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REGULATING SISTER.

The business of minding other folks' business is growing. Witness the following bill which has been introduced in the Maryland legislature:

That it shall be unlawful for any woman or child to wear shoes with high heels, or any hobble skirt, slit skirt or any kind of skirt that would seem immodest, or to dance any dance unbecoming to recent society, such as the bunny hug, tango and loop the loop. Such a bill as this doesn't have a chance of being passed, but the mere fact that it is introduced is significant. It is shown thereby that there are in this country some who would take us back to the days of Queen Elizabeth when royal statutes prescribed the depth of lace ruffles and the number of buckles which might be worn. Fortunately the good sense of the country is against all such sumptuary legislation. Even in Maryland there is a feeling that there are bigger things to attend to than the regulation of the fashions by statutes.

One may admire or condemn the prevailing vogue in feminine apparel and still be of the view that grown men should not act like excited old hens about it. As a matter of fact nobody who doesn't want to look at high heels or slit skirts is under any obligation to do so. If some women do dress immodestly modest men need only look skyward to avoid being shocked.

The truth is that the great majority of men are too busy to be fussing over the style of clothes worn by their wives and daughters so long as they do not depart too far from the accepted standard. The subject is one which for the last century or so has been considered as strictly personal. The legislator who tries to make it a matter of state concern will only get a little brief notoriety out of his attempt.

A St. Louis, Mo., commission man imported 36,000 eggs just to prove to the folks in his city that he could sell eggs, under the new tariff at 20 cents a dozen and then make money. For loyalty to party this democrat sure takes the omlet.

If it proves that a Canadian government has lost \$40,000,000 in graft and waste in building the trans-continental railroad, it can no longer be said that our next door neighbors are behind the times.

To a confirmed bachelor the biggest fool in the category of men who have gone wrong is the fellow who has to face a bigamy charge.

There is a fine for impersonating a congressman now, although few people ever seemed disposed to risk their reputation by doing it.

Elgin Band Appreciative.

Elgin, March 9.—(To the Editor.)—We desire through your columns to express our hearty and sincere thanks to La Grande Lodge B. P. O. E. No. 433 and to all those who assisted in the minstrel show recently given in this city for the benefit of the Elgin Concert Band. The event was a success from every standpoint and the members of the organization express only words of praise for the excellent performance and financial assistance emanating therefrom.

Sincerely yours, ELGIN CONCERT BAND.

NORTH END IS ASKING

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La Grande, or who go from station to station on the branch line points, must be home at night, in time to care for their stock, and the present schedule cannot do that for them.

In order to transact business at the banks here, or catch the court house, it is practically necessary under the present schedule, for North end people to spend two nights and a day in La Grande.

The high school of La Grande, Imbler and Elgin could be attended by pupils who might live at home with such a service.

A trial service would prove all or most of these claims it is set out, and the petitioners ask that their prayer be given careful consideration and attention. The petition went in last night without the La Grande petition being attached, as the North end list was ready and La Grande had found it expedient to not act until the North end had completed its petition.

"We have high hopes for obtaining a big improvement in branch line service," said Mr. Morrison last evening, while on his way to Walla Walla to have an operation performed for appendicitis. "There is no way of computing the benefits that will be derived, and the comfort and the convenience that such a service will afford," he continued. "The farming community of our section want to be able to come to La Grande to attend meetings, to transact business, to enjoy pastimes, and still get back to our homes by evening to care for stock and be with our families at night. Restaurants and hotels of La Grande will not suffer thereby, for more people will come to town nights from the towns along the line to attend amusements and parties in La Grande, than do now."

ADDITIONAL PERSONALS.

G. H. Ballantyne, of the American Lumber and Manufacturing company, is here from Baker today on business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Henry of Elgin, are in the city transacting business. They are registered at the Sommer.

Mrs. A. M. S. Hurkey of Meacham, returned home this morning after a day of shopping in the county seat.

Christ Stackland, one of the fruit growers of the Cove district, is in the city transacting business at the land office.

Chas. Holtzman of Columbia, Mo., arrived in the city this morning on a trip of inspection. He is looking for a location for a jewelry store and may locate here.

W. H. Peterson, traveling freight and passenger agent for the Milwaukee lines, is here from Portland today talking business and incidentally showing his friends some new slight of hand performances.

W. N. Park of Summerville, who has been on the jury for the last five and a half weeks, left this morning for his home. Spring work calls him away and he is delighted to be able to leave for home.

Mrs. Grace Forest Powell, sister to Mrs. Lou Givens, of this city, arrived this morning on No. 17 from New York for a short vacation in the city. She is traveling west, and will leave for Portland and California points in a week or ten days.

Wm. Sion and wife, Ray Sion and wife, and their uncle Perry Shafer, were in the city to visit with their relatives Orin Shafer, who some time ago sustained severe injuries to the back in a slide of frozen sawdust at Lambert's mill. The report that he is improving and that the attending physicians hold out some hopes of his recovery.

Read the advertisements too.

