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## IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



### "Portland" or "Oregon" —Which?

Dear old Portland, with generous heart and hand outstretched behind her, has decided the 1925 exposition shall be a state affair and therefore has requested a state meeting to be called to arrange for financing of the enterprise.

Now, that's bully, to have the big brother on the mouth of the Columbia proceed alone until the President signs the exposition bill in congress, and then throw up his hands to the remainder of the state for funds.

But it is all right, Portland has been doing her share toward state improvements and the state can very well join the big metropolis in its efforts to pull a string of eastern people through every country lane in the commonwealth in 1925.

Of course it takes money to do these things. No one ever heard tell of a country fair that did not need funds and Portland will need a lot of money to finance this big electric exposition. Can't expect Frank Griffith to do it all simply because he deals in electricity.

Julius Meyer will put up his share for he is president of the exposition body, but there will be a lot more to raise so prepare for the onslaught on your purse for the Portland show.

It is all right—we live but once and let's have the fun and improvement along with the commonplace things in life.

Just one thing the Observer would like to know—if the state is to help should the show be called a Portland show or an Oregon show?

This is that time of year in the Grande Ronde betwixt and between when there's not much doing in towns but the country is the busiest place one ever saw. It takes quite a little work to harvest fifty hundred wheat.

Moonshine at fifty cents a drink is too much—saying nothing of the chance one takes in losing eye sight, hearing and receiving possibly a stroke of paralysis. The price is too high.

Mayor Baker is going to run the idlers out of Portland. Don't send them this way, George, for we have all we want right now.

Don't convert your stomach into a silo just because the Grande Ronde valley has the best corn on the coast that grows.

What we need is dollar wheat for the next ten years. Must have it.

And Monday is circus day.

**The Peasant Capitalist**

Senator France of Maryland, who has been visiting Russia, takes a stand in favor of recognizing the Russian government, and has rather a different point of view from others who have recently brought reports from that chaotic country.

He maintains that those at the head of the Soviet government are "open minded." He says:

"The pivot of the whole thing is this—the revolution was not directed by them or anyone else on lines laid down beforehand or ever devised to meet the occasion. It proceeded as an irresistible course as naturally as an avalanche reaches the bottom of the mountain valley by gravity.

"Before the revolution all Russian land was held in fee simple by the czar, nobility and the church. Once that regime was overthrown the land became ownerless.

"All the millions of the Russian peasantry felt that the time had come to take possession of the soil they had tilled. The Bolsheviks rose into power

### on the crest of this wave of universal sentiment."

With the country estates seized, says Senator France, it was logical to take urban property also, and it was then a short step to confiscation of banks. But here is the difficulty from the Bolshevik point of view: "By their very action in legitimizing the seizure of land by the peasants the Bolsheviks laid a new and infinitely broader foundation for the capitalism they were striving to overthrow. They see that now themselves, and are prepared to act accordingly."

If the leaders are indeed as open-minded as Mr. France believes, and have at last grasped the fact that 90 per cent of the Russian people are peasants who want to live on a capitalist basis, the end of Sovietism in its present evil state is at hand, and a government adjusted to meet these conditions will emerge before long.

Mr. France wants the American people to "give these folks a chance—they haven't had it yet."

This is doubtless true. At least 90 per cent of it is true, for the Russian peasant so far certainly hasn't had a chance. The Hoover relief agencies will give him best chance for the present. They will feed the starving children, and thus give him a little courage to keep on demanding some sane method of getting and keeping the just reward for his labor.

**"Glad Day"**

A citizen of Buffalo, N. Y., who has been doing "little kindnesses" for years for girls and boys who had small chance for happiness, ordinarily has become so enthusiastic on the subject that he has proposed a "Glad Day" to be observed by three of the large cities of his vicinity.

As a date he suggests October 4. On that day he would have every citizen do at least one small deed to make some unfortunate boy or girl glad. It might be by the gift of a little money, an unexpected treat of some kind, or if the donor has no material gift to bestow, just a friendly and encouraging chat to show the kiddie that somebody cares whether he lives or dies or has a good time.

To speed the glad day its originator suggests that on the previous Sunday, October 2, every minister who can do so preach a "glad sermon," and that newspapers and all sorts of organizations unite to promote the kindly work.

Movies he would have show plays of the Pollyanna type, to inspire the idea of simple kindness and happiness in humble things.

A good many people will make fun of the idea. But if the scheme gets fairly under way, it will be a Scrooge of Scrooges who doesn't find himself looking about for a child to whom may be given a sly but friendly boost.

It is a kindly thought, and one which might well be carried out in any town on any day. There is more need of it now than there has been for some time. The world is full of dark and pressing problems, and the children must bear their share of the burden, though they are guiltless of its cause.

A woman has been stared at anxiously at Deauville because she appeared in a bathing suit with stockings on. Wonder if they had clocks to mark the changing times.

There's a great deal of heat about prohibition enforcement, but as usual the real trouble is the humidity.

### THE OFFICE CAT



**A Matrimonial and Spiritual Unit.**  
Lynchville, Ark. Cresset.

The Ed. and wife took dinner with Hon. Johnson and wife on last Sunday. And a fine dinner we had. Bro. Johnson and wife is one of our best christians in the church.

The proposed Sunday blue laws will make it unlawful to do anything on Sunday except wait for Monday.

"I want some desk stockings," a lady said at a La Grande store yesterday.

"Desk stockings."

"Yes, Roll tops."

