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PLANT TREES, AND MORE TREES.

What a pity some man with foresight did not arise in his
might when La Grande was young and land was cheap, demand-
ing a park in the center of the city be established and maintained,
set it to trees and rejoice in what the people of today would say
about him.

But that man did not happen along, and as a result La Grande
would be parkless, but for the ladies of the city who a few years
ago purchased the city park which is quite a long way from the
center of the city, but nevertheless it is a fine proposition.

What a joy it would be today to have about three blocks of
ground within the residence zone in parks with shade and water.

Now that we have seen the example and know what it means,
let everyone plant trees this spring. If you have a vacant lot,
put some trees upon it. They will return you bigger dividends
than anything you can do. People buy trees when they buy home
sites, and don't overlook it. A big box elder on a residence lot
increases the value of the lot five hundred dollars, so get busy
and start the good work of planting trees, lots of trees.

Take the cue given by the Neighborhood Club in promoting
the Honorary Military Driveway and plant trees at the time the
ladies start their great planting campaign.

MAKING ADVERSITY WORK TO ADVANTAGE.

The present hard times, and they are getting harder each day,
can be turned to an advantage by La Grande and Union county
in this way:

We are more fortunate than most counties, for we have a
bond issue yet unspent for county roads. We have a city that
needs a lot of street work. We have the people who see the dis-
tressing financial condition, but are not content to sit down and
wait until it blows over.

The plan is to put the bond money to work, form improve-
ment districts in the city and put men to work improving the
streets with curbing, grading, crushed rock and gravel.

If this is done now, not next summer nor next fall, but
now, La Grande will be the best of all the surrounding cities for
the work will go on, money will be freer and our people will
bridge over the depression with little loss. The work mentioned
will be done some time, and why not now when the time is ripe,
the need being so apparent.

A dispatch from Denver says wild horses are scarce. Wrong,
absolutely wrong. Over in Central Oregon wild horses are an
absolute menace and a nuisance to ranchers and stockgrowers.
There are thousands of head owned by no one, that run the
sheep from the range and commit all sorts of capers. Senator
O. B. Robertson, of Condon, has a plan for the state to butcher
the horses, can the meat in Portland and ship it to starving
China, instead of Oregon digging up money for the relief work.
And it is far from a bad idea.

The Observer does not share the belief of many leading news-
papers regarding the invasion of Germany. While Germany is
entitled to no consideration, after the way she has acted, common
sense must eventually be used in the indemnities demanded.
Those people must be put to work, or they never can pay any-
thing, and it would seem that amounts should be levied that they
can eventually pay.

If the last legislature did not give the Portland newspapers
an opportunity to have a big row and run columns of matter on
different acts committed and omitted, the Public Service com-
mission has filled that aching void with its decision on the ad-
vance in telephone rates. And what the commission has done
to aid in crisp publicity the different sides on the Teachers' tenure
bill are supplying.

The unwritten law of a wronged woman being entitled to com-
mit murder when her lover proves false, seems to have swayed
the opinion in Ardmore, Oklahoma, where the jury, it is believed,
will free Clara Harmon for the murder of Jake Harmon, Repub-
lican committeeman of that state.

One thing the Harding administration should, and we believe
will do, is to simplify this income tax so that someone may un-
derstand it. At least make the officials in Washington a unit on
their decisions.

Frank Irvine, in the Portland Journal, pays a high tribute
to the bell. He thinks the bell is essential to life and mentions
every kind of a bell known except the society belle and the bell
on a Big Ben alarm clock. How about these two, Editor Irvine?

President Wilson did not spend all of the 150 million dollars
given to him by Congress during the war for emergency pur-
poses. He turned back nearly fifty millions to the treasury,
which is more than many of his subordinates did.

Republicans of Corvallis have endorsed Editor C. E. Ingalls, of
the Gazette-Times, for minister to China. What has Ingalls got
that his home people wish to deport him to China?

Portland is entering upon a Post campaign of construction in
which \$4,000,000 will be spent. It's getting so it sounds small
of a community spending a million dollars.

