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RECLAMATION.

We were amused and pleased at a sermon delivered in Portland recently, and, by the way, Portland has some mighty bright ministers of the gospel. This sermon was on the subject of reclamation, and the speaker devoted a considerable portion of his talk to the review of reclaiming lands for settlement. He stated with much fact that the first step for humanity is to provide homes, land to till and proper surroundings. Citing the work of the states and the federal government to this end, he proved his point most admirably, and then he went into the sage brush of sin and disease and immorality, offering plans for the reclaiming of human beings who are wandering listlessly through arid regions where the fountain of religion is not reaching them.

How strange it is that so many ministers want to make man-made laws to govern everything, and we do not mean this to apply to the particular sermon mentioned, for it does not apply. When sagebrush and greasewood grow up among the younger people; when the curfew fails to send them home at a proper hour; when the dances are not conducted properly, the first thing we hear is—

"There ought to be a law—"

Bless your heart, don't you know there are from one to ten laws for every kind of crime, for every social blemish, for everything—even to spitting on the sidewalk. Laws—we are pestered to death with laws which are unworkable. The sagebrush and greasewood plains of humanity have laws idly hanging on every knoll; have laws festooned around the worst pitfalls.

You say, why not enforce them? Again humanity is demanding more of humanity than can be done. Only a few basic laws are ever enforced and apparently only a few can be enforced. With despair the hands go up and we hear:

"If this be true, what shall we do?"

The answer is simple: Teach the child in the home the difference between right and wrong. Don't expect the school teacher or the preacher or the Sunday school teacher to do the work for you. Let the home be the place of beginning, where conscience is recognized, where the slippery paths are discussed, where the dance evil is laid bare, where the late hours are condemned.

It is the American home that has slipped and not the children, for the tree will grow as the twig is bent. Too much indulgence, lack of discipline, general lack of supervision, and, above all else, no inclination to make children work.

That is why so much reclaiming has to be done. The parents of the present day have let their fields grow up in rag weed, sage brush, greasewood. They have permitted their children to talk back to them, to stay out late at night, to attend the shimmy dances, to break the curfew laws, and now that such permission has borne its fruit they hold up their hands and join a lot of preachers in saying, "if we only had a law—"

It is not the law we need. It is common sense—the old fashioned kind, and then there would be little need for the reclaiming process which the eminent minister speaks of.

BACK TO WHIST

Whist, it seems, is looking up. Not bridge whist, which though superficially similar, is not in reality the same game; not auction bridge, which is very far removed in character from its sedate ancestor, but regular, good old fashioned whist, played by four players with cards in their hands, in that deep and concentrated silence which is said to have given the game its name.

This means, according to one writer, that "Americans are tiring of idleness and frivolity and are taking real pleasure in mental contests." He also states that this does not mean that bridge is becoming unpopular. "There is room for both games." In this he is undoubtedly right. The mental attitudes requisite for the playing of whist and bridge are essentially different. The bridge people want a game with chances and noise for example a woman's afternoon party played three or four tables of whist. On "the bench" drapping in few whist with, according to some, "Fanny Gals."

What was occasionally a game for four people who wanted to be excited and who were willing to "go into the sickness" to obtain it. It is not a game for the serious people who are willing to work their brains and their nerves to win a game of whist.

One cannot imagine prizes awarded for whist. But to the devotee, winning that evening rubber was one of the great things of life.

It was never a dull game. But, like chess, it took mental energy. Perhaps with its return there will come more family singing, more homely

simple joys. People who can play whist can always entertain themselves. They have learned that the sport which makes every man use his own mind, keeping it flexible, alert and sharp, is the finest sport.

The medical firm of House & Senate is determined that if there is going to be any booze prescribed as medicine, it will do the prescribing.

Chas. Schwab said recently, "We must settle down to work and produce for one another." It's good advice. So many people seem to forget about the producing, and just settle down to work one another.

Germany, accepting the peace offered her, is a little uncertain whether she ought to forgive us for having gone to war against her.

What a good many citizens want is a government that will support them in the style to which they have been accustomed.

It is difficult to measure misery, but it must be admitted that a good many people miss solid comfort by just "we fret."

July 14, 1675—Mendon, Mass., attacked by Indians.

July 14, 1798—Last of alien and sedition laws passed.

July 14, 1853—Commander Perry arrived in Japan. Preliminary to a treaty of peace and amity.

July 14, 1861—Battle of Garfield's Ford, W. Va.

July 14, 1863—Battle of Falling Water, Md.

July 14, 1864—Battle of Harrisburg, Miss.

