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Clark Wood Says—"The difference between us and an Italian editor is that we can safely advise Mussolini that his vocal organs need relaxation."

CAUSING CRIME

The National Crime Commission has suggested that local crime commissions be formed in every community, for the purpose of enforcing laws with reference to local conditions. One of our metropolitan exchanges believes that this is a sound suggestion. The law cannot change the public attitude or remodel public habits. Those reformers who advocate such "cures" as, for instance, a Federal revolver law which would seek to impose exactly the same restrictions on communities thousands of miles apart, with entirely different problems to cope with, have too much zeal and too little logic. The best thing State and Federal government could do toward preventing crime would be not to pass more laws but to weed out the unenforceable, unnecessary and burdensome laws that now infest the land. Apparently their sole result, aside from "creating" criminals, has been to so burden the process of law with technicalities that intelligent and swift dispensation of justice to criminals is impossible.

Single American cities have more major crime than many of the great European countries. Part of this is due to political-criminal alliances, part to the activities of misguided sob sisters, part to incompetent police systems. But it is probable that a leading cause has been our mania for passing impractical or unenforceable laws.

Back in 1913 Fred Eberhardt of Grants Pass disappeared while on a hunting trip. For weeks friends searched for the missing man but failed to find him. With the passing years his disappearance was coupled with conditions that makes hunting in the wilderness a risky adventure for anyone who is not versed in mountain and trail life. Last week a skeleton was found at the head of Lost creek in Josephine county and the remains were identified as those of Eberhardt when his watch was found nearby. Whether the hunter became lost and bewildered or was wounded, will never be known, but the finding of his remains removes a burden from his relatives.

Press reports indicate that the California Railroad Commission is against any new crossings over railroad tracks not absolutely necessary for public convenience. The Commission is earnestly undertaking to eliminate the cause of grade crossing accidents and realizes that the first essential is to stop creating new grade crossings. Then with education of the public in safe driving, changing the more densely traveled crossings and requiring installation of approved warning devices, the primary causes of accidents will be brought under control.

Congressman Haugen of Iowa, co-labor with Senator McNary of Oregon in farm legislation and chairman of house committee on agriculture, commends the Summers bill now before congress to provide heavy fines as well as a revocation of license for commission men who are found guilty of fraudulent practices. Mr. Haugen asserts that millions of dollars can be saved to American farmers by a proper regulation of commission dealers in perishable products.

The American gold star mothers who are visiting French cemeteries are being well entertained by the French people. A party of ex-German soldiers who were visiting one of the burial grounds clicked their heels together at respectful attention when they met a party of gold star mothers. This is a small old world after all when measured in sentiment and human feelings.

The seasonal employment commission of Portland, cooperating with the U. S. Employment Service, reports a large surplus of unemployed both in all trades and common labor. Indications are that there will be a surplus of labor throughout the entire season.

The census enumeration discloses that precinct No. 20, outside Athena has a population of 51, and 17 farms. Precinct 19 contains 121 population and 30 farms. Precinct 18 has 59 population and 15 farms enumerated.

"English distiller taken in New York."—Headline. Maybe it should have read: "English distiller taking in New York;" some of them do no doubt.

There are seven feet of snow on the rim of Crater Lake at the present time making it possible for the kiddies to snowball there on July 4th.

A dollar tariff on lumber instead of a dollar and a half would not look so bad if the peg had not been set at a dollar and a half.

Washington state convention had much to do with the world court and prohibition in constructing the republican platform.

Oregon's cherry crop is slumping. Just so the apud crop comes through all right, we should worry.

The Graf Zeppelin has made her bow to South Americans, and they received her with eclat.

Chinese rebel army defeated, is the war news we are again reading on the front pages.

No matter how they try back in Indiana, they just cannot get along without Pinchot.



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"How vast and profound is the influence of the subtle powders of heaven and earth. We seek to perceive them, and we do not see them, we seek to hear them and we do not hear them: identified with the substance of things, they cannot be separated from them."

CODFISH WAYS

One way of serving codfish, which is usually very popular, is with baked potatoes. The codfish is parboiled, broken into small pieces and added to a drawn butter sauce, or a rich white sauce, or simply plenty of butter added and served hot with the potatoes.

