

EDITORIALS  
OF THE PEOPLE

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## Memorial Tribute to Mrs. Nancy J. McPherson

(By Judge Peter D'Arcy)

There died recently in Portland, Mrs. Nancy J. McPherson, widow of the noted editor and poet, William Angus McPherson. Mrs. McPherson crossed the plains in a covered wagon. She was born in 1840, being at the time of her arrival in Oregon, seven years of age. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Penn, pioneers of 1847.

In 1865, Miss Penn married William Angus McPherson at Albany, Oregon.

When I first became acquainted with Mrs. McPherson, she was a young bride of twenty-seven years of age. My remembrance of her is quite vivid, inasmuch as I was impressed with her appearance. She was a beautiful woman and the intellectual qualities which she possessed made her a very attractive person. She was refined and well educated. She was one of the superior women of the immigration to the Oregon country. A womanly woman in every way. Her ardent interest in the success of her husband was one of the chief characteristics of her life, at the time I first met her. Her husband was one of the ablest journalists that ever lived in Oregon. He was intense in his work. Was elected state printer in 1866. He was worthy of the confidence reposed in him by the people of our state. He died when a young man in 1891.

True to the memory of her husband, Mrs. McPherson, remained a widow to the time of her death.

In the death of Mrs. McPherson, people of Oregon have lost one of the conspicuous figures of the pioneer period. She took a great deal of interest in me, as I was employed in her husband's printing office. While I was nothing but a printer's devil, yet she treated me as if I were a personage of more than ordinary importance. She was gracious and kind. As I was a small boy at the time I appreciated very much her consideration and kindness. The milk of human kindness was a prominent feature of her life, indicating that she was a true woman of exemplary character.

It is a pity that the old pioneer women and men cannot live to see the growth of our state that promises so much in the near future, the foundation building of which they took such a prominent part.

Mrs. McPherson is buried in the family cemetery at Seio, Linn county, Oregon, in the midst of her relatives and of the friends with whom she was acquainted in her youth.

After an extended life of eighty-seven years, an age that few people reach, she has been called to a different sphere of action.

Such a life should not be permitted to go to the grave without some proper recognition of her merits and the esteem in which she was held by all who knew this worthy and notable woman of the pioneer times.

May her rest be peaceful and serene. As life runs on the way grows strange. With faces new, And near its end, The milestones into headstones change, 'Neath every one a friend.

President of the Senate

Editor Statesman: Senator Henry L. Corbett of Multnomah county, presiding officer of the 1927 session of the Oregon senate, of reason of his services in previous sessions of the senate and on account of his ability and apparent fairness, had very little opposition in his selection to the office of president. Those opposing his election have been gradually won over and have made statements to that effect on the floor of the senate.

The Oregon senate is composed of a membership of thirty, and I am free to make this statement that every single member, without an exception, is well pleased and convinced in his own mind that Senator Corbett as president of the senate has been absolutely fair and impartial.

Senator Corbett has been one of the most popular presiding officers the senate has ever chosen. The writer has sat at his desk for forty days, mixed and mingled with senators, visitors and state officials, and in all that time, has never heard a word of dissatisfaction, but has heard scores make this remark: "Senator Corbett has been fair in his committee appointments and in all his decisions and rulings from the chair." There is the one big secret of his success and one reason why he is admired and respected. He is just common like old folks used to be, with all his money running into possibly millions and the high social and political standing he has attained in the state; with all these he is just plain Harry Corbett. No pomp, no style, no indication of a millionaire.

He really has made a sacrifice. There is honor and some glory in serving as president of the senate, but there must be a lot of grief and worry connected with such a responsible position.

He is a man in millions, and for forty days he comes to Salem and

works for three dollars a day—a day meaning about eighteen hours. Here is a significant sacrifice, one without a parallel in the history of the presiding officer of the senate, namely, he sat in the president's chair controlling and directing the destiny of the senate for forty days, never introducing a bill, although he has consistently worked and labored for long hours each day to achieve legislation in the interest of the state as a whole. He has also endeavored to encourage sound legislation, apparently content to let the other fellow have all the glory, firm in the belief that he is serving the state in the spirit in which he accepted his election as senator and president of the upper house of the legislative body of the state of Oregon.

—LANE MORLEY

Salem, Oregon, February 18, 1927.

