

### BEFRIENDS LAD WHO WALKS OFF WITH VALUABLES

To the Editor:

As a consequence of hiring transient labor, we have been made the victim of a thief that is still at large and will no doubt continue to work his game, so that it might be well to give his description through the papers so that others may be on the watch for him.

He is a lad about 17 years of age. Gave his name as Emil Ericson, says his nationality is Finland; poses as an orphan, and from his conversation we get it that he comes from Utah via Arizona and California. Travels mostly by foot, getting a ride when he can until somebody takes him in. Is about 5 feet 2 inches tall. Has noticeably bright eyes, good natured look, and can easily be identified by his protruding upper front teeth, and a rather thick rolling underlip. Gorges his food when he eats and tracks with his toes outward.

He left our place three and one-half miles northeast of Eagle Point at about daylight Tuesday, January 17, taking with him all the available money, a pair of brown woolen blankets and a 35-40 Winchester rifle. He wore a cap, an old brown mackinaw with red cross bars, blue overalls and a pair of new Endicott Johnson shoes No. 7.

His baggage consists of a pair of gum shoes, a cap, old blue overalls, and a pair of ankle laced khaki pants.

Respectfully,  
GEO. H. STOWELL.

Telephone messages from Weed, Calif., state that the highway is open and that some tourists are passing through every day.

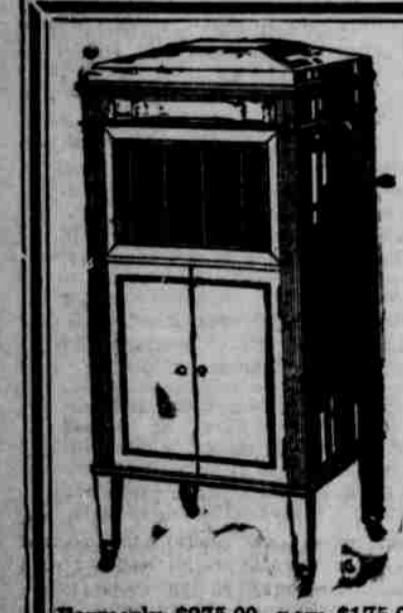
### DAUGHTER HAD TO HELP MOTHER

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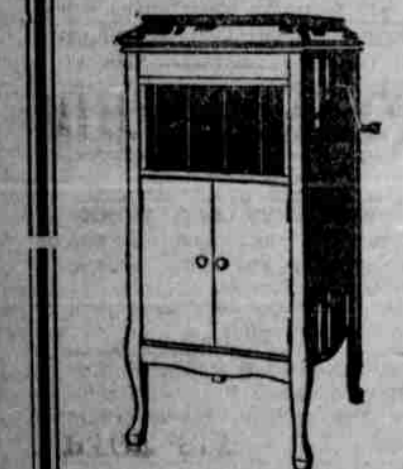
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### FIGHT STARTED TO TEST MOTOR LICENSE LAW

Opening oratory in the suit of Thomas F. Merriman of this city, attacking the legality of the state auto license was unopposed in the circuit court this morning, and after listening to arguments by Attorney Ben F. Lindas for Merriman, and District Attorney Rawles Moore and Assistant Attorney General J. A. Dever, the court granted 15 days for both sides to file briefs. A representative of the attorney general's office was sent to this county, owing to the scope of the case being state wide.

Attorney Lindas, in oral argument contended that the license is unconstitutional because it "contravenes" the United States constitution, was passed by the legislature without the consent of the people, that it operates without relation to value, but according to weight, that is "a mixture without unity," does not give equal taxation to all, and, contrary to the constitution, provides imprisonment for non-payment, the license fee being held a debt to the state. Attorney Lindas said it was just as sensible to tax the Southern Pacific, according to the weight of its locomotives, instead of its property valuation, and that the law made a distinction.

Attorney Devers for the state cited decisions, one from Idaho, which has a law modeled after Oregon's, upholding the attitude of the state, and setting forth that the license was "simply a fee for the privilege of using the state highways, and if a man kept his car on his own premises, or drove it on a privately owned road he would have to pay no taxes. He also read a lengthy memorandum on the legality of the law, by courts from Maine to California and the Rio Grande to Canada.

The fight against the license is being waged by subscription, and there was only one autoist and his boy in court.

The case will be carried to the supreme court for final decision. In the meantime, the chief of police says Merriman has a right to run his car pending the decision, and the state traffic officer says he has not.

Relative to the wrestling match next Wednesday at Gold Hill between Ralph Hand and Bennie Reubens of Chicago, Martin Bowers of Gold Hill has received the following letter from Reubens, now at Santa Barbara, Calif., dated January 18th:

"I am resting up and having my arm treated, and it is pretty nearly well now, and by the 25th it will be stronger than ever. I am confident I can defeat Hand, and would like to have Ted Thye referee, as I am sure he would give me a square deal, and he knows the wrestling game. I expect to leave in a day or two for Gold Hill."