THE OFFICE CAT



—By JUNIUS—

For The Love O' Harmony.

Legislators, are you flee,
Hearken to our earnest plea,
Pass a law to stop the gink
Whose tie is green and collar pink!

R. J. Kitchen comes forth with
some valuable and heretofore un-
known information. We present it
for the approval of our customers:
There should be no mystery as to
why Christopher Columbus stood the
egg on end. He was looking for
the ham.

Never condemn a man for being
knock-kneed; that may only be the
way his pants are pressed.

A piccolo is a clarinet's pup.

An actress in the average musical
comedy has a good chance to see most
of the country and the country has
a good chance to see most of the
actress.

Wanted, a Substitute.

"Damn," isn't a cuss word, accord-
ing to a well-known La Grande Jermy-
man. And it was always such a soul-
satisfying, shock-absorbing word, too.

Didga?

"Did you ever notice," asked the
old grouch, "that the cuss who kin
do everything seldom does any-
thing?"

Under the Mistletoe.

See—"What's the shape of a kiss?"
He—"Give me one and I'll call it
square."

Marriage makes them one—but
which one?

A clown is always funny, but he
seldom owns a circus.

Roy Curry believes there is some
good in Lenten resolutions after all,
and points out the fact that the Len-
ten resolution allows one to make
house brew and allow it to set.

Purely Sentimental.

Children are the flowers of the
world. If you find a small lily bloom-
ing in the mire, lift it to the light.
It will bloom with glory in your soul.
Friendship as between two men is
a thing of wonder. It knows no self-
ishness and invites sacrifice. Few
women attain to it.

The true index of a man is his at-
titude toward women. In dealing
with the frailest of these, if he re-
members that his mother was a woman
he will bear himself as a gentle-
man.

Loyalty is merely being true to
yourself. If you betray a friend you
may be sure that some day you will
betray your own soul.

Generosity is a lovable fault and
parsimony is a detestable virtue.

If you can live to the approval of
your own conscience, you need fear
no other criticism.

S. E. Burgunder says that income
taxpayers are divided into four classes.
We differ with him. They are all
in one class—Fish.

"California is experimenting with
peanut shucks as cattle feed."

Why not keep a herd at the street
car terminal on Sunday afternoons and
let them lick out the car floors be-
tween trips?

Don't be caught mooning around
the Arcade theatre while there's a
star in sight, son, or you may be
eclipsed.

An Ohio theatre has installed extra
wide chairs for fat men.

Good idea. Keeps them from boil-
ing over onto people who sit in the
next seat.

In the driest town in Kansas there
is a theatre called "The Moon." And
it's FULL all the time.

Leo Shannon had just finished
giving instruction in the La Grande
high school military drill class, and
when finished, turned to Bunyan
Anderson, and said, "Bunyan, how
would you execute a platoon right?"
"I don't know."
"Turning to Bud Tholen, Shannon
asked how he would execute it."
"I would follow Bunyan."

YOU CAN FEEL BETTER TOMORROW.

If you suffer from indigestion, con-
stipation, headache, biliousness, bloating,
sour stomach, gas on stomach,
bad breath or other condition caused
by delayed bowel action, take a Foley
Cathartic Tablet this evening and to-
morrow you will feel better. Cleanse
the bowels, sweeten the stomach and
tone up the liver.—Adv.

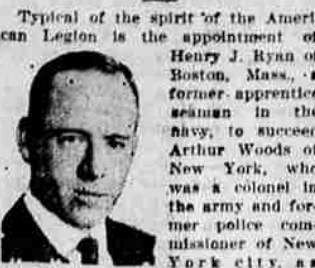
Kodak days are here with this sun-
shine. Come to and let us sell you
one. A big Kodak at \$3.00, \$5.00,
\$7.50, \$9.00, \$12.50, \$16.00, and as
high in price as you wish. We
want to do your developing and print-
ing also enlarging and coloring, at

Silverthorn's
FAMILY DRUG STORE
LA GRANDE, OREGON.

