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FAITH IN "LAW MAGIC"

In an article in the Journal of the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology, Newman Levy, commenting on the volume of laws passed in recent years, says:

"Some of this legislation is wise and of permanent value, some is of doubtful wisdom, and some is ill-considered and bad, but all of it constitutes a glowing tribute to our child-like faith in the efficacy of statutory enactment. It may be questioned by some whether we Americans are inherently a law-abiding people, but no one will deny that we are emphatically a law-enacting people. There ought to be a law' is a natural slogan; legislation is our panacea for all the evils that afflict us. Instead of creating a simple, workable legal system, we have burdened the courts and the public with thousands of conflicting and impractical ordinances. Antipistol laws, as an example, have been advocated as the last word in frightening the criminal. With ingenious logic, reformers argue that the same thug who thinks nothing of perpetrating a crime of robbery which means 20 years if he is caught, would immediately walk the straight and narrow if it was against the law to possess a gun. And empty-headed legislators occasionally pass such a law, with the result that the good citizen is less protected, to the greater advantage of the criminal class. The whole administration of justice is confused by reformers and sob-sisters who prevent swift punishment and create maudlin sentiment in favor of the criminal."

TUBERCULOSIS

The state is putting up a determined fight against tuberculosis through the efforts of the Oregon Tuberculosis Association. Twenty-one Oregon citizens have been found to have tuberculosis, and have been placed under care since the Early Discovery campaign started on April 1st.

The campaign is being conducted under the direction of a state wide Early Discovery Committee, appointed last January by the executive committee of the Oregon Tuberculosis Association, and representing the Oregon State Medical Society, the University of Oregon Medical School, the State Board of Health, the State Tuberculosis Hospital and the general medical profession.

A group of Oregon clinicians volunteered their services to the various county and district medical societies for the holding of free chest clinics, for the presentation of special papers on the early discovery of tuberculosis. The Oregon Tuberculosis Association volunteered to pay the expenses of the clinicians out of the fund raised from the sale of Christmas Seals. Twelve clinics and four medical papers were asked for. Four of the clinics have been held, and two more will be held this week. The clinics at Ashland, Medford, Pendleton, and Bend furnished examinations to 66 persons 21 of whom were found tuberculous, and placed under care of their family physicians. Some of them will be sent to sanatoria.

A STATEMENT FROM HEAD-QUARTERS

When asked about the reports that have appeared involving the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in a merger of communication companies, Mr. Walter S. Gifford, President of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, stated: "Statements involving the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in a merger of communications are entirely without foundation. The American Telephone and Telegraph Company does not own directly any stock or other interest in the Radio Corporation of America, International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation or Western Union Telegraph Company. So far as it is concerned, it is directing its attention and energies primarily to furnishing the people of this country, at the least cost, the best and most telephone service possible, including connections by radio and cable with telephones in Europe and wherever else such connections are practical."

Henry Olney, writing in the National Republic says there are billions of dollars in trees. These dollars tied up in and dependent upon forest products show as nothing else can the absolute economic need of a steady flow of these products close to the great manufacturing centers of the country. The turnover running into staggering totals is dependent upon trees. These trees produce the thousand and one things needed in our daily life. Demand for these things is increasing because our

population is increasing at the rate of a million a year. Just what trees do for us is shown in reports just published by the Department of Commerce. These reports, according to Charles Lathrop Pack, of the American Tree Association, constitute one of the best arguments ever set forth for putting our millions of idle acres fit for nothing else to work growing trees that are turned into millions of dollars when the wheels of industry begin to change the trees into newspapers, houses, radios, baby buggies and auto finishings.

There's going to be more speed introduced shortly in the Northwest, other than automobile and aircraft momentum. The Great Northern announced a five hour schedule faster than its present passenger train time between Portland and Chicago—a reduction of running time of 63 hours. The answer of the Union Pacific is 61 hours and 15 minutes. This is an hour and fifteen minutes faster than the new Great Northern schedule, and it starts something for the Northern Pacific and the Milwaukee are yet to be heard from.

Salem will be host for the state convention of the American Legion this year, August 8, 9, and 10, and for the occasion the capital city has coined the slogan "Our boast—some host!" The outstanding feature of any convention of the American Legion is usually the drum corps contest. Salem Post has the second best drum corps in the United States—anyway it was awarded second place last year in competition at the national Legion convention at San Antonio, Texas.

