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Tourists and Industry

The Portland Telegram stretches to its full height and sings the song of the great benefit tourists are to Portland. In a measure the Telegram is right, but when properly analyzed, basing business on tourists is a good deal like the farmer going into the Belgian hare business.

Tourists are of some value, there is no doubt, but the thing that will build Portland to be a bigger city is the commerce of Oregon. The farms, the sawmills, the mines, the live stock are what Portlanders must necessarily depend upon in the future as in the past.

The Telegram may laugh with glee at the embroidery and trimming, but when it gets down to analyzing the fabric of business the weave will not be tourists, it will be lumber, hogs, cattle, wheat and mineral.

Houses for Rent

Boise has wondered several years why more houses were not built for rent, says the Statesman. There really is little to wonder about. Any man's money is worth 7 per cent. Taxes amount to approximately 6 per cent and depreciation, repairs and

FOOD FOR BIRDS



forth will total 2 per cent. That makes 15. Rental property worth \$5000 would have to bring nearly \$70 a month, therefore, to make it desirable in the least. How many renters can afford it? No city and no state can advance to anything like a permanent hold on real prosperity under an excessive tax burden. Idaho folks who are by nature inclined to the optimistic view, can hardly be blamed for wondering what they are coming to with our 2400 taxing boards constantly on the job.

East of the Mountains

Editor Frank Irvine in his Portland Journal prints the following:
"On a recent hot night an Iowa man wrapped himself in a wet blanket and then turned on an electric fan. The next day he was seized with pneumonia. A few days later he was laid away in his last long sleep. What a mistake he made in not coming to Oregon where the nights are never hot?"

The Congressional Recess

When Congress adjourned last week for a month's recess it left a lot of important work uncompleted. Taxation and tariff revision—the two chief purposes of the special session called last April—have had to wait over until next month. There is likelihood, so congressional leaders say, that they will even wait until early next year and the regular session of Congress which will open December 4.

In spite of its sins of omission, Congress really accomplished a few things. Among the 65 more or less vital measures which actually became laws were the emergency tariff and immigration restriction acts, supposed to fill in the unavoidable lapse of time during the preparation of carefully studied and permanent statutes. The budget bill and the peace resolution were both expected of this Congress, and were both put across. Naval and army appropriation bills, funds for farm loan board, bill facilitating exports, telephone consolidation bill, cable control bill, veterans' bureau consolidation, farm products export act, packers' control bill and shipping board appropriations were all put into the class of finished business, along with a number of others of less general interest.

During congressional sessions public look upon knocking the national law-making body as one of its favorite in and outdoor sports. During the recess, however, it forgets all about its chosen representatives or, if it thinks of them at all, realizes that their job is a hard one and that, all things considered, it couldn't do much better itself.

Another Overseas Gamble

Gambling in depreciated European currencies has been a popular diversion in many quarters for three years past. A few have won, through speculative fluctuations in international exchanges; but very many who have invested their money in coins and currency, or rights to these commodities, cannot hope for fortune for many years to come.

Now another international gamble makes its appearance, and commands the attention of the Department of Commerce, so great are the possibilities.

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



THE TISSUE PAPER CEILING DECORATIONS IN THE PALACE LUNCH ROOM CAUGHT FIRE TODAY—LOSS TWO DOLLARS

ties it holds. America, says Secretary Herbert Hoover, is in a fair way to be flooded with foreign securities, national, provincial and municipal, expressed in terms of billions and issued in innumerable foreign monetary denominations. Mr. Hoover believes the government should undertake to protect the unwary American investor.

Especially in Eastern Europe, where new states of every kind are more than ordinarily abundant, currencies are sadly depressed and the chances of a prompt, or even an ultimate, return to par are slim indeed. The purchaser of such securities, unless he enjoys unusual opportunity for thorough-going investigation and can command information usually available only through government channels, has but little hope of getting all his money back.

What protective regulations the government will provide against improper flotations of this kind has not been divulged, but one thing is assured—paternalism of this particular kind will not vex anyone except the salesman.

The Rented Bathing Suit

With the increase of swimming pools and public bathing places the renting of bathing suits has become a considerable business. Strange to say, the manufacturers of bathing apparel are not very keen for this. They would rather sell a new suit to every bather. Who can blame them? They make one charge in this connection, however, which will bear investigation. A trade journal reports that manufacturers of knit goods claim that the sterilizing process through which rented suits are supposed to go after each wearing is often a mere travesty. They assert that in many bath houses suits said to be sterilized are merely soaked in warm water.

The suggestion is too serious to be laughed aside. Disease and epidemic could be spread by suits in common use but improperly sterilized. The individual who must wear a rented suit would be well to be sure what he is about before he dons it.

Where there is cause to suspect that negligence obtains, the public health authorities should be warned and prompt investigation should follow.

Portland is having trouble controlling the sale of narcotic poisons. It was ever thus, when one black bird is scared away several come to take its place. People put down liquor and now comes the narcotic—worse by far than whiskey, but not so freely used. Let us hope it never will be.