"Sincerely yours,  
"BEN REUBENS."

Many friends of Hand maintain that the story of the sore arm is a "bear story" to throw the pride of southern Oregon off his guard.

### REUBEN WANTS THYE TO REFEREE

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Payne..... G	Richmond
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Beoney..... F	Ross
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### A. B. CORNELL LOOKING FOR MAN WHO STARTED IT

A. B. Cornell is on the war path, and some would-be practical joker had best keep the other side of the street when he sees A. B. C. appearing above the horizon else there may be crepe and flowers in some household. For "laying all jokes on one side," as our old friend Al used to say, Cornell has a righteous wrath. We have Judge Calkins' statement for it that a boot-legger is pretty low in the social scale, and Cornell's red blood resents the imputation that there was something other than gasoline in his Buick on his recent trip to Portland. He admits that the auto cut capers upon the icy pavement near Aurora the other day, and that before he could stop its carrying a speeding tourist had crashed into its side, with more or less damage to the fender. But the damage by the reckless statements of local busy-bodies is more vital than a crumpled fender, and repair not so readily accomplished. And that he may know just where to begin, Cornell is offering a \$100 bill for the name of the alleged comedian who started the slander on him.

That the uninitiated may know, the report gained much currency last week that Mr. Cornell had been gathered in by probi officers between Salem and Portland, with all manner of direful consequences, and, as is usual, there were many to believe, or to want to believe that the rumor was truth. It was one of those nasty, despicable yarns that grow as they travel, and the mind that gave it birth ought to be made to know something of the damage that false stories may do.

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### PERFECT PLANS, BUILDINGS, NEW FAIR GROUNDS

Preliminary arrangements were perfected yesterday for the building program of the County Fair at the meeting of the directors of the Fair association. Plans are to be prepared and estimates made so as to determine the number of buildings that can be constructed with the funds available. A committee was appointed to secure these plans and in so doing confer with the different stock and agricultural interests of the county to ascertain their views as to proper construction and amount of space that must be put under roof.

As the Fair association will use the combined properties of the city and county, a committee was appointed to negotiate a lease from both interests.

As the Fair association is without means for preliminary expenses to conduct the fair next September, a finance and budget committee was appointed to arrange for same. This committee will also pass upon the building program to safeguard the association from expending more than the one mill tax money that is made available for that purpose.

All of these committees will report at the annual meeting of the Fair association which will be held before long. The date of the fair was considered, but final decision was deferred until the next meeting.

A strong sentiment prevailed among the directors that every effort be made to see that the people of Jackson county be given full value in improvements for the money to be spent.

It is estimated that it will take three months to construct the buildings and these should be completed by the fifteenth of August, and therefore the grading of the grounds must be completed by May 15th.

### FREDERICK MASON SPEAKS AT FIRST BAPTIST SUNDAY

Mr. John Frederick Mason, the reader, impersonator and humorist, who gave one of his popular entertainments Friday evening at the First Baptist church, and so greatly pleased and delighted those who had the privilege of hearing it will be at the First Baptist church Sunday evening, at which time he will render Van Dyke's great religious poem, "The Tolling of Felix."

This is one of the strongest poems ever written where the great thought of service is portrayed. How Felix searched for the Christ and how he finally found him is a soul stirring story and should be heard not only by the older people of Medford, but by the young especially. Mr. Mason's appearance at the Baptist church Sunday will give an opportunity to those who failed to hear him Friday evening.

Mr. Mason has been secured in several of the nearby cities to give his recitals. He was a high school teacher before taking up this line of work, and was recommended by teachers in our city who had previously known him. There will be special music at the service. At the morning service Rev. J. C. Austin of Portland will be heard in a strong message.

### SCENIC SOCIETY TO MEET, PHOENIX HALL ON MONDAY

Phoenix has been selected for the January meeting place of the Jackson County Scenic Preservation association. This will be held next Monday, the 23rd at Clyde's Hall, opposite the post office. Prior to the calling of the meeting to order, the Ladies' Aid of the Phoenix Presbyterian church will serve a 50c supper. Seven o'clock is the hour set for this and all citizens of the county, irrespective of their being members of the association, are invited to attend the dinner as well as the meeting.

Those coming from Ashland and Medford will not find it necessary to leave the pavement with their cars, and as the Phoenix ladies will serve a good dinner, there should be a special effort made by members in particular to attend.

### POPE'S DEATH REPORTED

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the center to see if from the light in the pontiff's room they could gain any inkling of what was going on. Then, as daylight broke, the forms of the cardinals could be seen passing from the adjoining rooms.

