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### THE UPWARD TREND

A financial writer names many instances of the present upward trend of business.

Wool, cotton, leather and silk, he says, are already on the upgrade.

The German settlement has given reassurance and fresh impetus to those concerned with foreign and domestic trade both.

Discount rates have been lowered appreciably, both domestic and foreign.

There has been a gradual strengthening of the whole credit position.

Foreign money has been going up in exchange value, which encourages foreign trade.

This expert also states that our government's decision to sit in with the Allies "has created deep satisfaction in responsible circles."

There is much hope that Europe will be steadied and set in order before long.

Labor adjustments are going along in good shape. Railroad deficits are slowly disappearing, in some cases small profits are beginning to show up.

Copper, cotton and automobiles are reviving.

Building is better, but building and coal are so far the slowest to show the general hopeful tendencies.

The public still believes that building costs and coal prices are too high to be reasonable, and it still holds on and refuses to buy.

Anyone can add to these big instances a few smaller ones from his own experience.

There seems to be no question now that everything is looking up.

### CROWS KEEP AWAY

Northeastern Oregon is more fortunate than the Willamette valley in escaping the ravages of black crows.

Few of these migratory pest birds are to be seen in these parts as compared to the great flock which at this season of the year prey upon the grain fields of the Willamette.

Destruction of spring sown and newly sprouted grain by black crows, when these birds are numerous as they are along the Coast counties of California, Oregon and Washington, run into great sums of money.

And this part of the country is fortunate to escape this loss.

Black crows, like fruit tree pests, thrive in mild climates. Mostly they avoid snow and extreme cold.

They move in black clouds of destruction over the valleys of California, Western Oregon and Western Washington and flourish upon damp, newly sowed grain fields.

Being lazy robbers, they keep close to continuous settlements where men labor for them.

Probably the high mountains and frequent deserts of this inter mountain country do not look good to the raven, the name made famous in the weird poem of Edgar Allen Poe, as applied to this black bird of mystery.

Now and then small scouting parties of these black birds come this way but results show that these spies must report back to the greater flocks that for them the Grande Ronde and Willowa valleys are "Never more! Never more!"

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### THE OFFICE CAT



By JUNIUS

#### One Man's Perplexing Problem.

Dear Office Cat:  
What has become of the automobile thieves who used to steal cars? I've been reading the papers pretty carefully and every time I hear of a car being stolen I've hurried around there and left mine in that very spot. But up to date nobody has offered to take it. What would you advise me to do?  
AMOS TASH.

Dear Amos:  
Why not drive it up and down Fir street, crossing the railroad a few times each day for a week. That ought to finish it.  
JUNIUS.

Psalm of Life—From Cradle to Grave  
Carried;  
Married;  
Harried;  
Buried.

From Behind a Mustache  
A friend of ours whom we lambasted recently for the life-size fungus on his upper lip came back thus:  
Aye ain't much on dis writing stuff  
Lak all der peeples read;  
Aye's just a common sort of chap  
A hard-for working Swede,  
A gude American citizen;  
Aye vote lak told me to—  
Aye go to kirk—once in a while—  
You bet yer kneck Aye do.  
Der Office Cat ban yealous  
Aye link sum flainly seen  
Now don't he look lak dat to you,  
Some wery, wery green?

New Yorker found a diamond in a sausage. It was a quarter dur-dur-stone.

Chicago janitors and landlords have formed an alliance. Heaven help the tenants now.

Motorists who get run over by a railroad train, remarks a venerable fellow editor, know just how it feels to be a pedestrian.

Real Optimism  
(From Shur-on La Grande)  
Remember the steam kettle—tho up to its neck in hot water it continues to sing.

We note another remarkable coincidence. The man who stole two comforts from the Comfort Hotel in Chicago was arrested on a blanket charge.

Good-Bye Percival  
There may be some hope for the man who has already broken his New Year's resolution, but none, we suspect for the man who has forgotten what they were.

We can only hope that Mars doesn't send its messengers "collect." We have enough unusual expenses now.

Free Medical Advice  
"So the doctor told you to go to a warmer climate. What was the nature of the trouble?"  
"I went to him to collect a bill."

Tax  
Madam, the chapeauist, had bought six hats. Trying one of them on the first customer, who was thin, she said:  
"It makes you look plump."  
And the first hat was sold.  
To the second customer, who was fat, she said:  
"It makes you look thin."  
And the second hat was sold.  
To the third customer, who was florid, she said:  
"It makes you look pale."  
And the third hat was sold.  
To the fourth customer, who was pale, she said:  
"It gives you such a healthy glow."  
And the fourth hat was sold.  
To the fifth customer, who was tall, she said:  
"It decreases your height."  
And the fifth hat was sold.  
To the sixth customer, who was short, she said:  
"It adds considerably to your height."  
And the sixth hat was sold.  
And all of the hats were alike.  
—Town Topics.