As fish balls, there is nothing better for breakfast or a luncheon dish.

Parboil in a large piece, drain and lay in melted butter and baste it while heating either on the range or in the oven. Serve when the butter has been well soaked in.

Codfish Souffle.—Take two cupsful of mashed potatoes, one cupful of shredded codfish, two beaten eggs (separate the whites and yolks), add one-half of a green pepper diced, one-half of an onion chopped fine, and two tablespoonfuls of melted butter. Mix all of the ingredients, adding salt and pepper and fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites at the last. Bake in a buttered baking dish in a moderate oven. The onion and pepper may be cooked in the butter, then added to the fish and egg yolks. Serve with string beans, green peas or onions.

Codfish Pie.—Put a layer of nicely seasoned mashed potato in a well buttered baking dish, cover with a layer of codfish which has been parboiled and cover with plenty of butter. Cover with another layer of potato, brush with egg and milk and bake in a hot oven until the potato is well browned on top. Serve from the dish with cabbage cole slaw, using vinegar enough to make the dish snappy in flavor.

Fruit and Flower Pudding.—Take two cupsful of graham flour, one-fourth teaspoonful of soda, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one teaspoonful of salt, one egg, three-fourths of a cupful of raisins, one cupful of sour milk, one-fourth cupful of fat, one-half cupful honey and one egg. Mix and steam two and one-half hours in a buttered mold.

Nellie Maxwell

TAXATION AND EMPLOYMENT (Industrial News)

In several of the Western states a little battle is now being fought over the question of mine taxation. One group holds that the mines are paying their due share of state expenses. The other group advocates higher mining taxes as a measure to "relieve" other businesses, mainly agriculture.

Such a problem should be considered not alone from the standpoint of the mining industry or the farming industry but from the standpoint of the general welfare of the whole state. In Utah, for example, mining is the greatest industry. It is the principal employer and carries the largest payroll. Directly and indirectly it purchases the products of every other industry within the state.

However, in Utah, several important mining companies are working extremely low grade ore. The percentage of net profit, in relation to operating expense and the risk of mining activities, is small. It is said on good authority that if taxes increase it will be practically impossible to work much of the low grade ore without incurring a loss. This is doubly true since the recent drop in copper prices to the lowest point since 1927.

Capital, when oppressed, goes elsewhere. And poverty-stricken mines would benefit no one. The citizens of the West should consider mining legislation from the standpoint of labor, investment and employment. No intelligent, unbiased person can escape the conclusion that mining progress and Western progress go hand in hand.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of Minnie D. Booher, Deceased.

To all persons whom it may concern: You are hereby notified and will take notice that A. M. Johnson, executor of the last will and testament of Minnie D. Booher, deceased, has filed his final account and report in the administration of the estate. The County Judge, by order Monday the 23rd day of May, 1930, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon as the time and the County Court House at Pendleton, Oregon, as the place, where all objections and exceptions to said final account and report will be heard and a settlement of the estate made. Dated this 23rd day of May, 1930. A. M. JOHNSON, Executor. Peterson & Lewis, Attorneys for Executor. M23J20

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DISCOURAGING OUTLOOK

"The most pessimistic report yet heard on reorganization of the business machinery of the United States Government comes from a source which lends it high authority—Representative Williamson, of South Dakota, who has served two years as chairman of the House Committee of Expenditures in the Executive Department," says the Baltimore Sun editorially.

"From time immemorial the machinery of Government operation has been said to be antiquated, wasteful and inefficient, and bureaucracy has been attacked as standing obstinately in the way of betterment, but no criticism of the system has been more severe than that of Representative Williamson after fresh study of the subject. His address a few days ago at Louisville is filled with reflections upon the Government's business organization. 'It has become loaded with multiplied layers of barnacles that show a surprising capacity for hanging on.' Presidents who have started bravely to reform it 'have given up in despair.' With approximately 590,000 employees on the payroll, 'a staggering total' in peacetime, 'overlapping of functions by various departments and bureaus is the rule rather than the exception.' In no case where the Williamson committee's work would 'result in diminishing in the least degree the prestige of the bureau or its head' did it receive the slightest cooperation, says Mr. Williamson.

