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EASTER.

"Up from the grave He arose"—

Yes, and in doing so He convinced the world of Truthfulness, of Faith in Almighty God.

It was on Easter—the day which hath charms unknown to any other day of the year even in the present time; that day that seems to start everything; that day that causes people to feel like off with the old and on with the new; that day that awakens in every heart the pureness of purpose—the best that is in man.

Christ arose. And amidst a doubting populace He convinced all that had the faith He possessed, no harm could overtake them. For Jesus Christ was a man. He lived and had His being among the people of this earth, but His difference from weak, sinful mortals was that He knew the Father was ever with Him and that God is all powerful.

So it was when He arose on Easter morn the world stood breathless and so it is today when Easter comes around. People who seldom visit a house of worship feel that on Easter it is a privilege and a duty to go to church; to hear the word of God preached. And more and more the practical men and women are relying upon the strong arm, the faith in a Divine Power to guide them.

Man's weakness is more apparent each year, all of which brings people closer to the good God who doeth all things well. On this Easter of 1921 let us all rejoice and as the flowers unfold, as spring opens with her gladness and her life, as the song birds proclaim their joy, let all mankind feel that things are not as bad as they sometimes seem; that there is joy a plenty throughout the world if we will but find it.

Here in this Eastern Oregon country where Providence has showered abundant blessings, where food and raiment are everywhere in surplus, should we not feel especially blessed on this great day?

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE.

Every Eastern Oregon community is looking to the future with hope of some business development or project with intense interest. J. P. Lottridge, president of the Baker Chamber of Commerce, on a recent trip to La Grande told of the hope that Baker people entertain for the development of the Lower Powder irrigation project within a reasonably short time. It is a worthy thing to look forward to, for the project mentioned has much merit and if properly built will furnish homes for thousands of people.

Every feature needed for success is embodied by nature in the Lower Powder district—sufficient water, excellent soil, good climate, close proximity to transportation.

But there is one feature that President Lottridge, and all others who are enthusiastic over irrigation development should bear in mind, and that is getting the people to settle the land after the project is completed.

We do not mention this in the way of discouragement, far from it, but we do believe the government, after creating a good project should have a department whose duty it is to endeavor settlement of that project at the earliest possible time, for irrigated land is of more value than range land to a state or county if it is not peopled.

Already Oregon has a number of completed projects without settlers sufficient to make them successful. The Warm Springs project in Malheur county is a thorough success from the point of water, soil and climate, but it has very few people and a large percentage of the land is not working. The same can be said of the Ochoco at Prineville, and even in the Hermiston and Stanfield country, where irrigation has been a fact for many years there are thousands of acres of land untitled.

The Observer commends Baker and her citizens in the strongest terms for going after the Lower Powder project, but to omit the work of building the project is but a start, for the people must be induced to settle the land and that is another gigantic undertaking for which plans should be laid and put to work during the process of building.

One by one the old landmarks pass on. Now comes the news of death claiming Thomas Smith, one of the early settlers of the Grande Ronde valley. His ranch was developed to a high state of productivity and he was recognized as one of the capable and substantial men of this county for many years, prior to his removal to California, where death came at a ripe age of eighty-six years.

There is nothing wrong in permitting Eugene V. Debs to go and come from prison to Washington, D. C., without an escort. Mr. Debs will not fly the coop. He knows this is the best country on the face of the earth, even if it will not accept his brand of Socialism, and he is not going to seek other fields at his age.

Regardless of the opinion of Mark Sullivan, the noted newspaper correspondent, to the effect that the emergency tariff will do no good, if enacted, the northwest is mighty anxious to try it out.

That was a fine little November snow that got side-tracked and did not reach this valley until yesterday.

THE CITY WATER SYSTEM IS STARTED.

La Grande as a city has made the start for more water, and a permanent water system. That start was made this week when the city commission by unanimous vote engaged engineers and outlined the policy for building the system this coming summer.

Now that the commission is a unit and has acted with excellent judgment on every feature pertaining to the proposed water system, it is the duty of the people to back them up to the fullest extent. It is obvious that a new water system cannot be erected without money, and the only place to get funds is from bonds which the people vote.

