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GOSSIP AND ITS EFFECTS.

Sometimes a town in which everybody knows everybody else, develops a mania for gossip. It is needless to remark that many topics for conversation have little or no foundation in fact, and by frequent repetition take on details that exist only in the imagination. But the result of this loose talk is frequently beyond repair. It is easy to tell a story to some interested friend and have that same friend go to a neighbor and repeat the story with a few changes and additions. By the time the story has made the rounds, it is no longer recognizable. In this connection it might be well to remember the story that is related to the lives of the saints concerning the evil results of tale bearing.

It is related that a certain woman spread a story about a saintly man, which had no foundation in fact, and which greatly grieved the saint and fairly ruined his good name. In due time this evil woman went to her father confessor to whom she confessed the sin. He imposed upon her the penalty of going to the saint and asking his forgiveness. In addition she was required to go to all the persons to whom she had related the story and tell them it was false. When she approached the saintly man she found him on his death bed. Forgiveness was asked and given. But to impress upon her mind the enormity of her offense, he drew from under his head a feather pillow, and bade her take it to the church tower and scatter the feathers to the wind. This she did. Upon her return she informed him of her compliance with his bequest. He then asked her to go and gather all of the feathers that had been scattered. "But," she said, "That is impossible." Thereupon the saint told her that it was equally impossible for her to repair the wrong she had done to his good name.

First impressions upon the mind are the most lasting. For this reason any denial of a story never has the same effect to efface from the memory the evil done as the first telling of it. A gossip person is a bane to any community. Needless pain is created, reputations are unmade in the twinkling of an eye, and all to no purpose. It shows a lack of charity. The man or woman who really has committed some offense in a moment of reckless thoughtlessness needs not the scolding hand of some one who nurses the secret, but a bit of good counsel. Whom does it benefit? Whose fortune is increased? Whose mind is made better? It is bad enough to repeat the faults that really exist, but to deliberately and carelessly add to some one's iniquity, is worse.

Experience has woven into the trial of cases a rule that no hearsay evidence shall be introduced, for the reason that the person who has re-

lated something is not on the witness stand, is not under oath, is not subject to cross examination, and should, therefore, not be allowed to prejudice a man's case by his exaggerated assertions. This is the experience of many centuries and all American and English courts adhere to the rule with a great deal of religious tenacity. If a man is seen wabbling it is not a sure sign that he is drunk. If he is seen in a saloon it is not a sure sign that he has taken a drink, and no court would allow the evidence to convict a man merely on appearances.

A rule every man or woman could adopt with great benefit would be the one to tell nothing about which they are not certain, and when they are certain, to keep it to themselves, or tell it to the authorities charged with the duty to look into things that are vicious or immoral.

Estray Notice.

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of February, 1914, that I have taken up the following described live stock: 1 white gelding, about ten years old, blotch brand on left stifle, left ear split, weight about 1050 pounds; one brown mare, about three years old, no visible brand, weight about 800 pounds., which animals are now held in the pound of the City of La Grande, Oregon, according to ordinance No. 4, Series 1894. The owner of said animals may reclaim the same by paying the sum of \$1.00 each, and the expenses of their keep within ten days from date of this notice. If not reclaimed, they will be advertised and sold to the highest bidder for cash, according to the ordinance of said city. Dated this 24th day of February, 1914.

HOWARD AVANT, Chief of Police.

LOCAL WOMAN NOW A BIG ADVERTISER

When one of our woman customers recently bought five bottles of Harmony Hair Beautifier to give to her friends for Christmas, she started all by herself a mighty big advertising campaign, because not only does each one of the women to whom she gave a bottle of the Beautifier now consider it indispensable for the proper care of hair, but each of them has been the means of getting many of her friends to use it. As a consequence if things keep on in this way for a few months longer, we will be selling more of it than of all other hair preparations combined. Sprinkle a little Harmony Hair Beautifier on your hair each time before brushing it. Contains no oil; will not change color of hair, nor darken gray hair. To keep hair and scalp dandruff-free and clean, use Harmony Shampoo. This pure liquid shampoo gives an instantaneous rich lather that immediately penetrates to every part of hair and scalp, insuring a quick, thorough cleansing. Washed off just as quickly, the entire operation takes only a few moments. Contains nothing that can harm the hair; leaves no harshness or stickiness—just a sweet cleanliness.

