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THE CHAUTAUQUA AS A BENEFACTOR.

Yesterday was Pioneer Day in La Grande, yet there are others who are still pioneering. The day of well-rounded Chautauqua is in its infancy. Its day of pioncership is still here. It is but a stone's throw backward to the day when men journeyed far to Chautauqua on Lake Erie's shores and listened to the best that could be assembled in music and oratory. Today the Chautauqua has pushed its way to the very dooryard or the populace and it is but a step from the home doorstep to the threshold of the modern Chautauqua. La Grande was the pioneer Chautauqua town in Eastern Oregon, and always will lead the following. The necessity of a chautauqua is long ago established. It has come to stay. Its influence is widespread and varied, for he who enjoys music finds it there; he who revels in philosophy satisfies his hungry soul, and he who wants the lighter vein finds it there. It is a school, a university, if you please, and that La Grande is a pioneer in that commendable movement adds to the laurels of its citizenship. That community and county support is justified, all realize; that its financial side must not be neglected is another indisputable fact. Unity of action, co-operation of rural and urban acres are each and all needed. No profit in dollars and cents can acerue but dollars and cents must not be forgotten for they are a very essential factor. Those who are stuttering about finding the means to purchase tickets should tarry no more. It is a part of La Grande's noble institutions and must be supported.

EXAMINING BACKBONES

An editorial writer in the Portland Oregonion, after commenting critically upon the woman's jury bill and the marriage restriction bill on the special election ballot, in an exhausted and apparently disgusted manner throws up his hands and pleads to have a backbone examiner for legislators so that such trash will be killed in the session and not be put to the people.

By all means, have the backbone examiner for legislators and all other public officials and editorial and news writers. Then elect men to office on the record of their backbones.

But women are now eligible to hold office, you know, and would the Oregonian insist on the same rigid examination for the ladies. Perhaps the editorial writer does, and perhaps he would qualify as the examiner.

Perhaps!

THE TREND OF THE ROAD.

A traveler reaching a hilltop pauses to study his surroundings, note the trend of the road ahead and get his bearings, says the Boise Statesman. It is well for the business man, traveling the unfamiliar road of post-war conditions to do the same thing.

Here are some of the things the business man will see if he pauses to make a survey today:

In industrial stocks: Average price of 20 on June 3 was $72.37; same 20 a year ago, $92.25.

Railroad stocks: average price of 20 on June 3 was $71.87; same 20 a year ago, $71.95.

Bonds: average price of 40 issues on June 3 was $76.06; same 40 a year ago, $73.25.

City of Paris bonds on June 3 were worth $99; same bonds a year ago, $92.

British bonds on June 3 were worth $99.75; same bonds a year ago, $94.63.

Bradstreets' list of standard commodities could be purchased for $10.63 on June 3; the same commodities a year ago cost $19.87.

The Annalist's "cost of living" list cost $164.03 on June 3; same list a year ago, $323.31.

Exports in April, 1919, were worth 715 millions; in April, 1920 684 millions; in April, 1921, 340 millions.

Imports in April, 1919, were worth 272 millions; in April, 1920, 496 millions; in April, 1921, 254 millions.

The national debt of the British Empire is 30 per cent of its estimated national wealth; France, 51 per cent; Japan, 49 per cent; United States, less than 5 per cent.

On the whole, the road ahead doesn't look any worse than the road behind. We have noted some pitfalls to avoid, like the falling off of foreign trade, and have seen a few bumps we will have to take. But on beyond is normalcy, returned confidence and prosperity.

Full speed ahead!

Yes, the farmer has "struck" like the blacksmith, while the iron is hot. Result, a bigger wheat crop than last year's.

Heat waves are welcome when they take the place of crime waves.

WHAT OTHERS THINK

Editorial columns of newspapers breathe the trend of thought in the community in which the editorials are written. That our readers may sense the thought of sister communities, the Observer will publish one editorial daily that conveys such trend of thought. These editorials as they appear are in no wise the written policy of the Observer—they are published for the purpose noted above.

UNFAIR COMPARISONS

The following editorial is taken from The Dalles Chronicle:

For a number of weeks the Oregon Voter has been filled with tables relating to taxes in the various political sub-divisions of the state. Tax totals have been given, comparisons made and percentages shown until anyone who has tried to study them has come out with a headache.

In all this tax business Bend has been made rather a sorry figure. The combined rate for the city, if we remember correctly, is shown by the Voter's tables to be exceeded only by the rate in Prineville. The city percentage is one of the highest in the state and the fact is thrust into the reader's face by the published comparisons.

