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THE SOIL IS ONLY RELIEF.

Your tired mind at evening time beckons you to a sleepless couch. Perhaps you have attended a social function and you see the many friends who are striving hard to "Keep Up with Lizzie" and note the cramps they have in so doing.

You ponder over your desk during the day, wondering how to make things come out right. You tread the paved street and if you encounter a little mud you hasten to the shoe shiner. You figure your daily expense in a town or city and you have spent ten dollars in little things for living. It shocks you. You figure the cost of your automobile, the interest on that money, the upkeep and you say to yourself, "that is good wages for a man."

But you plug along, not letting yourself think of the day of reckoning which is sure to come.

What is the relief? There is but one—nature beckons back to the soil. Back to the soil where genuineness prevails, back to the soil where bets are not so big and expenses not so heavy; back to the soil where the touch of honesty abides, where sharp words will not be spoken often for there will be few ears to hear them; back to the soil where man can live.

Right now the hurly burly rush is the other way. La Grande has more people than she can house, as has every other town and city. But the high taxes, the cash outlay for living, the keeping up with Lizzie will change a lot of minds in the next few months. Union county will have a lot more farm homes when the break comes and saneness again perches on the American banner. And, by that time, the farm must be made more profitable than it is today, and we believe it will be. But even as it is now, it eliminates a lot of mind fog. You may not make as much money, but you will not spend as much. The medium-sized farm, properly stocked and handled, is the solution of American troubles.

IT IS YOU, AND YOU ALONE.

Does any person in Union county expect to get into heaven on his neighbor's record? Does anyone in this county expect to prosper long on borrowed capital which has been collected by other people's energy? If they do they are badly mistaken.

Every tub must stand on its own bottom and every man must give an accounting for his own affairs. Your moral life is yours to either squander and frit away or to make of you a substantial citizen. The rule of life is to earn all you can and spend a little less than you earn. When you owe a debt pay it promptly or go to the person whom you owe and explain your condition and when you can pay it.

There is no way to shift responsibility. It is yours all the time and your future depends upon you and you alone.

SCENIC BEAUTY.

Scenic beauty is a fine thing, but can't it be overworked? No one ever had a square meal off of scenery. It is more or less of a luxury any way you figure it, and instead of every community prating loudly about its scenery, it would be a fine thing to advertise how a man can get pork chops for his labor and how he can enjoy peace and freedom.

Oregon has more scenic beauty to the square mile than any other state in the union, but scenic beauty will not pay off mortgages, it will not raise wheat, neither will it fatten the calves and the mutton.

Chautauqua is the event that mingles an outing with the pleasures of entertainment, the educational features carried in good lectures, the elevating association of friends and neighbors under the great out-of-doors canopy. Attend every session of La Grande's Chautauqua.

Pagan, crazy and wild with imaginary infatuation for a girl, stepped over society's law at Hood River, and, as a result, he is dead with a bullet in his breast. Law and civilization break down every once in a while and humanity returns to the savage state.

We used to think Jess Willard was a sensible talker, at least, but when he talks of whipping Jack Dempsey we begin to believe Jess is like all the rest of the pugs who have been liked.

Why not call the new worm that is killing wheat in the Grande Ronde valley the L. W. W. worm for it is surely as destructive as the men who believed in the sub-est.

If Cove has been twice burned by a fire-bug, as many believe, a suitable reward should be offered for the apprehension of the guilty party. Cove is a fine community and to rebuild it every few years is a burden that is not justified, to say

THE OFFICE CAT



—by JUNIUS—

Mathematics.
He was trying to teach her 'rithmetic.
He thought it was his mission.
He kissed her once.
He kissed her twice.
He said: "Now that's addition."
Then there followed smack by smack.
In silent satisfaction.
Timidly she gave one back.
And said: "Now, that's subtraction."
Then he kissed her and she kissed him.
Without an explanation.
Then both together hugged and said,
"That's multiplication."
But Dad appeared upon the scene.
And with his great decision,
He kicked him miles away and said:
"That's long division."

Among the people we can never care deeply for are—
The fellow who reads moving picture titles out loud.

The golfer who refuses to keep a score and who always guesses his total five strokes under yours.

The fellow who reads moving picture titles out loud.

The man who insists upon telling you about the time he was in Wisconsin when you want to tell about the summer you spent in Michigan.

The fellow who reads moving picture titles out loud.

The merchant who daily assures you that he is losing money by staying in business.

The fellow who reads moving picture titles out loud.