Sketch of Pope's Life.

Pope Benedict's efforts toward peace were thus summed up by Cardinal Logue:

"During the late war every effort was made to induce the pope to side with one belligerent or another, but he went straight as an arrow. He made justice and right triumph over oppression. There was not one of President Wilson's fourteen points that was not included in the pontiff's peace conditions."

The pope was deeply grieved by the conflict which resulted from efforts to obtain Ireland's freedom. He was appealed to intervene in behalf of the Irish republican movement but Archbishop Hayes, on returning from the vatican in 1921, said that he was following the policy of neutrality and impartiality.

He condemned crime in Ireland by either side and repeatedly expressed the hope that violence there would end.

In a letter to Cardinal Logue, the pope appealed to both English and Irish to abandon violence, and proposed that the Irish question be settled by a body selected by the whole Irish nation. When the Anglo-Irish agreement finally was reached, he expressed great satisfaction and sent a message to the Dal Eirraon rejoicing over the peace agreement which made Ireland a free state.

Pope Benedict declined, in May, 1913, to authorize the Catholic church to participate in a world conference of religions which had been proposed to him by a group of bishops of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States. Cardinal Gasparri told the bishops:

"Rather than a reunion of the Christian churches, the holy see aims at the unity of the church, which, in the opinion of Rome, can only occur by returning to the Catholic church."

Opposed Y. M. C. A.

In December, 1920, the vatican issued a decree requesting the Catholic bishops to pay vigilant attention to such societies as the Young Men's Christian association, on the ground that they corrupted the faith of Catholic youths. The pope urged the Knights of Columbus to combat propaganda against the Catholic faith.

The pope took occasion on numerous occasions to express his views thoroughly on some political and social questions. Early in 1920 he sent a letter to an Italian bishop urging the Catholic priests to work intelligently and energetically against what the pope characterized as "the dangerous doctrine of the socialists."

Immodesty in Dress

He repeatedly denounced immodesty in women's dress and what he termed the indecency of fashion. On another occasion a circular was issued by his direction to diplomats accredited to the holy see asking them to add to the invitations to official receptions a note requesting women to avoid excessively décolleté gowns.

The pope declared in an address to the sacred college that the world was affected with five great plagues which he enumerated as the negation of authority, hatred among brothers, thirst for pleasure, disgust for work and forgetfulness of the supernatural objects of life. These evils, he asserted, could be overcome only by the aid of the gospel.

Insist on Civility

In a secret consistory in December he declared that the Catholic church would never abolish nor mitigate the law imposing celibacy on the clergy nor introduce democratic forms which had been asked by priests in Czechoslovakia, where a secession movement had been based upon that appeal.

The resumption of diplomatic relations between the vatican and France and Germany was attributed to the diplomacy of Pope Benedict. The healing of the breach between the vatican and France which resulted from the separation of the church and state in that country was crowned by the canonization of Joan of Arc as a saint.

In comment on these no wretations, it was pointed out in many quarters that during the years when Benedict XV had directed the policy of the church there had been an increasing influence by the vatican on the public opinion of the world.

Approved Arms Parley

His voice was raised in approval of the aims of the Washington conference on the limitation of armament and in a letter to President Harding the pope commended his initiative in calling it. His efforts on behalf of war prisoners were unremittent and he personally appealed to the prelates of the church to promote amity among the nations and deplored the unrest in Europe which had followed the war.

He issued numerous appeals for the poor children of central Europe and for the famine-sufferers of Russia, and through his efforts a huge

fund was raised and distributed to the children of Germany, Austria, Poland, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia. He also made large contributions to funds for the relief of Russians and Chinese and to the International Red Cross.

The pope's brother, Marquis John Anthony Della Chiesa, died in December, 1920.

The pope was reported in 1921 as having suffered two attacks of rheumatism. On January 18, 1922, it was announced he had an attack of bronchitis, catarrh and symptoms of influenza which were not at first regarded as serious, but as he was then 67 years old, complications were feared.

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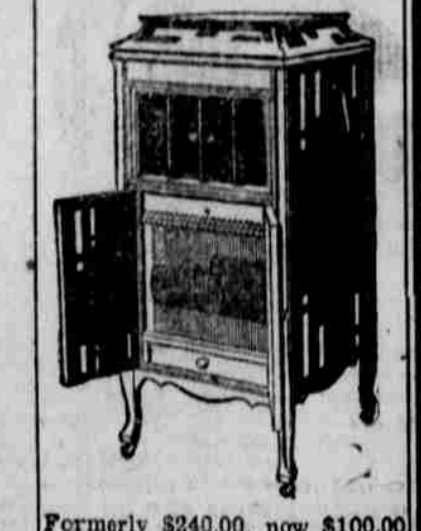
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