The preparation and publication of all these figures is undoubtedly a joy to the editor of the Voter. He eats statistics for breakfast, lunches on figures, in the evening makes a hearty meal of percentages, spends the evening making comparative tables and then goes to bed to dream of numbres and graphic charts. We understand he has already worn out seven slide rules in his present tax frenzy. It is nuts for him—all this tax stuff—but decidedly unfair to Bend and Prineville and other towns situated as they are.

We do not question the accuracy of the Voter's figures, nor deny its right to publish them. We do say, however, that the Voter tells only half the story and that, in the interests of accuracy and in justice to Bend and Prineville, it should begin anew and first translate all the tax figures into a position based on the county ratios. Until the Voter does this its comparisons of millages are absolutely worthless. The dollars and cents figures of the tax levies must be considered with the county or town valuations and the various millages may not be compared, and any fair or just or accurate conclusions drawn until the different ratios are taken into account.

The Bend millage is high and the reason for it, as we have so many times pointed out, is the comparatively low assessed valuation. Our county ratio is 54 per cent. Let the Voter put Deschutes and all the other counties on a 100 per cent basis, and then make comparisons.

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN

THE OFFICE CAT

—By JUNIUS—

WUXTRA.

It will be necessary to attach automatic fire extinguishers to this Colyum tomorrow when we publish a few of the thousands of pomes received during our great pome contest. We're only gonna publish some of the cool ones—the other's are too hot.

Take yer choice. Order your paper now or be sorry.

Some Curious Birds and Beasts I Have Met Up With.

(By Our Own Jack Burroughs.)

The Galloping Gazoopa.

If you have ever made a close study of a hobby horse, gentle reader, you should have a clear conception o how the galloping gazoopa looks when in motion. It is almost constantly on the go but never gets anywhere to speak of, in which respect it resembles a prominent citizen of Hilgard, Ore. I first met up with the galloping gazoopa while floating down classic Green river. The exact date escapes me for then once, but if memory serves me right it was prior to July 1, 1919. So far as the writer knows, the gazoopa is the only member of the animal kingdom which goes in for a polka-dotten complexion. These polka dots are about as large as ordinary rifle targets, and, while it might seem that would render it an easy mark for hunters, such is not the case. On the contrary, the polka dot serves as a protection because, while the hunter is making up his mind which one to shoot at, the gazoopa gallops away to safety.

Freckles may have their place, but it does seem too bad to cluster them on a pretty girl's face.

Push and Go.

"Here, boy," said the wealthy motorist, "I want some gasoline and get a move on. You will ne anywhere in the world unless you have push. When I was young I pushed and that is what got me where I am."

"Well, guvnor," said the boy, "I reckon you'll have to push again 'cause we ain't got a drop of gasoline in the place."

(Dictographed on Seventh street) "Mother," asked the little boy, "when the fire goes out, where does it go?"

"I don't know, dear," answered the mother. "You might just as well ask me where your father goes when he goes out."

Insanity and Idleness are twins. Work and Happiness are in Harmony. The man who works, plays, laughs and loves is living a full life. F. D. Van Amburgh.

Never again will this col. snipe the hand-plucked eyebrow. Experience has convinced us that trying to remold the universe is a thankless undertaking. Go to it, gells—but please try to make 'em uniform.

Still, when you come to think of it, a hearse isn't so inappropriate for transporting bootleg liquor.

Cure is Worse than Disease.

"You claim there are microbes in kisses?" she asked the young doctor.

"There are," he said.

"What disease do they bring?" she asked.

"Palpitation of the heart."

At 35 Cents the Shave.

This morning the Office Cat met a banker who was on his way to a barber shop to get a shave. Well, a banker can afford such a luxury, but a plain Office Cat can do nothing but let his whiskers grow in this man's town.

POLITICAL HISTORY

June 16, 1775.—Fortifications erected on Breed's Hill.

June 16, 1845.—Texas agreed to annexation.

June 16, 1862.—Federals defeated at Secessionville, S. C.

June 16, 1864—Lynchburg, Va., invested by General Hunter.

Twenty-third President.

Benjamin Harrison—Republican.
Inaugurated March 4, 1889. Age 55.
Term of office, 4 years.
Residence, Indianapolis, Ind.
Born August 20, 1833, North Bend, Ohio.
Died March 13, 1901. Age 67.
Buried, Indianapolis, Ind.
Graduate, Miami University.
Parentage, English.

Compare the Cost to health, and you're sure to use the pure, delicious cereal drink—

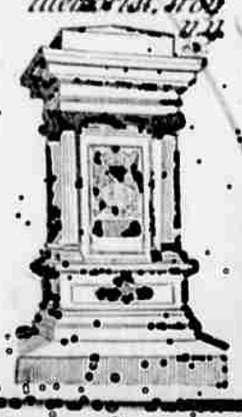
POSTUM CEREAL

instead of tea or coffee.

