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## CREDIT AND FAMILY TROUBLES

Credit, is responsible for much of the high cost of living and for many unhappy marriages. In this rather sweeping statement, there is without doubt, much truth.

The case with which credit may be secured tempts many to buy what they do not need and what, if they had to pay cash, they would do without. The extension of credit has made it necessary for merchants to maintain larger bookkeeping departments and, by adding to their losses from bad accounts, possibly has increased prices to consumers. Those who do not pay their bills, it must be recalled, indirectly raise expenses for those who do. Losses have to be made up in some way or a mercantile institution would go out of business.

The installment plan or charge account, however, is so seductive in its appeal that it is doubtful if the buying public would want the reins tightened. Nowadays one can get almost anything on time. The system is all right if one sees that debts do not accumulate in excess of the ability to meet them without inconvenience or discomfort. Few homes, for instance, are without pianos and pianos seldom are sold for cash. Where the resources of the family make the possession of a piano possible and where careful advance calculation proves that the payment can be made with ease it is all right to buy a piano and pay for it gradually. The harm comes when the payment robs the family of things that are more necessary.

The situation is the same whatever particular article is considered. What is within one's income may be bought and paid for in any convenient way, cash or time, and no harm is done. The fact, though, that so many luxuries will be delivered on such a small payment down tempts many to go beyond the income. It is easy to think beforehand that a few or many dollars a month will be no strain, but when many such obligations accumulate there sometimes is little left for everyday living. Family trouble often accumulates a tangled financial situation.

Ultimately there is more fun and profit in having a little credit account with one's self. You can pay the debt every week or every month by depositing something to your own account in the bank. One method means bondage, the other means freedom. Which is the more worth while?

## HAVE THE AMBULANCE READY.

The battle is over and it is time to call out the ambulance for those who became crippled and maimed in the conflict.

The gong is sounding and at the stroke of ten those who connot rise will be relegated to the discard. Only three candidates for governor willl be able to rise. It may be any of the eight republican aspirants; one of the five democratic aspirants and one of the two progressive aspirants. The remainder of the condidates can go their way, while the three winners willl return to their corners for a little fresh air before fighting the final round in November.

At the present time the ambulance is the essential factor to convey the men with blasted hopes, disappointed futures and humiliated platforms to the rear.

Get out of the way and let the ambulance pass to the scene of the encounter.

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It is said that another Wilson girl is engaged. Dear, dear, must the president spend the rest of his term eating warmed over wedding suppers.

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The rebels took Tampico, and it is presumed that all Americans watched the scrap from the grandstand. At that, it was probably more interesting than a Mexican bull fight.

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So Mrs. Parkhurst took away only $20,000. Sara Bernhardt made more than that over here when she showed in a tent.

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A farm expert says hens need to be amused. Well, there is this egg boycott by women who are not keeping house.

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Washington state has adopted an $8.90 minimum wage scale, which includes everyone except the man who runs the business.

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The Y. M. C. A. building is getting along fine. Before you know it there will be a pretty fine structure at Washington and Elm streets.

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Those eastern newspapers that see a revival of business conditions had better look again.

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## POTPOURRI TONIGHT.

**Parents Looking Forward With Much Interest to Program.**

Tonight school children of La Grande are to present a May Potpourri at the high school auditorium. Parents expect a splendid program, for the children are well drilled. The program for the evening follows:

Spring Dance ....Greenwood School
Little Maid (duet)..Sheldon Brownton, Muriel Andrews
Milk Maids .....Central School
Milk Boys .....Greenwood School
Ponies .....Primary Grades
(a.) Trotting
(b.) Prancing
(c.) Galloping
French Flower Dance .....
.....Rivera School
Shoemakers .....Second Grades
Jap Dolls .....Central School
Ribbon Dance .....Central School
Indians .....Central School
Swiss May Dance ....Central School
Flowers Balls ....Primary Grades
(a.) Buttercups
(b.) Tulips
(c.) Dandelions
(d.) Daisies
Cornish May Dance..Central School
German Klop-a-lopps .....
.....Greenwood School
The Tinkers .....Central School
Norwegian Mt. March .....
.....Grammar Grades
Chinamen .....Rivera School
Minuet .....Central School
Maypole Dance .....Central School
Tableau

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**Warning to Automobilists and Motorcycle.**

The State law and City Ordinances on all machines and vehicles, regarding lights and speed limit, and also the turning on street intersections will be rigidly enforced. All machines and motorcycles must comply with the law requiring them to have their machines lighted up at night.

Any one using their cut out either on automobile or motorcycles within the city limits after 8 o'clock in the evening, will be prosecuted, according to the ordinances of the city.

CHAS B. ORAI,
5-14-5t. Chief of Police.

## ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Root for ballplayer' dance at Rex hall Saturday night, admission 75c.—Adv. 5-14-4t.

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Quick Shoe Repair. R. L. Duigan. Phone Black 81—1115 Adams Ave.—Adv. 4-2-tf.

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The Presbyterian Sunday School will hold a picnic at Riverside Park, Saturday afternoon, May 16th, 1914, from 1:30 to 5 o'clock p. m. Those who desire may meet at the church at 1 o'clock. 5-14-2t.

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**CRAWFISH AT FOLEY GRILL 75c PER DOZ.**

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**Money to Loan.**

On improved real property in Union county, no delays, current rates. La rande Investment Co.—Adv.

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A treatment of Electric Bitters increases your appetite; stops indigestion; you can eat everything. A real spring tonic for liver, kidney and stomach troubles. Cleanses your whole system and you feel fine. Electric Bitters did more for Mr. T. D. Peeble's stomach troubles than any medicine he ever tried. Get a bottle today 50c and $1.00 at your Druggist.

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This preparation is intended especially for rheumatism, lame back, sprains and like ailments. It is a favorite with people who are well acquainted with its splendid qualities. Mrs. Charles Tanner, Wabash, Ind., says of it, "I have found Chamberlain's Liniment the best thing for lame back and sprains I have ever used. It works like a charm and relieves pain and soreness. It has been used by others of my family as well as myself for upwards of twenty years." 25 and 50 cent bottles. All Dealers.

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## ZAPATA CAMPS.

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for information having developed nothing, the Washington administration peremptorily demanded of Huerta full details concerning the fate of John Stillman, consul of Saltillio and of Private Parks. The demand went by way of the Brazilian legation to Mexico City, and is couched in the most emphatic language. The gravity is due to the uncertainty concerning Stillman and Parks, and seems to have put vim into the administration.

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**Agent Attends Funeral.**

Joe Keeny local station agent left last night for Walla Walla, to attend the funeral of a relative.

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Your job printing. Have it done at the Observer office.


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## HALF PRICE SALE OF LADIES' SUITS

This reduction includes absolutely every Suit in our entire new Spring and Summer stock. Not one garment reserved.

## HALF PRICE SALE OF 50 LADIES' WAISTS

Both high and low neck styles with either short or long sleeves in this lot of extra values. See them in our Ready to Wear Department.

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All sizes in this lot from 3 to 14 years. A wide range of styles, patterns and colors to select from. Regular prices from $1.25 to $3.00. —Sale prices from .....65c to $1.50.

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N. K. West & Co.
THE QUALITY STORE

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Every known shade is here—every wanted length—and the lady in charge gives valuable help selecting just the right shade and the right texture. Sail prices prevail during the demonstration.

**Geo. A. Anderson**



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Surplus .....$140,000.00
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*La Grande, Oregon*

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