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For wisdom is better than rubies and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it. Proverbs 8:11.

## CRIME AGAINST WHOLE PEOPLE

The commercial salmon hatcheries of the state of Oregon and all the operations of the master fish warden and the director of hatcheries cost, for the year up to December 1st last, a total of \$174,502.67. This sum was derived from poundage fees, fines, cannery and seine and net and boat licenses and other charges—

Was paid by the people engaged in the commercial fishing industry. (The game fishing industry is a separate department.)

The operations of the master fish warden and the director of the salmon hatcheries are carried on principally for the protection of the supply of fish—

And the operation of the 28 hatcheries and feeding ponds and stations for securing the fish cost last year \$104,756.51, and the number of fish and eggs handled ran to the huge total of 184,128,268, at a cost of 57 cents per 1000—

And practically the whole of these operations were on streams that are tributary to the Willamette, and on the coast streams—

And why?  
 The answer to that question furnishes the crux of the reason why the Columbia river should be entirely cleaned up; made free from the operation of fish wheels, traps and other fixed gear—

Because when this is done, the number of fish hatched and released to go down to the sea and come back fish of commercial size may be increased almost indefinitely. The reason is that the Columbia and its tributaries cover an empire, compared with the Willamette and its tributaries.

But there can be no hatcheries maintained by the state of Oregon on the Columbia and its tributaries, because the fish wheels and set gear in the Columbia river get nearly all the fish on the way to the spawning grounds.

The Santiam and South Santiam hatcheries send each year past Salem over 11,000,000 young salmon, on their way to the ocean, to come back commercial fish—

And the fish wheels and set gear get half of them. The 5000 to 7000 fishermen get the other half.

The number of fishermen might be increased to 30,000, or perhaps 50,000, with the Columbia river cleaned up and hatcheries maintained on the tributaries of that river—

And the fishing industry might bring in \$50,000,000 and more new money annually, instead of the \$10,000,000 or so now.

These fish wheels and their kind are a crime against our whole people; it is 50 men (and mainly two men) against a million people—

It is an industry strangled in place of an industry free and unhampered for great expansion.

Then why, in the name of common decency, does not the legislature pass the bill before it, to complete the work started by the people in their vote at the November election—

Why is the Columbia river not cleaned up?

It is a matter of common honesty and public decency and horse sense to unbind the fetters of the commercial fishing industry of Oregon.

## A WAGON FOR A COW

The site of New York City was bought for a few strings of bright beads, from the Indians. The lots on which the Pittcock block in Portland stands were bought for a Hudson's bay shotgun. Mrs. Wm. J. Thornley of Silverton five years ago obtained a foundation stock of purebred Jerseys by trading, a wagon, harness and an old team of horses—

And a number of animals in that small herd have made notable production records—

And a junior three-year-old cow has just made the highest milk record and the second highest butterfat record for this age class of this breed; 18,867 pounds of milk in a year, yielding 913.12 pounds of butterfat.

Probably more than 18 times her weight in milk, and about her weight in butterfat!

Great is this district as a dairy section—and it should be keeping ten cows to one kept now; and then some—

And will do this very soon after the development of the beet sugar industry here.

## THESE TOOK STOCK

(Portland Journal.)

Portland is still short in subscription to shares of the Salem linen mill. The following have together taken stock to the amount of \$42,000: C. F. Adams, J. C. Almsworth, A. L. Mills, W. B. Ayer, Blake McFall company, W. S. Babson, the Corbett estate, H. B. Davis, Ada Eldridge, Fleischner Mayer & Co., the Falling estate, C. A. Gerken, Franklin T. Griffith, Ira F. Powers, Grover Hillman, Frank R. Kellogg, L. A. Lewis, Meier & Frank company, estate of H. E. Noble, Harry Nicolai, Emory Olmstead, H. F. Rittman, Isaac E. Staples, W. F. Thompson, Ralph E. Williams, Raymond Wilcox and A. H. Devers.

Many prominent Portland names are missing from the list. Many Portlanders with interests that would be benefited by development of a new flax industry in the Willamette valley have taken no stock.

The building for the Salem mill has been completed.

Most of the machinery is in place. The plan is to begin full operation March 1.

Salem people subscribed over \$300,000. The Portland total to date is \$42,000. More money for operating capital is needed. For free conduct of the industry there should be a total capital of \$500,000.

Every dollar of stock issued is 100 cents in the capital of the organization. Not a cent has been paid for promotion, either in money

or in stock. As president of the company, Thomas Kay has devoted time without salary and paid his own expenses in pushing the work.

It has been shown that there is more profit for farmers in flax culture than in almost any other crop. A linen mill payroll is one of the best payrolls, because, it includes the population at considerable distances in the rural districts.

Up-state it is often claimed that Portland is selfish. There is no better way to disprove it than to help the up-state develop.

