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INCREASE IN CRIME LOCALLY.

The findings of the recent grand jury are regrettable in a community like Union county. What is the cause of the increase in crime? This is a question well to ponder over.

Is every community subject to crime waves, or are such crimes going on constantly and it happened that this grand jury detected them? All such questions present themselves when one looks about him and sees the well organized condition socially; sees every institution that is intended to bring out the best in man or woman.

To say the least, the situation is appalling and a subject for the sternest and more experienced minds to dwell upon. It is a subject that threatens the very foundation of our social system and those who by comparison can throw any light that will tend toward betterment should not hesitate to do so.

Attend the Parent-Teacher movement next Tuesday evening in Central school building. Nothing is of more importance. Let's make the school house the community meeting place for social events as well as do all we can to get the parents, teachers and pupils closer together.

Building a road to Cove is equal to the location of a factory in La Grande. Did that ever occur to you? When you add more people to La Grande's buying public you have accomplished something. A road to Cove will make that addition. The people are there and want to come here to trade.

Preparations for the retail merchants convention in June are going along nicely. There is nothing like being at it early. We learned this from Union where they begin with the first snow of fall to prepare for the horse show the coming June.

The street department is to be commended for its effort to clean the streets during this storm. But the average property owner has no such a bouquet coming regarding his sidewalks.

Democracy in Union county is hung up for the time being on who shall be its candidate for county judge. When a political party reaches the successful period then its troubles begin.

John Rudd is going to Pocatello to get pointers on the railroad Y. M. C. A. And John will come home with a grip full of good matter to put up to the board.

Read the advertisements too.



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EFFICIENCY IN YOUR HOME.

"Is the American housewife facing a great revolution?" asks Christine Frederick in an article in the February issue of the Review of Reviews. "Is the efficiency idea which has already revolutionized many industrial plants now going to attack that last stronghold of tradition—the American home?"

According to the writer the signs point that way. The ideas of motion study, standardized conditions of work and scientific management of servants, have struck a responsive chord among up-to-date housewives. In the article, which is called "Putting the American Woman and her home on a Business Basis," she contributes the interesting information that families employing servants number eight per cent of the population of this country and that thus far the greater number of American women are their own business managers.

All wives undoubtedly have heard men casually remark that if they were in charge of the housework it would be done more efficiently. Usually this has been dismissed as men's conceit. Yet it might be worth while for intelligent, open minded women to consider the question whether they cannot adapt to household use some typically masculine methods. Men, even the brightest, snappiest men, are notoriously lazy. In fact, masculine laziness is responsible for much of our industrial progress. A man will not do with his hands anything that a machine can do. If there is no machine to do it he puts his brain to work and invents one. The factory system of today is the direct result of the application of the mechanical power principle to the recesses of production. The power principle in turn was the direct result of the application of the mechanical power principle to the processes of production. The power principle in turn was the direct result of the innate disinclination of men to work with their bodies any more than they have to. So is the filing system and like devices. Even farming once steady, grinding labor, has been transformed by machinery.

The vacuum cleaner, the electric washer, the scientifically constructed mangle and the dish washing machine are doing for the home what machinery has done for the farm and the factory. Within the last few years dozens and scores of devices for making housework convenient have been invented. It remains for women to use them and at the same time search for even better ways of abolishing the drudgery and making their time count for more.

LESS CLOTHING, MORE FOOD. Scientists have exhausted themselves talking about women's attire, and they have advanced their theory that could be framed by any possible combination of words. They have scolded the young women for appearing in very thin apparel in the winter time and have told them they were inviting disaster. The young women, however, have continued to wear what they pleased. They have gone out in the blizzard with peekaboo shirt waists and gowns cut low in the neck. They have worn gauze stockings and low shoes, and still the mortality list has been no greater than when the girls used to bundle themselves around the neck with \$400

worth of furs and wear five or six red flannel petticoats. Now comes Dr. Alonzo E. Taylor, professor of chemistry in the medical school of the university of Pennsylvania with an argument that will knock the thin clothing fad into a cocked hat if the husbands and fathers have anything to say about it. Dr. Taylor says it doesn't matter how thin a woman's clothing may be. Nature takes care of the case and keeps her warm. When she wears thin clothing, she eats more food. She must have 10 per cent more food to offset the lack of protection afforded by styles which forbid the petticoat and demand filmy clothing. The cost of living is high enough now, and women simply must wear their full complement of clothing. Adding 10 per cent to the cost of feeding a young woman is a serious drain on father's resources, and there are sometimes several daughters in the family. If the women continue to wear thinner and thinner clothing and fewer articles of attire, the cost of feeding them is going to soar away above the means of the average husband or father. The time has come to call a halt, and the men of this country should get together, says the eminent doctor.

The theft of \$4,500 of radium from a Chicago hospital ought to be a warning to every housekeeper not to leave the family radium around where any casual person can pick it up and make off with it. By the way, what has become of the fellows who used to fast thirty days on a bet? This form of sport ought to be encouraged by the present cost of grub. Society young women of Washington have taken to walking sticks. They are not slashed.

SPORTING GOSSIP. (Continued from page 3) Y. M. C. A. Spartans, the only team that beat Dallas. City champs for two years and beat Multnomah's five team once. "David Welch, guard, played with Lincoln high school. Captain of city all-star team. Only about 5 feet four inches. "Earle Walters, guard and center. Played with Spartans with Diverbliss. "Manager Wm. E. Smyth, played with Lincoln, also M. A. A. C. club champions 1913. Will not play unless forced to. "This team, while small is very fast and I think they could give you a good game and also draw a good crowd. Our weight would be 145 pounds." Yours very truly, WM. R. SMYTH.

There will be another game of basketball at the opera house Saturday evening, Feb. 14, Union high vs. the Wallowa Athletic club, says a Union announcement. This will be a good game, the Athletic club being considered stronger than the Wallowa high school team, defeated last week by Union.

Boise, Feb. 14.—Marty Rowan, of Salt Lake, demonstrated his class at Forest Park Wednesday night, when he knocked out Ed. Warner, formerly of La Grande, in the seventh round of a scheduled ten-round encounter, and it was the most spectacular and hard fought battle witnessed in this city in many months. It was a straight left to the jaw, closely followed by a right to the body, that ended the bout.

Baker, Feb. 14.—(Special.)—Indications point to one of the snappiest basketball games of the season this evening when the Y. M. C. A. Midgets go up against the Daisy Cadets, a speedy aggregation of featherweight basketball artists from La Grande. The La Grande quintet claim the championship of Eastern Oregon for teams of their weight, averaging 120 pounds, but they recognize the challenge of the Baker five to the extent that they will come to Baker this evening for a contest to settle this question.

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The commission of the City of La Grande, Oregon, will receive bids for the construction of a 12-inch sewer on Palmer avenue from Fourth and Jefferson to Second street, according to plans and specifications on file in the Recorder's office, until February 18th, 1914, subject to the requirement of said specifications. La Grande, Oregon, February 7, 1914.

LEE WARNICK, City Recorder.

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