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THE ANCIENTS

One often meets persons trying to conjure up in their minds visions of what the great men of history would do in the present crisis. They wonder how Napoleon would fare as a general; what George Washington would advise; what Abraham Lincoln would say.

Napoleon was a great general and also a great statesman, but even Napoleon made mistakes, the most notable of which was when he turned down Robert Fulton with his steamboat. If Napoleon had taken Fulton's invention, he would have been able to cross the English channel and probably would have conquered England. In this war his genius undoubtedly would have manifested itself. On either side he would have struck sudden and astounding blows. Doing the unexpected, the daring, the impossible was Napoleon's long suit.

As to George Washington no one should wonder. After he retired from the Presidency, George Washington saw how difficult it was to refrain from meddling in European politics. He was continually called on for advice asto how to keep the United States from war with Great Britain and France. George Washington was an American. He would stand for freedom today; he would not stand for a party surrendering in abject slavery to the Kaiser or any military oligarchy.

Abraham Lincoln said, the nation could not exist half slave and half free. Today he would say the same thing about the world.

Great occasions breed great men: Americans of today are rising to the emergency just as Mr. Wilson is.

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

Red Cross Christmas Seals add cheer to the load of the postman and lighten the load of thousands of children, mothers and fathers in families on which tuberculosis has fallen. Buy Red Cross Seals. Price, one cent each. They are sold to support the campaign against tuberculosis in our city, state and nation.

There is one place that the war hasn't reached and that is the North Pole. It is good, solid cold American soil and free from revolutions and war. Santa Claus has had only two callers in many years, and one of them Dr. Cook, got a very cold reception on his return trip.

It is the time to expand your heart, to begin to get into the "peace on earth" and "good will to men" spirit.

State officials who have $3000 jobs and are offered $4000 a year had better take the new jobs offered them. This is the open season for bad little boys and girls and strange to say there are none.

It's pleasant to dance and at the same time help our own boys.

We hear strange rumors that Santa Claus is on the way.

La Grande stores have the holiday spirit and the goods.

Come to think of it, winter will soon be here.

The Woman Who Pays

by check instead of in currency escapes a lot of worry about money matters. She has an accurate record of where her money goes and a receipt for every penny she has paid out. Besides it's so much safer to have the cash in the bank than in the home. Our special department for women will be glad to give information.

La Grande National Bank

Douglas Fairbanks and the Champion Broncho Buster of the World

At the recent frontier day celebration in Wyoming Douglas Fairbanks, the athletic screen star, signed up all the winners of the big Rodeo for his new Artcraft picture, "The Man From Painted Post." This is the first time that such a collection of cowboy champions have ever been assembled for a motion picture. The smiling Douglas is here seen congratulating Sam Brownell, champion bronco buster of the world, upon his victory over his many opponents. Brownell displays some of his foot scars in the Fairbanks film, just finished on a ranch in Wyoming.

COMING EVENTS

Dec. 14.—Entertainment by grade schools in high school auditorium.

Dec. 17-25.—Red Cross Membership Campaign.

Dec. 25.—Christmas.

Jan. 5—Third officers' training camps open at various cantonments.

AMUSEMENTS.

Arcade Theatre—Motion pictures.
Star Theatre—Motion Pictures and vaudeville.

Scores of corn samples from many counties are on display. The Grange and other interests which are backing the show are interested in securing a strain of corn adapted to the climate and soil of the mountains.

Many Attend Funeral of Mrs Ella White

Several hundred friends of the late Mrs. Ella White, widow of the late J. W. White, paid a last tribute to their old friend at the simple service held in the great assembly hall of the Elks building at 2:00 P. M. yesterday. The service was conducted by a life-long friend of the deceased, Father Driscoll, who preached a most affecting sermon, dwelling lovingly on the beautiful life of the deceased, on her many noble qualities and Christian resignation during thirty-four years of extreme suffering from rheumatism and of her many acts of kindness to friends and neighbors. No one ever appealed to her for either sympathy or financial assistance but what it was freely and lovingly given. Many friends of the family in the great audience were quietly weeping during the address.