Legislators Mostly Sober Men  
Editor Statesman: We have heard considerable about our law makers being politically dry but personally wet. I want to say that if this is true of our present state lawmakers there has not been the usual evidence of it about the capitol during this present session.

I have been a life-long advocate of prohibition and wish at this time to call attention to the fact that the effort being put forth to popularize the association of our lawmakers with the lawless bootlegger is meeting with marked success. Our present legislators may associate with this class of the underworld, but if they do they are as ashamed of it that they are keeping most cleverly under cover—much more so than during any session since our state went dry.

The writer is daily in a position to get evidence regarding the moonshine or bonded liquor consumption about the capitol, and I want to say that during past years there has been considerable consumed during the legislative session, but during this session there has been but little evidence of our lawmakers being willing to be put on the low level of the bootlegger by buying his wares.

If prohibition does nothing else but make our representative people less brazen in their degenerate habits, it is well worth the price, as the younger generation will be freed from that demoralizing influence.

—A Close Observer.

Salem, Or., Feb. 21, 1927.

Light Fines In The Courts

Editor Statesman: The past four days I have been noticing court procedure. And as a result have asked myself the question, Are our courts contributing to law violations by the light sentences given moonshiners and bootleggers? Only small fines, moonshiners and bootleggers fear prison terms. They pay a fine and are at liberty to pursue their business, hold a jubilee and drink to the health of the Judge as a "jolly good fellow."

Many of the violators of the prohibition law are not citizens of the U. S.

—COL. A. FARMER

Salem, Oregon, February 21, 1927.

TICKETS BEAR OUT  
STORY OF RETURN

Wilbur and Miller Say They Were on Way to Woodburn When Stopped

Railway tickets in their possession corroborated the story of Phil Wilbur of Salem and Theron Miller of Toledo, that they were on their way back to the state training school at Woodburn, from which they escaped Friday night, when they were picked up in Albany Sunday. The tickets were for passage to Woodburn.

According to the story told by the boys when arrested, they left the training school principally because Miller was homesick, and they went to his home at Toledo, picking up rides along the way. They denied stealing either the Woodburn automobile that was found later in Salem, or the machine of George Jackson that was stolen here and reported recovered in Newport.

Miller's parents induced the boys to start back for the school, they said, and they had gotten as far as Albany when they were re-arrested.

Ira W. Jorgensen, 190 S. High St., Paris for all makes of cars. Best equipped auto accessory store in this section. Prompt and reliable service the rule. (\*)

GUESTS AT BOBLITT HOME

SILVERTON, Or., Feb. 21.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. Orson Washburn of Portland were weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Hoblitt. Mr. Washburn is instructor in political science and history at the Benson Polytechnic. He and Mr. Hoblitt are cousins.

New sweaters. A large shipment just in. New patterns, new shades in the popular pull-over and coat styles. Scotch Woollen Mills. (\*)

Chas. K. Shaulding Logging Co., lumber and building materials. The best costs no more than inferior grades. Go to the big Salem factory and save money. (\*)

## Foreign Residents Fearful as Cantonese Invade Hankow



Cantonese Soviet troops have invaded Hankow, China, 500 miles inland on the Yangtse river, on their victorious advance. Aid has been sent foreign residents. Photo shows general view of Hankow.

## COUNTY NEWS BRIEFS

## Stayton

Frank Lesley is laid up at his home this week suffering a severe attack of lumbago.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brenner and their daughter, all of whom have been suffering with influenza, are reported to be improving and on the road to recovery. There are many cases of the flu in and about town, however in most cases it is in a light form.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pearcy of Salem came over Sunday afternoon to attend the funeral of the late C. W. Steward. Several of the Steward children were pupils under Mrs. Pearcy when she taught in the Stayton school.

The masquerade dance Saturday night was well attended, many from outside points came, adding to the number, as well as to the pleasure of the evening.

Gene Hoke and his sister, Miss May Hoke, were Sunday guests at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hoke.

Miss Evelyn Haworth, who has had employment in the central telephone office here for several months past, has resigned her post here and expects to go to Estacada the first of March where she has accepted a position with the telephone exchange. Miss Lois Trask of Lyons will take Miss Haworth's place in the local office.

B. S. Clarke, manager of the Western Woolen Mills at Stayton, and Glen E. Fox, salesman for the company, have returned from a trip of several weeks through the eastern states where they went in the interest of the company's business. It is said they were successful in securing some large orders for the mill products.

