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### THOSE WHO ALWAYS PAY.

In every walk of life there are those who pay and those who do not. There are those who pay promptly and those who finally pay, but not promptly. Business hinges on those who pay and pay it—on the dot—don't forget that, and the ones who lag and some who never pay are the curse of the business world.

The man working for seventy-five dollars a month who pays for what he buys on the date he agrees to, is a better customer than the man worth half a million dollars who pays when he gets good and ready.

Any store in La Grande would rather have the business of a widow who strives to live within her means and pays her bills each month than the business of a captain of industry who lingers and pays any old time it pleases him.

Ordinarily La Grande is the best pay town in the country. It is a pay roll town and the business for the preceding month, that is the bulk of it, is cleaned up on the month following.

At present things are in an upheaval, due to so many of the boys being out of work, and many find it hard to keep up their usual custom, but when things are normal La Grande people, as a whole, pay and pay promptly.

Then there is a class of peculiar human beings who must have consideration. They are eventually going to do something big and they base everything on when that happens. To deal with them means to carry them, and all of their obligations must be paid by some one.

Another class is the fellow who always pays for his own needs and finally pays for a lot of other people. A man goes to work for you. He has to have a car to get around. He will pay for the gas and oil and repair bills, sure he will. But when he finally quits, the garage man comes around and you pay the bill.

It was ever thus—it will ever be thus—so cheer up.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox was right as a Central Oregon jack-rabbit when she said there were lifters and leasers in this old world—twenty to one was her ratio. She beat Bryan four points for his slogan—was at one time sixteen to one.

Since it is about to be established that leprosy is a punishment for profanity, will some learned scientist inform us what causes smallpox?

The prices on foodstuffs are declining rapidly, according to the government statistics. Is the government taking the selling price of the producer or the price charged the consumer as a basis? There is some difference from which source the figures are secured.

It looks as though we were to have a packers' strike. The "solemn" referendum has been taken and nearly all the employees want to try out the strike system. It is another chapter in readjustment, so go to it, and let's get through with the troubles one by one.

State Superintendent Churchill has returned from the National Educational Association meeting at Atlantic City with a lot more good ideas for schools of Oregon added to his already exceedingly large supply. There will be no new departures advocated by Churchill. He will insist on anything that will give thoroughness, for Mr. Churchill is very much wedded to better training in reading, riting and rithmetic first of all.

The town of Umatilla went wild some time ago and elected a complete city government of women. It was fun and all the newspapers had good stories on the new venture. A man's government has now succeeded the women in office, and the first announcement is that "the new administration will clean up the city." Can you imagine such satire?

### HOUSECLEANING AND WAR

In spite of wars and rumors of wars the world is getting better. Housecleaning offers a good illustration.

A popular feminine magazine outlines the work of giving an ordinary home its spring cleaning. Two weeks are allowed for the process. A schedule is drawn up for each day's work. Highly suggestive of the advance of modernity upon this ancient rite is the statement, "The work is so planned as to allow Wednesday in each week for a day of recreation, and for planning the work of the other days so that the cleaning need not consume the entire day."

Where now are the fine, honored cartoons of father a fugitive, driven forth from home by a flying broom, coming home at night after a long, tiring day's work, and finding a snack on the pantry shelf, and fringing gingerly over the tack, strewn floors to an ever-shifting bed? Where are the pictures of mother, clad in the habiliments of toil for days on end, alternately berating her family and working her way to frenzy? Gone! Gone with miles of heavy carpet tightly matted to acres of floor. Gone with high-ceilinged rooms and an age that knew not the vacuum cleaner. Blown away by the winds of education.

Let the peasant think in these things. Let him think how varied of class, one considered essential

to the maintenance of order in the home, have been banished, by better understanding. After that, world affairs may not seem so hopeless. There is no magic about the housecleaning business. Education and improved methods have wrought the change. So, surely, if a little more slowly, education and better methods will teach mankind to keep the world in order without the devastating periods of chaos, now agonizingly inevitable.

The eighteenth and nineteenth amendments both started trouble brewing in the kitchen.

sure, it's a good thing to reduce wages—that is, the other fellow's wages.

