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OTHERS APPRECIATE IT.

The girl graduates of La Grande are receiving very pretty compliments from the press of the state for putting the five dollar limit on graduation gowns this year.

The girls of the 1914 graduating class of the La Grande public schools have decided that their graduation dresses shall be limited in cost to \$5 each.

The La Grande girls are to be congratulated on their possession of good horse sense and it is hoped that they have established what will prove to be a precedent for the entire state.

The La Grande girls have shown wisdom by initiating the reform themselves. Reforms thus begun are reforms that reform."

SAFETY FIRST

In an age of manifold mechanical devices the "safety first" idea was likely to be born, but few predicted that it would sweep the country as it has.

Though it has economic values the "safety first" movement wins support at the start because it brings employer and employe into co-operation for humanitarian ends.

"Am I my brother's keeper?" might be the text of the new movement in industrial plants.

Three-fourths of the emphasis now is placed on education of employes, including the "novel" request that they suggest ways of promoting safety in the shop.

Count Zeppelin is coming to the Frisco fair with a dirigible airship of thirty passenger capacity.

TO TRADE—30 H. P. Mitchel, 4 passenger automobile. No. 1 condition to trade for lighter car, run-about preferred. Red 1511. 5-18-14.

LOST—Pink Coral Pin. Two Angle heads, between Penn. Ave and High School, Friday night. 5-18-14.

SAVING FROM AN INCOME.

No one is economically useful unless he saves a portion of his income for the benefit of industry.—Laurence M. Symmes.

It is rather an interesting commentary on things as they are that in New York City personal income taxes aggregating \$30,000,000 were being reported while at the same time there were heard the mutterings of an army of unemployed which were reported to number upwards of 300,000.

New York, is the head and center of extravagance in this country. All other cities follow its lead and the smaller communities imitate the larger centers as far as they can.

The manager of a large cafe in New York City is reported to have estimated that New York on New Year's eve spends \$2,500,000 in suppers, theaters, cabs, saloons, tips to waiters, etc.

While it is true that women, as a rule, are more inclined to be thrifty than men, yet it can be said, without lack of gallantry to the fair sex, that many women are almost totally lacking in the thrift instinct.

That is splendid advice, to be sure, but suppose the good husband has about reached the limit of his earning capacity? Suppose he or some other member of the family should have an expensive illness?

If you tarry till you're better You'll never come at all.

And besides, what a resource is money in the bank? How compound interest adds to income.

The fact that Spanish is the mother tongue of Mexico does not exert any perceptible sentimental appeal.

When a fellow discovers that he has no balance in the bank it's time for him to take a tumble to himself.

Never tell a man who has failed how he might have avoided failure; tell him how he may become successful again.

That American Posture league will have less work to do perhaps than it would had it chosen to be an imposture league.

ADDITIONAL PERSONALS

Mrs. Bessie Hale of California, who arrived in the city several days ago went to Lostine this morning to visit with her sister, Mrs. Elmer.

Waldon Crowley of this city left this morning for Meacham where he will accept a position with the Case Lumber company.

Mrs. A. L. Fields of Chicago, passed through the city this morning on her way to Alicel where she will do school work with the Mesdames Wingo and her sister Mrs. McDonald.

J. Myrick of this city who, with his wife has made his home in La Grande for the past year or so left this morning for Portland, where he will make arrangements to make his future home.

Mrs. Nate Ardrey of Portland, arrived Saturday morning and is a guest with her father, Chas. Disqua. Mr. Ardrey expects to arrive during the present week and they will make La Grande their future home.

S. D. Crow returned Saturday night from an interesting auto trip to Imnaha and other points on the line of the Home Telephone company.

L. H. Dougherty of Tenino, Washington, who has been visiting friends in this vicinity for a week, left this morning for Milton where he will visit with friends for some time.

Mrs. Upton H. Gibbs returned Saturday night from Hot Lake, where she has been staying for the past month. Her general health is better, but the trouble in the knee, which causes her lameness, remains the same.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Connors left yesterday for McMinnville and other Willamette valley points to spend a few days, and on their return to La Grande they will proceed to Flora in Wallowa county where Mr. Connors will manage the Golden Rule store.

MONROE DOCTRINE.

We owe it to candor and to the amicable relations existing between the United States and the allied powers to declare that we should consider any attempt on their part to extend their system to any portion of this hemisphere as dangerous to our peace and safety.

BLIND.

The spring blew trumpets of color. Her green sang in my brain. I heard a blind man groping "Tap-tap" with his cane.

I pitted him his blindness, But can I boast "I see?" Perhaps there walks a spirit Close by who pities me—

A spirit who hears me tapping The five sensed cane of mind Amid such unguessed glories That I am worse than blind! —Henry Kemp in Independent.



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Gordon Straws and Panamas. Just Received. NK West & Co THE QUALITY STORE New Silk Hats for Men and Boys 50c to \$1.25.

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