THE OFFICE CAT



—BY JUNIOR—

Watch Us Grow
A rhyme like this
Ain't really art.
But keeps the paragraphs apart.
La Grande Observer,
Not for its wit.
This verse we pitch,
But it fits up
At least one inch.
—Cleveland Plain Dealer.
A little thing like this
Is such a cinch
That we grab off another
Inch.
Newark (O.) Advocate.

Pleasant week to everybody in a nice bright world.—Arthur Brisbane.
And may your back yard produce a bumper dandelion crop, say we.

Everybody Watches For Her
Jewelry advertisement in a Philadelphia newspaper: "Bally, Banks and Biddle Co., watches for women of superior design and perfection of movement." Submitted by John Heddick.

Modern Sanitation
"Hey, Smith, what do you think of these new sanitary drinking cups?"
"Not much, Jones. Soon and we will have to spit on our hands with an eye dropper."

Some Memory!
L. C. Smith, when he posed as a school teacher, had been telling a class of small boys the story of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus and ended his narrative with: "And all this happened more than 400 years ago!"
A little boy, his eyes wide open with wonder said, after a moment's thought, "Gee, what a memory you have got!"

"Who the dash-blank-asterisk went and broke my new meerschaum pipe?"
"I did, pop. I cannot lie."
"You can't, eh? Well, you won't be able to sit either, when I get through with you."

It Probably Was
A comma often makes a lot of difference in a line; so does the spacing. A poet wrote "My soul is a lighthouse-keeper." The printer made it read, "My soul is a light house-keeper."

Be Thankful
Be thankful that your coat is whole. That no one your umbrella stole; That you are sure a lucky soul. And have locked up a chunk of coal.

The most successful way to entertain a woman is to let her sit and do all the talking. And this is also the most successful way to entertain a man.

Why Worry About Hat Pins?
A sign in a La Grande milliner's window announces that a small deposit will secure any hat.

Blue law agitators have aroused the opposition of those who have shaved bath night into Sunday morning.

Pair of Lovers
Mr. Pepper: "Heard, don't you know I am like Ivory Soap?"
Miss Keping: "How come, little one?"
Pepper: "99.44 per cent pure."
Keping: "Isn't that fine?"
Pepper: "But I wish I were 100."

INFANT DEATHS FEWER IN WEST

NEW YORK, July 14.—It is safer to be born in the west than in the east. The report of the American Child Hygiene Association for 1920 lists cities of over 10,000 population accord. By the number of infant deaths per thousand of population.

Seattle, Washington, is first among the cities of over 250,000 with 52, Portland, Ore., following with 60 and San Francisco next with 62.

Among cities between 100,000 and 250,000, Houston, Texas, is safest for babies, with 37, then Spokane, Washington, with 71 and Oakland, California, with 72.

The West holds its supremacy as the region of healthy babies with the three cities in the 50,000 to 100,000 class which have the lowest infant death rate all situated on the Pacific Coast. Tacoma, Washington, comes first with 37, Berkeley next with 45, and San Diego, with 51.

Horace Greeley was said to have advised, "Go West, young man, go west." He might change it now to an address to newlyweds.

REDUCTION IS RECOMMENDED

WASHINGTON, July 14.—The livestock rates are held unreasonable and substantial reductions were recommended to the Interstate Commerce Commission today by Examiner Dique, in the case brought by the western shippers, and which will be heard by the commission tomorrow.

READ THE OBSERVER WANT ADS

Per cent pure—so pure and innocent that I still believed there was a Santa Claus.

'Round The County

Little Bit of Everything Cleaned By the Observer About People and Things.

Ray Wilson, of Imbler, is demonstrating that pears can be grown in the Imbler section profitably. He has made a study of soil conditions and the peculiar treatment that attains with the culture of pears, and he is making good in a decided way—so much so that he is going to increase his production by planting more, in sharp contrast to the country-wide practice of tearing up orchards.

Located in a section of Imbler that is close to the river and is sub-irrigated as all Imbler is, he has now 800 trees of bearing fruit that will yield a big output for him this year. Of the total number of trees, 250 are Bartlett and the balance Anjou and Comice. He has found that local consumption very largely takes care of his Bartlett output and is increasing that variety by the planting of new trees in the near future.

"I am not able to sell at this time what the crop will total," said Mr. Wilson a few days ago, "but there are 800 trees of them and all are in pretty fine shape."