The new typist determined to make a good impression upon her chief. She turned up half an hour early and began tidying up the room. When that was done she examined her typewriter, discovered it in a shocking condition, found a bottle and gave it a thorough sipping. While about it she examined all the other typewriters in the office and oiled them, too. There is nothing, she thought, like making oneself indispensable! Her chief arrived. He looked around him with an air of satisfaction and crossed to the mantelpiece. Then his smile changed to a frown. "Miss Smith," he said, "have you seen my cough mixture?"  
"A married ringer has a hard time trying to stay himself."

**McWest & Co**  
FIRST SHOWING OF  
**Summer Dresses**  
FEATURING  
**"Peggy Paige"**  
AND  
**"Sassy Jane"**

With the coming of warmer weather, there will come a spirit of newness and a desire to be clad in lighter, cooler clothes. That is why we announce for today for the first time, that we are ready to show you the choicest and most interesting of dainty summer frocks.

Of special interest to the "Peggy Paige" and "Sassy Jane" lines that are proving their popularity with dainty, exclusive frocks of Organdy, Voile, French Ginghams and various combinations. Although stocks are somewhat limited as to quantity, at this time, we invite your inspection of the most exclusive.

### Experiments on Feeding Carried Out at Union

Cattle at the Union Station under test during the past winter were fed to determine the value of different kinds of silage alone and in combination with other feeds, according to Harry Avery, county agent. Another test was run to determine the value of open lots as compared with shelter and warm water as compared with cold water as a factor in influencing gains. In the silage tests the best gains were secured from steers fed on corn silage in combination with alfalfa hay. Peas and bald barley silage was also good. Sunflower silage did not give as good results according to the amount of ensilage fed. The practice of using sunflowers for silage was widely used last year. In the coming season it seems likely that there will be a decrease in acreage in some cases. Sunflower silage at the experiment station yielded as high as thirty-five tons per acre, while peas and barley silage yielded about eight tons per acre and corn silage fifteen. Considering the tonnage secured, it seems likely that sunflower silage will be a great value where corn cannot be grown, especially for feeding stock cattle as a combination with other feeds for winter maintenance. No increased gains were secured from supplying either warm water or shelter to steers under test. This is contrary to results secured during the winter of 1919-20. This test will be carried over another period of years.

Ten lots of calves were fed at the station to determine the proper winter maintenance ration. Those making the best gains were fed on corn silage and alfalfa hay although very good results were secured from alfalfa alone. Two lots were fed on straw in combination with cotton cake, one receiving two pounds per head and the other one pound per head per day. The lot receiving one pound made practically no gains although they increased in size. Several were very weak when turned on the range. It seems likely that the feeding of two pounds of cotton cake in combination with straw should give a fairly cheap maintenance ration under mild conditions such as were experienced last year.

The practice of grinding alfalfa hay for feed has been very common during the past few years. Results obtained by the Union Experiment Station indicate that this is not profitable at the present value of hay. Hay purchased above \$3.00 per ton may be ground if the cost is not too great, over that figure it is better fed whole. During the past winter better results were secured at the Idaho Experiment station by feeding whole hay than by feeding cut hay.

Extensive tests are planned for during the coming year, on the time and method of putting on the different kinds of silage. From the past year's results and from reports from the farmers through the valley, it seems that much can be done to determine a proper time to ensilage sunflowers. Wallowa county farmers imported \$750,000 worth of hay in 1919-20. In the past year they have not had to import any and have had some hay left over. With the most part they are pleased with sunflower silage although much of it was injured by the rainy fall so that part of the feeding value was lost.

**Blind Graduate is Coach.**  
Tom Cutsforth, blind graduate of the University of Oregon, is teaching biology, general science, ancient, medieval and United States history in Riddle high school. He also coaches the high school students in soccer and wrestling.

**SPELLING TEST WAS STICKLER**

Fifty words that struck the floor-type man as rather hard to spell are included in the list that was submitted to eighth grade students of Oregon this year as a part of the examination they must pass to secure their diplomas.

The La Grande Observer Office Cat fell down on the first one named at random. How many could you spell. Passing grade is 70 per cent.

The list is as follows:  
Respiration, capillary, analysis, partiple, Wednesday, grammar, farther, February, necessary, difference, separate, deceive, ninety, pleasant, Tuesday, mileage, operation, description, apparatus, lens, lature, symmetry, riphtheria, developed, voluntary, abbreviate, competition, embarrass, antique, supersee approximately, pronunciation, hospitable, military, pneumonia, penitentiary, physician, quarantine, vaccinate, automatic, fatigue, salaratus, temperature, mathematics, dimensions, instantaneous atmosphere, dilapidated, proclamation, participate, supervision.

Use Observer Want Ads.

## 20% Price Reduction on Goodrich Tires

The decisive reduction of twenty per cent on the prices of Goodrich Tires and Tubes which took effect on May 2nd, received the complete endorsement of tire users and dealers throughout the country. It was accepted at its full face value as a helpful, economic move in tune with the spirit of the times. The deduction applies to

**Goodrich Silvertown Cords**  
**Goodrich Fabric Tires**  
**Goodrich Red and Gray Tubes**

Goodrich Tires have earned their reputation by sheer quality of construction and complete dependability of service. Every improvement in making, with many exclusive betterments is in the Goodrich tires you buy today.