Two beautiful solos were rendered by Mrs. T. J. Scroggin and Mrs. J. F. Corbett, Mrs. Scroggin singing "Come Ye Disconsolate," and Mrs. Corbett the beautiful "Face to Face." The services ended with prayer, fervently rendered by the audience.

Following the service a large number of the audience accompanied the remains to the Masonic cemetery where the remains were placed in the family mausoleum.

The funeral was conducted by the W. H. Bohnenkamp Co. and was the largest ever held in La Grande. One large automobile was completely filled with magnificent floral offerings from friends, many having come from long distances.

The pall-bearers were Frank and Harvey Bay, Earl Kinzie, Pat Foley, Chad Berry, Verne Cox, Archie Bacon and Lloyd Settler.

Rippling Rhymes

By WALT MASON

Paying the Taxes

I'm glad to spend three cents to mail my silly letters to divers distant cents, both creditors and debtors. I'm glad they tax a hard an added cent for mailing a big, house postal card—such things won't start me wailing. I'm glad they cost me more, when at the cashiers' wickets I order three or four or seven movie tickets. And very glad I am it costs an extra penny to send a telegram to my fat sister Jennie. Oh, Uncle Sam, old scout, though cost of living wanes, you cannot scare me out by piling on the taxes! I cannot fill a trench, or figure in the navy, and knock, with sword or wrench, from any foe the gizzard, the sharp physicians say that I'm too old and slippy to drill around all day on meadows red and slippy. I always get a slap when I attempt enlisting; they say they'll win the scrap without my punk assisting. I may not go abroad, I'm barred from battle axes, but I can blow my wad and gladly pay my taxes. A penny more for this, a penny more for t'other, oh, coughing up is bliss—what think you, man and brother?

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Health Endangered By High Heels

By DR. SAMUEL G. DIXON
Commissioner of Health of Pennsylvania

The present extremely high heels worn by the majority of American women, both old and young, mean deformity of the feet. X-ray pictures indicating the relation of the toes to the ground when they are encased in these high-heeled shoes, show that women are walking on the ends of their five toes. There is food for thought in the fact that the horse nowadays walks on a foot consisting of one toe, while in the more primitive animal there were three or five toes.

The shape of the natural foot of man has a great variety of uses and it is one of the things that has helped to place him first in the life of the earth. The natural foot has been one of the anatomical facts that has helped him to his present high state of efficiency. The form of that foot has enabled him to become a good hunter, a good farmer, a good sailor, a good soldier—in fact, anything he has found it necessary through the ages to become, or finds now essential for the war we are fighting to continue our personal liberty.

Let the butterfly girls and the other high-heeled old and young women stop and realize the value of the normal foot of man. Let them cut off the high heel and substitute the natural level. This might also work out to the interest of direct economy by using the surplus heel to make thicker soles on the shoes.

Let us recognize the models of nature which have led us to success. If man's foot had been abused for an indefinite time in a way to have reduced it to a one-toed foot, resembling the horse's, he would have a hard time trying to fulfill his present duties in life.

The high heel represents the fashion for the women of today and means a great discounting of the value of mankind, particularly if it is continued a long time. The present high heel is not only torturous but of great injury to the health. The mother must remember that she is partly responsible for the feet of her children and that if she wants them to have normal, strong feet she must keep them naturally shod.

MANY ELGIN BOYS ENLISTING

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pects to resume work next week.

Mrs. John Klinghammer left last week for Craine, Oregon, where her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Hugo Klinghammer is very ill.

Miss Rose Zweifel has accepted a position in the local telephone office and will remain in Elgin until spring. Mrs. Zweifel, her mother, is visiting in Idaho.

The Elgin Concert Band will give a Christmas dance on December 24. The dance will be a masquerade and prizes will be offered for the best gentleman and lady characters.

Dave Johnson has moved all of his sheep to their winter fold in Umatilla county.

