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FAKE LEGISLATION AND GRAFT measures are the present means of fooling the the people. It is a popular custom to place before the voters a measure so skillfully, sugar coated, that the real meaning is lost among a jumble of words. There is a good many such measures on the ballot for the coming election, unless you thoroughly understand a measure, vote an emphatic "NO" we have enough of "wild cat" legislation now, without adding more.

DID YOU EVER FIGURE THAT IF the financial world, said, there will be no war that it would be an impossibility for nations to slaughter each other. Figuring backwards then, we can readily see that capital must gain by nations being at war, therefore war is a tool of capital and capital is a necessity to war, the only fellow not benefiting being the poor dub who carries the rifle, as Sherman once remarked, "War is h— and we must admit the wiseness of this exclamation when applied to the common horde who do the fighting.

THE POLITICAL POT HAS BEGAN to simmer though as yet has not reached the boiling point. The NEWS in a true independent spirit is not taking political sides but where we find a man, we will likely mention the fact. Real men in politics are hard to find but we are glad to say, there is a few of them.

THOSE WHO DO NOT WANT "Law Enforcement" will hardly support Chas. J. Smith and will likely ridicule him but those who really want laws enforced instead of ignored, and we believe they are the majority, will certainly support C. J. Smith.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION IS looking up but as yet has taken on no active life, in fact politics of to-day are conducted on a greatly different plan from a few years ago when the torch light procession was all the rage, people now-a-days go about election more as a business proposition

than as a recreation, they look closer at the man than at the coat he wears.

SUNDAY MORNING ALL CHRISTIAN people in the United States, which will include practically all of the eighty million inhabitants will unite in an hour of prayer to the great ruler of all destinies for peace in blood soaked Europe. A great nation looking on with heart felt sympathy at a suffering world, longing to bind up it's wounds. Surely it's cry will not be in vain.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of Sept., 1914.
Wm. L. Flower,
Notary Public for Oregon
(My commission expires March, 11, 1917.)

Mrs. Anson, Christian Sunday School State Superintendent, spoke at the Christian Church last Sunday to a large and very interested audience.

A farewell party was given to Mr. and Mrs. Jackson at the Stone home Tuesday evening. The young couple were married Sunday and left for their home in Haines on Wednesday.

Lost: somewhere on Main street in Richland, a seal ring, bearing the initials, J. W. C. Finder please return to this office and a liberal reward will be paid for the return of the same.
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THE RURAL PASTOR

Intelligent and Consecrated Leadership the Need of the Hour.

By Peter Redford,
Lecturer National Farmers' Union.

The rural pastor has greater possibilities than any other factor in our national life. The rural civilization of the Twentieth Century has opened up a new world of activities for him. There lie before him unexplored continents of usefulness, unemployed forces of civilization and tremendous responsibilities such as have never before confronted the pastor.

The need of the rural communities today is intelligent and consecrated leadership. There must be a marshaling of forces that build life, strengthen character and broaden vision. The pastor should deal with living problems. In addition to the service he now renders he should help us lift the market basket, hold out a helping hand to the farmer and develop the potential energies of the community he seeks to serve.

A More Useful Ministry.
The farmer needs the personal touch of the pastor. He seldom comes in direct contact with his halloving influence, except when he is baptized, married and buried. We need to further extend Christian influence in the homes, as well as to spread the gospel in China; to instruct our children in the art of living, as well as to convert the barbarian and the Hottentot, and we should devote our energy and talent to the solution of problems of our own locality, rather than consume our energies in fighting vice and ignorance beyond our borders. It is as important that we discuss from the pulpit, the building of macadam highways from the church to our homes, as that we preach of the golden streets of the New Jerusalem. It is as much a part of the duty of the pastor to exhort us to own a home while on earth as to inspire us to build a mansion in the skies and that we should construct Christian character in our own community, rather than that we fight foreign sins in other lands. We want a religion we can farm by as well as die by.

Christian Influence Needed.
There is an emptiness in the life of rural communities and we want preachers who can weave into the

social fiber, educational pastimes, profitable pleasures and instructive amusements. Too often we find the games of our young people a search for a suggestion in immorality and a stepping-stone to sin. The pastor should supervise the growing lives of young people, approve their amusements, create expressions of joy and pleasure that makes for Christian character and bless their lives with Christian modesty.
The farm is the nursery of civilization, and the parsonage of all religious denominations. Too long has the farm furnished the cities with their great preachers, until today the rural church is the gateway to city pulpits. The current should be reversed. The power of the pulpit is most needed in the country where the fundamental forces of human life

PAINTING. THE term is the powerhouse of all progress and the birthplace of all that is noble. The Garden of Eden was in the country and the man who would get close to God must first get close to nature. Many communities are church-ridden. We frequently have three or four churches in a community with a circuit rider once a month preaching to small congregations and all fail to perform the religious functions of the community. In many instances, more harmonious effort might result in a more efficient service. The division of religious forces and breaking into fragments of moral effort are oftentimes little less than a calamity and defeat the purposes they seek to promote.
A pastor in a neighborhood, studying the economic, social, moral and educational problems of the community, presenting fresh visions of potential possibilities and native power with beauty and new meaning, interpreting the thought-life of the community and administering to their daily needs, will contribute more toward the advancement of a locality than a dozen preachers who occupy the pulpits at irregular intervals, preaching on subjects foreign to the life of the community.
Church prejudice is a vice that saps much of the spiritual life of a community, and wasteful sectarianism is a religious crime against society. Denominational reciprocity should take its place. Non-support of church institutions and religious lethargy can often be traced to causes inherent with the church. There should be co-operation between churches and co-ordination of moral effort along economic lines, and there must be if the rural churches of this state are going to render a service which this age demands.

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