The charter must be cured of defects and when Judge Slater has that accomplished it must be re-enacted by popular vote. This can be done at the same time the bonds are voted, making one election suffice for all.

The great and salient point the Observer wishes to bring out at this time is the need of standing behind the city administration firmly until the water system is finished. The people must vote bonds in order to have the work done, and the commission must direct the work in every detail. It is a big year's work for everyone concerned and we want the harmony of action that has marked the kick-off of the enterprise.

By this we do not mean that we desire harmony at the price of efficiency, far from it, but we do think when any official is doing his duty and doing it well he is entitled to the full confidence and support of the general public.

BOOZE IN CITIES.

When a correspondent in a Portland newspaper wrote with much disgust that booze was being sold in New York city, regardless of prohibition, that correspondent surely did not think he was tipping the police off to anything new.

Booze sales always follow prohibition. There is no such thing as complete prohibition, even after a country has become accustomed to the new order of things. For a nation or a state to go dry, there is something very much like the individual who decides he will quit drinking booze. He tries and he tries, only to fall off the wagon, and then he will try again. It is so with every political unit that goes dry. Booze sellers thrive for a while, then reformers make it hard for them to operate and they decamp only to return again with new and fresher stocks of their wares. New York is young in prohibition and we presume there is quite a lot of "hooch" being marketed in that wild and wicked city. But New Yorkers will have to cut down their lawlessness in time and each year there will be less and less sold until conditions in New York will reach about what they are in Oregon—some booze to be had if one knows how to go about it, and plenty of home made brew that would paralyze the cartlidges of a mule's throat. But sensible people grow to know that the poison of the home brew is dangerous and they leave it alone in time, just as they leave the arsenic alone on the pantry shelf, or the carbolic acid.

Judge Crawford had a fine birthday party recently, and the whole of Oregon joins in wishing the veteran attorney and jurist "many happy returns of the day."

NEW PISTON IS EXPLAINED

When asked to account for the remarkable power and smoothness of operation of the motor of the new Olds Four, Chase Bohlenkamp says that a large amount of the power and absence of vibration of the motor is due to the new type magnalite aluminum pistons which are used.

It is a well known fact that where a heavy cast piston is used in a motor, there is a considerable amount of power consumed in the starting and stopping of the piston on its upward and downward stroke when a body is in motion the heavier it is the harder it is to stop, and this same fact applies to the pistons of gasoline engines. Each revolution of the engine, each piston comes to two complete stops. In order to overcome this loss of power to as great an extent as possible and also to overcome the vibration which goes with it, many different types of pistons have been used.

The most common practice in making pistons where lightness is desired is in making them of aluminum alloys. However there has been one great drawback in this practice which has been difficult to overcome. Owing to the fact that aluminum alloys expand considerably more than cast iron when heated it has been necessary to fit the pistons more loosely in the cylinder, otherwise when the motor becomes hot the pistons were so tight that they would not move freely and were liable to bind. When the pistons were cold they were so loose they were inclined to be a little noisy in operation until they got warmed up. In spite of this objection a great number of the best cars were using this type of pistons on account of their freedom from vibration and the saving of power.

The Oldsmobile engineers have perfected a new alloy piston which has all the advantages of the cast and old type aluminum pistons and which promises to revolutionize piston construction. This piston is constructed with the skirt slightly oval shaped. On the piston pin diameter the piston is fitted with a 1/16 inch clearance between the piston and cylinder wall while on the diameter of the skirt angles to the piston pin it is fitted with only .001 clearance. Just under the lower ring the latter has a side slot two inches long in which the skirt of the piston fits. The piston having the large clearance and where the skirt fits in the side slot, the skirt is free to move in and out of the side slot as the piston expands and contracts. This side slot relieves all strain on the skirt of the piston. Experiment has

CLEAN CRANK CASE REGULARLY

The manufacturers of automobiles recommend in their instruction books that the crankcase be drained and thoroughly cleaned at regular intervals. The reason for this is to avoid unnecessary wear of the engine which would be caused by the continued circulation of contaminated oil, states Mr. Frank Hillier.

