

# Are You Thinking of Building This Spring

If so remember that we are headquarters for Lime, Cement, Plaster and Face & Fire Brick.

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## The Sawyer-Holmes Mercantile Co.

The Seaman's Friend Society has bowed to the inevitable and increased the cost of sleeping. It has been announced that after February 1st the minimum price for a bunk at the Sailor's Home in the port of New York will be twenty cents instead of fifteen cents as heretofore. Ships' officers who have enjoyed the luxury of a room at the institution for half a dollar will now be forced to give sixty cents for the same privilege. The society has apparently little compunction in making increased charges as the wages of sailors who ship from this quarter of the world has gone up from fifty to one hundred per cent in recent years. Then too the sailor-man deserves less sympathy than other people in this advance in the cost of living, for he has a relief that

most of us have not. He can go to sea when they treat him harshly on land. The ocean may be particularly unsafe these days, but at least there is no chance of advancing its prices. The law says just how much hardship or shall receive each day no matter what his wage may be and there is always a berth ready for him when he represents the price of those on shore. Once more he is to be envied. He has always boasted that he belongs to a class exempt from the ordinary worries of life, and it appears to be true in this instance. It is only when we catch him ashore that we can make him share our ills, chiefest of which is just now the high cost of living.

Our Want Ads bring results.

### HOSPITAL ROMANCE REUNITES COUPLE



MRS. HUGH R. FRENCH

Mrs. French, one of London's most beautiful women, and her husband, captain of the Seventh Dragoon Guards, separated since 1909, have just reunited after she nursed him to recovery from wounds received at the front. Mrs. French is the daughter of Robert J. Wynne, former postmaster general and American consul at London.

### Are You Aware?

That L. C. Smith used to be a typewriter salesman and that is why he is so partial to pretty typewriters?

That Attorney F. S. Ivanhoe was born and raised in the south and that he got his title and politics after he moved "up north"? While the colonel was district attorney he visited his old home in Virginia, and while he was there a fine old southern gentleman, a once distinguished officer in the Confederate army, came to see him. "Well, colonel," said the old southerner, "I presume, of course, that you are a Democrat?" "No sir," said the colonel promptly, but with some embarrassment, "I am a Republican." "Ah!" said the old southern aristocrat with a twinkle in his eye, "then you are holding an office up there?"

That Postmaster E. E. Bragg was once a country school teacher, and that he wrote one of the ablest text

books on grammar that was (n)ever printed? In the days when Mr. Bragg was a rural pedagogus, it was the custom of the farmers in the school district to take turns at boarding the teacher. One day one of his pupils came to him and said: "Say, teacher, pa wants you to come over and board at our house next week, but before you come he wants to know if you like pork?" "Indeed, I do," said Mr. Bragg. "Tell your father that there is nothing in the world that I like better than fresh pork." Some time elapsed and no invitation came to the teacher to board at that particular farm, but this was not a matter of any great surprise to the teacher as the farmer was known throughout the community as a tight proposition. Nevertheless, one afternoon Mr. Bragg said to the boy, "Well, son, did you tell your father that I liked pork?" "Oh, yes, I told him," said the boy, "but I think dad has changed his mind about having you come over to our house. You see the pig got well!"

That Attorney R. J. Green got his first training in pleading by soliciting subscriptions for The Observer? When Mr. Green first came to La Grande his library consisted of a diploma, a certificate of good standing in the Oregon Bar association, and some miscellaneous recollections of Blackstone and Chitty. One day a friend met him on the street with a cigar box under his arm. "Hello, Green, where did you get those cigars?" "Those are not cigars," said Green. "I'm just moving my law library."

That "Ole" who runs one of the Foley & Rogers taxi cars is not a Swede at all, but a very witty Irishman in disguise? One day, not long since, during a snowstorm, Ole's car died on him somewhere in the vicinity of Hilgard. A farmer in a bobbleigh stopped and offered his sympathy. "Having trouble?" "Some." "What power car is that?" "Forty horse," said Ole. "What seems to be the matter?" "Well, from the way she is acting at the present time I should say that about thirty-nine of the horses were dead."

That Ed Coolidge, the genial assistant cashier of the La Grande National bank, was once known as Edwin Booth Coolidge? Ed once had the reputation of being the most accomplished amateur actor in this section of the coun-

try. In his palmy days Barrett and Booth had nothing on Ed. In one of the melodramas which Ed put on in one of the local playhouses, Ed appeared before the palpitating audience holding the blushing heroine in his arms, and whispering fondly in her left ear, "Darling do you love me?" Just at that moment J. D. McKennon who was sitting in the audience, threw a doughnut at the ardent Romeo which struck him squarely in the middle of his resplendent white shirt front. Without a pause, Ed plucked the doughnut from his dented bosom,

and holding it under the nose of the astonished Juliet, murmured fondly, "Darling, dost thou love doughnuts?"

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Statistics show that communities with the greater number of churches are prosperous. The people, as a whole, are HAPPY AND CONTENT. If you have neglected going to church, don't let another Sunday pass without making a visit to the house of God.

God is forgiving. He is patient. But his patience may be exhausted if a man continually ignores him. You IGNORE AND OFFEND GOD when you stay away from church. You like to see your children GO TO CHURCH and Sunday school. The children will be DOUBLY IMPRESSED with the importance of attending church if they see the father in church.

GO TO CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY.  
GO TO CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY.

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