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"WHEN DUTY IS A JOY."

Joy is a duty—so with golden lore. The Hebrew rabbis taught in days of yore. But one bright peak still rises far above. And there the Master stands, whose name is Love. Saying to those whom weary tasks employ: "Life is divine, when duty is a joy."

—Henry Van Dyke.

The trouble at Copperfield arose from the fact the saloonmen there seem to have thought at Copperfield, they were immune from all the laws of decency.

Through some legerdemain they captured the city government bodily. The mayor was a saloonkeeper and likewise four of the councilmen. They had control and they appear to have used it not for the protection of peace but for the protection of vice.

This situation became intolerable to others who have to live at Copperfield. They were not merely forced to endure an "open" town but complained their lives and property were in danger. That there was some ground for their complaint is indicated by the fact some of the complainants had suffered from incendiary fires.

At first efforts were made to correct the situation through the ordinary legal channels but the effort proved ineffective. Even when called upon by the governor to take action against the saloonkeeper officials the district attorney declined to do so. It was then the governor decided to handle the matter himself. Through Miss Hobbs, his private secretary, he asked the officials to resign. Upon their refusal to do so the town was placed under martial law, the saloonmen were placed under arrest and their saloons under lock and key. That was the situation as it stood this morning.

Presumably the governor in taking this action is entirely within the law. It is the same line of action he pursued against the disorderly road houses in Multnomah county and he brought those establishments into line. If Governor West can succeed in cleaning up Copperfield the effect will be wholesome for it will show that when local or county officials acquiesce too openly at lawlessness and vice the governor, who is sworn to see that the laws are faithfully enforced, may take charge himself and has an arm that reaches far and with which he may strike quickly and effectively.

The fate of the La Grande Messenger shows the difficulty of establishing a second newspaper. A difficult paper in a town where the field is already covered. La Grande is a very thriving town and is growing. It has a closely settled tributary country and is the best payroll town in eastern Oregon. If any eastern Oregon town offers a field for two newspapers La Grande does. Yet the Messenger was unable to succeed and this despite the fact it was a splendid little paper and was conducted by practical newspapermen. The profits of a legitimate newspaper are not large and they are well earned while such papers as obtain money from questionable sources often find it a long time between meals.

This is a busy, selfish world, yet there are frequent flashes showing this tendency is not all prevalent and that a desire to serve others will exist regardless of materialistic standards. An incident that happened in Denver Christmas glorifies the name of one young man who strove to bless others. He was W. H. Hoop, Jr.

Young Mr. Hoop was a former resident of Paterson, N. J., who had become a health exile in the West because of tuberculosis. Learning that

the mother of a boy of eight years had said that there "wasn't any Santa Claus for poor children." Mr. Hoop left the sickroom, stocked his automobile with a sled, a train of toy cars, clothes, candy and other gifts for the destitute family and started out to deliver them. His car became stalled in the snow he staggered along with his burden, was overcome by exhaustion, and died.

When men will die for the cause of generosity and self sacrifice no one can say the old world is wholly sordid or that fine sentiment has been driven from the land.

There are now loud denials that there has been any scheme to tie up the Thorn Hollow project. There was good evidence of such a scheme but it has been dropped since the East Oregonian exposed the thing, very well. However, the "ants" will have to prove their claim by deeds as well as words. If they don't want to obstruct the project then let them cease their obstructive tactics.

Those Copperfield saloonmen may be sorry they did not resign when the young lady asked them to do so.

The West Umattilla project shows the faith of the government in the project at Hermiston.

If the coast towns cannot agree on that regional bank let Pendleton have it.

Pendleton—the best home town in eastern Oregon.

BY THE SCISSORS

A DIFFICULT BUSINESS.

(La Grande Observer.) Messrs. Palmer, Lindbeck and Wood who came here from Oklahoma about three months ago and launched a morning newspaper have, after carefully and earnestly trying out the newspaper field, announced they will discontinue publication of the paper, and devote their entire attention to an exclusive job printing plant. These are practical men and rendered good service, but it is a plain business proposition that two daily papers, each carrying the enormous expense necessary to publish a paper, cannot get along in this field. The rate for advertising is too low for two to exist.

These gentlemen have given every energy to their business and worked hard. They deserve credit for their effort and for having tried out the morning field, which has been looked upon by many as a great opening for a newspaper.

The only way that the Observer can exist and give the service it does is by the large volume of business transacted. Cut that volume down and we naturally would have to reduce in the different departments to meet the deficiency.