The AMERICAN LEGION

HEAD OF AMERICANISM BOARD

Henry J. Ryan of Boston, Mass., is
Named Chairman of Legion's
Reorganized Commission.



Typical of the spirit of the Ameri-
can Legion is the appointment of
Henry J. Ryan of Boston, Mass., a
former apprentice seaman in the
navy, to succeed Arthur Woods of
New York, who was a colonel in the
army and former police commis-
sioner of New York city, as
chairman of the Legion's reorgan-
ized Americanism commission, head-
quarters of which is at national head-
quarters at Indianapolis.

When the war broke out Mr. Ryan
attempted to enlist several times in
the army, but was refused because of
his defective eyesight. At last the
navy accepted him, but he was ordered
to remain on shore duty. During the
various drives for Liberty loans and
war funds the newly appointed chair-
man acquired a national reputation as
an orator, especially on subjects in-
volving patriotism and Americanism.

Other members of the commission are
To serve one year, Florella H. LaGuardia,
New York city; William B. Follett,
Portland, Ore.; E. K. Bixby, Mus-
kogee, Okla.; Edgar H. Baird, Phila-
delphia; Garland W. Powell, Camber-
land, Md.; Richard F. Belms, Rich-
mond, Va. To serve two years, Pay-
ton H. Hoge, Jr., Louisville, Ky.; A.
H. Gansser, Bay City, Mich.; Col. Gordon
Johnson, U. S. A., chief of staff to
Gen. Leonard Wood, Fort Sheridan,
Ill. To serve three years, Will Percy,
Greenville, Miss.; Dwight Davis, St.
Louis; P. O. Horton, Des Moines, Ia.;
Lindsey Blayney, Houston, Tex., and
Leonard Withington, Honolulu, Haw-
aiki.

It will be the Legion's aim under
Mr. Ryan to co-ordinate and consoli-
date the activities for the promotion
of Americanism of the Y. M. C. A., Red
Cross, Knights of Columbus, Masons,
Salvation Army, National Security
League and many other organizations.
To this end a conference will be held
in Washington soon.

MAN OF TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

Samuel, Adjutant of Legion, Depart-
ment of Kansas, Has Seen Much
of Broad World.

After traveling over pretty much
all of the continents of North Ameri-
ca, Europe and Asia, Frank E.
Samuel has settled down into a
busy life as adjutant of the Ameri-
can Legion, department of Kan-
sas, with headquarters in Tope-
ka.

Samuel was born in Downing,
Mo., in 1889.
Armed with a college degree in 1912
he started out to see the world. What
part of it he missed in civilian pur-
suits was made up to him when he
joined the Three Hundred and Fifty-
third Infantry regiment of the famous
Eighty-ninth division and served in
all the battles in which that outfit
participated.

Samuel, on his return to civil life,
became assistant state adjutant of
the Legion in Kansas and was made
adjutant in September, 1919. He was
recently re-elected for a two-year
term.

GENERAL'S WIFE NEW LEADER

Mrs. Clarence Edwards is Chosen
President of Massachusetts De-
partment of Auxiliary.

Maj. Gen. Clarence R. Edwards,
who commanded the Twenty-sixth di-
vision through its training period in
the States, is quiet defensive
sectors and in its later participa-
tion in almost every major offen-
sive of the war, is the idol of
thousands of New England members
of the American Legion and other
former service men.

Mrs. Clarence R. Edwards, his wife,
is now placed in a similar position by
the mothers, wives, sisters and daugh-
ters of those veterans, for Mrs. Ed-
wards was elected president of the
Massachusetts department of the
women's auxiliary of the American
Legion at a recent state convention
of that organization.

The newly elected president is a
resident of Newton, Mass. She has
been active in work for the benefit of
New England members of the Ameri-
can Legion and other former service
men.

From a Selfish Viewpoint.
"Auntie," said Marjorie, "I'm glad
you never married." Auntie asked
the girl why she said that. "Oh, if
you had a man to look after, you
wouldn't have half so much time to
be good to me."

