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YOU AND YOUR TOWN.

Your town boosts you. Why not do as well by the town as it does by you?

No citizen is so powerful, none so humble, but what the town is an aid to him in some way or other.

The food that he eats, the clothes that he wears, the recreation and amusement that he enjoys, all originate in the town, because the money with which they are procured is made there.

When a fellow boosts his own town he does not stop there. He is performing an act that improves his own condition, for every good word and every good deed has its elevating influence.

A few people are always home town boosters. They accomplish much in the way of community betterment, and this improves the condition of not only themselves, but also of those who do no boosting at all.

If every citizen would constitute himself or herself a home town booster the result collectively would be many times as great, and opportunities for self improvement would be more numerous.

Think it over in your odd moments.

Then get into the boost wagon and hit the pace.

The use of liquor is going to be permitted as medicine. When one needs a little for his stomach's sake, he can have his doctor prescribe it. But, hold on, don't get excited, this does not apply to Oregon.

Again we urge the national administration to appoint Col. Harvey ambassador to England. The country needs that old warrior in England. Let the objectors object, but put Col. Harvey where his independence will do the most good, and that is in England.

NAVAL TARGETS.

Nine German warships will be used as targets by the United States navy early next summer. It is an excellent use to make of German warships. The targets consist of one battleship, one cruiser, three destroyers and four submarines. They are part of the big fleet surrendered by Germany after the armistice, and by agreement with the Allies must be destroyed before August 9. The Navy Department has announced that the rite will be celebrated with due solemnity some time between June 1 and July 15. It need cause no surprise if it occurs on July 4. No doubt the American gunners and aviators would relish such practice on that day.

The experiment should result in valuable information, particularly along the line of aerial attack. It has been a much debated problem, in this country as in England, whether battleships were not obsolete because they were too easy and vulnerable marks for air bombs. Tests made with one old American battleship are not regarded as having settled the problem. They smashed things up pretty well above deck, but did no harm below. Naval aviators will see if they can do better with the German battleship Ostfriesland and the cruiser Frankfurt, and also with the obsolete American battleship Iowa, and probably the smaller craft.

The bombs will weigh from 500 to 1,000 pounds and will be dropped from seaplanes going at full speed at a height of nearly a mile. The tests will be under battle conditions, with the targets in motion, directed by wireless. Any craft not sunk by air bombs will be assailed by gunfire. If that fails, depth charges will be used.

It need cause no surprise if these tests result in a new impetus for the development of the air service, and a curtailment of costly battleship construction. More than 1,000 bombing planes can be built for the price of one modern battleship; and however unequal the contest may be between a battleship and a single bombing plane, nobody imagines that the most powerful dreadnaught afloat could beat 1,000 of them.

The Department of Labor.

The United States Department of Labor has just completed its eighth year as a distinct governmental department. A survey of its accomplishments and its possibilities is of special interest on this account. Much of its work has been pioneering, with the attendant handicaps and obstacles which all pioneering, in whatever field, must encounter.

The Department of Labor has been greatly criticized, but an impartial review of its work shows a great deal of good done. Particularly in the lines of research has it performed invaluable service. Its cost-of-living statistics were compiled with scientific precision and are said to be the best along this line prepared by any agency anywhere, public or private. They are constantly used in labor adjustments. The relation of wages to infant mortality has been made plain to the intelligent people. The warning of the coming preparation.

HOBNAILED AT PARIS.

The American public raised its collective eyebrow when it was announced, some time ago, that one of the items in the bill for the American delegation to the peace conference was \$127,870.82 for baggage. A Paris hotel. People naturally wondered what the delegates or members of their party could have been doing that would cause that amount of wreckage in a respectable hostelry. Some critics had their suspicions of wild revelry, quite unbecoming such a dignified mission.

It is with a sigh of relief that the public learns the truth, incredible though it is. That huge baggage bill presented to Uncle Sam by the Crillon hotel is based on the grievous wear and tear inflicted on floors and carpets by the hobnailed shoes of 200 American doughboys who acted as guards during the conference, and who were always "hurrying in and hurrying out," wearing their regular footgear.

A pretty high price for hobnails, we'll say! Every one of those martial brogans seems to have done nearly 50 times as much damage as it was worth. It would certainly have paid to buy that guard shoes adapted to civilized, indoor wear, if any were available in Paris.

However, if the lesson is taken to heart by the American public as it should be, the loss will be more than made up. Consider how many thousand feet, male and female, at this very moment, are tramping the floors of American homes in shoes whose nails gouge and scratch. Ask any good housekeeper, or any painstaking house-husband, or any grievous landlord, how much damage may be done to a varnished floor by a casual nail in a careless heel.

