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## "THE GENERAL AND THE LADY"

It appears that the next few months is to see a big fight between the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen and the American Federation of Labor union in the lumber industry. Both unions are negotiating wage scales with the employers. The demands of the A. F. of L. for a 75 cent an hour minimum for common labor on a 30-hour instead of a 40-hour week is considered exorbitant when the condition of the industry is considered. The code minimum is 42½ cents per hour.

The Four-L, which was started in war time, is made up of both employees and employers and has performed satisfactorily for most of the industry. To the A. F. of L. it is a company union and must be slaughtered. The present set up looks like trouble in the near future. Trouble will be disastrous for all parties concerned. The consumer thinks he is paying plenty for lumber already.

## "THE GENERAL AND THE LANDY"

"The General and the Lady" would make a good title for a moving picture of what is going on behind the scenes in Governor Martin's effort to remove Mrs. Walter Pierce from the state board of higher education. Mrs. Pierce, who has not attended any board meetings since she went to Washington, D. C. as secretary to her congressman husband, fears for higher education if she is removed. She cries politics and accuses the governor of trying to dominate the Oregon scene. Since the governor is an "officer and a gentleman" and the lady the wife of an illustrious congressman, the quarrel is most disconcerting. Mrs. Pierce has already thrown out a 6000 word epistle. The state police should investigate her red hot message and the burning of the old capitol building. Perhaps it was more than the old structure could stand.

Every community it seems has its internal troubles. Over in Bend they are all in a sweat over moving the courthouse from a private rented building to an unused school building. The move is making more work for the attorneys on both sides than for the transfer men. "Fight 'em Oregon" should be our state anthem.

Lumber sales last week were 23 per cent more than production and shipments were 8 per cent more. This is a good sign that the lumber business should be better the next few weeks.

The fire at the state capitol building demonstrated that the state of Oregon can not carry its own insurance and be adequately protected any more than an individual. It was a disaster that is a complete loss to the state.

Sales of the first 17 chain-store and mail-order companies to report for March or for the 4-week period in that month were \$151,087,125, a gain of 5.78 per cent over sales of \$142,832,809 for the same companies in the like weeks of 1934.

There are 205,000 stockholders in the group with which our own power company is affiliated. That should explain who owns the power companies.

Most people with nothing to say give us wordy evidence of that fact.

More horse sense behind the steering wheel instead of more horsepower under the hood is needed now days.

Personal liberty without opportunity is not a thing of great value.

## Lessons from The Book

By DEAN C. POINDEXTER  
Pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Springfield, Oregon

### THE MISSION OF A CHRISTIAN

"You are the salt of the earth! But if salt loses its strength, how can it be made salt again? It is good for nothing but to be thrown away and be trodden under foot. You are the light of the world! A city that is built upon a hill cannot be hidden. People do not light a lamp and put it under a peck-measure; they put it on its stand and it gives light to everyone in the house. Your light must burn in that way among men so that they will see the good you do and praise your Father in Heaven."—Goodspeed.

We found from the beatitudes that a Christian Character demands the love of goodness. This goodness cannot exist nor grow except in relation to other people. It is like salt that sweetens and purifies and saves. The Christian's mission is to be the salt of goodness to society, sweetening and cleansing the people. Among primitive peoples salt was about the only preservative for food. To these people Jesus said, "Ye are salt." He also said, "Ye are light." Light does not exist to be seen but for illumination that all things might be seen in their proper relations. The beacon light of your goodness should lead men, not to you, but to the Heavenly Father who is revealed in you.

Your light is easily smothered and the savor of your salt will soon evaporate if you try to cover the one or save the other. The light must shine out and the salt must be put to use. Both must be used. Just so your goodness will only last and grow as it is usefully given. Jesus says society is in the dark and spoiling. Only the salt and light of Christian character, radiating in and saturating society, will suffice to make it pure and give it direction. Beware lest the light become too dim and the salt lose its saltiness. In the parable of the talents Jesus tells of the man, who having only one talent, decided to hide it in the earth and save it. The master of that servant found him unprofitable and gave his talent to another who proved able to put it to use.

# Peterson Replies to Last Week Editorial

April 26, 1935

Editor Springfield News:

Your editorial of yesterday states that in years past the Recorder has drawn several hundred dollars commission for collection charges on city liens. I knew that story was being circulated in Springfield and like so many of the others, there is no truth in it. I never drew one cent or commission in addition to the regular Recorder's salary while I was Recorder for collection of city liens, and I am well enough acquainted with the books there to know that no other Recorder was ever paid any such commission.