Both preparations come in odd-shaped, very ornamental bottles with sprinkler tops. Harmony Hair Beautifier, \$1.00. Harmony Shampoo, 50c. Both guaranteed to satisfy you in every way or your money back. Sold only at the more than 7000 Rexall drug stores, and in this town only by us. Hill's Drug Store. Adv.

\$47,392.61. CITY OF LA GRANDE, OREGON. IMPROVEMENT BONDS

Notice is hereby given, that the City of La Grande, Union County, Oregon, will receive sealed bids for the purchase of Improvement Bonds, in the sum of \$47,392.61, as follows: \$14,538.63. Bitulithic pavement; \$24,682.77. Concrete pavement, and \$8,171.21 sewer, in denominations of \$500.00, bearing interest at 6 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually at the office of the City Treasurer, bonds maturing in ten years, optional on the date of any interest payment after one year, and must be accompanied by certified check for 5 per cent of the amount bid, said bids to be filed with the City Recorder not later than 7:30

WHERE HISTORY IS LAME.

Benefactors of the Human Race Who Get Too Little Credit.

History as it is written and as it is taught is one great panorama of wars and dynasties. It bristles with the names of doughty warriors and rulers, describes at length their struggles and achievements and dismisses the inventors and promoters of the great agencies which have made modern civilization possible, with scanty, if any, mention.

The invention of printing has had more influence upon the development of the race than any act of any ruler that the world has ever known, and more than half of those who read this will not know the inventor's name.

The men who invented and developed the steam engine did more to lighten human toil and to make possible to each of the dwellers upon earth a larger measure of comfort and enjoyment than all the generals who ever pitted men against their fellows. Hunt for their names in the indexes of your histories.

Art and literature have been broad highways to fame. The high school scholar can tell you who wrote what and when he wrote it, but ask him who built the first railroad in America and when and where it was. The magnificent Albert memorial is covered with the names of authors and painters and sculptors, but Michelangelo is there because he was an artist, not because he was an architect, and Leonardo Da Vinci because he was a painter and not because he was an engineer.—Power.

KEPT HIS SECRET WELL.

Even Scott's Son Didn't Know Who Wrote the Waverley Novels.

A Scotch newspaper having referred to the old story that Walter Scott, son of the great novelist, had never read his father's novels, the Dunfermline Court Journal reprints a letter that first appeared in its columns on Sept. 17, 1859. It was signed "Veritas," and the writer says: "From 1810 to 1833 I resided in Edinburgh and was on intimate terms with Walter Scott. Sitting together one winter evening several years before his father made the famous declaration at the theatrical fund dinner held in the assembly rooms of Edinburgh that he was the author of the Waverley novels, I put the following questions to my friend: 'Do you not really and truly believe your father to be the author of the Waverley novels, or who do you suppose the author to be?'"

"His answer was: 'I have really no idea who the author is. If my father is the author he keeps the secret to himself, for none of the family knows. And then he added: 'The moment a new novel (by the author of "Waverley") is announced my father orders a copy from his bookseller, and the whole family assembles in the parlor in the evening to hear the novel read by myself and my sisters, each taking a turn. 'He further added: 'When anything very dull or funny occurs in the reading of the novel my father joins most heartily in the laugh, perhaps more so than any of the family.'"

o'clock, p. m., March 18, 1914. The Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

La Grande, Oregon, Feb. 21, 1914. LEE WARNICK, Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon. 2-23,4t.