The Newest Easter Stocks

Beautiful New Spring
BLOUSES
Now Ready for Inspection.
—A beautiful collection and
so varied in styles and col-
orings. All are the most dis-
tinctive models; the Rus-
sian Overblouse and Tie-
Back models are very promi-
nent.

—Of Georgette Crepe, in
white, flesh, honey dew, to-
mato red, rust and other
new shades.

—Prices from \$4.75 to
\$12.50.

Among the New Arrivals—
JERSEY SPORT
SWEATERS
—With long tuxedo collars,
belts and plaited on plain
backs; of fine quality knit
Jersey. Colors are navy,
green, heather, brown and
black. See them in our
Ready-to-Wear Department
tomorrow.

—Prices from \$6 to \$9.

MEN!
First of the New Spring
Clothing
JUST IN!
See Window!

—Several snappy young
men's styles in single and
double breasted models are
here—also suits for the
more conservative business
men.

—These are the first arriv-
als for spring and repre-
sent great reduction in prices.
Each is a product of the
best of clothing manufactur-
ers, fully guaranteed in
every way. Only all-wool qu-
ality shown.

—Prices are \$30, \$35, \$40,
\$45 and \$50.

—Apparel that is charming,
with the new, the beautiful,
the colorful, that characteriz-
es the best of the season's rain-
ment.

COATS.
—Complete in every detail in
this large selection of new
spring coats. Prices range
from \$12 up to \$72.

SUITS.
—Distinctive models in the
finest of materials; plain tail-
ored and fancy, with sport
suits of novel materials. Prices
are from \$22.50 up to \$68.

PROCKS.
—Of every kind for all occa-
sions—delightful conceits and
plain tailored models that are
distinctive. Prices from \$17-
50 up to \$67.50.

—Everything needed in the
way of Eastern wardrobes here
in gala array.

Readers Pool.
There is hardly a roadside pond or
pool which has not as much land-
scape in it as above it.—Ruskin

The Impossible.
A Kansas judge says a "minimum
length of courtship should be fixed by
law to prevent hasty marriages. The
judge may know a lot about law and
the power of the courts and what
ought to be done to regulate society,
but it's a cinch he doesn't know
much about the impossibility of pre-
venting from getting married two
people who have made up their minds
to marry.

"As Short as It Is Violent."
"Woman's grief is like a summer
storm, short as it is violent." The
foregoing quotation is credited to
Joanna Baillie, a Scotch dramatist and
poet. She wrote "Plays on the Pas-
sions," in which she delineates the
principal passions of the mind, each
passion being made the subject of a
tragedy and a comedy. She died in
1861.

Imperishable Attributes.
Whatever that be within us that
feels, thinks, desires and animates, is
something celestial, divine, and con-
sequently, imperishable.—Aristotle.

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—More popular than ever,
are the Plaid Skirts this
season. Plaided or plain,
the colorings are exquisite
and, without a doubt, you
will have the greatest of
selections here now—if you
will come now.

—Selecting your skirt is im-
portant, so don't delay—see
these today and make your
selection. Each one is an
exclusive model. The prices
range from \$9.00 up to \$29.

MILLINERY.
—Variety and distinction
are the keywords in this col-
lection of fine Millinery.

—For those who are par-
ticular we feature the famous
GAGE exclusive model
hats. You will find every-
thing in readiness here in
this department for a busy
Easter-time. Call early and
visit through this depart-
ment.—balcony.

**THE SPRING
OXFORD**

—Voguish walking Oxford's,
trim and comfortable, are
even more popular than
ever before.

—It pays to get quality foot-
wear that will stand up.
Vice and always look well.
We feature ARMSTRONG
shoes and recommend them
unreservedly.

—Oxfords in brown and
black, military or low heels,
and all with solid welt soles.
Prices, \$6.25, \$8.75, \$9.00,
\$10.00 and \$10.50.

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—The eye is our main avenue
of education. Defective vision
causes more school failures than