A newspaper nowadays, with its heavy expense, is very much like a public utility, and people generally are growing to believe that two daily newspapers in the smaller cities is but a double tax on both advertisers and subscribers.

The Observer tries very hard to please and give full value for every dollar received—whether there is one paper in the field or two. No one can truthfully say the Observer has held them up when it was the only paper printed in La Grande, and no one can truthfully say they were ever mistreated by this paper. We have but one motto and that is—"Be fair."

This motto is handed down through every department of this business. Whether you are friend or foe you are always sure of fair treatment.

At times, even with one paper there are heavy deficiencies for the labor pay roll must be met every Saturday night and the paper house must be paid. But the bright seasons of the year overcome the dull ones. The newspaper business has changed greatly in the last 10 years. It is now a business that requires large money to install and heavy expense to operate.

While Mr. Palmer, Mr. Lindbeck and Mr. Wood are practical men and fully understood the great expense necessary they had hoped, no doubt, of the demand heard for another paper of carrying with it increased expenditures for newspaper work in La Grande.

AMERICA'S RADIUM POSSIBILITIES. The public has been interested in the announcement that the pitchblende deposits in Colorado, whence radium is derived, have been purchased by Alfred I. du Pont to insure a home supply of that metal. A far more important source of radium, however, says the Independent is the mineral carnotite (named in 1889 after the late president of France), which occurs scantily in Turkestan and in Australia, but far more abundantly in the United States. It is now obtained in southwestern Colorado and in eastern Utah, most profusely in the canyon walls of Paradox valley. The American mining congress at its recent meeting in Philadelphia was told by Charles Parsons, chemist of the United States bureau of mines, that this was the richest radium producing region in the world; and that at least four times as much radium was produced from American carnotite in 1812 alone as from all the Colorado pitchblende yet treated. Virtually all of it, however, was sent to Europe, and very inadequately paid for; but the miners have learned better now, and are also saving much waste in the reducing process, so that better returns are being received. The mines are far from a rail-

road and the expenses are very heavy; but even so, the United States is now furnishing three times as much radium annually as all the rest of the world together. The carnotite is found in a deeply buried sandstone formation, and is scattered in "pockets," so that its discovery is largely a matter of chance. It occurs as lemon-yellow specks scattered thickly through the rock for an irregular space, or encrusting cracks and hollows, or it may be more or less massive, and associated with darker vanadium ores. The bureau of mines has instructed prospectors that the best way to test these ores is to wrap, in the dark, a photographic plate in the thickness of black paper. On the paper lay a key, and then, just above the key, suspend two or three ounces of the ore and place the whole in a light-tight box. Pressure of the ore on the key and plate should be avoided. After three or four days develop the plate in the ordinary way and if the ore is appreciably radio active, an image of the key will be found on the plate.

For several years after carnotite was discovered it was utilized solely for the uranium and vanadium content, and it was not until 1910 that the extraction of radium began. Mr. Parsons can see no reason why American carnotite should not be treated at home, where its precious ingredient is much needed, and says that several companies are preparing to do so. The market price of radium has been holding steadily for some time at about \$120 a milligram (\$54,000,000 a pound).

INOBUSTRIVE WEALTH. That it is only in elemental society that people "wear their claims to consideration," is a saying of Clara E. Laughlin's. This desire to carry one's property or the signs of it about on one's back is left over from nomad days, when no one had any home or background of established repute. Later people began to stay in one place, to make homes and to gather the evidence of wealth in houses and other possessions. The higher the sense of what is worth possessing the further does one get from desiring to exhibit one's possessions in dress and the less obtrusive all tokens of wealth become. The most beautiful homes show regard for comfort and beauty; but they do not speak of wealth. Their first impression is always beauty, and the uninitiated might never suspect the wealth that many a simple and perfect home setting really represents.

MEXICO'S MIXTURE OF RACES. About a fifth of the people of Mexico call themselves Spanish and perhaps a twentieth are really without Indian mixture. A third of the population is of native American stock; and fully half of the people have both Spanish and Indian blood. The pure

Indians of Mexico include a few wild tribes which have not yet bowed the knee to the Spaniard, such as the Huichols, the Tarascas, the pigma Otomies, and the Mixes in their ridge climbing log villages with such Aztec names as Ixcumtepec and Huixquilucan. Modern investigators like Starr and Lumholtz think they are superior to the mixed race, and to many whites.—The World's Work.

IN A MIRTHFUL VEIN

MARKED IMPROVEMENT. Rev. Caller—Well, Mrs. Mangles and is the good man any better? Mrs. Mangles—Oh, yes, sir. 'E's nearly all right again, sir. 'E don't say 'is prayers no more of a night now, sir.—Sydney Bulletin.

