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WHERE ARE THEY?

Where are those liars who said they had large sums to invest in industrial enterprises in Oregon as soon as the income tax should be repealed and were only awaiting that event to establish heavy pay rolls here? Have they gone bankrupt gambling in wheat on the Chicago grain exchange? A good many people have.

Those who made similar statements truthfully have another reason for holding off. They know that there was not a fair expression of popular sentiment—that the \$53,000 slush fund of the dodgers brought out a full vote on their side, while on the other hand no money was spent to awaken interest and many voters stayed at home.

The people who pulled the wires in that election understand the situation and the men of big incomes and small taxes are contributing to a new fund to fight the income tax with at the next election. "Money for defence of our 'vested rights' but not one cent for avoidable taxes. Let the little fellows carry the load," is their motto.

Despite the fact that New York, most prosperous state, enjoys an income tax; despite the fact that Oregon's most prosperous recent year was when we had an income tax, preparations are already under way to send out an army of paid calamity howlers to tell us that if we make the profiteers pay any share of the cost of the protection our laws afford them the state will go to the dogs.

EGYPT'S LONGEVITY A recent writer on eugenics, apparently impressed by news reports which depict some of the glories of ancient Egypt, draw attention to the debased condition of much of the population of that land today, says it is the result of the mixture of "patrician blood by marriage with that of inferior races and warns Americans that marriage with foreigners will lead to racial and national decay.

We refuse to be frightened at the prospect of this alarmist has visioned. Nations have fallen as surely as they have risen in all the past of which we have any history, and he would be a bold prophet who would declare our exception, but Egypt maintained its greatness as a nation far longer than any other in history and some of its dynasties were the most enduring on record.

The Chinese empire in its grandeur extended away back into the ages and many royal consorts came from humble and obscure families. In Sparta, probably more than in any other autonomy, the plans of the modern eugenists were in practice. The Spartans prided themselves on the superiority of their race, and to perpetuate that superiority were wont to mate as a cattle breeder mates stock, with a view to reproducing and intensifying desirable characteristics. Their descendants are shovelers on American railroads. The mass of mankind has al-

ways mated according to individual preference and their progress, as a whole, since the day of the cave man has not been downward.

A slush fund for the anti-income tax cause is being raised to use in the next campaign. Where? In Portland, where the bulk of the fund was raised before. Portland invites the rest of the state to work with her for the common good. She holds out a cookie with one hand and says: "Come, doggie! good doggie! If I get you within reach I'll fasten this tax load on you so that it will not come off easily."

Mr. Sanson's statements, reported on page 2 in comments on flax, does not convince us that every farmer in this valley can jump in and clear \$50 an acre profit on his farm, but we do believe that with a linen mill at Vancouver many an acre here can be made to yield more dollars' worth of flax than of grain.

About all the democrats in the federal senate could do was to embarrass their political foes when there was a close vote. Had they voted for Warren on his second nomination the rage of the republican leaders would have been white hot.

Since the republican party in the senate kicked out the insurgents it has become so tolerant toward them that it allows them to vote for its measures.

Rise in Postal Rates

April 15 the United States goes under a new system of postal charges.

Postmaster Bramwell gives us a statement of the new rates and rules, from which the following summary is all we find room for: First class—Private mailing cards—2c. Second class—Newspapers by others than publishers—2c for each two ounces or fraction of two ounces up to eight ounces. Over eight ounces, parcel post rates. Third class—Printed matter and merchandise up to eight ounces—1c for each two ounces or fraction up to eight ounces. Over that, parcel post rates. Fourth class—Parcel post—Old rates and 2c per parcel excepting on matter mailed on a rural route and plainly marked "mailed on rural route." On such the extra 2c is not required. If a parcel is marked "Special handling" under the stamp or over the address, and 25c extra is paid, it will be forwarded from one address to another, if necessary, the same as a letter.

Registered mail, first class—15c for indemnity up to \$50; 20c to \$100. 3c extra if return receipt is required.

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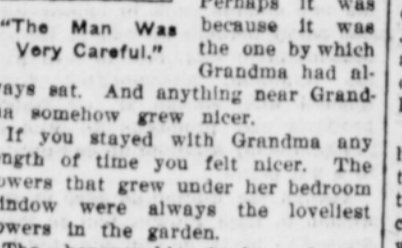
NOTICE of Hearing of Final Account

Notice is hereby given that the final account of W. A. Allen as executor and Lena Beene as executrix of the last will and testament of Emma C. Allen, deceased, has been filed in the County Court of Linn County, State of Oregon, and that the 6th day of April, 1925, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., has been duly appointed by said Court for the hearing of objections to said final account and the settlement thereof, at which time any person interested in said estate may appear and file objections in writing and contest the same. Dated and first published March 4, 1925. W. A. Allen, Executor Afore said. Lena Beene, Executrix Afore said. Amor A. Tussing, Atty. for Exr. and Exrx.