Complaint was made a few days ago that a Salem boy was saved from serving in the Oregon state training school and taken back into the public school. Why not? There is a provision of the Oregon law covering such cases, when the church or society of such a boy is willing to undertake his care and supervision. That is very wise. There is nothing of the spirit of vindictiveness in Oregon's organic law. The spirit is the opposite; it is reformatory. There is little or no chance of reformatory in vindictiveness. The welfare of the boy, in which is bound up the welfare of society, is the first consideration. Properly so. The boy first. He is unwise who thinks otherwise, or who leads others to so think.

A financing organization to help deserving new or struggling manufacturing enterprises in Salem is capable of vast good. There is no movement in Salem that promises more good.

## PATTERSON SIGNS BILLS

Bills signed by Governor Patterson yesterday follow:

SB 6, by Strayer—Relating to weed control districts and the extermination of noxious rodents.

SB 42, by Davis—Relating to liens on crops.

SB 56, by Reynolds—Relating to compensation of county and deputy county inspectors.

SB 38, by Brown—Relating to pecuniary interest of school officers in the erection of school houses.

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SB 74, by Eddy—Relating to maintenance of state highways.

HB 6, by Swan—Relating to the practice of osteopathy.

HB 27, by Multnomah delegation—Relating to school elections in districts having population of more than 100,000.

HB 47, by Briggs—Relating to issuance of bonds by city to cover deficiencies caused by non-payment of tax assessments.

HB 50, by Potter—Relative to notice of sale of execution.

HB 81, by Josephine and Douglas delegations—Relating to boundary line between Douglas and Josephine counties.

HB 93, by Burdick et al—Defining boundary lines of Deschutes county.

HB 94, by Burdick et al—Defining boundary of Jefferson county.

HB 95, by Burdick et al—Defining boundary of Crook county.

HB 108, by Burdick et al—Defining boundary of Lake county.

HB 126, by committee on constitutional law—Providing that injury to person and property caused by same act, may be joined in one complaint.

HB 131, by McCourt—Defining the effects of certain adoption proceedings.

HB 146, by Snell—To define the boundary of Gilliam county.

HB 147, by Snell—Defining the boundary of Sherman county.

HB 193, by Slevers et al—Repeal of stamp tax act.

HB 201, by Briggs—Authorizing regents of state normal school to sell certain lands in Jackson county.

HB 207, by Buchanan—Providing for an audit of books of school districts.

HB 271, by Clark et al—Requiring county auditors to keep standard system.

HB 296, by repeals committee—Relating to health regulations.

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## Science Comes to Rescue of American Family Life

CHICAGO.—(AP)—Science can find out what is the matter with the American family, believes Ernest R. Mowrer, professor of sociology at the University of Chicago.

If there is to be less home disruption and less floating of family ties, it will be because the social sciences are developed to an equal degree with the physical sciences and so throw light on the ills of homelife, he contends.

The church, the courts and the community, he asserts, have not met the problem.

"The right combination has not been found in court control," Mowrer says, "and the church has not succeeded because it places emphasis on sins rather than merits."

"There is no reason to assume other than that the social sciences can develop schemes and techniques which will secure adequate control over human behavior in the same way control in the material world has been secured over so-called natural sciences."

Everything in the book store line, books, stationary, supplies for the home, office or school room, at the Commercial Book Store, 162 N. Com'l. (\*)

## SENATE BILLS

New bills introduced in the senate yesterday follow:

SB 236, by Dunne—Relating to extension of official reporters notes.

SB 237, by Dunne—Providing for filing of transcripts on appeal, defining such transcripts, and providing for filing bills of exceptions and other records on appeal.

SB 238, by Dunne—Prescribing manner in which certain county officers shall give undertaking for faithful performance of their duties.

SB 239, by Dunne—To validate all appeals wherein bills of exception or transcripts of testimony have not been filed.

SB 240, by Dunne—Providing for the reclamation, division, improvement and assessment of lands within any irrigation district in units and validating, ratifying the reclamation, etc.

SB 241, by Dunne—Relating to the inclusion of land within irrigation districts and validating, curbing and confirming orders of inclusion.

SB 242, by Hall—Relating to the eradication and control of diseases of livestock for Coos county.

SB 243, by Joseph—Relating to causes for divorce.

SB 244, by Dunn—Act to remit penalty and interest on certain taxes and declaring an emergency.

SB 245, by Upton—To abolish state fish commission and places duties of commission under state board of control.

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## SENATE BILLS POSTPONED

Bills indefinitely postponed in the senate yesterday follow:

SB 175, by Upton—Authorizing counties to issue refunding bonds.

SB 319, by Snell—Relating to the distribution of lists of motor vehicle owners.

SB 71, by Tillamook and Washington delegations—Authorizing highway department to construct and operate toll roads.

Capital Bargain House, Capital Tire Mfg. Co., Mike's Auto Wrecking. Three in one. Bargain center of Salem. Thousands of bargains. H. Steinbock, 215 Center. (\*)

## EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

All correspondence for this department must be signed by the writer, must be written on one side of the paper only, and should not be longer than 150 words.

