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WHAT THE KINETOPHONE MEANS.

If the kinetophone had been invented in the days of Shakespeare we of today might see the bard of Avon step to the front of a London stage and hear his own voice reciting the prologue of one of his plays. Those studying the history of the drama might refer to the film which had preserved the manner and the speech of the great Garrick as they now refer to the contemporary literary accounts of this famous actor; the "immortal" Siddons would have more than a book claim to immortality, for this favorite English actress of a bygone day could be judged and compared on the merits of her work and not merely on what the writers of the time said about her. Coming more down to date we might have on the film the famous Maggie Mitchell and Charlotte Cushman of our own land; those of us lucky enough to have seen Joseph Jefferson and Sir Henry Irving would have more than mere wordy description to hand down to the generation to whom these names are rapidly coming to have little but a historic significance.

If the kinetophone had been invented within the last century we might today see Lincoln's face and hear his voice as he delivered the Gettysburg speech. We might review with eyes and ears as well as minds the eloquence that made Daniel Webster and Henry Clay famous. In short we might have unrolled before us all the great personalities and the great events in the drama of history. The kinetophone was invented but a short time ago. The machine itself, wonderful as it is, may prove disappointing to a public satiated with wonders and demanding the climax of perfection even from first efforts. But the mind that is alive to the inner significance of things can hardly fail to pause with something like awe when it realizes what it will mean in the future.

ADVICE FOR YOUNG COUPLES.

The great mistake most frequently made by young couples about to begin housekeeping is buying a vast quantity of household goods cheap in price and poor in quality—the result of an ambition to start with "everything." The making of a comfortable and permanent home is a more serious matter and a slower process. You are buying not for a day but for a life time. Don't try to do it all in a day, or a week, or a month, or a year.

Household goods that become household goods are acquired slowly. Each article, in the home that has

grown instead of just happened, has its own association and significance.

When you begin housekeeping, buy a few good things that will last. Buy only the necessities of housekeeping, buy only the best quality, and buy them only after you have examined them and made sure that they are that quality. Don't tell the dealer to send up this or that but go down to the store and pick it out for yourself. Above all things, don't buy the cheap trash advertised in the mail-order catalogs that you have no opportunity to examine before paying out your money for it.

Be satisfied to start with a few things that will last you a lifetime instead of cluttering up your new home with a lot of stuff that will neither look well nor wear well.

Buy good furniture—fewer pieces and higher quality. You will accumulate more as the years go on, never fear; if it is the right kind it will serve you a life time; if it is the wrong kind it will go back on you perhaps just at the time when you least like to buy in later years.

When you build the house, don't try to build a great big house out of cheap stuff. Build instead to last, of good material bought at home from someone you can hold accountable for its quality. Don't get the foolish idea that it is economy to save a few dollars on the material and lose years of wear. There is no economy in poor lumber, botchy millwork and adulterated paint.

Build and buy for the future, not for now. Have a little of the best, so it will last a long time, acquire things as you need them, and have a FIVE OBSERVER 4-28

BRYAN IN THE WEST.

Col. Bryan should make a long stay in the west and then he would be better fitted to pass on the California question. Possibly a few days may enlighten him, but it is hard to believe that he will be able to see things with wide vision unless he undergoes some of the unpleasant things that Californians suffer from our Mongolian neighbors.

The colonel will have a difficult task in convincing Governor Johnson that the little brown brothers are as docile and make such perfect citizens as the Oregonian and some other newspapers indicate by their editorials. Certain it is that California's chief executive will not agree with the Portland Oregonian when it quotes and practically agrees with some lady who, after studying the races, insists that an American girl had better marry a good, energetic Japanese than to marry a worthless American. We believe that Governor Johnson will insist that should a girl have such an alternative as to marriage, the girl had better stay single and lead the honorable life of a maiden lady.

When he gets real anxious to get some fish, the man with the jointed fishrod usually asks advice of the boy with the birch pole.

The pet pig of the New York police force has been disposed of. Nothing must be permitted to remain in the department that can squeal.

The rubber trust always has a comeback at President Wilson. He rides a bicycle and must buy tires.