The restaurant man who still gets fifty cents for a pair of four-cent eggs.

The fellow who reads moving picture titles out loud.

While inhaling coffee at the Silver Grill a few nights ago Ray Winters pulled this one: "If you tell a girl she is pretty now days, she wants to take the next train for Los Angeles."

The Smallest Pests.

The back-biter is the enemy of society.—Real American.

Then you have never heard of the microbe who says that every woman will fall for some man, eh? Nor the bacillus who avers that every man has his price?

How They Got That Way.

In France, noted criminals are made to speak and sing into a phonograph before their discharge from prison that in future their voice may be identified, in case of need.—Modern Woodman.

Ah, ha! We wondered whatnell was the matter with some of our new records!

In spite of everything being done to prevent it, people here in La Grande seem to be having a good time.

He Had Hopes.

He was a professional conjurer, "now, ladies and gentlemen," he said, with a wave of the hand, "this is the magic cabinet. I invite any lady in the audience to enter this cabinet. I will then close the door and when it shall be opened again the lady will have disappeared, leaving no trace."

There was an impressive silence until a little under-sized man in the second row turned to an enormous woman, who sat by him, and breathed eagerly.

"Marie, dear, won't you oblige the gentleman?"—Pearsons Weekly (London.)

Birds of a Feather Flock Together. Society folk, Bankers, Doctors and Pickpockets await going.—Headline in Oregonian.

This would be a happy world if people would always wear the smile they do when they have their photographs taken.

POLITICAL HISTORY

July 9, 1778—Articles of Confederation signed.

July 9, 1789—Naval battle between Proctor and Admiral Duff.

July 9, 1829—John D. Rockefeller, merchant, born.

July 9, 1849—William F. Vilas, lawyer and statesman, born. Secretary of the Interior and postmaster-general under Cleveland.

July 9, 1862—Fort Hudson, La., surrendered by the Confederates.

July 9, 1865—Mary E. Surratt hanged for conspiring against President Lincoln.

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Don't Miss a Day In the Water
For Want of a Suit

SPECIAL
OXFORDS
\$5.00 Pair
Grouped into this lot are several different styles—sport oxfords, brown oxfords and low-heeled black and brown pumps. Several of the season's best numbers are in this lot. Regular prices were \$7.50 \$8.00 and \$9.00, but accumulation of odd sizes makes possible this special sale.
There are others, too, at very reasonable prices. All odd lots reduced.

WASH WAISTS, \$1.00.
Taken from our regular stock, these are regular \$2.25 blouses of white organdy and voile. Some are colored but have white organdy collars and cuffs. There are all sizes and each one an exceptional value at \$1.00 each.

Not when there is such a large selection to choose from. We are showing everything needed for men, women and children to enjoy an afternoon in the water.

Gantzen
Bathing Suits

Lead all others for wear and comfortable fit; their service is conceded excellent. We are showing many of these among our better suits. Prices range from \$2.50 up to \$7.50. For women they are from \$2.50 to \$8.00, and for children from \$1.50 to \$5.00.
Ladies' suits with knitted box and caps to match.

GINGHAMS
Have Won Their Place

Ginghams of all colors, dense and bright, checks, stripes and plaids, and all fresh with that clean newness which characterizes this pretty, sensible fabric—are here for your selection.
We are showing handsome ginghams for porch dresses or afternoon frocks—quite dressy when adorned with a lay collar, organdy ruffles, inserts and vestees. All are 27 inches wide and

23c Yard

THE NEWEST
NECKWEAR
GIVES JUST THE FINISH NEEDED

If your taste runs to simplicity, here are lovely crisp organdies or smart tailored piques in any number of styles. Should you prefer something frilly, dainty net creations in collars, vestees and necks, and probably the newest of these is the front with shoulder straps and net all the way around, fitting as a combined waist and corsage.
Then, we may add, there are frilly laces by the yard for fronts, with narrower lace to match for the cuffs. Also there are gingham fronts in small checks and plaids, finished with lace and organdy. These are quite new.
In any case, you are sure to discover a delicate bit of finery to please you. Prices are in such a wide range that it would be hard to quote any here. They start at 25c and range upwards to \$2.50.

Brown-Black 23c
Lisle Hose

Seconds of a 50c grade fine mercerized lisle hose for women. These are in all sizes and in quantities sufficient to supply all. Thrifty women should supply their needs for time to come from this lot. Careful examination will show that the defects are of such a slight character that they cannot impair the wear of the hose. While any remain, at 23c.

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We will make it keep time
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