The torrential rains of Saturday night and Sunday put all the small streams in the surrounding country at flood stage, and caused the Santiam river to reach the highest stage it has attained during the entire winter. Early Sunday afternoon the driftwood began running, and by midnight the river was well out of its banks.

One of the social features of this week's entertainment will be the indoor carnival which will be held Friday evening, Feb. 25, at the IOOF hall. The committee in charge is sparing no pains to make this an outstanding event, and an excellent program of fun and amusement is promised those who attend.

One of the most successful of the late winter entertainments was that presented by the Women's Community club Thursday and Friday evenings of last week. "A Night in Hawaii" was wonderfully well presented, as was also the old plantation scene, which received the hearty applause of the well-filled house. The Stayton community clubs have some excellent talent among its members, and the only regret is that they cannot give more of these interesting affairs to the public.

The 13 year old son of Mrs. Henry Boedigheimer was claimed by death Friday night after an illness of only a few hours. The little fellow was a bright, studious boy, and his death will be keenly felt among his school friends, and in the home circle. Funeral services were held Monday morning, Rev. Father Lainck having the service in charge and interment was in the Catholic cemetery. Besides his mother, he leaves two sisters and one brother, and a stepfather to mourn his early demise.

Funeral services were held at the Waddle chapel Sunday afternoon for Calvin W. Steward, whose sudden death occurred while driving in his car in Portland Thursday afternoon. Heart failure was said to be the cause of his death. The deceased was 54 years of age, and leaves his widow and six children. Until two weeks ago he with the family lived on a farm five miles east of Stayton, which had been their home since 1909.

The farm was sold recently, and they moved to Eugene. Rev. Mr. Shaw of the Christian church conducted the service, after which the body was taken to Lone Oak cemetery at Stayton for burial. Mrs. Harry Humphreys of this city is a daughter of the deceased.

L. A. Sheeler Auto Wrecking Co., oldest in the Willamette valley. New and used parts and equipment. Low prices and quality service here, 1835 N. Com'l. (\*)

## Turner

Mrs. Olive Baker celebrated her 71st birthday Sunday, February 13, with a family reunion, at her home at the Baker hotel. Mrs. Anna Micknam of Mill City spent a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Webb. Mrs. Haeter Crane is able to be

out after a siege of la grippe. Upon the completion of their new home, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bear take pleasure in announcing "open house" for their friends on March 1, afternoon and evening. All cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Edwards entertained a young people's party at their home Saturday evening.

Prof. Alvin Bond accompanied the Midget basketball team to Silverton Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Funston went to Portland Friday.

Mrs. Mayro McKinney spent the week end in Salem on jury duty.

Mrs. R. O. Haslett who has been no the sick list, is better.

C. W. Hewitt and family spent a recent Sunday in Silverton.

The Hamilton Beach electric

cleansers and Monarch electric

ranges both recommended by Good

Housekeeping. Sold in Salem by

C. S. Hamilton Furniture Co., 340

Court St. (\*)

## Auburn

Mrs. E. J. Earl is seriously ill with the flu. Her grandson, Raymond Earl the son of Russell Earl, has also been seriously ill with the flu. He has been taken to Salem, where an operation may be necessary.

Three members of the C. J. Griffith family are reported to be ill with the flu.

Mrs. C. W. Cady is able to be around following a week's illness.

The heavy rainfall of the last few days has resulted in the lowlands being flooded; but no damage has been done as yet.

You'll enjoy driving a Pontiac. It handles so easily and performs so well it is a real pleasure to drive it or ride in it. Vick Bros., High and Trade. (\*)

## Spring Valley

Robert Hoefling and Jesse Sohn have joined the American Legion. The next meeting will be held on February 21.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Chute spent Wednesday in Salem.

Mrs. Frank Smith has been ill this week with an attack of the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Windsor were business callers in Salem on Wednesday.

Little Theodore Shafer spent her birthday visiting at the Spring Valley school Wednesday. She is six years old.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Davidson of

Salem have been spending some time at the home of John Davidson, where Henry has been confined with a case of chicken-pox. Their small daughter, Cloydine, has fully recovered from a mild case of the same disease.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith were Salem business callers the first part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Alderman were Salem shoppers on Thursday.