Mr. Taft's daily golf scores are attracting very little attention these days.

A thirty-two foot snake has been found in Canada. But in Canada they drink it out of beer glasses.

Be patient the commission form of government for La Grande is just about ready to be announced, after which discussion will be free and untrammelled.

The sentiment against having a governor appoint officers to hold over a regular election is not growing, but it is being aroused in Union and Wallowa counties by the county attorney law.

Soon the Y. M. C. A. campaign is to start. Don't hold your purse strings so tight.

Evidently Woodrow has overlooked the local interest in the La Grande postoffice matter. Strange he should be so unmindful of these things.

UNIFORMITY IN CLOSING

MERCHANTS SIGN AGREEMENT ON CLOSING HOURS.

Stricter Adherence to This Rule Is Promised by Merchants.

In order to have more uniformity in business circles regarding the keeping open of stores a committee was appointed by the Merchants' Protective association to call on the different stores with the idea of establishing regular hours for business. The committee named consisted of Mac Wood, John Collier, Wm. Ash, H. Seigrist, Press Lewis, A. V. Andrews and H. French.

As a result of the committee's work the following agreement was obtained from the firms whose names are subscribed thereto:

We, the undersigned merchants of La Grande, believing that the best interests of our city and all concerned demand that our stores be kept closed all day Sunday and evenings after 6 o'clock p. m., except Saturday evening, hereby agree to keep our stores closed as above stated.

The Golden Rule Co., The People's Store, N. K. West, Ash Bros., A. V. Andrews, Franch & Scranton, F. E. Wilhelm, The Club Tailors, E. E. McLeod, L. J. French Shoe Co., E. E. Kirtley, S. H. Dalton, The Hub, A. J. Lilly, Island City M. & M. Co., W. H. Bohnenkamp Co., H. Block, Fred Geibel.

The movement is considered only fair to the employees of the different establishments as the evenings will then be free to all connected with the merchandizing business of the city. Under the state law the number of hours for a working week are prescribed and it is the wish of every business man whose name appears above to conform strictly to that law. In order to do so it is found that the closing of stores at 6 o'clock is necessary.

NO MORE PRESERVES.

State Game Commissions Will Not Add Preserve Territory Here.

Although requests for new preserves have been sent to the state game commission, Chas. B. Orsi, deputy game warden, has been advised that there will be no additions to the amount of territory already exempt from hunting in this valley. The territory thus shut off from hunting and on which the state is breeding game birds, covers a large area of the valley and sufficient has been done in the eyes of the commission, to warrant the edict that no more preserves will be created.

SAVED IN MID-AIR

SPECTACULAR FEATURE IN 3 REELS—ARCADE THEATRE TODAY

For today and tomorrow only, The Arcade will feature "Saved in Mid-Air" a three reel production full of thrills and action. This picture will hold you spellbound, you will wonder at the desperate chances the actors take, you will admire still more the perfect photography of the three big reels, the acting is up to the standard and it is an excellent picture in every way. The other numbers on the program is a Keystone comedy with all the old favorites in the cast, and the bill closes with Johnson and Booth in new jokes and songs, featuring Mr. Johnson, the whistler.

Look to Your Plumbing.

You know what happens in a house in which the plumbing is in poor condition—everybody in the house is liable to contract typhoid or some other fever. The digestive organs perform the same functions in the human body as the plumbing does for the house, and they should be kept in first class condition all the time. If you have any trouble with your digestion take Chamberlain's Tablets and you are certain to get quick relief. For sale by all dealers.

Former Baseball Player Dead.

William H. Fairchilds, better known as "Missou," died last Friday evening at the St. Elizabeth hospital in Baker City. He was 35 years of age. Prior to his death he was in the employ of the Oregon Short Line as conductor. In 1901 he was star centerfielder for the Baker baseball team and was in 1904 a member of the La Grande team. He leaves a mother and two sisters to mourn his loss. The body was taken to Glenns Ferry, Idaho, for interment beside the remains of his wife who died about a year ago.