### Senate Observations

The Oregon senate has outstanding men. Senator Joseph of Multnomah county is possibly the most conspicuous, his smile, his serious look, his sudden change from one to the other, coupled with his forceful and dynamic way of expressing his thoughts attract the attention of the gallery as well as his colleagues. Senator Joseph is considered a joke by many, he causes more laughter and preaches more optimism than any other one senator, he smiles a great deal outwardly but inwardly is serious.

He fights his battles alone if necessary, does not care for committee appointments, courts no one's favor, preferring to match wits and his ability for quick thinking against his fellow senators in open debate or on the floor of the senate. He sponsors many good bills and in the majority of cases votes for the common people. I have observed that the common or poorer class of people do not hesitate to ask fa-

vors and he always lends a willing hand.

I believe Senator Joseph is dreaded as no other man by the Portland delegation, he just simply keeps them guessing, they can't depend upon him, today he is with them tomorrow he is against them. In fact he votes more with the rest of the state than he does with Portland, his own delegation.

LANE MORLEY

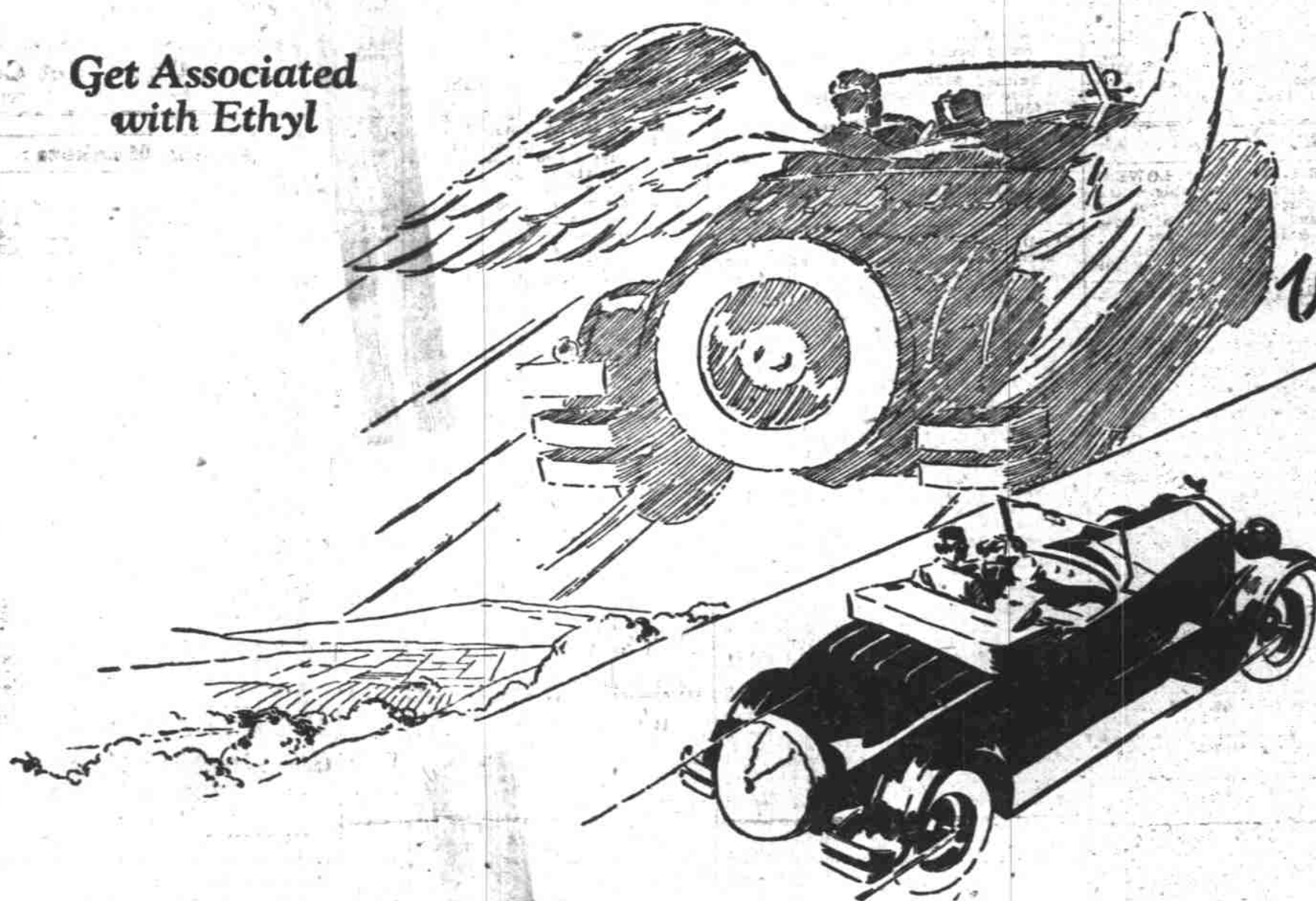
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## Patterson Requested to Name Three Delegates

Governor Patterson yesterday was requested to nominate three delegates to represent the state of Oregon at conferences to be held by the National Welfare Foundation association, with headquarters at Washington. One delegate would be selected from the state at large, one from near the Oregon state capitol and one near Washington.

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