Senator Norris, who has been vigorous against the oil and other grafters, made this comment: "The punishment doesn't seem to fit the crime. Hundreds of millions of dollars of public property were squandered, stolen, 'bought' through bribery and corruption, and one man of all those involved goes to jail for 90 days! But it does vindicate the Senate, and the investigations which uncovered the frauds."

The first recorded joy ride in an airplane on the coast, ended Sunday morning near Los Angeles, when the scorched remains of three men were removed from the wreckage of their craft, which zoomed 400 feet to earth in a tail spin. Apparently booze and

gas are as unrelated in the air as gas and booze are on terra firma.

Portland police broke up a roller skating marathon after participants had rolled around for 55 days at a rink for a prize of \$187.50 each, or 14 cents for each hour they were on the rollers. When police interfered, the skaters strenuously objected and put up a protest separately and wholly as rollers are apt to do.

When that mechanical device known as the "Business Brain," invented by a Norwegian is introduced in America to do the work of a cash register, bookkeeping, and adding machines, everybody will have time to play golf.

Portland is proud to own that she is partial to deep-voiced freighters and is letting the world know that she desires to see more of them crawl into her harbor to carry her commerce across the seven seas.

Health authorities urged general participation in child health day, and as a result more interest was manifested in May Day than formerly.

A band of swans appeared in the Columbia river near Stevenson, Wash., but left without singing a song.

H. L. ANDERSON



Heibert Lyman Anderson is the new chief examiner of the federal trade commission.

21 Years Ago

Friday, May 1, 1908

The democratic county central committee meets at Pendleton tomorrow. Delegates to the state convention will be elected. Also action will be taken in the indorsement of the several candidates who will run on the democratic ticket. H. I. Watts for county school superintendent; R. J. Slater for district attorney and W. F. Shaw for representative, will receive the committee's indorsement. Slater and Shaw have come before the people since the primaries. Taylor, Strain and Watts were nominated at the primary election.

Four big draft horses, owned by Chas. Brotherton absented themselves from the pasture several days ago and Mr. Brotherton offered \$50 reward for their recovery. Wednesday the horses were returned to their owner by George Mulkey, who found them headed for their old range in Walla Walla county. Mr. Mulkey rode out of town with the \$50 check "in his inside pocket, don't you know."

The Shamrocks have been unable to secure a game of ball for Sunday. Efforts were unsuccessful to secure a game with either Pilot Rock, Weston, Adams or Walla Walla. The teams in those towns all have scheduled games for that day. Later—Cartano's "Sluggers" will give the Shamrocks a game, and it promises to be a warm one.

Shamrocks vs. Cartano's "Sluggers," on Athena grounds, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. T. J. Kirk visited at the home of her son, Grant Erhart, the first of the week.

Tobe Bush an old-time Athenait, was in town Sunday from his ranch on Birch creek.

The W. H. H. Scott estate was appraised yesterday by Jerry Stone, E. A. Dudley and David Taylor at \$33,949.50.

Will M. Peterson, chairman of the Democratic central committee, was circulating among Athena friends yesterday.

Clint Thomas the saloon proprietor, has been in Spokane the past week attending the bedside of his little son, who is ill there.

Walla Walla is already hustling for attractions to entertain the people who will attend her rousing Fourth of July celebration.

Miss Ethel Chapman, who is employed at the Jones & Jackson millinery store, is all at the home of her sister, Mrs. Hartle.

The local Woodman Camp will have a social meeting, next Wednesday evening. The Woodman are royal entertainers and a good time is in order.

John Tompkins returned from a visit to Wallula Monday. John has the thanks of several Athena friends for fish, which he brought up with him.

M. L. Watts and S. F. Wilson in partnership have purchased 160 acres of reservation foothill land from Mrs. T. P. Page. Consideration \$40 per acre.

The condition of Mrs. Charles Brotherton, who was very ill with pneumonia for several days, is one of great improvement, and her recovery is now assured.

Mrs. Ira Luna is again very ill and has been removed to the home of her mother, Mrs. McPherson, for treatment. Mrs. Luna has long been suffering from lung trouble.

Misses Jaunita Engdahl, Carrie Sharp and Mabel Gibbons, teachers in Athena public school, and Miss Velma Wilkinson drove to Weston Saturday and attended the local institute.

The petition for voting on the local option law by country vote at the coming election contains 900 names and has been filed with the county clerk. Owing to the fact that the petition contained names of voters who had failed to register, they were cut out and the number reduced to 802.

Getting Up Nights

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First 100 KWH used per month.....10c per KWH
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Next 300.....6c per KWH
Next 400.....5c per KWH
Next 1000.....4c per KWH
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