AN AUTHORS' BOYCOTT.

The authors' union, officially known as the Authors' League of America, with a membership including most of the well known magazine writers, has denounced a prominent publishing house as an "unfair shop" and refused to have any further dealings with it until it changes its policy. This is one of the first official acts of the union, which was organized last year.

The controversy is not, as might be inferred, a direct question of wages—that is, of remuneration for the stories or articles. There is no attempt, as yet, to enforce anything like a standard scale of pay for literature, and it doesn't seem likely that there will ever be. Yet there is a certain indirect relationship with the amount of pay received for work. The authors complain that the publisher in question will not buy stories unless he can control the moving picture rights, and discriminates against fiction that is not adapted to the movies. They pledge themselves, therefore, not to write for the offending publisher until he changes his policy.

This is probably the first authors' boycott on record. Here is a change, indeed, from the times when authors were poor devils, penurious and friendless, helpless save for such scraps of pay or charity as a publisher or patron might see fit to toss them. In union there is strength. They will probably bring this particular employer to terms, and they will be heard from again in their organized capacity.

Henry Ford probably means well in his anti-Semitic campaign, but he has carbon in his cylinders and his engine backfires and his clutch slips.

Silence is golden. It is gold, you notice, that the Allies want from Germany.

After Lloyd George has made Germany pay he can turn to Ireland, where a real job awaits him.

Dryden and Pope.

The style of Dryden is capricious and varied, that of Pope is cautious and uniform. Dryden obeys the motions of his own mind. Pope constrains his mind to his own rules of composition. Dryden is sometimes vehement and rapid; Pope is always smooth, uniform and gentle. Dryden's page is a natural field, rising into inequalities, and diversified by the varied exuberance of abundant vegetation; Pope's is a velvet lawn, shaven by the scythe, and levelled by the roller.—Dr. Johnson.

Fruit in the Morning.

Don't make the mistake of going without fruit in the morning. Most of us don't have fruit enough and there is no time when it is more beneficial than as the first course of breakfast. Eating fruit for breakfast is largely a matter of habit. If you get out of the habit of it you soon find no breakfast complete without some sort of fruit.

Soap and Candles of Human Fat. Among soap anomalies may be mentioned human fat toilet soap, known over continental Europe the past century or more and indicated by some medicines as a superior emollient. This sounds callous, but the art of soap making is not particularly noted for its sentiment. The fat stock was obtained from cadavers of hospital and morgue derelicts and tried out like any other fat. Candles for special purposes have also been made from human fat.—Scientific American.

October—A Definition. Riley's poems had been read to the children on numerous occasions until they were familiar with many of them, but a four-year-old Robert to show what a word painter the Hoosier poet really was. While out walking with his mother in the early fall he kicked up the leaves to his heart's content, then turning to her, he said: "I tell you, mother, 'old October knocks me out'."

THE OFFICE CAT



—By JUNIUS—

SEND US YOUR COMPLETE CAT-ALOGUE.

(From an advertisement of Eastern Oregon Music Company.)
For twenty-five cents—"Smiles."
For fifty cents—"Kisses."
For one dollar—"You'd Be Surprised."

Howard O'Brien says that the man with plenty of sand, a wide horizon, and a cool head is a summer resort all to himself.

FASHION NOTES.
By UNCLE JARVE.

Skirts are being worn longer this season, some of them have been worn for more than 48 hours on a stretch. In places where mosquitoes and flies are bad, the latest designs in ladies' suits are being made with wire screen attachments over the front exposure.

Divided skirts are now in vogue. Ma divided her wedding skirt with eight grown up daughters and the remnants were turned in to the rummage sale.

An ultra-fashionable lady in her very latest street costume was stilling on the beach with a bunch of bathers clad in their "one piece" suits, when she was arrested for indecent exposure.

Short skirts are not appreciated by the street loafers in La Grande, to the same extent that they are in other places—the prevailing winds of the Grande Ronde valley give the same results with much less cost.

Lavalliers are being worn this season about seven inches below the "Adam's Apple," in the exact geographical center of the exposed abdominal complexion, but owing to the background they are not attracting much attention, however.

The old curb-stone reader, who has a stand at the corner of 1st and Adams avenue, and a sign at the corner, will offer his business for sale as soon as the "Good

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20-Acre Tract.

Three miles from La Grande, the best of soil, partly in alfalfa. New 5-room modern house with bath and electric lights, full basement, barn, and chicken house. This is something good, \$3,000 cash will handle it.

12-Acre Tract.

Two miles from La Grande, near Country Club on highway. Good six-room house, barn, chicken house, cellar and garage. Sub-irrigated. A real home and a beautiful location. \$2,000 cash will handle it.

