relating to board of engineering examiners.  
 LSB 213, by medicine and pharmacy committee—Regulating the practice of naturopathy in state of Oregon.  
 LSB 214, by Upton—Relating to salaries of Lake county officers.  
 LFB 215, by Upton—Relating to industrial accident commission.  
 LSB 216, by Moser—Making officers who contribute to support of firms furnishing information regarding persons liable for misstatements injuring character.  
 LSB 217, by Butler—Relating to juvenile court.  
 LSB 218, by Butler—Relating to salaries of Wasco county.  
 LSB 219, by judiciary committee—Relating to school month.  
 LSB 220, by Banks—To define motor club service and to license and regulate companies similarly engaged.

**SENATE PASSES BILLS**  
 Bills passed in the senate yesterday follow:  
 SB 104, by Benton, Marion and Yamhill delegations—Designating certain bridges as state highways.  
 SB 137, by Elliott—Prohibiting the bringing of bovine livestock with infectious disease into Polk county.  
 SB 165, by Dunne—Relating to insurance upon lives of directors of corporations and prescribing what shall constitute evidence of due authority for all corporate actions.  
 SB 189, by Norblad—Reducing poundage fees on dog salmon.  
 SB 162, by Eddy—Protecting and prohibiting pollution of Clear Lake.  
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 HB 373, by Billingsley—Relat-

ing to recording of livestock brands.  
 HB 328, by Swan—Relating to laundry by altering brands.  
 HB 244, by Russell—Relating to business of swine feeding.  
 HB 40, by Billingsley—Relating to ownership of stock when same is shipped or driven out of country.  
 HB 238, by Hamilton et al—Providing for admission of unrecorded brands as evidence in certain cases.  
 HB 187, by Cramer—To provide offices for state officials in Salem.  
 HB 188, by Cramer—To provide for certain state offices in Portland.  
 HB 388, by Swan—Relating to expense of county officials.  
 HB 438, by Ways and Means committee—Making governor state budget officer.  
 HB 194, by Hamilton et al—Relating to duties of governor's secretary.  
 HB 139, by Mott—Relating to notice and assessment of damages in location and relocation of roads.  
 HB 237, by Hamilton et al—To make it unlawful to skin dead livestock without permission of owner.

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# Grenfell's Labrador Talk Delights Large Audience

## First Resident Physician, First Scientist, First Missionary to Bleak Shores Shone Like a Light; Knighted by King Edward VII

By **AUBRED BUNCH**  
 An apostle such as never before appeared in Salem was here last night when Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell spoke at the "armory under" the auspices of the Salem Dramatic League. Dr. Grenfell, first resident physician, first scientist, first missionary to the bleak shores of Labrador, shone like a light and spoke like a Christ.

This gallant man, who has been knighted by King Edward VII of England, was introduced last night by Dr. Norman Kendall Tully and by Dr. F. H. Thompson. Dr. Tully introduced him as a follower of Christ "along the long coast of Labrador." While Dr. Thompson introduced the speaker, not as a missionary primarily, but as a physician who more than any other has been a "priest and preacher to the soul of man" in a region destitute of comfort.

"The world is a glorious field of honor, and not a miserable tragedy," Dr. Grenfell declared last night in speaking modestly, compellingly, and always glowingly of the adventure in which he is engaged. Dr. Grenfell recounted the first winter, thirty years ago, in which he arrived at Labrador; he told how the sea froze and his ship had to return to England to prepare for the winter following.

According to Dr. Grenfell the only appropriate attitude for any scientist to take is modesty. "Why," he declared, "if I practiced medicine today as I did thirty years ago I would be in jail."  
 Dr. Grenfell sketched the conditions in Labrador in a brief prelude before showing his pictures. This land, inhabited by Anglo Saxons, is doubtfully owned by a trinity of claimants, England, America, and Canada, none of whom have ever fully realized it as an asset. Swept by the polar current, it has a bleak coast line, the site of cod and salmon fisheries. The flora and fauna of the district were described to an extent.

The object of the great Grenfell expedition, in the words of the modest leader himself, is: "To try and do in Labrador what we would do anywhere else, follow, I hope, in the footsteps of the Christ."  
 "Character is the supreme asset of any nation," Grenfell said, without any to dispute him, and told of the stuff the dauntless Labrador fishermen are made of—"men who have to 'stay on deck, on a dark night, on a heavy sea.' Incidents depicting courage, fidelity, and everlasting loyalty are enacted daily among those whose story Grenfell told. It is a picturesque story, a pathetic story, an heroic story and Dr. Grenfell illustrated it clearly and freely with colored slides.  
 Service to civilization is his "interpretation of the love of God."  
 Probably his preferred companions are his dogs and his ships. He spoke of both with a great tenderness and devotion.  
 Dr. Grenfell gave a lucid outline of the economic situation in a country of traders. He told of the sociological problems, as well as medical. He made a particular note of the fact the first prospecting for minerals will open next year. He described the lighting of the harbors; he told of the first airplane; he exulted over promised means of communication to "his land." In short, he told with extraordinary skill of the reclamation of a new land, of the patient rehabilitation of a starving people.  
 In an official way, Dr. Grenfell is in the service of the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen, a British organization.

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representatives to discuss the spray residue problem has been called for Salt Lake City February 21.  
**VETOED BILL ON TABLE**  
 The vetoed bill introduced by Senator Davis authorizing an increase in the salary of the treasurer of Malheur county was laid on the table in the senate yesterday. The bill, together with the veto message of the governor, was returned to the senate last night.

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