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STRANGERS WITHIN OUR GATES

A canvass of the several gasoline stations in La Grande brings forth interesting statistics as to the trend and character of tourist travel over the State Highway, so far as developed.

During the last six days an average of about 18 out-of-the-state autos, going in both directions, have crossed the mountains. An average of 10 to 12 have headed West while an average of 6 to 8 have been headed East, showing a heavier West than East bound movement. Idaho has contributed about two-thirds of all the out-state tourists who have passed through La Grande this week and seven families from Idaho have expressed themselves as seeking locations in Western Oregon and Western Washington, five being bound for points in the Willamette valley, two for points on Puget Sound.

So far about one-sixth of the total number of tourists have put up at hotels in La Grande or have camped in the vicinity. Those who arrive previous to 4 o'clock p. m. usually drive through and camp wherever night overtakes them. The cross-country tourists generally camp instead of seeking to be housed.

It would be interesting to have complete and accurate information as to who all of our summer Arognauts are and as to where they are going. A public spirited person who lives near the road in one of the mountain passes would do the state and the community a service to build a rustic rest station with the sign on both sides, "Tourists, stop and register." The register book would prove of value to the tourists themselves as well as of interest to the public at large.

Many of the towns and cities where tourist camps are maintained keep such registers open at the camps. Portland has decided to require every tourist who drives into its parks to camp to register his name, home, auto number and destination. This is at the request of the police department. And the city commissioners are wrangling over whether they shall charge guests of the city a fee for this compulsory registration. But the records of the Portland tourist registers will not be nearly so complete as would be a voluntary register kept at a rest station at a pass in the mountains near La Grande.

A numerous element in Portland and every large city seeks to regulate by law and charge a fee there for every public convenience and private enterprise. Th scheme has for its purpose the building up of a large official family, publicly supported. The city commissioners who vote for the building of camps to accommodate tourists and then exact a charge from these itinerant guests of the city are the extremes of the tax eating contingent.

As a rule auto tramps are fine, substantial people worth cultivating. Many of them are spying out the country in search of homes. Many who come this way for pleasure only remain for good and profit. They are "strangers within our gates" and should be "taken in" in the sense of hospitality instead of in the vulgar meaning of trade.

AN IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT

The most important appointment that President Harding has yet had to make, by common agreement, was that of secretary of state. It is not likely that he will have to make any appointment hereafter so important as that of chief justice of the Supreme Court, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Edward D. White.

There have been only six chief justices of the Supreme Court in 120 years. The greatest figure during that period is still the figure of John Marshall, who presided over the court for 34 years, playing the leading role in early interpretations of the Constitution and establishing the functions, traditions and prestige of the court. That body has grown in scope and power with the growth of the nation. It is no exaggeration to say that its personnel is now more vital than that of either of the other two branches of our federal government.

National problems of vast complexity and importance are accumulating, dealing with the control of wealth, the preservation of fair competition, the adjustment of taxes, the relations

POLITICAL HISTORY

May 26, 1764—Edward Livingston born. Secretary of State under President Jackson.

May 26, 1865—General Kirby Smith surrendered in Texas—end of the Civil War.

May 26, 1877—Treaty of Washington with Great Britain ratified.

Fourteenth President. Franklin Pierce—Democrat. Inaugurated March 4, 1853. Age 42. Term of office, 4 years.

Residence, Concord, N. H. Born, November 23, 1804, Hillsborough, N. H.

Died, October 8, 1869. Age, 64. Buried, Concord, N. H. Graduate Bowdoin College. Parentage, English.

THE OFFICE CAT



By JUNIOR

Motorists whose visible supply of gas is low are hereby notified that Mr. Rockefeller has placed himself under the care of a specialist.

When you consider the frequency of the phrase, "Senate Takes Steps," in newspaper headlines, don't you wonder why it never seems to get anywhere?

On To Him.

A number of stars on the cuff of a soldier aroused the fire visitor's curiosity.

"He's the battalion astronomer," explained he, escort, gravely. "Most useful man. Guides us home by the stars when we've lost our way on night maneuvers."

"How interesting," said the maiden. Then, noting his bandman's badge, the representation of an ancient stringed instrument, she exclaimed, slyly: "I suppose that thing on your arm means that you're the regimental lyre!"

All Right for Geraniums.

An English temperance lecturer displayed to his audience two geraniums. The first had been watered in the usual way. The other had been dosed with alcohol and its foliage was shriveled and sparse, its stem twisted and its vitality decayed.

"Now, ladies and gentlemen," cried the lecturer, "what can you say to a demonstration like that?"

"It's all right," said a shabby man in the front row, "and if I were a geranium I'd stick to water; but, you see, I ain't a geranium."

Dear Me!

Now comes a report from La Grande that several young women of that town are so modest that they refuse to pass a pile of undressed lumber or walk in a potato patch because potatoes have eyes—North Powder News.

Slowly With Great Feeling

If a body trust a body
And he fails to pay,
May a body ask a body
Please remit today?

Efficiency

"Fine looking bevy of stenographers you have here."

"Thanks."

"But why are they all red-headed?"

"Just an idea of our efficiency export. He says they reduce the light bill fifty per cent."

We read in the paper the other

day where some high brow said that a woman is as young as she looks and the man is young as long as he keeps looking.

Start the word around that you want to buy a new car and when you get home at night you will climb over the literature that the dealers have sent you.