The matter of several hundred dollars collection charges being paid has been so distorted that there is no semblance of truth in the present story. In 1926, while R. W. Smith was Recorder the Mayor and Council employed me as Attorney to foreclose a number of delinquent liens and to make cash collections on others, if possible, which had been dragging over a long period of years. I spent six to eight months of hard work on these foreclosures and collections and disposed of some \$10,000.00 of old liens on the books. For this service I was paid the "several hundred dollars" you refer to. The compensation having been agreed upon by the Council before the work was started. The whole matter was finished before I became Recorder and after I became Recorder no commission was ever charged.

You, as editor of the paper there, should remember the whole transaction. You have only to go back to your files and books to find that you printed the foreclosure forms prescribed by the Charter and that you published the foreclosure notices in your paper.

Yours truly,  
I. M. PETERSON.

Editor's Note: We are more interested in what is to be done in the future by Springfield government than what has transpired in the past. However, since Mr. Peterson has seen fit to object to our editorial we think our readers should know what facts are or are not of record.

Mr. Peterson was elected recorder November 2, 1926. Previous to that date he had been appointed city attorney at a stated salary. Also during September, 1926, he acted as city recorder for R. W. Smith, who was on leave of absence.

### Warrants Listed

Since Mr. Peterson came into the employ of the city, warrants were drawn in his favor, other than for his regular salaries as city attorney and recorder, in amounts totaling about \$1000, according to the city warrant register. The largest items warrants were drawn for were on the following dates: Sept. 14, 1926, \$176.17; November 9, 1926, \$308.01; December 14, 1926, \$333.88; January 11, 1927, \$14.40; February 15, 1927, \$50.00; and June 12, 1928, \$50.00.

In his dual capacity as Recorder and city attorney it was not always clear to the laymen in which office he was functioning. However, so far as we are concerned we have the same objections to the city attorney or any other employee drawing extra compensation for duties his salary is supposed to cover.

**Foreclosed On Following**  
Foreclosure notices were pub-

lished in this newspaper in October, 1926, on 12 pieces of property belonging to the following individuals: Arthur Kirkland; James Frazer, C. N. McClain, Claude Signor; Jessie Walker, Henry Phelan; Seth Raistrick, G. W. Drinkard; Ethel Clark, Louise Bettleheim and Thomas Sikes. Mr. Peterson collected commissions on these pieces and in addition on some 25 or 30 others, which we list partially below as far as they are shown on city records.

Mr. Peterson states in his letter to us that "compensation having been agreed upon before the work was started." In reading through the minute book for 1926 we find no record of any authority being given Mr. Peterson to collect these liens and to receive 10 per cent collection fees. If he had such an agreement it appears not to be of record. However, he must have had some verbal authority from somebody since he was able to get his bills for collections allowed.

### List of \$308 Payment

Following is the group of properties which Mr. Peterson received \$308 for collections on:

J. W. Baker, Mrs. J. C. Burns, M. M. Peery, A. E. Senseney, H. A. and F. L. Travis, A. E. Senseney, Smith and Luckey, H. A. and F. L. Travis, C. E. and Laura L. Brattain, J. A. Fogarty, E. O. Browning, J. W. Machen, Edgar E. Keeter, M. J. McKlin, R. A. Wallis, Louise B. Bettleheim, C. N. McClain, Ethel Clark, R. A. Wallis, Grace and Jessie Walker, Claude Signor, Seth Raistrick, O. M. Larson, Henry Phelan, G. W. Drinkard.

### List \$333 Payment

Following is the group of properties Mr. Peterson received \$333.88 for collection on:

J. W. Machen, Maggie J. France, J. N. Fogarty, Thomas and Sallie Sikes, A. E. Senseney, Washburne and Clark, R. B. McKinney, F. C. Travis.

The itemized statement the \$176.17 covered appears not to be on file at the city hall.

We publish the above matters without comment or attempted interpretation so that the reader can form his own opinion as to whether he approves or disapproves of the procedure followed.

### MANY LOSE DRIVER'S RIGHTS DURING MARCH

Forty-one drivers lost the right to operate motor vehicles on the highways of Oregon during the month of March as a result of convictions on charges of drunken driving, according to reports compiled by Earl Snell, secretary of state, this week. A total of 71 revocations and suspensions were made for all causes.

Eleven of the drunken driving convictions were in Portland. In addition to the loss of license for operating while intoxicated, seven other drivers were penalized by revocations, three on charges of manslaughter, one for falling to stop at the scene of an accident, and three for driving while license was revoked.

Suspended licenses during March numbered 23, with 17 on charges of reckless driving, three for speeding, two for physical disability, and one for driving while license was suspended.