W. R. Brookes, who for many years has lived in Elgin, has moved to Wallowa and will engage in farming in the Pawalka country next spring. He has had charge of the farm belonging to the Elgin Fruit & Development Co. and under his care the farm has prospered.

Two letters were sent to the Recorder of Elgin last week from soldiers who have gone from Elgin. M. E. Stevenson and Paul Sadler both stated the comfort and interest was pleasing in their camp.

Wm. Kloetra went to La Grande last week for a physical examination and was pronounced physically deficient by Dr. Bacon, a member of the exemption board.

Jack Hallearth has returned from Kansas where he had been disposing of a shipment of apples and potatoes.

Mayor F. E. Smith is home from a business visit in Salt Lake City.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris George returned from Lostine last week where they visited with their daughter, Mrs. Harry Leonard.

Last night Dr. E. G. Kirby completed the series of "first aid" lectures he has been giving to the Honor Guard Girls and Red Cross members. The examinations will be given at an early date. The lectures have been highly instructive as well as entertaining. It was a disappointment that all could not have attended these lectures.

The Red Cross ladies have been very busy this past week making the surgical bandages which are to be shipped Wednesday. The ladies spend two evenings and one evening on the surgical dressings as well. Now donations were given the Red Cross last week by prominent ladies of the town.

The Honor Guard Girls have started a knitting class and will meet Tuesday evenings in their room at the Hallearth hotel. Most of the girls expect to turn their work into the Red Cross, a few are knitting for relatives at war. Mrs. D. Sommers will have charge of the class.

"MRSHOOVERIZING?" WHY OF COURSE, EVERYONE IS

This picture is a likeness. It shows what the woman who makes Herbert Hoover "Hooverize" really looks like.

Hoover has said that many of his ideas on food-saving he got right at home—from his wife.

So Mrs. Housewife, the chances are that you're not only "Hooverizing" but also "Mrshooverizing."

A Most Beautiful Line of
MEN'S BATH ROBES

Many selected bathrobes last Saturday from this collection and they are going fast. You should call now and see them while there are still some of each pattern. Prices .....$4.00 to $15.00

Your Inspection Invited

Jewelry
A most complete line of jewelry for Christmas gifts in both men's and ladies' departments. For men; Watch chains with knife or cigar cutter; cuff links, tie pin and cuff link sets, tie pins, etc.
We invite your inspection and comparison of prices.

Sweaters
A most acceptable gift for young men and boys. All wool sweaters in white, cardinal, maroon and Oxford. Also in school colors, blue and white. Prices $2.50 to $8.00
Also Jersey in the same colors, $1.25 up.

INDIAN BLANKETS
Nothing could be more acceptable for any one than an Indian Blanket. We have dozens of them to select from—all different in pattern and colors.
We invite you to inspect these blankets and compare the prices.

GLOVES
Always are popular for Christmas gifts. We have a most complete line in both men's and ladies'. Some of these gloves are Fowne's, made in France before the war started. They can never be duplicated now and were recognized as the best glove on market.
Let us show you some that would be most acceptable for Christmas gifts.

SHIRTS
Silk or Cotton
We have just received a new shipment of silk shirts, the most beautiful we have yet found. See them in our window.
Also many new cotton, fibre silk and mixed shirts in pretty patterns and colors for the holidays.
Your inspection invited.
Prices from $1.75 to $10
All Bates street shirts.

R. R. West & Co.
THE ON-TIME STORE

Regarding Christmas

Some people think business will be poor. We believe it is going to be good, as is proven by our stock being the largest we have ever carried.

HIGH GRADE ONLY

Why not remember your friends with gifts that will last?
Diamonds (no badly flawed or off color stones)
Watches (large stock of wrist watches)
Jewelry (lavallieres, brooches, chains, cuff links, scarf pins, etc.)
Cut Glass (Libby, the world's best)
Hand Painted China (Stouffer's)
Silver (Sterling and high-grade plated)
Ivory Toiletware (high grade only)
Waterman Pens Eversharp Pencils Clocks
Engraving Free on All Goods Purchased Here
We are too busy at present to do any outside engraving.

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