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THURSDAY, APRIL 23.

## The Preacher's Salary.

"HE HAS been a popular pastor and the only reason given for his resignation is the inadequacy of a pastor's salary." Thus closes a news item which records the resignation of Rev. Ralph Spearow, of Cottage Grove, from the pulpit of a church there. The statement raises again the question as to why a pastor's salary should be inadequate.

Ralph Spearow is an athlete as well as a preacher. His fame throughout Oregon arises from the somewhat unusual combination of talents which he has possessed and manifested. But his fame throughout the world, and it is considerable, comes from his prowess as an athlete. He represented the University of Oregon in the last world Olympic meet. He made a new world's pole vault record in Japan later, where he was on an exhibition tour. Throughout the period of his student days at Oregon he gave a good account of himself on field and track. While taking his student course he also preached at Cottage Grove and prior thereto at St. Helens. After he had become famous as an athlete he found opportunity to write for various publications. By his various activities he supported himself and his wife and paid his way through college. And finally he settled down to regular work in the pastorate at Cottage Grove. In all that he has done he has proved himself a worth while young man. Says the Cottage Grove Sentinel: "Mr. Spearow has been an important factor in creating church interest in this city. He has been particularly effective in his work with men and boys and his church has large classes of both."

Notwithstanding "the inadequacy of a pastor's salary" in Rev. Spearow's case, he has been receiving a larger salary than other pastors of similar experience in his church in this territory, according to the Sentinel. To retain even the salary which he had found inadequate, Rev. Spearow would have had to pursue his ministerial studies over a further period of years. Facing this condition, he was forced, one may well conclude, to decide upon another kind of career. His travels, his writing experience and his broad contacts, it is easy to surmise, had taught him that the world is less liberal in material ways to ministers of the gospel than to men of abilities equal to a competent minister's, in other lines of work. So Ralph Spearow, minister, is to become Ralph Spearow, life insurance agent.

The timeworn theory that a preacher ought to be willing to get along on a pittance, accept domination parties, see his wife go forth in last year's hat and a made-over gown of the season before last, and let his children do without the advantages that other children enjoy, is long overdue for being cast into the ashcan. The church ought to pay its preachers fairly. If it does not do so it will continue to lose Ralph Spearows among them, who have the strength or the good fortune to be able to rise above its limitations.

## Tax Reduction vs. Tax Distribution.

IS THERE confusion in the mind of Governor Pierce between tax reduction and re-distribution of the tax burden, or does he seek to confuse the public? One or the other is the condition that exists. The governor told an audience at Salem Monday, according to an account carried by the Associated Press, that if the income tax law had continued in force he would have made good his campaign promise to cut taxes in half. From the context of his remarks it appeared that what he meant was that if the income tax had continued in force it would have cut the state property tax in half. There is a wide difference between the two proposals.

Re-distribution, or a shifting, of tax burden is not tax reduction. The governor's distinct pledge was for reduction of taxes by one half. He did not, when he made the promise, qualify it even by saying that it was state taxes only that he was talking about, although anyone who stopped to consider the question must have known he had no control over taxes other than state taxes. The governor in his utterances now makes it clear that he only speaks of state taxes, but he seeks to perpetuate the fundamental error that tax re-distribution is tax reduction.

What his followers expected of the governor on the basis of his promises was reduction of costs of the state government and consequent lessening of the tax burden. Nothing of the kind has been delivered. Those costs and that burden have grown.

A complimentary letter of comment upon its big advertising edition of April 11 has come to The Guard from Pittsburgh and a similar one from Chicago. Requests for copies of the edition have come from numerous cities in states other than Oregon. The 16-page Stanley section has attracted very widespread attention.

Caillaux, once accused as a traitor, is restored to power in France as minister of finance. Herriot, cast-off premier, comes back as president of the chamber of deputies. The French are a diverting lot.

The Klamath Falls threat to recall Governor Pierce need not be taken too seriously. It takes more than a swallow to make a summer.

"If and when oil is struck in Eugene, please cover fully," came a message yesterday over the Associated Press leased wire. We'll do that—if and when.

Did you see that picture of Hugh Winder in a straw hat in the Guard yesterday? A full jump ahead of the procession—that's Hugh.

Many a man who had embraced B. V. D.s has recanted these past few days.

## COMMENT OF THE PRESS

**The Waning Loganberry.** (Salem Capital-Journal). Announcement that Bruce Cunningham, largest grower of loganberries in the valley, has plowed up his berry

had attracted national attention and for which there seemed to be wonderful future.