This is the only commercial pear orchard in Imbler and, while the rest of his neighbors devote their time to sun-bones, he is coming the pear route, plain, but with success. He keeps abreast of everything that's new about pears and is a keen observer on his own account—the fruits of which are seen in the production of his orchard.

Let Us Do the Finishing.
No picture taking and making the finish is as important as the film and the camera. Some people can do their own developing, printing and enlarging—but no amateur can do it better, easier, or cheaper than our experts. Too late to regret after the picture is taken—let us do all your finishing work and get results where at all possible.

Silverthorn's
FAMILY DRUG STORE
LA GRANDE, OREGON

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



LONG FINNISH ICE WAGON BACKED DOWN JUST AS HE REACHED THE TOP OF MULDERY HILL THIS MORNING.

The Home of Hart, Schaffner & Marx Clothes

West & Co
THE QUALITY STORE

The Newest in Men's Shirts—Just Arrived

"KRINKLE KREPE"

For Summer Wear

Men who desire something new, something attractive, cool and yet not expensive—are sure to like these new Krinkle Krepe ARROW shirts. Just out, they are sure to be popular; in small checks and very fine stripes.

An unusual feature of these shirts, they require NO IRONING

This material is not too be ironed or starched.

Young men—you'll like them because they're new and different. Any way we want you to come in and see them. They are priced at \$2.00.

"Cooper's"
—AND—
"Vassar"
UNDERWEAR

To Keep You Cool

No two makes of underwear mean so much to men as these. Not only that they are of superior quality in fabric and finish, but the fit of the garments is not found in every kind. They contain all the new features that add to the comfort of the wearer, and only the finest materials are used in their making.

Prices range from \$1.00 upwards to \$3.00.

Genuine Leather
TRAVELING BAGS

Those who have been inquiring and waiting for something exceptional in a real leather traveling bag will find an ample selection at this store now. Yesterday's express brought us over a dozen of the finest bags, all sizes, and black and brown.

Prices on these range upwards to \$12.50. Other bags from \$5.00 up.

FOREST FIRE NEAR MEACHAM

PENDLETON, July 14.—The first forest fire in Umatilla county this season broke out yesterday morning two miles from Meacham on the timber land owned by the Smythe-Loneragan Co., and has already destroyed 1000 cords of wood which had been cut and piled. Other cord wood and standing timber is being damaged and the company has sent out 30 men, armed with axes and shovels to fight the fire.

STATE HOSPITAL CONTRACT GIVEN

SALEM, July 14.—Jilmer J. Halmer and Settegren, of Missoula, Mont., were awarded the contract for the new wing of the Oregon state hospital at Pendleton, by the state board of control today. The bid, after several changes in the specifications, was \$126,500, not including the heating and plumbing. It was agreed to use Oregon material and labor.

OWENS AND RATHIE ASK FOR REHEARING

PENDLETON, July 14.—A petition for a rehearing in the state's case against John L. Rathie and James Owens, under sentence for their part in the killing of "Til Taylor a year ago, has been filed with Major Lee Morhouse by the convicted men's attorneys. The petition follows the recent decision of the state supreme court in which the action of the circuit court was upheld.

WAGE REDUCTION DENIED PACKERS

CHICAGO, July 14.—Judge Absculer, arbitrator, today refused to grant a reduction of five cents an hour in the wages of 75,000 packing house employees, which was requested by the packers. The Judge ruled that overtime must be paid for all over forty-eight hours a week.

LAXATIVE for Aged People

THE BANE of old age is constipation. The bowels become weak and unable to perform their functions without aid. For this purpose only the mildest and gentlest laxative should be used. The use of harsh cathartics aggravates the trouble and makes the constipation worse. Chamberlain's Tablets are a favorite with people of middle age and older on account of their gentle action.

Chamberlain's Tablets

MODERN CRANKCASE CLEANING SERVICE

How often should your crankcase be CLEANED?

Automobile manufacturers generally recommend, in their Books of Instructions, regular draining and cleaning of the crankcase.

This is necessary because engine operation causes road dust, carbon, fine metal particles and other impurities to accumulate in your crankcase. This gummy residue through your engine, impairs its performance and ultimately leads to rapid depreciation and repairs.

To meet this need, Modern Crankcase Cleaning Service has been established by first-class garages and other dealers, co-operating with the Standard Oil Company.

These garages and dealers use Castrol Flashing Oil—the scientific agent that cleans out old oil, dirt, grime and other impurities, and does not impair the lubricating efficiency of fresh oil used. The standard crankcase is refilled with the correct grade of Castrol.

Look for the garage or dealer displaying the sign shown above—it means "Better operation and longer engine life."

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