Life insurance agents seem to

have the impression that a man has no use for the money remaining after the grocer and landlady have been paid up but to pay it on premiums.

No Re-Peter

Judge Kitchen—"What is the charge?"

Policeman—"Intoxication, your honor."

Judge (to prisoner)—"What's your name?"

Prisoner—"Peter Gunn, sir."

Judge—"Well, Gunn, I'll discharge you this time, but you mustn't get loaded again."

(Dictographed at a local Sunday

School)

"What is it?" quizzed the Sunday School teacher. "That binds us together and makes us better than we are by nature?"

"Crisis," peeped Tiny Tot.



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One thing about short skirts is that they are so convenient. For instance: "You ever notice how helpful they are in getting up stairs?"

While they are putting in all these gasoline stations for the motorists, Sheriff Warnick rises to state that they should erect some hospitals and cemeteries along the road.

In the human race, back ability for a lead by a head on the first lap; hot on reliability for a place in every heat; stake on stability as a sure winner in the long run.

You Can Swear Now, Fellows

A Chicago minister says that "hell" and "damn" are permissible words when properly used. And there is no more proper use for them in Chicago than elsewhere, one imagines—Cleveland, Plain Dealer, damn if we know the minister's name, nor does the Plain Dealer say who the hell he is.

We read in an exchange the following heading: "Man Shoots Himself in Basement Blowing Out Brains."

Here's a real hot one if it gets by the census: Uncle Jarve says that girls can carry concealed arms, but many of them do not carry concealed legs.

Papers say that Henry Ford is going to bring out a tin cow. This country doesn't need a tin cow to give milk. It needs one to give gasoline. Henry should get busy again.

EXAMINATION PLEASES ALL

IOWA SCHOOL DISTRICT, May 24.—(Special).—Examination returns have been received and the people of the locality are glad to know that Edmund Schaefer has received his eighth grade diploma, and the other nine who took the examination passed creditably. Several applications for the position of teacher at Iowa school have been received. The school board has not yet met but expects to in the near future, when the directors will decide who they will hire.

Mrs. H. Schaefer, who raises chickens on a somewhat larger scale than the ordinary person, has a large flock of growing white leghorns. They are quite good-sized for she sold the last two hatches. Mrs. Schaefer gets as many as 75 eggs a day, but she says it seems foolish to sell them at the present price.

Mrs. Lizzie Standley and son, Elmer, were callers at the August Erickson home during the past week, as were also Mr. and Mrs. J. Standley and Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Walker.

The Misses Vera and Marie Shaw, of Union are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Shaw. The Misses Shaw formerly lived in the district and are well known by many of the residents. The Shaw home was the scene of the weekly dance. After the guests had partaken of the refreshments they were entertained with vocal selections by Jay Shaw, a local singer.

Miss Ella Bedis and her sister Mildred went to town Wednesday to visit relatives for a few days.

The roads where they were dragged last Monday are better for the rain. Elsewhere they are very rough and are badly cut by ruts.

READ OBSERVER WANT ADS.

Language of Jars in China.

In some parts of China jars are placed on the roof of houses as matrimonial advertisements. A jar turned upside down means that the daughter of the house is too young to marry. A jar laid with its mouth to the street indicates that the maiden is of age. When the girl is married the jar is removed.

Figures That Stagger.

It is probable the human population of this earth, itself only a winning atom in sidereal darkness, rises to a ward of two billions, and is certainly not less than 1,650,000,000. But how many creatures of all kinds has prolific nature spawned upon this relatively minute speck in cosmic space?

Noah took a pair of every living species aboard his ark, how vast an army did he have with him on his great flotilla, and how large must have been that mighty bark?

THE DIFFERENCE TO ME.

The people who always practice what they preach seem somehow not to preach such disagreeable things as other people do.—Cartoons Magazine.

Brightening Gold Lace.

Tarnished gold lace can be made to look like new by brushing every thread thoroughly with a brush dipped into pulverized burned alum.

Wandering Greenland.

Norwegian scientists claim that Greenland is moving slowly to the west at the rate of about ten yards a year. They say it was once connected with Norway and has moved 875 miles in the last 100,000 years and still is moving.

Misunderstanding.

We are accustomed to see men decide what they do, not understand, and start at the good and beautiful because it lies beyond their sympathies.—Goethe.

DON'T FAIL TO READ

THE OBSERVER WANT ADS

Every Grain So Big

So White!

A dish of our fancy Head Rice makes you wonder why you do not serve rice more frequently. Each grain cooks up big—separate—unbroken—flaky and so white.

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The White Season!

Decorations Day really introduces summer in this community, and with summer comes the White Season. The season when sheer dresses of thin white wash fabrics, white skirts, foot-wear and sports attire prevail.

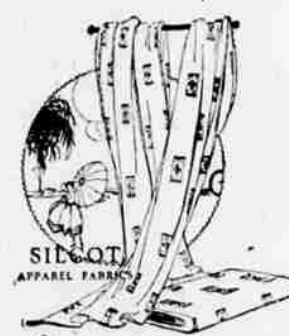
Such a season is about to open and this store has everything to make one feel fittingly attired for the occasion. Every article or garment sold here is the best that can be bought for the price. Compare the quality with the price.

WHITE

ORGANDY

It has been nearly impossible to keep sufficient quantities of this popular material on hand to supply all—and at this time we are able to quote but one quality, and that our very best. Finest imported Organdy that retains its transparency and finish after many washings.

Price \$1.25 yd.



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36 Inch

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