Frank Smith has been re-sowing some clover seed this week. The freeze caused the clover to be ruined because there was not enough snow to protect it.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Teeple and son, motored to Portland on Thursday to attend the funeral services of Mr. Teeple's sister, Mrs. Chas. De Voe.

Frank Windsor called in Salem Friday afternoon for his daughter, Irene, who will spend the weekend at her home.

Glen Alden was a Salem caller on Friday.

A number of people from Spring Valley district attended the Zena Minstrel show on Friday evening. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Windsor and family, Mrs. J. J. Stratton, Vivian Stratton and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sohn and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Childers and daughter Grace, Mr. and Mrs. Toews, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Crawford and daughter Gladys, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Matthews and daughter, Marjorie. Mrs. Mary Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Wilson and family.

Mrs. L. B. Versteeg spent Friday afternoon visiting the Spring Valley school.

Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Wilson were Salem shoppers on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Childers and Miss Grace Childers were Salem callers on Saturday afternoon.

Army and Outing Store. Biggest

bargains in clothing, shoes, under-

wear, hosiery, gloves, valises and

suit cases. The working man's

store, 189 N. Commercial. (\*)

TITHING BILL MEETS  
DEFEAT; BATTLE RAGES

(Continued from page 1.)

from the highway fund, and that the passage of such a bill would cause to be initiated a measure to reduce license fees.

Senator B. L. Eddy, Douglas, was the lone champion of the bill in the prolonged debate. The five minute rule on speeches was enforced, but various senators yielded their time so in the end the orations were as lengthy as if the closure had not been invoked. Senator Strayer led the opposition to the measure.

Although Senator Eddy read an opinion from the attorney general declaring the bill was constitutional, Senator Strayer said he preferred to take the court opinions where the points have been ruled on. He also differed with the attorney general's opinion that the tithing measure does not touch the workmen's compensation fund, insisting that the industrial accident fund falls within the scope of the bill.

Senator Hall was the first to talk against the bill, insisting that Oregon is "not broke but short of immediate cash." A business in such a condition, Senator Hall said, would cut expenses and borrow. He thought the state should cut down appropriations and borrow money from funds. Hall declared the bill was "reprehensible and preposterous."

Senator Dunne branded the

tithing measure "an attempt to embezzle a trust fund," pointing out the evils of imperiling the highway commission fund.

In closing his attack on members opposing the tithing bill, Senator Eddy declared: "We came here facing a deficit of \$1,000,000. Since the legislature has been in session, this has grown to \$3,749,977."

This measure was suggested in the special message by Governor Patterson and would have placed a five per cent tax on the receipts of all self-sustaining boards and commissions in the state and placed this sum in the general fund. After the first year this would have been cut to 2 1/2 per cent.

Following the defeat of the tithing bill the legislators are now facing the task of finding some means to meet the deficit. It is understood that the appropriations amounting to \$4,000,000 over the amount provided for in the budget have been approved and must be taken care of. There are rumors of a tax on tobacco and one on motion pictures, but as yet nothing definite has been put forward.

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The tramp paused outside the gate.

"Clear out!" shouted the lady of the house. "I ain't got no wood to chop. There ain't nothing you could do here."

"But, madam, there is," retorted the wayfarer, with dignity. "I could give you a few lessons in grammar."

DINNER  
STORIES

Once there was a negro preacher who got into trouble in his home town in consequence of some chicken thefts that led to a warrant being issued for his arrest. He ran away from there and went to another town, where he got a temporary pulpit. Just as he was about to announce his text on the day of his initial address he saw a man in the rear of the church whom he recognized as an officer of the town he had recently left.

He hesitated and said:

"Brothers and sisters: I had calculated to talk to you all this mawmin 'bout th' resurrection, but since steppin' into th' pulpit I done decided to preach from th' fo'th chapter of Heseekiah: 'If thou seest me and think thou knowest me say nothing: and verily I will see thee later.'"

The Sunday school teacher was trying to bring out the word "pray," and she asked: "Now, children, what is the last thing you do before you get to bed at night?" "Put the latch key under the doormat for mother," answered one of the small pupils.

A visiting Briton ordered some fresh oysters in July. "Sorry, sir," said the waiter, "but we don't serve oysters at present."

"Why not?"

"This is not the season for them."

"Eh! But, look here, isn't it possible to bribe the game warden?"

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