The loganberry has not yet recovered from the demoralization following the agricultural collapse of 1920-1. After-the-war inflation had sent prices to a height that caused a buyers strike and in the ensuing depression, canneries, processing and juice manufacturing plants throughout fruit districts were forced into bankruptcy and the loganberry market hit of all, lost the national market created by wide-spread publicity.

Since then the loganberry grower has had a hard time to dispose of his output at a profit, and the acreage is being gradually reduced as growers become discouraged and drop out. As the crop is cut, the surplus will be wiped out, and the prices will become better, even if without systematic effort to restore the industry.

The loganberry will be stabilized and take its place with the raspberry, the blackberry and the strawberry, as a profitable crop, under the economic law of supply and demand, though it will probably never yield the fortunes promised and actually made during the great loganberry boom of a few years ago.

**No Danger of Gambling.** (Corvallis Gazette-Times). Gambling is forbidden at the Vermont ball park and notice is served that the police will be on hand to enforce the rule. One politician ought to be enough. The fans don't care to lose any money and they have too much civic spirit to bet against their own team.

**The Selling Problem.** (Salem Statesman). What farmers want after all is not resolutions nor even government paternalism. Business generally wants them to prosper for added to the benefits of good will business depends in most cases indirectly at least upon the success of agriculture.

One way for the farmer to obtain more money is by selling to advantage his products. As an individual he can seldom negotiate with the consumers of his products—wheat, eggs, fruit and other. He should have representatives to handle marketing. Co-operative associations can obtain more money for the producer than he can obtain for himself from products. Co-operative marketing is still the greatest single necessity for successful farm operation.

## Overseas Talk

**By MILTON BRONNER** (INEA Service Writer)  
LONDON, April 23.—You'd never believe it, but those British cousins are getting all warmed up over the ice question.

In the past few months some newspaper editors and some health authorities have discovered that Britain is just a hundred years behind the times in the sanitary handling of food-stuffs.

And America is held as a model. The result has been a campaign forcing the meat handlers to be more clean.

And now some editors have discovered that the Yankees are ahead in another thing. Most American families have an ice box in which they keep their perishable foods. All this seems passing strange to the Briton.

England is actually so far behind the times that a Swedish firm finds it pays to advertise in English papers that it can send carloads of natural ice-cream from Sweden at fairly reasonable prices.

"Herr Hapsburg" the court crier called the other day in Vienna. And a man went on trial for speeding with his motorcycle and badly injuring a pedestrian. The court was severe. It fined him 100,000 kronen.

"I have nothing to say as to the punishment," declared Herr Hapsburg. "But I ask that I be permitted to pay the fine in monthly installments. I am only a bank employe at a modest salary."

This Herr Hapsburg is one of the kinsmen of the late emperor of Austria and like so many princelings and dukelings in this changed world finds it necessary to work.

Raymond Poincare, former president and premier of France, made an incredible faux pas the other night. He was asked to preside at a meeting of a big Parisian literary society at which M. Pagen was to deliver a lecture on Brillat Savarin, dear to the hearts of the French as an illustrious authority on all that is good in cooking.

The room was packed with gourmets who knew what it is to linger long and lovingly over delicate dishes and vintage wines.

And it was to them that Poincare declared: "I never consecrate more than 15 minutes to a meal and I drink nothing but water!"

**Tom Sims Says—** SOME towns are lucky. In Washington, Pa., a poolroom is burned.

An Alabama woman has triplets, mother and babies doing nicely, even if it all is a little out-fashioned.

The Germans have a new method of making cheap wood alcohol, but don't let your bootlegger read this paragraph.

Isn't it strange how a barber, whose head resembles a brush pile, can give you a good haircut?

We would like a government job where after you finish shaving in the morning you are through work for the day.

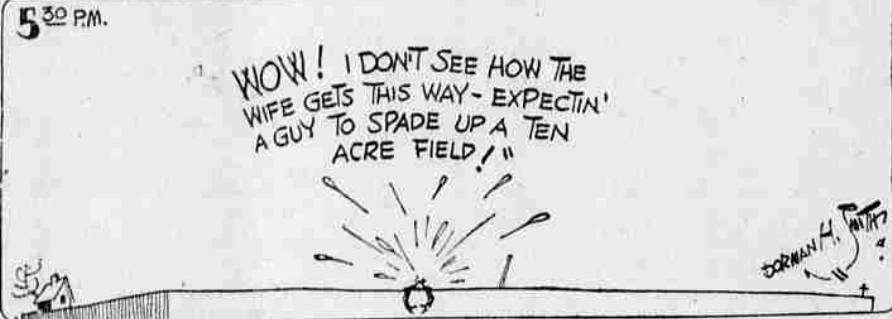
The sad thing about a good memory is when you see a movie you know what the plot was called last time.