Regular cleaning of the automobile crankcase is the first and easiest step to better engine performance and longer engine life. The wear and tear of engine operation causes steady accumulation of road dust, carbon, fine metal particles and other impurities in crankcase oil. This gritty, contaminated oil circulates through the engine, impairs its performance and ultimately leads to rapid depreciation and repair.

The oil, like the blood of the body, circulates through the engine and carries away all dirt and dust at the same time that it lubricates, but unlike the blood of the body, it has no way of cleaning itself, as the blood does through the lungs. For this reason it is necessary to drain out the old oil at regular intervals and to flush out the crankcase to avoid deposits of dust and dirt which might otherwise contaminate the fresh oil as soon as it is put in the crankcase.

Cleaning the crankcase is a job generally neglected, therefore frequently neglected. To meet the need of regular cleaning of the crankcase, Modern Crankcase Cleaning Service has been established at first class garages and other dealers on the Pacific Coast. These garages and dealers use a new and efficient flushing agent that cleans out all old, dirt, grit and other impurities and does not impair the lubricating efficiency of the fresh oil used.

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THE OFFICE CAT



Pome.
Up with the bird
And down with the sun,
And you're gonna miss
A lotta fun.

A Kansas City paragrapher declares that a man who will eat scrambled eggs in a cheap restaurant is a real hero.

A bunch of girls residing around Fourth street have organized a Pledge Club. We merely wondered if there were any nuts among them.

Not Easy, Y? Understand.
I do not cover Johnnie's toll.
There lurks no envy in my soul,
But I would like a powerful lot
To have as much as Johnnie's got.

Easy.
Why do homely girls make the best stenographers? asks one of the magazine writers.
That's an easy one, brother.
Because they don't waste time looking in the mirror, every fifteen minutes. When they're busy they forget their physical and physiological shortcomings.

Dan Brown says it is all right for a girl to tuck her ears under her hair, but she ought to let them out sometimes for exercise.

Welby Vaughn says that his idea of a scientific nut is the fellow who tried to graft a strawberry plant to milkweed, to get strawberries and cream.

Signs of Spring.
The first butterfly.
And the first new spring bonnet.
The first baby chickens and a new calf.

Also we hunt the step ladder and the window cleaner.
Everybody's feet are muddy and we all talk about the roads.
The sky is a glorious blue and the mountains never were so lovely.
We begin to think of a picnic lunch.
And the small boy thinks in terms of marbles.
We plan our garden.
And wonder if the neighbor's hens will get our peas this year—
Then it snows—
So we know spring is here.

Fashion Notes.
(By Uncle Jarvis.)
Girls' feet are no larger than they were last season, but the cut of the skirt, and height of the heel make them appear so—it is an optical illusion.
Our new minister announced, in a

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casual way, that he was very fond of yellow-legged chickens, and since he has been in town the demand for yellow stockings has more than been doubled.

Old Bill says that he does not see anything in the way that girls dress to attract attention. Bill is not blind and is no fool—just a plain liar, that's all.

Exclusive Street for Autos.
An exclusive residence street in a California town has been given a roadway that permits the use of automobiles, but over which horses are not allowed to travel.

Attachment Rebores Cylinders.
A Californian has invented an attachment for automobile engines that enables cylinders to be rebored without skilled labor.

Tool Smooths Out Dents.
A tool has been invented, consisting chiefly of a clamp and a number of padded blocks and rollers, which smooths dents out of automobile fenders.

Coupler For Heavy Trailers.
A motor-operated capstan and spring buffer for towing heavy trailers behind automobiles have been invented by a Parisian.

Trunk for the Running Board.
For automobile tourists a wardrobe trunk that can be carried on and securely on a running board has been patented.

Comprehensive Dash Attachment.
Scattered dash-instrument faces have a tendency to confuse the automobile driver, and besides are somewhat untidy to appearance. Both of these objectionable features are eliminated by a new accessory, which includes seven dials, completely assembled under a single elliptical face about 6-1/4 inches wide and 10 inches long.

The instrument back of the dials are a combined odometer and tachometer, the former designed to indicate trip and season mileage, gas consumption, oil-pressure gauges, an ammeter and a clock. The instruments are attached in such a way that any or several of them can be removed without disturbing the others.

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