"There's a Reason"

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.



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We Will Gladly Furnish Estimates

Blue Mountain Marble & Granite Company.

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N. K. West & Co

Wash Fabrics For Summer Clothes

The call of the great outdoors emphasizes the need of wash fabrics and determines the way they shall be used. The most desirable materials for every possible use are interestingly displayed for immediate selection. The values are attractive and the qualities measure up to the standards on which the reputation of this store depends. You will find here what you want in style, fabric, pattern and color.

Beautiful checked Ginghams 23c

27 inches wide, plain colors, plaid and checked zephyr ginghams of the finest quality.

Hundreds of patterns to select from—thousands of yards. 23c yard.

Dress Linens $2.00 yd.

In white, cream, rose, blue and lavender. This popular material makes lovely cool summer frocks that are easily laundered and lose none of their crisp freshness in the washing. 36 inches wide. $2.00 yard

Imported Swiss Organdies $1.25 yd.

The finest quality Organdie imported from Switzerland is found here in all shades for dainty summer frocks. The original transparency and finish of this material is retained perfectly after washing and ironing, a feature that adds much to the frock. Also we are showing plain white and printed Organdies as well as plain colors in various grades ranging in price from 35c up to $1.40.

Imported Jap Crepe 40c

In every shade desired, for making house and porch dresses, aprons and children's dresses and aprons.

Blue, rose, pink, green, lavender, flame, orange red white and Coral are the colors. 32 inches wide. Of fine imported quality. Price 40c yard.

Meditation Indispensable.

The constant habit of penning devout books is so indispensable that it has been termed the oil of the lamp of prayer. Too much reading, however, and too little meditation, may produce the effect of a lamp inverted; which is extinguished by the very excess of that aliment, whose property is to feed it.—H. More.

Differing Ideas About Robins.

Some people in Germany believe that if a robin nests under your eaves, your house will be protected against fire; while others consider it a bad omen, foretelling a conflagration.

Campholatum.

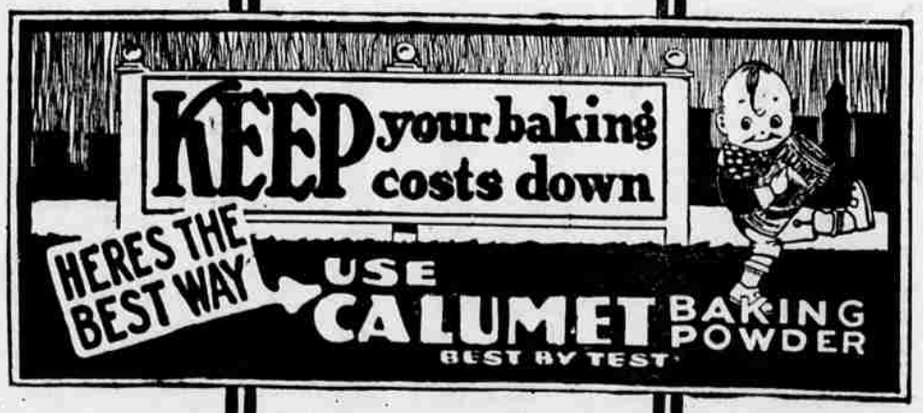
A real value for a small piece of money, 25c and 35c. Note the price, it is less than it has been for three years—25c for a 2 oz. jar Campholatum. 50c for a 5 oz. jar Campholatum, for colds on chest, for sores, sun burn and croup, at Silverthorn's.

Silverthorn's FAMILY DRUG STORE LA GRANDE, OREGON.

THE first thing you want in foods—and the all important thing is purity. Cost—taste—everything else is of minor consideration.

Foods should be nourishing. That's what they are for—to build up strong, sturdy bodies.

Calumet Baking Powder is pure in the can. It is made in the largest, cleanest, most modern Baking Powder Factories on earth—only of such ingredients as have been officially endorsed by United States Food Authorities.



It's pure in the baking. Calumet never fails to produce the sweetest and most palatable of nourishing foods.

It has more than the ordinary leavening strength. You use less of it. That's one reason it is the most economical of all leaveners.

Another reason is—it is sold at a moderate price—you save when you buy it.

A pound can of Calumet contains full 16 oz. Some baking powders come in 12 oz. cans instead of 16 oz. cans. Be sure you get a pound when you want it.

Calumet Waffle Recipe

2½ cups sifted pastry flour, 3 level teaspoons Calumet Baking Powder, ½ teaspoon salt, 1½ cups milk, 1 tablespoon sugar, 2 tablespoons melted butter, 2 eggs beaten separately. Then mix in the regular way.