**Returns Home**—Margie Pohl returned to her home at Astoria Sunday after spending several weeks here with relatives.

### LUMBER OUTPUT GAINS IN NORTHWEST MILLS

Production, New Business and Unfilled Orders, All Show Increase in Northwest

Seattle, Wash.—May 2.—A total of 519 down and operating mills in Oregon and Washington which reported to the West Coast Lumbermen's association for the week ending April 20, produced 99,682,842 board feet of lumber. This was approximately 2,000,000 feet over the preceding week. The average weekly production of this group of sawmills in 1935 has been 84,767,059 feet; during the same period in 1934 their weekly average was 85,315,506 feet.

The new business reported last week by 519 mills was 123,373,703 board feet against a production of 99,682,842 feet and shipments of 107,744,296 feet. Their shipments were over production by 8.1 per cent and their current sales were over production by 23.8 per cent. The orders booked last week by this group of identical mills were over the total in the preceding week by about 12,500,000 feet or approximately 11.2 per cent.

A group of 426 identical mills whose records are complete for both periods show total orders 1935 to date of 1,438,337, 715 board feet, compared with 1,220,921,506 board feet for the same period in 1934, an increase of 17.8 per cent.

The unfilled order file at these mills stood at 394,898,958 board feet, approximately 13,000,000 feet over the week before. The aggregate inventories of 426 mills are 5.7 per cent less than at this time last year.

### OSC SUMMER SESSION ENLARGEMENT PLANNED

Summer session proper at Oregon State college will run from June 24 to August 2, and the post-session from August 2 to August 30. This will be the first regular post-session to be held at O. S. C. It will offer courses in education and science, and will be entirely self-supporting, as required by the state board of higher education.

Students are able to earn nine credits in summer sessions, and six in the post-session. Thus for the first time, teachers from Washington and other states where they are required to earn 15 credits during the summer will be able to obtain them at Oregon State college, Dean Smith says.

Dr. W. E. Blatz, director of St. George's School for Child Study at the University of Toronto, will be on the home economics staff again this year. Dr. Blatz is an international authority on child development, family relationships and parent education, who gained wide popularity among those attending his classes at the 1934 summer session.

### JUNIOR WEEK-END AT U. O. SET MAY 10-12

Junior week-end, with its annual Mother's day observance, came fete, campus luncheon, and other school activities will be held at the University on May 10-11 and 12. It was announced this week. The annual Mother's banquet will be held Saturday evening, and the canoe fete will start at 8:30 the same evening.

**Prune Control Man**—B. M. Leferve of Springfield was re-elected a member of the Prune Control Board at a meeting held in Salem Saturday evening.

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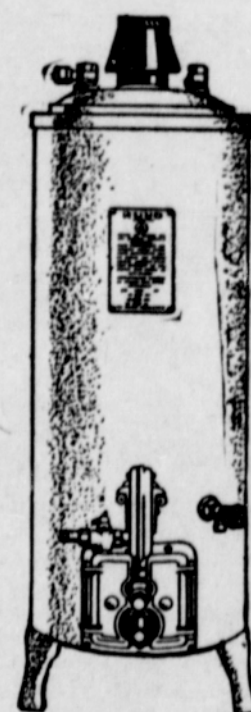
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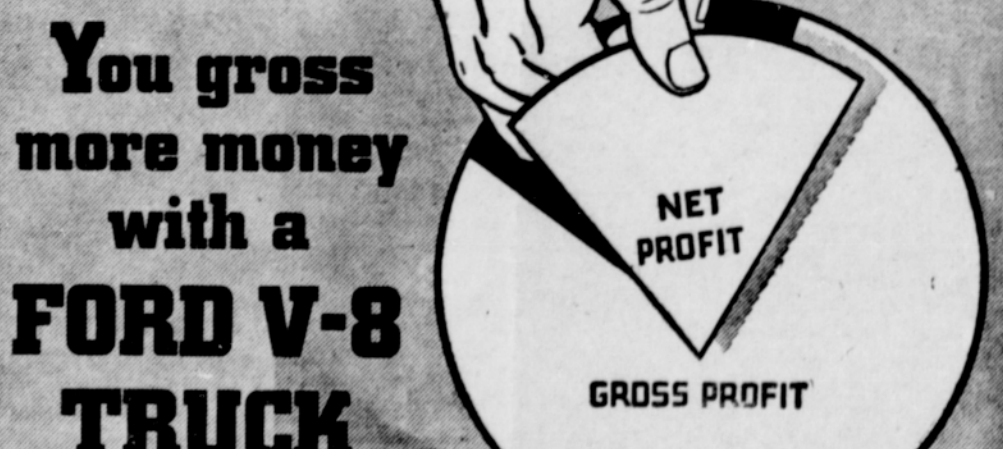
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