BAD JOB FOR MAN BELOW. While in Boston a while ago I went over to East Boston on the ferry. There was a stean shovel at work out in the harbor, and I was standing watching it. Suddenly I felt a tap on my shoulder and turned around to find a son of Erin standing there. "Say," said he, "isn't this a wonderful country? By gorry, now, just look at that thing going down there now. Look at it. Isn't that wonderful. But, say, ould man, I wouldn't want to be the guy at the bottom filling that thing up, would ye?"

My Word! To his family an old Dipolodocus said, "Cut out all this loud hocus pocus. You must act like good boys. And stop all this noise. Or the Ichthyopagous will crocus."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Call a Surgeon! Gabe—That fellow Tuffluck has evidently gone to pieces, hasn't he? Steve—Yes, they tell me he is broke.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Cheaper. "Going to make many Christmas presents this year?" "You bet! It's cheaper than buying 'em."

WHERE HE SHINES. "He is in Who's Who, I believe." "Yes; but he is much more prominent in 'Hope's How'."—Houston Post.

HE ADMITS IT. "Do you see that homely woman over there?" "Yes." "Do you know who she is?" "No." "She's Green's wife. And what's more, he just admitted it to me a minute ago."—Detroit Free Press.

Nature Never Intended Woman to be Sickly

As a matter of fact it is her right and her duty to enjoy perfect health and strength—to be just as strong and healthy as man—perhaps more so—in view of her position in the world the offspring. Every woman can be strong and healthy. Don't resign yourself to a delicate life. If you suffer from headaches, backaches, nervousness, low spirits, lack of ambition, or have lost all hope of being well again—it's more than an even chance that you will speedily regain your health if you will try

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription (In Tablet or Liquid Form)

This famous remedy is the result of years of patient research by a physician who has made women's peculiar ailments a life study. Since its introduction—more than forty years ago—thousands of women in every part of the globe have testified to its wonderful merits. You, too, will find it beneficial. Try it now. Your dealer in medicines will supply you or you can send for one-cent stamps for a trial box. Address Dr. J. C. Pierce, M. D., Buffalo, N. Y.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate stomach, liver, bowels.

Can You Write "1914" Yet?

Every now and then today you will catch yourself writing 1913 in the same old way. Do you know why?

THE NEW YEAR IS NOT YET SUFFICIENTLY ADVERTISED.

In a day or so—after you have seen the date in your favorite newspaper, on calendars, on letters, everywhere—the fact will be hammered home to you that this really is 1914. Advertising will do it.

Did you ever stop to think that everything in this life that suggests a desire or the ability to satisfy a desire is advertising—that the infant's first cry is advertising, and very likely to command immediate response.

Newspapers did not create advertising. They merely opened the easiest channel for this essential part of life to express itself.

Newspaper advertising is efficient for business men just as the Panama Canal will be efficient. Each is the most direct and the easiest way for its user's purpose.

SALE OF PIANOS

Never before have the people of Pendleton and Umattilla county had an opportunity of securing the world's best pianos, at the prices we are quoting.

The Hulett stock of pianos from La Grande also all of the Eilers pianos now stored with Penland Bro's. of this city, are to go regardless of former selling prices. Price is no object--they must be closed out.

This is not a mere matter of price, in fact prices and profits have been forgotten in order to dispose of this stock in the next few days. There are savings here for everyone. Careful buyers will at once appreciate the significance of this sale, coming as it does from a house of established integrity and reliability. You are absolutely assured of satisfaction. Its the Eilers way. If you have your heart set on a Chickering, Eilers, Kimball, Smith & Barnes, Marshall & Wendell or some other well known make, you can now realize your wish and at a tremendous saving. While it don't seem possible that a saving of from \$150.00 to \$250.00 could be made on a single piano it is true and possible right here in Pendleton at this time. Do not overlook the importance of this sale to you. Tell your friends. You can make a small payment each month like rent, if you wish. Should you have an old organ or piano we will take it as part payment at a liberal valuation.

Notice the beautiful Chickering, Sohmer and Knabe Grand Pianos in our big window---all reduced.

The Warren Music House

Agents in Eastern Oregon for Eilers Music House

"Wouldn't It Make You Laugh?"



Yes, another song hit free for our readers by arrangement with Maurice Shapiro, New York City owner of the copyright

You'll laugh when you get next Saturday's issue of the East Oregonian and sing Seymour Brown and Silvio Hein's feature song from

"A Matinee Idol"