D. D. D.

The Standard Skin Remedy Instant Relief For All Skin Troubles The Guaranteed Remedy WILL'S DRUG STORE.

TAXPAYERS LETHARGIC.

Time of Penalty Rapidly Approaches and Only 14 Per Cent In.

The tax collecting department of the county is afraid that many of the taxpayers of the county will have to pay penalties for non-payment of taxes by the last of the month. According to law taxes are payable by the first of April after which time a penalty of one per cent per month is added. After the first of September the penalty besides interest at the rate of 10 per cent is taxed onto the amount due the county. To date \$56,222.55 have been collected. The amount of taxes on the books of the treasurer for collection is \$415,842.75. Hardly fourteen per cent of the taxes therefore, have been collected and only twenty-one days remain in which to pay the remainder. When good weather sets in and farmers are busy in the fields, many of the sums to be collected will run over and the penalty will attach. However, a penny saved is a penny earned, and the tax collectors are making particular efforts to inform the citizens of the county fortunate enough to have property on which to pay taxes, to make center rushes to the county court house for purposes of settling their dues to the state.

The law is stringent, and will operate in spite of the fact that many persons will agitate for a change in the time for payment of taxes. Fall is the logical time, they say, and this will enable men to meet the bills at a time when money is plentiful and when other work will not interfere with trips to town.

OPTION ELECTIONS VALID.

Supreme Court Upholds Contention of Anti-Liquor People.

Salem, Ore., March 10.—Affirming the decision of the lower court, the supreme court held valid today the local option elections throughout the Willamette valley last fall. The deciding case is styled "W. B. Wiley vs. Washington county," and involves the Hillsboro election. All other contests concerning the traffic in liquor hinges on this case and will be governed accordingly.

Hodge Lecture Tonight.

Dr. C. F. Hodge, of the University of Oregon, who in years past has won a reputation as engineer of anti-fly campaign, will lecture tonight at the high school auditorium. The lecture is free, is illustrated, and is backed by various civic and club associations of the city. Modern methods of combating the fly are pictured, and a large attendance is anticipated.

Big Sign Erected.

A huge electric sign is being erected today by the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company for the J. H. Peare & Son jewelry store. It measures 11 feet in diameter, being a watch-shaped figure. Dancing lights will flash on and off, and the sign is to be one of the fanciest of the many fancy electric signs swung up by business houses this winter.

Eggs for Hatching.

R. I. Reds, \$1.50 for 15 or \$8.00 per 100, my best stock. Indian Runner ducks, \$1.50 per setting. Cockerels and laying hens. Phone or call. Chas. E. Perry.

Only One Sne'd Heard Of. Fog reports that he overheard this in the book department of one of our big stores:

Customer—Have you Arnold's poems? Salesgirl (turning to head of department)—Miss Simpson, have we Benedict Arnold's poems? Boston Transcript.

Disappointed. "I went to hear 'Il Trovatore' last night." "Fine opera." "Oh, snucks, man, the band organs have been playing them tunes for years! I recognized 'em all."—Pittsburgh Post.

Hard Natures. There are morose hard natures in which cheerfulness cannot be planted or engrafted. Such natures are like shadows of life the clouds that blot out from our view the beautiful sun.

Making Faces. Sanece I saw a man in a window making faces today. Symple—What was he doing that for? Sanece—For a couple of corks. He is a jeweler.—London Mail.

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TRADE COMMISSION SHAPES. House Committee Has Bill Ready for the House Late Today. Washington, March 10.—The finishing touches have been put to the trade commission bill by the house committee on commerce. Chairman Adamson expected to give the text of the completed bill later in the day. Hearings before the railroad security regulations committee will be probably completed this afternoon. The trade commissioners bill is expected to provide for three trade commissioners at a salary of \$10,000 each, with jurisdiction over larger corporations and discretionary authority over smaller concerns. The inquisitorial powers will be limited however. The house judiciary committee is busy drafting the tentative amendment to the Sherman law, that is expected to do so much in the way of restoring rights and competition among tradesmen. Wilson favors a modification of the rigorous prohibition of interlocking directorates.

WHEATLETS. This breakfast food is the nutty and most nutritious portion of the finest cereal milling wheat, milled to even sized granules, free from flour and will not clump up in a sticky mass. This breakfast food sells at 20c, 2 for 35c. Vegetables and Fruits in season. PHONE MAIN 721 BERRY BROS. GROCERY

WATER CASE HEARD. Superintendent Cochran Conducts Hearings in Baker County. Baker, March 10.—Hearing of water contentests began yesterday at the county court house before George Cochran, state water commissioner. The first case was that in which farmers in the Rock Creek district are contesting the rights of Davis Wilcox, the Peter Basche estate and others to rights claimed on waters in the Wilcox and Waggy ditches. The farmers are represented by Attorneys Frank Mitchell and William Packwood and the contestees by Attorneys O. B. Mount and Joseph J. Heilner. This case is the first of several contests to be heard and it will probably require several days to complete taking all the testimony.

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