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RAILROAD MEN AND OFFICIALS UNITE

A thought put forth by Julius Kruttschnitt relative to con-
dition of railroad business is bound to find a lodging place in the
minds of railroad workmen and officials alike.

It is the thought that by taxation we as a nation are build-
ing paved highways for freight traffic to compete with rail-
lines. There is a sense of fairness that must always be consid-
ered, and when one realizes that the hard surfaced roads do
become in fact direct competitors of the railroads whose prop-
erty is taxed to build the highways, a serious question arises
as to whether commercially operated freight trucks on the
highways should not pay a heavy license. But even then, there
could be no sufficient license charged to offset the cost and
upkeep of tracks that are furnished the trucks by state and
nation.

Railroad workers will be interested in this phase of the
matter, for they realize no transportation company can suc-
ceed without business. The effort made during the last session
of the Oregon legislature to tax the passenger buses on high-
ways was supported by all railroad employees, as was the meas-
ure to force automobiles to stop before crossing a railroad track.

So, it is very apparent that railroad men and officials of
railroads will in the future fight their fights largely together,
for their interests are mutual.

In the past it has been akin to treason for anyone to argue
the side of the railroad company, and in many instances the
companies were entitled to no defense, but in this matter all
fair minded folk will see the injustice of the taxing of trans-
portation company's property for the purpose of putting in a
system that will put the companies out of business.

DAD BEAN SEVENTY-SIX AND HAPPY

To live seventy-six years, fifty-one of which has been spent
with one wife; to have sunshine in the heart, a good story to
tell, able to keep up with any of the younger men and far exceed
most of them is the life story of Dad Bean, the good natured
old gentleman who drives his car around La Grande every day
and always has a pleasant word for neighbor and friend.

Dad Bean is an Irishman of the working type. He began
work young and kept at it until recently when he laid down the
management of saw milling enterprises and said his days of
hitting the ball hard were over.

But he still works—and he smiles—and his heart is full
of fun, while his mind is as bright as a new twenty dollar
gold piece.

It is always a joy to meet Dan Bean.

Mayor Baker told the people of Portland that the public
is responsible for high taxes because the public insists on vot-
ing more taxes upon themselves each election. But the mayor
retained his dignity and did not tell the leaders of the public
that after voting these excessive taxes they immediately jumped
on every official and wanted to know why taxes were so high.

And now comes the international reform bureau. Think of
it, International. That means not one nation, but several. An-
other organization is taking in too much territory. The best
reform bureau is the one that takes in a single home.

The bank cashier at Kelso who was reported dead is now
said to be living in California. No place for dead people if the
stories about the movie actors are correct.

Of course Einstein has nothing to do with Arnstein, but
just the same it would be interesting to see him try his sys-
tem on Wall Street.

An insane asylum has started trying to cure its patients
by putting them to work. There's a hint for curing the crazy
world.

Candidates for federal appointment are holding their
breath for this is the week.

It's all right for this year's wheat crop to be larger than
last year's crop—but how about the price?

And even under these conditions La Grande continues to
build a few homes.

An American astronomer who died recently found 27 com-
ets. And every last one of them got away.

Liberty Bonds are going up at last, and Uncle Sam's hand
may soon be as good as his word.

You tap around and you get "Pay." Maybe that's what
Japan is waiting for.

From the reparation outlook rather that Germany has
a great future before her.

THE OFFICE CAT



—By JUNIUS—

ABSOLUTELY

You ask me if all the endearing
young charms
That I think I so madly adore
Were to vanish from sight and
leave only a fright
Would I find life with you just
a bore?
Well, say that I would, for when
beauty is gone
Then what more can you offer to
me?
It is beauty I love and its beauty
I want
If its gone, then my love will soon
flee.
So, maid of my heart, if my true
love you wish
You must never grow aged, you see,
And my dear loving arms will fold
you to my heart
If you always a chicken will be—
So, if you see gray hairs or wrin-
kles commence
To the beauty shops please quick-
ly fly.
Or, otherwise, dearie, I very much
fear
That my love for your surely must
die.

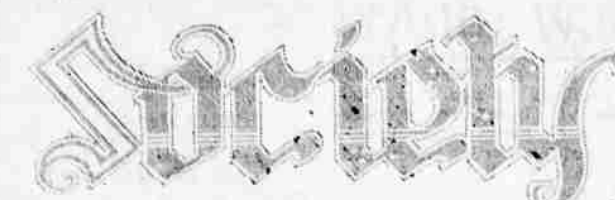
You can't make 'em believe it,
but dishwater will make the hands
just as soft as these patent creams.

Marriage has become just a short
excursion trip, rather than a life
voyage on the sea of matrimony.

A New Alibi

Since that Hammond, Ind., man
was robbed of \$2,500 while pray-
ing in church it will be harder
than ever to induce the menfolk
to go to church. Incidentally his
name was Cash.

A Man on Spring street wants
to know why a phonograph sales-
man will call around at your house
and try to sell you a talking ma-
chine when he knows damn well you
are married and have got a parrot?



Society items should be
telephoned to the society
editor of the Observer, Main
37, before 10 a. m. Wednes-
day and Saturday mornings.
Items sent in by mail should
be in the mails Tuesday or
Friday night.

The home of Dr. and Mrs. A. L.
Richardson last evening was the scene
of a very pleasant event that was
strictly musical. It was truly an "E-
vening of Music" and was given under
the auspices of Chapter I of the P. E.
O. Nearly a hundred guests were
present and enjoyed the program,
which was given by Mrs. A. L. Rich-
ardson, coloratura soprano, assisted
by Mrs. W. H. Bohnenkamp, Jr., con-
tralto, Miss Jessie Ferris, pianist, and
Mrs. W. W. Berry accompanist.