4-Acre Tract.

Close in, 7-room house, barn, chicken house, fine soil for garden truck. Will trade for property close in. \$3,000, \$1,000 cash.

40-Acre Chicken Ranch.

One mile this side of Hagar, on the highway. 20 acres tillable, 20 acres in pasture. Good 4-room house, garage, cellar, 2 chicken houses—one 2x40 feet, one 12-12 feet—all buildings new. Price \$1,500, \$500 cash.

20-Acre Tract.

At Alford, Oregon, about 8 miles northeast of La Grande in the heart of the Grande Ronde valley. All tillable and of the very best of sandy loam soil, produced the best grain and potatoes in Oregon. Five acres in delicious apple trees, ten years old. Good 5-room house, barn, chicken house, etc. \$6,000.

30-Acre Tract.

Three miles northeast of La Grande, very best of black loam soil. Good 5-room house, barn, chicken house, cellar, woodhouse, etc. \$200 per acre, will take good city property in on it.

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\$17.50 TO \$31.50.

Monday's express brought us new models in pretty silk frocks—many that we have been waiting for, and are more than pleased at their timely arrival for the Easter Shoppers. These are unusually low priced—ranging from \$17.50 up to \$31.50. All materials are included.

Our entire stock now is in splendid condition for a busy "before Easter" week. Prices range from \$15.00 up to \$68.00. Some beautiful models of the new Canton Crepe are among the most distinctive.

We invite you to see these dresses, as well as several new skirts and suits now on display for the first time.

Brown, Grey, Black

Silk Hose

\$1.50 and \$2.00

Complete new stocks arrived Saturday in quantities sufficient to supply all. There are dark and light greys, African brown, and black—pure silk and thread silk hose in all sizes now.
Phone Orders Will Receive Prompt Attention.

New Easter Suits

Our Easter stock of Ladies and Misses tailored suits is by far the largest and most authentic we have ever shown, and it is most gratifying to note the greatly increased volume of business in this department, due to the greater selections, and to the very moderate prices which you find at this store.

Several new suits arrived Monday morning and you will find them on display now.

Prices from \$22.50 to \$68.50.

LA GRANDE'S GREATEST DEPARTMENT STORE.

Old Summer Time" is here, as he has been told that the girls will cover themselves all over with furs during the months of June, July and August. An old sport was standing on the street the other day kicking on the shortcomings of nature and the awful misery of senile decay. "It is terrible," he moaned. "As fashion gives us more and more to see, nature gives us poorer and poorer eyes to see with. We need the flexible neck of an owl, but the last bit of rubber is gone. When we shuffle around on our feet to turn our heads we find the passing show is gone. It is the irony of fate, it is h—"

Johnnie was very much afraid of the dark, but his mother had assured him that the angels were watching over him and he need not fear. He suddenly appeared in his night gown among the guests she was entertaining. "Why, what's the matter Johnnie?" she asked.
"Oh, mamma! Are you sure the angels are in my room?" "Yes, dear," answered his mother. "Are they in my bed, mamma?" "Yes, dear, the angels are in your bed." "Well, mamma," cried Johnnie, "They're biting it."

CRAZY TIMES.

Strike and the world strikes with you, work and you work alone; our souls are afflaze with a bolshevik craze, the wildest that ever was known.

Groan and there'll be a chorus, smile and you make no hit; for we've grown long hair and we preach despair and show you a chaffy fit.

Spend and the gring will cheer you, rave and you have no friend; for we throw our backs to birds and ducks and let you from all who'll lend.

Knock and you'll be a winner, home and you'll be a frost; for the old time of the pre-war has gone now from the program lost.

Strike and the world strikes with you, work and you work alone; for we'd rather yell and raise blue hell than strive for an honest bone.

Rant and you are a leader, toil and you are a nut; 'Twas a bitter day when we pulled away from the old time work-day rut.

Wait and there'll be a slow up, wait and you'll see a lump, and the fads and crazes of these crazy times will go to the nation's dump.

The damage from the Andrews Cafe fire in Astoria last week is estimated at \$25,000.

Rich Kitchenware.

In the days when the Roman empire was at its height, if you went into the culinary department of an elegant establishment you would find saucers lined with silver and pails of various descriptions richly inlaid with arabesque in silver, and shovels very handsomely and intricately carved.

Treachery the Supreme Vice.

Of all the vices to which human nature is subject treachery is the most infamous and detestable, being compounded of fraud, cowardice and revenge. The greatest wrongs will not justify it, as it destroys those principles of mutual confidence and security by which only society can subsist.—L. M. Stretch.

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