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HOW ENGLISH LANGUAGE EXPANDS.

One hundred and sixty years ago, Samuel Johnson, the English writer, started the English speaking world by publishing his dictionary, which defined the amazing number of 50,000 words!

In the middle of the seventeenth century, Bullokar was eclipsed as an authority by Thomas Blount, whose "Glossographia" contained less than 10,000 words.

Johnson's dictionary remained the supreme authority for nearly three-quarters of a century. Then came Noah Webster an American lexicographer who in 1828 published a dictionary in two volumes containing 160,000 words.

Toward the close of the nineteenth century the dictionaries of the English language passed the 200,000 word mark and 250 years ago an English dictionary containing over 300,000 words was published.

The present war is likely to have the effect of accelerating the growth of the language by adopting and incorporating many words of French, German and Russian origin.

among the European tongues. German comes second, Russian third, French fourth, Spanish fifth, with Italian a close sixth and Portuguese seventh.

There are, roughly, 5000 new words in our language every year. How many of them do you learn? For instance, do you know 100 more words than you knew last year? Many people don't.

Also, in everyday talk, you probably don't use more than 1000 different words. Certainly not the 5000 you are suggested to acquire every 12 months.

Generalizations are always dangerous especially upon ethical themes. Los Angeles women may look upon politics with more conscience than Los Angeles men.

Women have voted in Wyoming longer than in any other state; yet Wyoming shows a political conscience no more tender than Iowa.

If California's women are less amenable to fraud, flattery and favoritism in politics than the men it is probably because they are new at the game.

Observing woman's aptitude for campaigning in lodge, club and church politics, one is constrained to suggest that possible women will beat men at organization, crowd feattery and that subtle art of harmonizing conflicting interests which is vulgarly called nitrigue.

Yet so easily do men adjust themselves to circumstances in this remarkable age that we suppose after peace is declared some of the most daring aviators will be running jitney aeroplanes.

A preacher was robbed of \$175 in a Chicago street car. The detectives have not yet been able to learn where a preacher got \$175.

The English advance is delaying while a reserve of ammunition is being accumulated, and perhaps as soon as a reserve of macaroni has been secured, Italy will go to war.

Why is it that when you touch off the kitchen stove kindling with a match you have to put on kerosene to make it burn, while if you drop a match in the woods you have to put on a pail of water to keep it from setting fire?

The list of deadly weapons used by the Germans ought perhaps to be extended to take in sauerkraut.

POLITICAL CONSCIENCE.

LEGAL NOTES

(May 19th, 1915) Conveyances

John G. Berry, et ux to J A Johnson, \$500. Warranty Deed. Conveys SW 1-4 of NW 1-4 of Sec 27 Tp 1 S R 39 E.

Lena Blum Rose Rosenthal Mary Morris and Fanny Sommer to M L Carter. \$1 etc Warranty Daad Con-

Parker and Banfield Lowest Bidders. Pendleton, May 20.—Parker and Banfield of Portland, were the lowest bidders for the construction of the new wing at the Eastern Oregon State Hospital and it is considered they will have the contract though it has not as yet been awarded.

The Parker and Banfield bid was \$70,534 and the firm of Olsen and Johnson had the next lowest bid, their offer being \$77,680.

The bids were opened in Salem yesterday afternoon. Superintendent McNary is now in western Oregon on business connected with the new wing.

Commencement Ends June 16. Whitman College, Walla Walla, May 21.—The commencement of the college culminates on June 16.

The graduating class numbers thirty-three, besides four numbers thirty-three, besides four numbers thirty-three, besides four numbers thirty-three.

Senator William E. Borah of Idaho will be present at commencement and will receive the honorary degree of doctor of laws, voted to him by the trustees two years ago, but which he has been unable to accept up to this time on account of the sessions of Congress.

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Every garment new this season, carefully selected for our regular trade. Taking everything into consideration—the newness, correct style, good qualities and previous moderate prices—you can not afford to put off the purchase of a suit or coat when you can now have your choice of any one at a big saving from the former price.

Table with 2 columns: Original Price and Sale Price. Items include Reg. \$9.00 Coats now \$6.75, Reg. \$12.50 Suits now \$9.40, etc.



veys NE 1-4 of NE 1-4 of Sec 2 Tp S R 39E.

The Grande Ronde Lumber Company to Ed Saling \$300. Warranty Deed. NE 1-4 of NE 1-4 of Sec 31, NW 1-4 of NW 1-4 and SE 1-4 of NW 1-4 of Sec 32 all in Tp 2 S R 37 E.

Partial Satisfaction of Mortgage. F. M. Jackson to Bird F Lewis et ux. Certifies that \$1500 has been paid on certain Mtge between parties hereto dated 21st May, 1910, recorded in Book 40 page 234 and covering (part of Lots 19 20 and 22 of Blk 105 Chaplin's Add. to La Grande.)

Satisfaction of Mortgage. R E Haines to Melvin G Olsen, et al. Releases Mtge dated 26th Oct 1914, recorded book 44 page 180 and covering E 1-2 of Lots 6 and 7 in Block 11, North Powder, Oregon, also certain chattels.

Wm Wiglesworth to Nels Christensen. Releases Mtge dated 23rd Dec. 1909, recorded Book 38 page 445, and covering—Tract of 10.4 acres in the E 1-4 of NE 1-4 of Ses 19 Tp 4 S R 40 E.

La Grande Investment Company to D M Hoots, et ux Releases Mtge dated 14th May 1910, recorded Book #0 page 252 and covering tract of 10.4 acres in SW 1-4 of NE 1-4 of Sec 19, Tp 4 S R 40 E.

Suits Filed. Delia Dunnington, Pltf vs John L Dunningham (Suit for Divorce.) Eugene D Selders Pltf vs Lucelle J Selders, Def. (Suit for Divorce.)

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COMMUNICATION.

Editor La Grande Observer, Dear Sir—There has been so much of rumor and misconception in regard to Mrs. Moon's case that the attending physicians feel that a statement from them is desirable.

This period of lost memory is entirely apart from the question of fracture. Furthermore extensive fractures of the bony skull are not always accompanied by dangerous damage to the brain itself or to the blood vessels which supply it.

Very fortunately no large hemorrhage or great laceration of brain tissue occurred or paralysis and probable death would have supervened.

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CLIMATIC DATA. Climatic data, based on readings for 24 hours ending last night at 6 o'clock: Maximum 64; Minimum 45. Temperature at 12:30 today, 60.

The Philosopher Says "BEAUTY IS ONLY SKIN DEEP". He is right in more ways than one. No matter how costly your house may be, if you do not keep it well painted and the walls frequently papered or tinted, there is nothing attractive or homelike about it.

OXNER PAINT STORE. P. S.—Better still, let them do the work, too.

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- New Potatoes, Fresh Tomatoes, Bunch Beets, Bunch Turnips, Bunch Carrots, Green Onions, Green Beans, Green Peas, Head Lettuce, Field Lettuce, Asparagus, Radishes, Spinach, Cucumbers.

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