SALTS FINE FOR ACHING KIDNEYS

We eat too much meat, which clog Kidneys, then Back hurts and Bladder bothers you.

Most folks forget that the kidneys like the bowels, get sluggish and clogged and need a flushing occasionally, else we have backache and dull misery in the kidney region, severe headaches, rheumatic twinges, torpid liver, acid stomach, sleeplessness and all sorts of bladder disorders.

You simply must keep your kidneys active and clean, and the moment you feel an ache or pain in the kidney region, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any good drug store here, take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and is harmless to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to normal activity. It also neutralizes the acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is harmless; inexpensive; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everybody should take now and then to keep their kidneys clean, thus avoiding serious complications. A well-known local druggist says he sells lots of Jad Salts to folks who believe in overcoming kidney trouble while it is only trouble. Adv.

Society Brand CLOTHES are here in the popular spring models Young Men—and men who stay young—keen, alert, eager for smartness and perfection, are the inspiration for the fresh, vital quality of Society Brand style. They recognize and appreciate the little touches, the style-character, which is exclusively a Society Brand quality. In addition, they secure the following marked features which add much to the pleasure and comfort in the wearing of these premier clothes. Prices Range From \$20. to \$27.50 See them in our windows today Then come in and let us show you the 29 practical patterns found only in Society Brand Suits. NEW STETSON HATS In all the popular now blocks for spring \$4.00 AND \$5.00 We're sole agents for GORDEN \$3.00 HATS See the spring styles today. If you insist on the utmost value and service in footwear, try a pair of the famous J. E. Tilt Dress Shoes Our guarantee is absolute satisfaction back of every pair. See the new lasts we are showing for spring \$4.00 to \$5.00 West THE QUALITY STORE

Why She Held on to It. Mrs. Willful—My husband told me if I didn't like the brooch you'd exchange it for me. Jeweler—Certainly, madam. I'll be only too glad, as four different ladies of your set want it. Economy. "Oh, Ethel, why don't you use your finger bowl?" "What's the use o' wastin' this good jam, mother, when I can lick my fingers?"—Life. By being happy we sow anonymous benefits upon the world. All off some dog of stunning style And pedigree without a fault Is worth a thousand dollars while Its owner isn't worth his salt. —Washington Star. "Is she a good musician?" "Very. She knows when to quit."—Detroit Free Press. Diplomacy's a serious game. Great men alone are playing it. To think of something is the aim And then steer clear of saying it. —Exchange.

Whittemore's Shoe Polishes FINEST QUALITY LARGEST VARIETY GILT EDGE, the only ladies' shoe dressing that positively contains Oil, Blacks and Polishes ladies' and children's boots and shoes, shines without rubbing, 30c. "FRENCH GLOSS," 10c. "DANDY" combination for cleaning and polishing all kinds of russet or tan shoes, 25c. "STAR" size, 10c. "ELITE" combination for gentlemen who take pride in having their shoes look A. 1. Restores color and lustre to all black shoes. Polish with a brush or cloth, 25 cents. "BABY ELITE" size, 10 cents. "BULLY SHINE," a waterproof paste polish for all kinds of black shoes. Contains oils and waxes to polish and preserve the leather. Boxes open with a key, 10c. "RUSSET BULLY SHINE" same price. If your dealer does not keep the kind you want, send us the price in stamps for full size package charges paid. WHITTEMORE BROS. & CO., 20-26 Albany Street, Cambridge, Mass. The Oldest and Largest Manufacturers of Shoe Polishes in the World.

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La Grande National Bank Organized in 1887. DESIGNATED DEPOSITORY OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. UNITED STATES POSTAL SAVINGS DEPOSITORY. Capital \$100,000.00 Surplus \$140,000.00 Total Resources \$1,000,000.00 For twenty-six years, in all kinds of financial weather, we have successfully catered to the monetary wants of the people of La Grande and the Grande Ronde Valley. We respectfully solicit your business. La Grande National Bank La Grande, Oregon