From some of the comments on Judge Landis' \$42,500 baseball salary, you might think it was better to pay it to a craft to cooked players.

Encourages infection.

Dr. Eric Fitchburg suggests in the Practitioner (London) that eating too much carbohydrate material makes persons susceptible to infectious diseases. This is important to mothers of young children, as it means that they should restrict the quantity of starchy and sugary foods that their

### THE OFFICE CAT



—By JUNIUS—

### BEST ADVERTISED ARTICLES

(In the Order of Their Publicity Standing.)

- Tanbo
- Carlie Chaplin
- President Harding
- Peppen
- Ivory Soap
- O'Sullivan's Rubber Heels
- Green River
- Doug Fairbanks
- John Barleycorn
- Mary Pickford
- Firestone Tires

If you were writing your own epitaph, what is the best thing you could say about yourself on your tombstone?

C. R. Buell says that any man with a beard has a barbarous nature.

### To Our Firemen

We shiver, shiver as we work  
To keep warm, we endeavor,  
For fat ones come and lean ones go  
But we freeze on forever.

The flowers that bloom in the spring, tra la,

Will sure have to take a good rest,  
If compared with Verne Jennings  
when dolled to go out  
In his stylish No. \$30.00 to—best.

Al Cain can make the dandy drinks  
We know he can't be beat,  
Still we'd like his chocolate better  
If he would make it sweet.

Ira Landers says that he does not mind Spring housecleaning so long as he has a hose and the City Fathers do not limit his supply of water.

Oil stocks are more plentiful than oil wells.

The Hon. F. S. Ivanhoe advises up that legal lights have gas bills to pay as you and I.

What has become of the o. f. September joke?

A friend who will loosen up occasionally is what we would call "chose."

Ministers, it is understood, will be permitted to buy wine. Moral, get yourself a minister friend.

The Baby Musta Been the Receiver of The Firm of Eaton & Eaton, Spankers

A news dispatch from Redwood City, Calif., says:  
"Mrs. Louis Eaton won the right to spank the Eaton baby. Eaton sued her for divorce, alleging that Mrs. Eaton had spanked the baby. Mrs. Eaton's counter suit alleged that Eaton spanked it first."

The only difference we have been able to notice between the 25-cent shave of today and the ten-cent var-

ity of yesterday is fifteen cents, which, in the good old days, would buy three loaves of bread.

### Gaston, Page Mr. Will Hayes.

Penwick McCloud, of Clearfield, Pa., received a check from the government the other day. It was due his father, who served in the civil war, and had been in the mails since '66.

A man doesn't give life much for all he gets out of it.

Why Not Have A Little Street Parade Just Before the Services?  
Rev. R. J. Bennet, Morgantown, W.

—COMING—  
"U. P. TRAIL"  
A Zane Gray Story

**GREY SILK HOSE**  
In All Shades.

—To be worn with either black or grey footwear for spring. Silk hose in the lighter shades of grey is proving to be quite the thing.

—Pure silk and thread silk hose are here, in light and dark shades.

—Prices \$1.50 and \$2.00.

**SEVERAL DOZEN NEW HANDBAGS**

of tooled leathers, in brown, grey and black, are here for your inspection. Some fitted with mirrors, toilet requisites and coin purses; very attractive and very new in shape.

—Prices range upward from \$3.00 to \$12.50.

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—So be on hand early—they go on sale today and continue until quantities are exhausted. Phone order will be filled, deliveries prompt, and you may lastly be assured this is one of the exceptional opportunities of the season. See window!

### FOOTWEAR

FOR THE LITTLE ONES

—With the coming of spring, there must be low shoes for the little tots—and you will find our stocks complete in every way.

—Patent Kid, in white and brown, one-strap Pumps, at prices that range from \$1.50 to \$4.50.

### AN ATTRACTIVE WINDOW

—Is always a most welcome invitation to the home. Spring calls for new Laces at the windows and you will find our stock more complete, more varied and more inviting than ever before. Beautiful Nets and Scrims, range in price from 15c to \$2.00 yard.

## WASHING MACHINES

THAT

SAVE YOUR CLOTHES—  
SAVE YOUR TIME—  
SAVE YOUR BACK—

Maytag Cabinet Electric	\$180.00
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