THE OLD ANDIRON

For one hundred years the old andiron had never gone out of the house. For one hundred years it had been, together with its partner andiron, serving the fireplace and remaining stout and strong and beautiful.



"The Man Was Very Careful." If you stayed with Grandma any length of time you felt nice. The flowers that grew under her bedroom window were always the loveliest flowers in the garden.

The honeysuckle bush and the roses that she planted were more fragrant than any others. So it was with the old andiron.

The andiron had been there before Grandma. She had loved it when she was a child. Why she picked out this one particularly she didn't know.

Grandma told the man to be very careful when he carried it up the street. "Remember," she cautioned the man, "to carry it with great care, for the outside world will seem very strange to the andiron which has spent its whole life by the fire.

"It will be astonished by the excitement of a street. It will be a little nervous. So be very careful." The man was very careful. The andiron went into the shop, carried by the man. The blacksmith shop and the fire looked natural, in a way, to the andiron, and it was a relief after the excitement of the street.

After the andiron was mended it was brought back again. Its partner listened to the account of the street and of the shop. "You've had adventures," said its partner, as the fire crackled. "You will have to tell me all about it at night when all is quiet and when we're here by ourselves."

And the old andiron promised that it would. Ah, yes, once more it was back in its place. Once more it was at home. "I'm happy to be home again," the andiron said that night after every one had gone to bed and ashes had been put over the fire so that no sparks would fly out.

"Yes, I'm happy to be at home again. I'm not one for the outside world. "It was cold going up the street, very, very cold. I like the warmth of my own fire. "I'm a home-body. I love my own fireside just as some people do.

"The outside world may be very fine, but give me my own hearth, with you, dear partner, and the family and the fire."

"I'm thankful," said the andiron's partner, "that you feel like this about your own home fire."

"There is nothing like it," said the one hundred-year-old andiron, and its brass face glowed in the dying embers of the fire.

Riddles: When is T like a boxer? When it is in training. What moves all the time, yet all ways remains in the same place? Your heart.

International S. S. Lesson

(By REV. F. B. FITZGIBBER, D.D., Dean of the Evening School, Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)

Lesson for March 29 CLOSING PERIOD OF CHRIST'S MINISTRY—REVIEW

DEVOTIONAL READING—Rev. 1:9-18. GOLDEN TEXT—"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today and forever."—Heb. 13:8.

PRIMARY TOPIC—How Friends Cared for Jesus and Paul. JUNIOR TOPIC—Helping the Missionaries by Our Gifts.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Living Lessons From the Quarter. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Closing Scenes in Christ's Life.

The lessons of the quarter have been so rich and full that perhaps the best method of review will be to summarize the outstanding teachings of the quarter. The following suggestions are offered:

Lesson I—The so-called triumphal entry was the official presentation of Jesus of Nazareth to the Jewish nation as their Messiah.

Lesson II—Coming judgment is absolutely certain. The judgment portrayed in this lesson is that of the nations living on the earth when Jesus comes.

Lesson III—Before Jesus went to the cross He instituted a memorial of His broken body and shed blood. This should be gratefully and strictly observed by believers until Christ come again.

Lesson IV—Many are the trials through which the believer must pass as he goes through this life. The sure cure for "heart trouble" is the assurance that Jesus has gone to prepare a place in His Father's house, and will come again and receive His disciples to Himself.

Lesson V—Jesus is the true vine and believers are the branches. Abiding in Him will result in fruitfulness, success in prayer, fellowship in the love-life of God, fullness of joy and love-life like that of God.

Lesson VI—It is not the purpose of God that Christians should be taken out of the world at once when they believe on Christ because the world needs their influence and testimony. Christ needs them as His representatives and they need the trials of the world to strengthen the grace of God in their hearts.

Lesson VII—The agony of Gethsemane was due to the fact that Jesus was bearing the burden of the sins of the world.

Lesson VIII—The heart of this lesson is that Christians should be obedient to civil authority because human government has been ordained of God. The more loyal the believer is to Jesus Christ, the more loyal he will be to the civil authority.

Lesson IX—Jesus Christ gave clear proof that He was the Messiah promised in the Scriptures, but the wicked nation rejected Him and chose a murderer instead. Both Pilate and the nation went down under the guilt of the rejection of Christ.

Lesson X—Christ on the cross is the supreme expression of unselfish love, a revelation of the moral nature of the world, and stands as an exhibition of a cross section of the world in any generation.

Lesson XI—Christ's resurrection is an absolute certainty. This unquestioned fact certifies that He is the divine Son through whom we get eternal life.

