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NEITHER WONDERFUL NOR FUNNY.

There has been a great deal of newspaper comment because the editor of this paper week before last undertook deliberately to secure rainfall by means of prayer.

The Journal office is deluged with newspaper clippings, letters and even telegrams concerning the bringing about of a rainfall within twenty-four hours of a concerted effort in this community.

That rain has been secured in answer to prayer is nothing new in Oregon, and in many other states of the Union.

It is neither wonderful nor funny to undertake to secure rain in answer to prayer.

In fact, to pretend to be a Christian believer in an Almighty God whose help is not available in any human need is a mockery.

The latest revised version of the Scriptures employs the term Jehovah in nearly every instance where the terms God and Lord were formerly used.

The reason for this is the greater meaning of Jehovah over the other terms.

Jehovah in the ancient Hebrew is defined to mean "The ever-present Helper of those who are in trouble."

If the Ever-Present Omnipotent Jehovah cannot be appealed to when there has been a four-months drouth in the Willamette valley when should His services become available?

Neither irrigation nor prayer for rain are supposed to be necessary in western Oregon, but the fact is we have as much right to resort to prayer here as in the most drouthy country in the world.

What we object to is that an agnostic newspaper like the Oregonian should try to turn an earnest effort to help our country into ridicule because it does not believe in prayer for anything.

We take no offense, however, at the press in general expressing surprise at our advocating prayer for rain, because we do not pose as having any inside cinch on the professional praying business.

While we were sliding around among the rocks in the sage brush of eastern Oregon, following came to this office, which is given for what it is worth:

Mayor Numbers, Weiser, Idaho, writes: "First crop of alfalfa all up, and a little rain would be all right."

Eugene Daily Guard: The current report that Colonel Hofer is not a friend of Lane county has again been verified. While copious showers fell in the vicinity of Salem one could almost have counted the drops in this section. Well, we don't care—it wasn't real rain, anyway—only evidence that the colonel's efforts to pray made the angels weep.

Corvallis Gazette: Colonel Hofer publicly announces that he believes in the power of prayer to bring rain. He considered this better than the weather bureau, which has twice made forecasts for rain but failed to bring up a solitary cloud. According to the colonel, if only one minister with a large con-

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 10:23 a. m., 2:23 p. m., 7:53 p. m., due at corner of State and Commercial streets.
 10:33 a. m., 2:33 p. m., 7:59 p. m., due at fair grounds.
 10:45 a. m., 2:45 p. m., 7:58 p. m., due at corner State and Commercial streets.
 10:55 a. m., 2:55 p. m., due at state prison.
 8:10 p. m., due at state asylum.
 11:17 a. m., 3:17 p. m., due at end of Yew Park line.
 8:35 p. m., due at state prison.
 11:29 a. m., 3:29 p. m., due at State and Commercial streets.
 8:53 p. m., due at end of Yew Park line.
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