Love increases the vocabulary. The moon makes a single man see things in a different light.

**PASSION PLAY DATED** OBERAMMERGAU, Germany, April 23.—There will be no passion play in 1928, as has been erroneously announced from time to time. The next production will be in 1930.

**COOLIDGE RECEIVE** WASHINGTON, April 23.—A reception at the White House by President and Mrs. Coolidge for attending delegates was included on today's program of the annual congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

## Springtime Madness



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## Oregon Briefs

Of the 71 building permits issued in La Grande since January 1, 18 were for new homes ranging in price from \$1000 to \$1600.

Contract has been let at Tillamook for the construction of a livestock and exhibit building at the fair grounds to cost about \$23,000.

Albany Kiwanians have started a campaign to raise \$1000 toward the establishment of a loan fund at Albany college.

Mills in the Coos Bay district are now running but four or five days each week and only about one-fourth of the logging camps are operating.

Hood River and White Salmon were connected up last week with direct mail service over the new bridge. The service will be daily except Sunday.

A premium of \$5148 was realized by the Roseburg school district on its sale of bonds in the sum of \$165,000 last week. Eighteen bids were submitted.

Between 100 and 150 bankers of the eight northwestern counties of Oregon will gather in Astoria May 1, continuing in business and social session until May 3.

Mrs. Nancy A. Kesseling, who crossed the plains with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Riggs, in 1847, died last week at Aurora, aged 91 years.

E. J. Bailey, owner of the Forest Grove-Hillsboro Ice company, has purchased a lot near the business part of Hillsboro where he will begin at once the erection of an ice plant.

## Former Convicts Can't be Policemen

LOS ANGELES, April 23.—The fact that a man has served time in a penitentiary should not bar him from earning an honest living according to Chief of Police Heath, but the two ex-convicts, who were found registered as students in the police training school here yesterday will have to look elsewhere for work. The names of the men were withheld, but in dismissing them the chief gave notice that would-be policemen who hail from penitentiaries must expect to be looked upon with suspicion.

Mrs. H. J. Day has gone to southern Oregon points for a few days' visit.

S. B. Hanna, traveling secretary for the College Y. M. C. A., is in the city for a few days.

Talk is going about for the establishment of a first-class creamery in Eugene.

**In Lighter Vein**

**Quick Results** (Boston Transcript)  
"Do you find that advertising brings quick results?"

"I should say it does. Why, only the other day we advertised for a night in a watchman and that night the safe was robbed."

**Chapman's Mistake** (Raleigh News and Observer)  
If Gerald Chapman had confined his operations to taking oil from the naval petroleum reserves he might have avoided conviction.

**Higher Variety** (New Haven Register)  
"The auto turned tertrap and"—  
"You mean it turned turtle."  
"Well, this was a high-priced machine."

**Bad Place to Leaf** (Everybody's Magazine)  
A kind-hearted gentleman, bearing a dog lovingly, decided to investigate the animal's ailment. He found the dog sitting calmly upon his haunches but still emitting agonized yelps.

"What ails your dog?" he asked the hound's owner.  
"Oh, he's just lazy," returned the owner unconcernedly.  
"But laziness won't make a dog howl."  
"Yes, but that dog is sitting on a sand burr."

**The Modern Answer** (Judge)  
George Washington Jr.—Father, I cannot tell a lie.  
Father—No wonder the confession magazines send back your contributions.

**Reservations** (Tit-Bits)  
Dicky (calling downstairs after bed time)—"Murrer, will you speak to Freddie? He keeps on asking God to bless me and then he says things under his breath."

**Rowell's Comment**

By CHESTER H. ROWELL  
PROHIBITION loses in West Australia by nearly two to one. A few years ago, it would have been two to one, and a few years before that, a thousand to one.

So there is progress. Doubtless the vote would have been more nearly even, except for American propaganda that when you get prohibition you don't get it.

It is like the story (doubtless mythical) of the early Japanese mission sent out to investigate Christianity. The Japanese, so the story goes, having adopted most of the best of western civilization, considered it religion.

They read the Bible, and found it good, but first they thought it would be well to find out how it worked in the countries where it was practiced. So they sent out an investigating commission, to be gone a few months.

Instead, the commission did not return for years, and then its only report was that it had searched the whole world for a country where Christianity was practiced and had been unable to find it.

The Australians seem to have had similar reports as to prohibition. In fact, if they believed half the tales we

**GROWING**  
About Lane County Series No. 2  
In 1920 there were 9636 rural and urban homes in Lane County. Of these 5,894 were owned by the occupants and 4092 were occupied by tenants. 2,894 were free of mortgages.