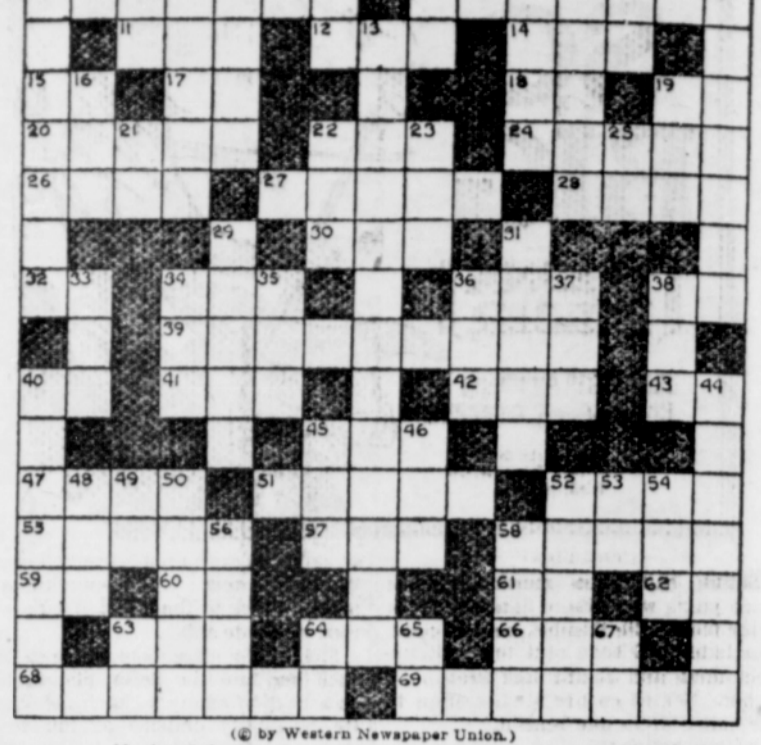
Lesson XII—The various appearances of Jesus Christ after His burial demonstrate the reality of His resurrection, confirm the truthfulness of the Scriptures and reveal Him as not only the supreme and grand center of the Scriptures, but the supreme interpreter of them.

Goodness Outshines Genius: Man is created for virtue. It is his supreme endowment coupled with his capacity for affiance in God.

God's Best Messages: God sends His best messages to people who are faithful and busy.

Song of the Stars: All the stars of heaven sing the faith of Bethlehem.—Western Christian Advocate.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 15



- Horizontal: 1-Portion, 2-Dappled, 11-Implore, 12-Suffix denoting morbid condition of some part, 14-Soft drink, 15-Personal pronoun, 17-Note of musical scale, 18-Not out, 19-Like, 20-A bay window, 22-Greek letter, 24-Misanthrope, 26-Receipts for flowers, 27-Cat, 28-Only, 30-Mischlevois child, 32-Means of transportation (abbr.), 34-Past, 36-Body of water, 38-Near, 39-Villainous, 40-Imperpersonal pronoun, 41-Insect, 42-Domesticated ox, 43-Printer's measure, 45-Electrical unit of resistance, 47-Small body of land surrounded by water, 51-Cry of pain, 52-Clothe, 55-Impedes, 57-Founded (abbr.), 58-Boredom, 59-Suffix forming adjectives, 60-Pertaining to, 61-Musical note, 62-College degree, 63-Fold of cloth, 64-Doctrine, 66-Unit of work, 68-Deputy, 69-Shell lined with mother-of-pearl.
- Vertical: 1-Russian era, 2-British empire (abbr.), 3-Pray, 4-The same as (obs.), 5-Toward, 6-Note of musical scale, 7-Narrative poem, 8-European rabbits, 9-Mess duty in army (initials), 10-Degradation, 13-Change of form or substance, 16-Period of time, 18-Indisposition, 21-Exists, 22-Nickname of eastern university, 23-Viper, 25-Negative, 26-Deputy, 31-One who holds a land tenure (Scott.), 33-Decay, 34-Collection of books or information, 35-Frequently (poetic), 36-Chinese sauce, 37-Inquire, 38-Forever, 40-Slender mass of ice (pl.), 44-To act as a mediary, 45-Native metal, 46-Pad, 48-Crafty, 49-Behold!, 50-Species of heron, 52-Knot in wood, 53-Preposition, 54-To smear, 56-Prefix denoting half, 58-Greek school philosophy, 63-Sneer laugh or exclamation, 64-Preposition, 65-Parent, 67-Proceed.

Solution of Puzzle No. 14. FLAGRANT, LIFON, BAIT, W NOT EVER, S A P S I E S T A A I L, AGAZE, GO LASSO, NERO, D DO A S K E P, W I N M U T I, INCA, REND, COUCH AT MELEE, HAD AWHILE LAD, H ERA ATE T, AVER CRAB, EMPLOYER.

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