"Nor does Mr. Williamson hold out much hope of correcting conditions. President Harding evolved 'a plan which looked beautiful on paper.' It was riddled by 'bombs, shells and shrapnel' from 'snipers in the departments.' The canny Calvin Coolidge readily detected the sticks of political dynamite concealed in the scheme and steered clear of it. Mr. Hoover is pledged to reorganization by his platform, but Mr. Williamson sees difficulties in giving him the necessary authority. It is left to the tender mercies of Congress, which shows little or no interest in the business. The arrogance of officialism has wrecked many governments by oppression and high taxation. If it is not checked, there is no reason why history can not repeat itself in this nation."

CHURCH OF CHRIST Charles A. Sias Minister Sunday Services 9:50 Church Bible School. 11:00 Morning worship and sermon. 7 p. m. Young people's meeting. 8:00 p. m. Song service and sermonette. Choir rehearsal each Thursday night. Women's Missionary society meets the first Wednesday of the month. Monthly "Church Night" the third Wednesday night each month.

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Editorial We can't understand why the Soviet Government has to persecute the peasants to stop them from attending church, when the same objective could be reached by teaching them to play golf. It's a good idea to consult the Tum-A-Lum about building. Though you are not the man your mother thinks you are, don't worry. Your wife can identify you. Today's Fairy Story Once upon a time there was a movie actress who never endorsed any soap, shampoo, powder, toothpaste, cigarettes, hats or baking powder. She was a trained seal. Hints to Housewives Although we know more about lumber than about cooking we think this is a good idea. When pouring paraffin on jelly to pour a small amount on, lay a short string across, then pour on more paraffin. The cord enables you to pull off the paraffin more easily. Besides this

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23 Years Ago

Friday, May 31, 1907 Joseph N. Scott was in Pendleton Wednesday. Miss Alta Sharp visited friends in Pendleton Wednesday.

Mrs. Robert Tharp and son Lawrence and Herbert Parker drove over to Weston last evening to attend the exercises of the 8th grade in the Normal training department, of which Miss Lula Tharp is a member.

B. B. Richards and M. L. Wat's had business in Weston Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Koonz will return from Portland to Athena, to reside permanently. Mr. Koonz has accepted the position of book keeper at the First National Bank.

Harry McBride will run several hacks to Weston during the picnic, Friday and Saturday.

Fred Flint, sheep shearer, is in town for a few days before entering upon the last stanza of his professional "trick" for the season.

S. A. Barnes, David Lavender and B. B. Hall, were among the Weston Masons who attended the banquet given by Dolph Lodge, A. F. & A. M. Friday night.

Yesterday there was a big trip hammer shipped from Portland, consigned to Tharp Bros., of this city. The machine is capable of striking 200 ninety-pound blows per minute. From this it will be seen that the hammer will greatly facilitate the output from Athena's leading blacksmith shop. The trip hammer will rest on a concrete base and electric power will be used.

Beginning Friday morning the annual reunion of the pioneers takes place at Weston, extending to Saturday night. Weston is generous in her entertainment of guests and her residents have given notice that they will throw open their lawns for the convenience of visitors. The program for general entertainment is more complete this year than usual. Hundreds of Athena people will attend the picnic, and besides the trains a number of hacks will make regular trips to facilitate transportation.

A Mr. Thomas of Waitsburg will succeed Fred Kershaw as local agent of the W. & C. R. at this point. The new agent will arrive tomorrow.

"Link" Swaggart came up from Pendleton the other evening, and had in his possession a new dog. The canine is of royal purple lineage, is Rhode Island Red in color, all the rest being just plain dog.

Rev. George T. Ellis came down from Baker City Saturday. Rev. Ellis occupied his pulpit in the Baptist church Sunday morning and evening, and yesterday returned to Baker where he is taking medical treatment. He is very much improved, and reports that his son, who recently underwent a surgical operation is doing nicely.

G. M. Morrison was up from Adams Friday evening. Miss Nellie Foss visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Hanscom near Pendleton.

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