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PSYCHIC STUNTS AND MADNESS.

The ouija board continues to provide amusement for social gatherings and patients for insane asylums. One hospital for mental disorders, in Boston, has received 24 victims since the ouija craze started. Some of them seem hopeless. If figures could be obtained for the whole country, it would doubtless be found that the recognized cause of insanity or dementia resulting from unwise devotion to this innocent looking little device runs into the thousands.

It cannot be too often repeated that it is unsafe to meddle with any kind of "occult" experiments unless the experimenter is sure of his own mental poise and knows exactly what he is doing, and even then it is better not to meddle. Students of such matters give explanations of the ouija board which sound simple enough, and yet do not explain. The instrument itself is not so new as most persons imagine; it is only the old "planchette" with a new name. It is one of the many devices, and perhaps the most convenient one, intended for "automatic" writing. Such writing, psychologists say, is done by the "subconscious mind" without the exercise of the will. Other people give other explanations, referring the phenomena of such writing to "astral bodies," to telepathy, and some even to "devils." The messages verily suggest the latter source sometimes, so ingeniously is mischievous falsehood mixed with truth.

This much at least is sure: The powers of the human mind are as yet uncharted; the mind's capacities for self-harm are great, and in the borderland of consciousness lurk forces that none but an adept can know and cope with. Novices utterly fail to realize the power of these forces for good or evil. The ouija board, slate-writing, crystal-gazing, hypnotism, table-tipping, spirit-rapping, all kinds of "psychical stunts," are perilous, condemned alike by religion, science and common sense. "That way madness lies."

TOO MUCH JOHNSON.

Ever hear of Old Man Johnson who rose in the great printing industry from devil to boss of a one-man shop and all within thirty years? Says the Business Printer:

When he was a young man he did just what he was told to do—nothing more. If he was not told to do anything—he sat down and did nothing. When asked to lend a hand in any undertaking he said: "Where do I come in on this?" He always wanted to get before he would give. He was always afraid somebody would do too much work for the money they were getting out of their jobs. "You bet I won't do a darn stroke more than I have to."

"Too much Johnson," said the foreman, and the old man got fired. Then a supply house set him up with a small plant—a dollar down and a dollar a week—and for twenty years Johnson has been struggling to hold the plant, and he nearly always scrapes up the dollar. Johnson gets nowhere—never will.

Johnson never knew that crop failures in the fields of service are unknown. He never learned that the first law of nature is for one to give before one gets. Harvests only follow seed sowings and siltations. If we want more we must give more. Heaping measures of service bring heaping rewards. No boss determines a real man's salary; it is up to the man.

The committee on reconstruction and reproduction of the United States, senate some time ago sent a letter to the interstate commerce commission protesting against any increased rates on basic building materials. It asks specifically that sand, gravel, crushed rock, brick and cement should be exempted from additional freight charges. The committee holds that present rates on these materials are unduly high, and that additional increases will stifle much-needed construction. It wants the higher rate applied to kinds of freight "better able to pay," particularly freight of smaller bulk and greater value.

Whether any particular rates are

higher than they ought to be is for experts to say. If there is really any discrimination against building materials, present or prospective, it is doubly wrong for to its essential injustice is added the unfortunate effect it is bound to have on an industry already too heavily handicapped. If there is to be any deviation at all from a scale of rates calculated for normal conditions, building materials should certainly be favored rather than penalized. The country needs new houses, roads, bridges and many other forms of construction more than it needs any other material thing. If favorable freight rates will stimulate building, rate theories might be sacrificed temporarily for practical advantage.

The little city of Yoncalla, to the north of Roseburg, has the distinction of electing a municipal ticket at the election Tuesday composed entirely of women. It's a two to one bet that Yoncalla will be the best governed city in the United States for the next two years. The man of that community will probably be put on K. P. duty in the not distant future.

No defeated candidate need worry about another job. The business world offers better opportunities than the political arena for well trained and efficient men and women.

Judging from the election returns—both local and national—no one man was responsible for the landslide. It was simply a unanimous go-get-'em affair.

National and county affairs being settled from a political standpoint, we can again get down to business and hit her up for the old town and county at large.

A woman, aged 65 years, has been elected sheriff of Roseman county, Michigan. Looks like a pretty "heavy" job for the old girl.

What is more pathetic than a rich old man who imagines the young girl is marrying him for love?

Even though a woman may be able to "make it hot enough" for her husband, that doesn't signify that she's a good cook.

The next big event of importance occurs Nov. 11, Armistice Day. Let's put it over with a bang.

If you'd keep out of trouble, don't brag. A whale wouldn't be harpooned if he didn't blow.

It looks like a republican year—and then some.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Editor, News-Review:
 I also read with interest and disapproval, E. E. Morgan's attempt to discredit the efforts of our too-few, live-wire City-dads, to make a modern town of Roseburg by adding a very necessary aviation field to our assets.

Duck your head, Morgan, E. E. Here comes an aerial barrage. Your point is ill chosen when you dub our badly needed aviation field "A mammoth Advertising scheme." Advertising scheme for what, may I ask? Does the United States Government maintain its Army Air Service for this purpose? Does any sensible thinking man deny that airplanes practically won the war? Does England spend millions on a toy? Why does every World power maintain an air service. Any child can tell you it is for National protection. Are the Japs not a menace to us now but one reason for our field? Where would you wage war, Morgan, if the Japs invaded and took our country? Councilman Nichols is right when he says the business men are "sore." They have a right to be, when a few, Thank God, only a few "Wiggles and Wobblers, anything to keep the town from growing kind," like Cronson and yourself, who are kind enough to self-appoint yourselves as guardians for the dear foolish people, who voted for an aviation field, but shouldn't have one because Al says, "no, not for two years," and maybe not then.

