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YOUR HOME, AND OURS.

No matter how much of a chestnut a story may be, it is al-
ways new to the person who hears it for the first time.

It is even so when we advocate faith in, loyalty to, and the
building up of the home community. We have written and
preached until the subject has almost become a chestnut, yet
in every new effort of our pen there is a sentence somewhere
that strikes a sympathetic chord in the heart of some person.
No effort for local betterment is entirely in vain.

We live in this town because we believe in it. We believe in
it because it is a good town, regardless of its few defects, and
its people are the peers of those to be found anywhere.

This town may not have the wealth of some more favored
communities, but it has character, and character is a possession
which can not be purchased with gold.

If you believe in your home town you will like it, and if you
like it no effort toward its improvement will be too great for you.
Again we ask you who have faith in your own powers to also
have faith in your own town.

When you feel like criticising it, check the thought before
it is spoken. You can always find something good to say instead,
and even then the half of the truth will never be told.

It is a good town now, but faith, loyalty and united action
will make it a better one.

Our faith in this town, brother, is simply faith in you, be-
cause the town is a collection of yous.

Surely your faith is not less than ours.

Let us unite—let us act—for a better and a more cohesive
community.

It is your home—and ours.

THE CASE AGAINST RUSSIA.

In the American note to the Russian Soviet government, Secretary
Hughes has made it plain that the United States is not refusing to en-
ter into trade relations with Russia because the latter has a Socialistic
or Bolshevist administration, but be-
cause that administration gives no
assurance of safety for life and prop-
erty, freedom for labor and observance
of contracts.

Without the sanctity of life, prop-
erty and contract, there can be no
satisfactory trade with any country.
They are essential to the conduct of
business. The labor issue is moral
rather than commercial, but none
the less effective in determining Amer-
ican relations with Russia. Amer-
icans do not care much about patron-
izing Russian industry under con-
ditions that make the industrial
workers virtually slaves.

The United States, as Secretary
Hughes informs Lenin, will be glad
to learn of fundamental changes in
Russia, removing the objections set
forth. In the meantime, although
private enterprise in this country is
at liberty, as it has been heretofore,
to engage in Russian trade at its
own risk, the government can not
undertake to support such enterprise
as it does in the case of countries of
whose internal order and govern-
mental honor there is no question.

A JAP PEACE SOCIETY.

A new peace society has been
formed in Japan. Its object is the
correction of the misunderstandings
and prejudices which exist against
Japan in other countries and in Jan-
an against other nations. Repre-
sentatives are to be sent abroad to
further this purpose. Friendlier
feelings between China and Japan
and between the United States and
Japan are felt to be particularly de-
sirable.

This is a move in the right direc-
tion. Other nations should not be
backward in doing their share to-
ward the establishment of pleasant
relations.

One of the Japanese dignitaries
interested in the new move com-
plains that his country is unjustly
accused of aggressiveness and mili-
tarism. "All peoples have merits and
faults," said he, "but we are judged
by our faults alone." Perhaps this
is true. If the better thought of
Japan can show her in a better light
it will be work well done.

Japan should remember this, how-
ever. Where there is smoke there
is fire. If Japan's neighbors view
her through a distorting cloud of
doubt, the fire is of her own kind-
ling. A distant and cold peace is
not what we need. We need a peace
which is warm and generous. As Ja-
pan begins to see herself in a clearer
light, she will also see the need of
a peace which is warm and generous.
Her efforts should be met with an open mind.

A judge recommends more lib-
erality for engagements and wedding
as a preventative of divorce. Less

THE OFFICE CAT



—By JUNIUS—

With joy I sit at my window sill
And watch the women go by until
The foreman's voice rings loud and
shrill,
"Git busy on that copy."

So I read a line or riot or rattle
And then look down at a passing an-
gle,
And then I ponder on what the last
Yank'll
Want if he ever gets back home.

I write about Ford and his libel
Of some old gink who can sing the
Bible,
And then gaze down with an instinct
tribal
On a pair of delicious shoulders.

The livelong day that's the way it goes
And I sit in my window and look at
the shows,
I envy the firemen as I gaze at the
hose—
But now it is time to quit.

It is hard to tell when one sees a
young lady with bobbed hair whether
she has just recovered from typhoid
fever or merely trying to keep up with
the style.

Trot Out Your Candidates.
It has been said that the biggest
thing in the world is a one-eyed man
at a three-ring circus.

For second honors we nominate a
tongue-tied woman at a chatter party.
Are there any further nominations
before we begin balloting?

Few things are so quickly forgotten
as a campaign issue after a campaign
is over.

In his observations he has discover-
ed that before he gets her he believes
that she is so intelligent that he can
make her come to his way of think-
ing by using quotations from the
poets. But after he gets her he be-
lieves that she is so dumb that he
couldn't make her agree with him by
using a club.

Criticism doesn't hurt anybody.
Nor does ridicule for that matter.
What has been more abused than the
flyer?—and yet everybody knows
that it keeps going.

Kinda seems like we pulled that
once before.