Found a Cure for Rheumatism. "I suffered with rheumatism for two years and could not get my right hand to my mouth for that length of time," writes Lee L. Chapman, Mapleton, Iowa. "I suffered terrible pain so I could not sleep or lie still a night. Five years ago I began using Chamberlain's Liniment and in two months I was well and have not suffered with rheumatism since." For sale by all dealers.

Bacon—They eloped in the fellow's automobile, you know.

Egbert—And was the girl's father angry?

"Well, I just guess he was. They broke down, and the old man had to go after them with the horse and tow 'em back home."—Yonkers Statesman.

Ma—You've been drinking! I smell it on your breath.

Pa—Not a drop. I've been eating frogs' legs. What you smell is the top.—Harvard Lampoon.

Our grocer has a cheerful face. But I like not his grin. His bill he brings with smiling grace—He is a Billikin. —Detroit News.

Our coal man happens in the while. His face is merry, quite. But do we like his beaming smile? Not by an anthracite. —Chicago Tribune.

Our neighbor's dog is full of fun. He mixes grin and grit. He's bit our children one by one. We don't like him a bit! —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Why don't you ever go to Europe, Mr. Banks?" "Because, young man, I am one of the people who can afford to stay home."—Washington Star.

Coughs and Consumption.

Coughs and colds, when neglected, always lead to serious trouble of the lungs. The wisest thing to do when you have a cold that troubles you is to get a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery. You will get relief from the first dose, and finally the cough will disappear. O. H. Brown, of Muscadine, Ala., writes: "My wife was down in bed with an obstinate cough, and I honestly believe had it not been for Dr. King's New Discovery, she would not be living today." Known for forty-three years as the best remedy for coughs and colds. Price 50c and \$1.00. Recommended by all dealers.

Front Lace Corsets

O WING to the increasing popularity of front lace corsets we have greatly enlarged our assortment of styles of these models.

At our Corset Department we now offer front lace corsets for every possible figure. Our selection of front lace corsets includes the very latest and most approved designs.

We sell Henderson Front Lace Corsets. You will be enthusiastic about these splendid models when you find how charmingly they will shape your figure. These well known front lace corsets give a slender, sweeping figure-effect that makes the wearer appear fashionable and natural.

Henderson Front Lace Corsets are designed with the latest innovations. They are constructed to give the most lengthy and satisfactory service. In fit, comfort and ease they will delight the most exacting wearer.

You are invited to visit our Corset Department and see the interesting display of front lace corsets. Your individualized model is here ready for you to wear at a moderate price.



Many New Models

in Henderson corsets

AT THE CORSET DEPARTMENT

Front Lace Styles \$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.00.

Back Lace Styles \$1.00 to \$3.50.

STOUT WOMEN Find Perfect Comfort in This NEW

Advertisement for Nemo corsets, featuring an illustration of a woman in a corset and text describing the product's features and price.

There is a Nemo here for every stout figure, each model has some distinct feature designed especially to meet the requirements of a particular dresser. Prices from \$3.50 to \$5.

"A COMPETENT CORSET FITTER TO HELP YOU SECURE A CORRECT FITTING IF YOU DESIRE."



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CLASS SEES PLAY

Rank and File of Senior, Class Witness Production of Class Play.

The entire senior class of the high school last evening witnessed one of the last rehearsals of the play "A Box of Monkeys," which a half dozen of the class will present next Friday evening. The rank and file of the class is much elated at the smooth-

ness with which the play is presented and predict great success for the amateur actors and actresses.

Wisconsin Timberman Here.

A. H. Stange, president of the Mt. Emily Timber company of this city, who has been visiting his son, Aug. J. Stange and family, of La Grande, for the past few days, intends to leave tomorrow evening for his home in Merrill, Wisconsin.

The Test of Time

Time determines whether the policies under which a bank is operated are safe. This bank has been in business twenty-six years. It has grown steadily until it has become one of the strongest and most prosperous financial institutions in the West. The soundness of its policies is attested by the long list of conservative business men who transact their business here; also by an earned surplus of \$130,000.00, the work of time and the result of conservative management. This bank has facilities for taking care of more high grade business and offers its services to those who appreciate the best in banking.

La Grande National Bank La Grande, Oregon

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