We who know him can not quite picture Al as the kind, philanthropic, now-headed, unselfish old soul, appointing himself a committee of one to safeguard the interests of the people, take their cross upon his own broad shoulders and feed them "pink political pills" for what ails

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"em." A pleasing sketch you pen for us, but, "We know you Al." You also state, "the interests of the Business man and the Wage Earner are not the same; the W. E. is busy earning the money and the B. M. is busy getting it from him." Wrong again Morgan. We are all fifty-fifty Americans making and earning an honest living for our respective families. If WE were not business men selling the things YOU need, then of a necessity, You would be a business man earning your living by selling US what you would be wage earners, the things WE need. It is a part of the scheme of life that some must be merchants and others producers. Your ideas savor of Bolshevism; are you a Bolshevik, Morgan, against all forms of erudition and civilized progress?

The airplane is experiencing the same sort of development that other vehicles of transportation experienced when they were first introduced to the public. Automobiles, trucks and tractors are all a very necessary part of our every day existence. We know that you are an exponent of the auto, mobile, else why should you drive your ancient shay? If an automobile why not an airplane? One is faster than the other. Be fair, Morgan, be fair. Did you know that there are some 50 airplanes in use in Oregon and Washington, 150 in California, and 87 operating aircraft companies in the United States? Almost two companies for each state in the Union and mind you the airplane industry only in it's infancy. You do not know these things or you would not be foolish enough to make those statements. NEXT!

RAY L. WARD.

"Type" Actors In Comedy Good

"Just Around the Corner," the New York comedy hit, coming to the Astoria stage, 10, was produced in the eastern metropolis last season by G. M. Anderson with marked success and which he is bringing to the Pacific coast for a special tour, has in its cast two "type" actors of exceptional ability.

Oral Humphreys, who has specialized in "rube" characters for many years, is an actor of national reputation. For many years he was a member of the famous Ye Liberty stock company on the Pacific coast, was specially engaged for the western tour of George M. Cohan "Review of 1916," and recently scored in several New York productions.

Frank Durion is another artist in characterization. One of Durion's most successful roles was that of "Tiedemeyer" in "The High Cost of Living," which he played with Kolb and Dill for two seasons.

RIDDLE NEWS.

The following interesting items were clipped from the Riddle Enterprise:
 Last Sunday while Ted Arner was hunting on "Grapevine" above Middle creek, he ran onto two boys about 14 or 15 years of age, who had been wandering in the woods since Saturday morning without food or shelter. The boys were Fern Morland gone into the hills hunting deer and became lost when they crossed over the divide from Dad's creek. They were cold and hungry when found by Ted, who, after giving them a big feed, brought them to Riddle and sent them home on the Sunday evening train.

Grandma Cynthia J. Cain, known and loved by practically everyone in this part of Douglas county, cast her first ballot at Tuesday's election at the age of 87 years. Grandma Cain proudly announced that her first vote was "straight republican from president down."

D. W. Crosby received the happy news Tuesday that he is a "grandpa." David Harrison having been born on Monday night to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cutsforth at Oregon City. Both mother and child are doing nicely.

Mrs. Mary F. Riddle, mother of Attorney E. B. Riddle, left this morning for Albany, after spending the night at the home of her son in this city. She is going to Albany to see her great-grandson, the baby boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cutsforth.

Children's Eyes Should Be Examined!

YOU should know whether your children's eyes are normal, whether they see near and distant objects perfectly and whether school work and reading have strained their eyes. Poor eyesight will hold back their progress and make them seem dull. Do not let them be handicapped with poor vision, when a properly fitted pair of glasses will give them relief and make them on par with the others. We are fully equipped for examining eyes and fitting glasses.

BUBAR BROS.
 Jackson Street

Yoncalla Elects Women as Officers

Yoncalla women have decided that the men folks of that community must hand over the reins of government. They decided this long before Tuesday's election and made an organized campaign to elect women as city officials. That the campaign was extremely well organized is not in the least doubted, for when the ballots were counted Tuesday night, it was found that all city offices would be occupied by women for the ensuing year. Men opponents were defeated for all offices. Those elected were: Mayor, Mrs. Mary Burt; Members of the council, Mrs. Bernice Wilson, Mrs. Jennie D. Laxwell, Mrs. Nettie Hannan and Mrs. Edith B. Thompson.

Inefficiency was the chief count in the indictment of the women campaigners against the men office holders. In their pre-election meetings attended solely by women, the charges were made that the city officials were allowing breaks in the sidewalks to go unrepaired, that the speeding automobiles were not controlled, that the streets were insufficiently lighted, and that a general slowness in municipal affairs prevailed. To cure these ills, the women were rallied to go in and elect a complete set of city officials. They did so.

POST OFFICE SERVICE EXAMINATION HERE

There will be a clerk-carrier post office examination held in the Federal building on November 13 to fill a vacancy in the local post office force. Those who wish to take the examination should send in their application previous to this time, but if for some reason it is impossible to do so, they may take the examination without sending in their application.

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Court Docket Is Called Today

The Circuit Court docket was called yesterday and several cases were set for trial. The first case will be that of the State against Milton Anthony, who is charged with having stolen and destroyed a boat belonging to Joe Lyons. It will be heard on Monday. The case of the State of Oregon against Hevingham will follow and the case of the state versus Bakke will be heard Wednesday. Several other cases are set for the following days, November 11, Armistice Day, being declared a holiday. The appeal of the Cobb real estate company to the assessment damages on the extension of South Stephens street will be heard November 22.

CITY NEWS

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