But in order to play safe, we'll risk
it again.

Father wishes for some one to in-
vent a community lawnmower.

A woman often goes shopping and
forgets to take any money with her.
But she never goes shopping and for-
gets to take her pocketbook with her.

If all the unkind things which have
been said about the telephone service
were printed on a single strip of pa-
per eight inches wide, said strip would
girdle the globe three times and one-
half.

And, incidentally, would bring
quite a tidy sum if sold for paper.

There is something wrong with the
fellow whose heart doesn't beat a lit-
tle faster about this time of the year.

We don't know whether to feel flut-
tered or offended when somebody slips
us a quip with the remark, "Here's
a good one for your column." And
then find upon examination that it's
one we ran two or three weeks back.

Vinegar Catches No Flies.
"Step inside!" urges an advertise-
ment posted in front of the large Jap
store in Tokio. "You will be welcom-
ed as fondly as a ray of sunshine af-
ter a rainy day. Each one of our as-
sistants is as amiable as a father seek-
ing a husband for a dowerless daugh-
ter."

The Kentucky man who married
his mother-in-law is all right if his
first wife didn't have a grandma liv-
ing.

Throwing a Monkey Wrench Into
the Machinery.
Just when it looked like clear sail-
ing for a new League of Nations, a
woman's organization asked for a rul-
ing on international marriages.

In the epidemic of songs about
"blues" there is to be a dirge-like
one about Sunday?

At home my brother never yawns,
no matter how sleepy he is.

Why not?
He's afraid to open his mouth in his
wife's presence.

Preferred Stock Coffee The name
guarantees the quality. Try it and
be convinced.

—4-12-21

Whence "Stentorian"

A Greek herald with a voice be-
fore Troy was blessed with a very
powerful voice, in fact we are told
he was the loudest of those of fifty other
gods. The name of the word was Stentor
and from his name we derive our mod-
ern word stentorian.

FORUM

PRaises SPILLMAN AND OTHERS.

Editor Observer: The career of
Paul Spillman, ex-agricultural agent
of Union county, who was graduated
from O. A. C. in 1907, is an example
of the route many of the agricul-
tural graduates travel in order to
become a farmer.

A recent survey of this institu-
tion shows that 79 per cent of the
graduates of the college are farming
or engaged in some closely related
agricultural pursuit—county agent
work, club leaders, Smith-Hughes
agricultural teachers, experiment
station work, extension specialist,
college teachers, or with the fed-
eral department of agriculture.

The school of agriculture has en-
rolled 216 students out of the total
enrollment of 3435, who enrolled
this year for the regular one or four
year course of study offered by the
various schools. In addition to this
number 688 students were enrolled
by the college for the various short
courses offered during the year.

There are seven schools and one
department of the college that give
a four-year course of study leading
to a bachelor of science degree—
Agriculture, engineering, home eco-
nomics, commerce, mines, forestry,
pharmacy, and the department of
chemical engineering.

During the last 30 years from 20
to 25 per cent of the student body
of the college has been in the
school of agriculture. The students
including the women of home eco-
nomics, pharmacy, and commerce as
well as the men, who graduate from
schools other than that of agricul-
ture would not be expected to re-
turn to the farm, although many of
the women do return to the farm.

This survey did not include the
non-graduates or vocational stu-
dents. The opportunities for non-
graduate on vocational students in
the closely related fields of agricul-
ture are not as a rule open to
them. No doubt, if the survey was
extended to include all non-gradu-
ates and vocational students, the
percentage operating farms would be
far higher than that of gradu-
ates.

Some of the O. A. C. agricultural
graduates who are farming in Union
county are Ralph C. Chenaunt '15,
Roy L. Couch '18, Lee E. Reynolds
'15, James D. Dobbin '09, of La
Grande; Homer M. Carnes '13, Jas.
A. Wilson '15, of North Powder;
John F. Williams '15, Cove, and
Robt. Withycombe '01, superintend-
ent of the Union Experiment station
at Union. Ralph L. Morgan '20, is
teaching the high school boys at
Union the gospel of better agricul-
ture. O. A. C. CORVALLIS.
By Albert Abshire.

BOTH LA GRANDE BANKS TO BE BURGLAR PROOF

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es the deposit boxes are protected and
free from possible robbery.

In speaking of the systems pur-
chased by the La Grande banks, Mr.
Burns, of the Palmer company, said:
"There is nothing like the protection
in any other system. This protection
is positive. I have for a number of
years sold burglar-proof systems to
banks, and when Mr. Palmer perfect-
ed this system and asked me to join
him in introducing it, I did not hesi-
tate one moment for I know it is po-
sitive in its action and renders that
absolute protection which both the
banks and the public have long looked
for."

T. J. Scroggin, cashier of the
United States National bank, in
speaking of the new installation,
said: "We have kept pace with de-
vices offered for burglar protection,
but not until now have we felt that
mechanical ingenuity has solved the
safety problem. In the Palmer Lock-
Alarm system the bank robber is
put completely out of business and
this bank and its customers are cent
in absolute security from robbery."