For the first time since 1904 the United States is wearing silver dollars. The practice was suspended, we understand, because for such a long time there were so few things a dollar would buy.

It is hard to unpeckle a cucumber. Better not be out, says O. E. Silver,幽默.

Oh, Well, One Lives and Learns Doesn't One.  
(Ad in the Uniontown, Pa. New Standard.)

The beauty about sport flannel shorts is that nothing but knickers is necessary beneath them.

"Hey, McCarthy," yelled Casey, "Dagan just hung himself with a halberd." "Did you cut him down?" inquired McCarthy. "O! did not," replied Casey. "He want dead yet."

Inspector—"Do you teach observation?"  
Teacher—"Yes."  
Inspector—"Then I will test the class." Now, Children, shut your eyes and sit still. (Following this the inspector made a slow whistling sort of noise and followed with: "Now, Children, what did I do?")  
For some time there was no answer, but ultimately one little boy piped out. "Kissed teacher."

Song bits of the season are "When You Look Into the Face of a Mule," and "Delirious 'Ereman Blues." Never let it be said that America has no proper appreciation of the higher things in life.

Trying to find a new job every few months is a good deal like changing seats in a row boat. The man who does it must be usually the fellow who finally falls overboard.

### "Clothes Line"

A customer came into the store early one morning last week and asked, "Have you any more shoes in stock, exactly like the ones I have, and in the same size?" Upon being assured that we had she promptly replied, "Well you may send me another pair immediately. I've only worn these one week, but I know I'll never want to be without them again. I've never had such comfort in years."

The shoes referred to are "Ye Olde Tyme Comforts," and this is only one of many such instances where several pairs are sold to a customer.

### OUTSIZE SILK HOSE

This is our best grade of all pure silk, full fashioned "La Touraine" silk hose, in outsize. Both black and brown, just in. Priced at \$2.50 pair, Tax 5c.

### Dress Material Coatings Etc.

Early selection may be easily made in dress materials, coatings, skirtings, etc.—enabling the dressmakers to get an early start.

Crepe Poplin, and Monte Carlo Crepe are two favored silk materials for fall. In wovens there are tricotine, serge, jersey, and numerous coating materials. Plaid and striped wool skirtings, Panns Velvet, 40 inches wide, and Skinner's dress and lining satins.

Prices are lower in nearly every line.

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Here is a big assortment of new draperies of every description—Cretonnes, terry cloth, Rep. silk materials and transparent draperies.

Every piece is new, and they afford one of the finest selections we have made in years.

If you visit this department now, no doubt you will find just what you are looking for—and with the coming of the Autumn season draperies will receive much of the attention.

Prices are considerably lower than last year, but a much wider range in price.

**25c to \$4.00 yd.**

**"SUPERBEE"**  
**WOOL BATTS**  
\$3.50

Of the finest pure wool; in one solid sheet, size 72 in. by 84 in. for full sized comfort. Very best quality. Price \$3.50.

Also "Special" wool and cotton mixed batt. Same size and weight as all wool batt. Priced at \$2.50 each.

**NEW Silk Umbrellas**  
Every Desired Shade

"For rain or shine," a pretty silk umbrella is a genuine necessity. As soon as you've decided on your fall costume, select an umbrella from this lot to match or harmonize with it. Many pretty, new Ivory and strap handles.

Prices \$6.00 to \$12.00

Keep Just a Little Ahead of the Style Calendar

Women of individual taste will have plenty of latitude for selection in apparel this season. Though simple lines are accepted, there is no fast rule for the silhouettes, which may be straight, flaring or modified.

**Coats are Longer**

In full and three quarter length, regulation or wrap coats, straight loose lines prevail.

Simplicity of cut is often relieved with embroidery, trimming, buttons, etc. Narrow belts are seen—not in sloness are favored, and the popular colors appear to be Navy, brown and black.

**Suits Have Three-Quarter Length Jackets**

Conservative cut, straight line or gathered-in at waist with narrow belts and deep collars, buttoning high around neck.

**Dress Lines Varied**

A variety to suit all tastes—Long straight lines, or youthful horizontal lines are popular. Slightly longer dresses will be given preference this fall although fashion has set no rules in this regard.

**Blouses Follow No Set Style**

Although there is more variety in the blouse field this year than ever before, the slip-over blouse is a dominant favorite. Belted models with slashes are seen, while sleeves show wide differences in length.

**The Fall Oxford**

Oxfords will be equally as popular as in seasons past, probably more so. Those for fall are mostly of heavy cut skins in both brown and black with stitched trimming. Black will be worn in preference to brown.

Pumps for evening wear will be of kid and black satin with high and junior Louis heels.

President Harding has been presented with a chair by certain publishers who seem to think that the chief executive needs something restful at this time in his career.

A contrib finds the following in a Kokomo, Ind. advertisement.  
35c Djerkies Talcum, 17c (Limit 10 yards to the customer).

Marking time is all right but to get anywhere you have to step right out, and keep stepping.

Be sure you're wrong, before you quit.

Self-made men are scarce, but self-made fools are plentiful.

We have had just one month of summer according to the almanac. There isn't much to be said for the quality, but there was surely plenty of it.

Just as every attle has its past so every cellar has its future.

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Where Your Credit Is Good Use It  
COMPLETE HOME FURNISHER

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Ambition and ability combined with a proper amount of aggressiveness make poor men rich.

In addition to these qualities learn the value of a DOLLAR, then form an association with a safe, responsible bank like this, by starting a check account and you have laid the foundation for consistent WEALTH BUILDING.

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