Your dealer will supply your needs and give you the benefit of these new reduced prices on your purchases

**THE B. F. GOODRICH RUBBER COMPANY**  
Akron, OHIO

**NEW TODAY**

FOR SALE—Furniture, 2107 First St. 5-23-21p.

FOR SALE—Four room dwelling and a large barn, northeast of Foundry. Must be moved away at once. See C. A. Chesser, 220 N. Depot. Phone Red 1111.

WANTED—To buy a 24 or 32 wagon. J. L. Mars. 5-23-21p.

WANTED—About June 1st, 2nd or 3rd, modern housekeeping rooms. Moderate price, ground floor preferred. Adult couple. Phone Red 1451. 5-23-21p.

WANTED—Competent dressmaker to go to house. Call Red 1451. 5-23-21p.

FOR SALE—Pansies,asters, tomato plants, early and late. Plants now on sale at Woodworth's 5, 10 and 15c store.

FOR RENT—Two furnished housekeeping rooms. Phone Black 1642, or call 1707 Jefferson. 5-23-21p.

WILL TRADE—Modern residence on acre of parked ground, Portland, free and clean, for La Grande house, or Union county land. See my first letter. W. F. Brock, care Observer. 5-23-21p.

FOR SALE—Two Nash Quad Trucks, with or without trailers, for sale cheap. Just the rig for hauling gravel on the highway. See David I. Stoddard. 5-23-21p.

LUMBER PILERS WANTED—Either by contract or day. Right men required to handle. Steady work for experienced men in your reply state last grade you piled lumber and rate per thousand or wages per day wanted. Write E care Observer. 3-23-21p.

GREEN CHAIN MEN WANTED—Contract of day work. Cut averages 125,000 board feet eight hours. State rate per thousand or wages per day wanted. Write E care Observer. 5-23-21p.

WANTED—By June 1st, partly furnished house on south side of track. Phone Red 1181. 5-23-21p.

WANTED—Two rooms and board, \$3.00 for summer. Phone Red 1181. 5-23-21p.

COME TO THE FREE DEMONSTRATION TOMORROW AFTERNOON AT THE MILNE ELECTRIC COMPANY. 5-23-21p.

**NOTICE OF BANKRUPT SALE**

The real property of James W. Altherbert, bankrupt, will be sold on or after June 10th, 1921. Any person desiring to submit an offer on same should communicate with the trustee at the office of La Grande Investment Co., Sherman and Willamette Trusts, 5-9-21c Mon. 5-9-21c St. 6c.

### BREWERS AGAINST BEER

One of the most interesting of recent developments along prohibition lines has been the rallying of brewing interests to the support of the Anti-Saloon League in opposition to the legitimate sale of beer.

The congressional judiciary committee has been having hearings on the Volstead amendment to prohibit the sale of beer as medicine. This amendment is intended to stop the alleged gap in the prohibition law left by the Volstead act, according to former Attorney General Palmer's ruling. The Anti-Saloon League has been especially active in demanding such an amendment. An attorney for a St. Louis brewing company, said to be the largest in the country, has appeared before the committee and on behalf of his clients protested forcibly against permitting the legalization of beer as medicine.

The public well remembers the beer "ads" of the pre-prohibition era, setting forth the virtues of various malt liquors and their miraculous efficacy in promoting health. Whether or not the brewers have seen a new light on that subject is open to conjecture.

Their representative at Washington made no pious protestations. He simply explained that if the manufacture and sale of beer as medicine is permitted, it will make the enforcement of prohibition practically impossible, and that the inevitable violations resulting will lead to a reaction of public opinion very disadvantageous to the brewing industry in its present efforts to build up the cereal soft drink business.

Here, indeed, is a new angle on prohibition, and a new revelation of what the brewing industry, supposedly ruined by the ban on beer, is looking forward to. Apparently it expects to make more money out of soft drinks than it can ever hope to make out of alcoholic beverages.

It is said that in upper India living is so cheap that a family can live on \$75 a year. Yes, and if the food runs out, those neighboring Americans are almost sure to run in with something.

The Bolsheviks are now offering confiscated carpets and objects of art in American exchange for manufacturing articles. Nothing like choosing an honest connoisseur as a fence for stolen goods.

Now, we may expect appeals to lend money to Germany so that Germany can pay the Allies so that the Allies can pay us.

Suppose it is granted that beer is medicine. People haven't got the faith in medicine they used to have.

Insurance men say that careless smokers have caused a fire loss of nearly \$100,000,000 in five years. Careless spenders have done a stupider times worse.

"Needs Versus Politics" Now City "problem" reads a headline. Strange how it will happen between campaigns!

Twelfth President.

Zachary Taylor—Whig.  
Inaugurated March 5, 1849. Age, 64.  
Term of office, 1 year, 4 months.  
Residence, Baton Rouge, La.  
Born November 24, 1784, Orange Court House, Va.

Died July 9, 1850. Age 61.  
College course, Army officer. English poetage.

Buried Springfield, Ky.

May 21, 1780—Johnstown, New York, turned by Tories.

May 21, 1858—The Department of Agriculture given a seat in the President's cabinet.

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