"The latest and most up-to-date
system of electrical burglar protec-
tion, known as the Palmer Lock-
Alarm system is to be installed at
once by the La Grande National

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The Most Beautiful Blouses

EVER SHOWN IN LA GRANDE.

—We cannot recall a more beautiful display of Blouses than
these few, and most exclusive models of Canton Crepe and
Crepe de Chine, with beautiful applique designs, woven with
yarns, etc. So much of the trimming is hand work and shows
the beauty and exclusiveness of only the finest garments.

—We invite the inspection of those who desire something ex-
ceptional in a blouse—something distinctive and charming in
its colors, model and materials. Prices of these most exclusive
blouses start at \$19.50 and range upward to \$19.50.



New in Our Dress Goods Dept.

MIGNONETTE

\$2.50 yd.



—A beautiful soft material
in a knit Jersey-like weave.
Of all pure silk and in ev-
ery wanted shade of the
season. For making blouses,
skirts, dresses, etc., 36
inches wide; in rose, blue,
navy, brown, white and
black. Price \$2.50 yard.

For a few days more!

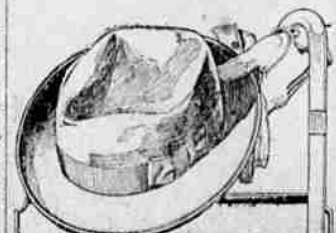
36-in. Indian Head, 20c yd.
—Phenomenal selling mark-
ed the first two days of this
sale of part of the factory's
surplus of odd lengths. We
believe this to be one of
the best offerings for some
time and one which we can
not duplicate again. Hence
on your future needs of In-
dian Head, you may save
considerable, inasmuch as
this price lasts only while
quantities remain.
—Pieces from 1 yard to 10
yards in length, and all
perfect quality. Priced now
at 20c yard.

HARDING DELIVERS FIRST MESSAGE

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business and more business in gov-
ernment. No challenge was made to
lawful business, but to restrain trade
is not to be tolerated, said the Presi-
dent.

Favored a congressional inquiry to
speed the price of readjustment.
Harding said the high cost of living
is not yielded in proportion to the
reduced costs of production.



McKibbin
hals

NOTE the new
Diamond Crown
in this late style
McKibbin now
shown in all
the late colors

CLINT'S CLOTHING

LEGION GIVES ITS O. K. TO VICTORY WAY AND BONUS

At a meeting of the local post of
the American Legion last night it was
decided to make a canvass of this
city for ex-service men with the in-
tention of lining them up in favor of
the state bonus bill that will be voted
on at the special election on June 5.
This is being done by all posts in the
state and a fee of 50 cents is being
collected from every member to de-
fray the expenses of advertising.

The proper marking off of graves
of ex-service men will also be looked
after by the members of the Legion.
Dr. Ray Murphy is chairman of a
committee on membership appointed
and plans for increasing the mem-
bership will be formulated.

The Neighborhood Club's Victory
Way was endorsed and it was voted
to extend all possible co-operation to
the ladies in their work of providing a
memorial for the fallen heroes.

Read the advertising.

WHEAT GROWERS TO HEAR PLANS

At the request of the Union County
Farmers' Union, the Oregon Co-op-
erative Grain Growers' Association will
hold a growers' mass meeting in this
city this coming Saturday, at 2 o'-
clock. The meeting will be held at
the City Hall, and the plan of co-op-
erative marketing of wheat will be
discussed by C. A. Barnes, organizer,
and others.

SENATOR LODGE ASKS FOR RATIFICATION OF COLOMBIAN TREATY

WASHINGTON, Apr. 12.—Sen-
ator Lodge urged the senate to
promptly ratify the Colombian
treaty.

This monument, erected to the memory of Joseph
Bradford Carr, in Oakwood Cemetery, New York, is a
combination of classic and modern ideas in monument
work.

Gen. Carr's
Memorial, Troy, N.Y.



—We have made a profound
study of monument building,
and an order placed in our
hands is sure to receive faith-
ful, intelligent execution.

We Will Gladly
Furnish Estimates

Blue Mountain
Marble & Granite
Company.

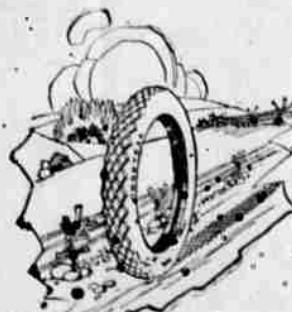
1502 S Ave., La Grande, Or.

What's In A Name

SOMETIMES nothing, often
everything. It all depends on
the name and what it stands for.

WE WANT OUR NAME TO MEAN MORE AND MORE TO
OUR CUSTOMERS—THAT'S THE REASON WE RECOM-
MEND SUCH PRODUCTS AS GOODYEAR TIRES.

EVERYBODY KNOWS THESE TIRES ARE GOOD. MORE
PEOPLE RIDE ON GOODYEARS THAN ON ANY OTHER
KIND.



W. H. Bohnenkamp Co.