The first number was "Sylvia"
(Singing) by Mrs. Richardson, which
was followed with "With Verdure
Clad—Creation" (Haydn), and the
audience realized what a treat was in
store for the remainder of the evening.
Mrs. Richardson sang beautifully
and each number was selected with
care to suit the occasion.

Mrs. Bohnenkamp appeared first
in "May Morning" (Denza), with "A
Banjo Song" (Homer), as her second
number. Her voice delighted those in
attendance for Mrs. Bohnenkamp has
become quite a favorite in musical cir-
cles of La Grande.

Miss Ferris' piano selection not only
showed the young lady's superior
training and natural talent, but it told
its own sweet story in music almost
as plainly as in printed word.

For an hour the ladies entertained
their guests with the very choicest in
vocal music. Mrs. Richardson closed
the program with "Thou Charming
Bird—Pearl of Brazil" (David), which
gave opportunity for her remarkable
talent. It is a selection most difficult
to render and Mrs. Richardson re-
sisted it with ease of manner and musical
grace that only can be commanded by
those gifted with a voice that carries
pure tone under perfect control.

Following the program the guests
enjoyed a social hour, during which
time refreshments consisting of ice
cream, cake and coffee were served.
The cake course was unique in that

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were too expensive and are still here. You may purchase now at a great saving.
Nothing is reserved, and we aim to make this sale our final cleanup of the season—even though it is early and many of
the finest garments remain, we must make room for more, far newer stocks.
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L. Carter on North Alder street. A
very pleasant afternoon was enjoyed
by nearly twenty members and
friends. Dainty refreshments were
served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs.
Otto Peepers. The next meeting will
be held at the home of Mrs. L. D.
Noah.

One of the very delightful club
parties of the present week was that
given by Mrs. F. L. Meyers when she
entertained the Lucky Thirteen club
Thursday afternoon at her home on
Spring and First streets. In addition
to the club features the afternoon
party was also given in honor of Mrs.
L. A. McAllister, who leaves shortly
to reside in Seattle. The home was
tastefully decorated and the time
went swiftly at bridge whist. The
prize for best score was won by Mrs.
E. T. Andrews and Mrs. J. F. O'Con-
nell was winner of the second prize.
The hostess presented Mrs. McAllister
with a gift to commemorate the oc-
casion which was highly appreciated.
Refreshments added to the pleasure
of the afternoon.

Mrs. G. W. Zimmerman left today
for Baker, where she will visit friends
for a week.

At their regular meeting Wednes-
day evening, the Royal Neighbors de-
cided to cancel their next meeting,
which is scheduled for Friday, May 27.
This action was taken because this is
high school commencement night.

Mrs. Harry A. Zurbick is enter-
taining the Clio club this afternoon.

One of the enjoyable bridge parties
planned for the coming week is to be
given by Mrs. J. G. Snodgrass, Mrs.
A. W. Nelson and Mrs. H. M. Bay,
at the home of Mrs. Snodgrass, 703
Washington avenue, Thursday and
Friday.

At the meeting of the Parkdale club
at the home of Mrs. E. Stillwell Wed-
nesday afternoon, the election of of-
ficers for the ensuing year took the
place of the regular program.

Mrs. Ida Schaeffer was elected pres-
ident; Mrs. Z. Strachan, secretary; Mrs.
F. L. Hawley, treasurer; and Mrs.
C. M. Riddle, chairman of the pro-
gram committee.

Mrs. Stillwell was assisted by Mrs.
Faxon and Mrs. Eckley in entertaining
the ladies Wednesday. Dainty refresh-
ments were served by the hostess and
all enjoyed the afternoon.

Last evening the local temple of
Christian Sisters entertained the
Knights Ladies and their friends at
the S. P. Hall. A short program was
conducted and dancing followed. A
large attendance gathered out of the
evening.

The Lady Maccabees met at the
home of Mrs. G. R. Kerr Thursday af-
ternoon and enjoyed an afternoon of
conversation and fancy work. Assis-
ting Mrs. Kerr were Mrs. S. L. Harris,
Mrs. Marjorie Eaton and Mrs. Claude
Mackey. Delicious refreshments were
served during the afternoon.

The Women's Missionary Society of
the Presbyterian church met at the
home of Mrs. W. P. Mohr yesterday
afternoon. Mrs. A. T. Hill was lead-
er of the meeting and the ladies en-
joyed a pleasant afternoon. A large
number of ladies attended the meet-
ing. Reports of the Presbyterian meet-
ing recently held in Baker were read
during the afternoon. The hostess
served dainty refreshments. During
the course of the afternoon, Mrs. A.
S. Duryea, president, presided at the
meeting.

Thursday afternoon, David Don-
lass, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Lucian
Douglass, entertained a few of his
friends and their mothers in honor

of his first birthday. The little one-
year-olds present were Kathleen Wil-
liamson, Stella Jean Ingle, Dorothy
Hemming, Wallace McCaffery and
Grace Helen Bohnenkamp.

A pretty home wedding occurred at
the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Park,
700 Nehalem Ave., Portland, May 5,
1921, when W. A. Thompson, of La
Grande, and Eunice M. Belcher, of
Port Angeles, Wash., were united in
marriage by Rev. W. Edward Mills.
Those present were Mrs. Chipman
and Mrs. Park, sisters of the groom;
Mr. and Mrs. Transue, Mr. Chipman,
Mr. Park, William K. Thompson,
Alice Chipman and Sylvia Park. Mr.
and Mrs. Thompson will reside in
Port Angeles, Washington, the home
of the bride.

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