"The Right to Yowl"

A Kansas City, Kans., police judge, sitting in solemn state, has handed down the ruling that "the cat has a right to yowl without being shot at." No doubt the Society For The Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals will now rally to his support, but we cannot believe that even the backing of this estimable and influential organization can insure his continued tenure of office.

Surely, even in Kansas City, Kans., this enemy of human slumber cannot have public sentiment behind him. We had not supposed that there was any community in the land where such a decision might pass unchallenged and without prompt appeal.

Since man first devised missile weapons against his enemies, the amorous cat has been fair game for all of them. Throughout the ages his wailing siren has been a song accursed. There is doubtless not a tool of war or article of household furniture not too hot or heavy, that has not at one time or another been flung at his devoted head—or at the sounds which rise from it.

Always the man who had a shotgun handy has been counted fortunate when feline serenades were on. The boot jack, once found in every well-appointed bedroom, has done yeoman service, but the waning popularity of leather boots and congress shoes has robbed the most of us of this handy article. Words, even mule-skinner words, are useless when the "Tom-tunes" up. If we can't shoot, what refuge have we?

Let us hope that the Kansas law permits recall of judges. If not, to the horse pond with him, if there be still a horse pond in the world.

These hot days are driving them to the sea shore or Wallawa's mountains. As for us, give us the mountains, where the free air of a big broad country makes one feel strong and glad he is living.

It is said that the disarmament conference will be held behind closed doors. Now all the politicians are busy looking their hands over to see if they hold openers.

That Paris gown maker who says frocks reflect personality should also add that frocks reflect the size of a man's bank account.

THE OFFICE CAT



—BY JUNIUS—

SEEMS TO BE EFTERVESING
With the country spending a billion a year for soft drinks, what becomes of all that money prohibition was going to make us save.

Many a man will give another man a letter of recommendation, though he wouldn't lend him a dollar, says J. T. Martin.

MIDDLE OR NEVER
A recent experience of a Virginia clergyman throws light on the old English law requiring that marriages should be celebrated before noon. A colored couple appeared before him asking to be married, the man in a considerably muddled state.

The minister said to the woman: "I won't perform this ceremony." "Why is dat, boss?" she queried. "Ain't de license all right? An an we is age?"

"Yes, but this man is drunk. Take him away and come again." Several days later the couple again presented themselves, the man once more intoxicated.

"See here," I told you to get married, you drunken man. You are drunk, the minister said. "Don't you come back here any more, sober?"

"Well, you see, snh," the man replied, "I am not drunk."

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dat he won't come less a he's lit up."

President Harding has received from a number of friends a chair made of the rib of a Revolutionary war boat. Old stuff, that; it's business.

CONFESION.

(From Boston Transcript)
That person we admire and say his ways are quite the best.

But while we praise him oftentimes we impose on him like all the rest.

"You'll be late for supper sonny," said a kind old man in passing, a small boy who was carrying a package.

"No, I won't," was the reply. "I've got the meat."

A La Grande citizen sends the following to the Observer. It wasn't original with the citizen. "Why is it that a switch engine has to ding and bang and fix and spit and bang and grind and hiss and pant and grate and wheeze and puff and bump and chug and howl and jar and perk and jowl and howl and puff and growl and thump and boom and crash and clatter and screech and snort and snarl and rattle and yell and throb and roar and rattle and shriek like hell all night long?"

(His Collar is Open to Criticism or Praise But it Needs Help Most Sincerely —Junius.

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La Grande Oregon

Clint Van Fleet says why laugh at Scotch kilties—it was an American who invented B. V. De."

SHOULD SHE?

"Can your wife sing?" "No, but she does."

The young man parts his hair, but the bald man has parted from him, says Guy Ellis.

AN EMPTY WISH.

Mother (Anxiously): What is Willy crying for?

Willy's Brother: Oh, nothing much. He dug a hole in the garden and now the rain's come on he wants to bring the hole into the house.

The less a man knows about politics, the more angry he gets in a political argument.

LABOR DAY

THREE BIG BANDS

will be observed in La Grande this year with three cities participating—Pendleton, Baker and La Grande, with the Central Labor Councils of these three cities arranging the program with the assistance of commercial bodies in their respective cities.

AFTERNOON OF SPORTS

At the baseball park during the afternoon there will be sports, horse racing, baseball games and music. Three solid hours of genuine fun and amusement.

TWO SPEAKERS

Affairs of the great labor movement, and topics of direct interest to the laboring classes will be discussed by prominent speakers immediately after the parade, with seating provided for several thousand on the streets in front of the Elks' club and Eagle's hall.

FUN AT NIGHT

One and all are urged to participate in the evening fun and amusement. Three dances, a band concert on streets, prize fighting and a general good time.

COME!

Parade—Big Feature
The first formal number on the program will be the parade to which the public is invited to give its attention with commercial floats. Labor will be on parade in full strength.

People will flock from far and near to help labor celebrate this important day. Are you doing your part? If you are, you will be part of the big celebration.

For particulars, write

General Chairman, Labor Day

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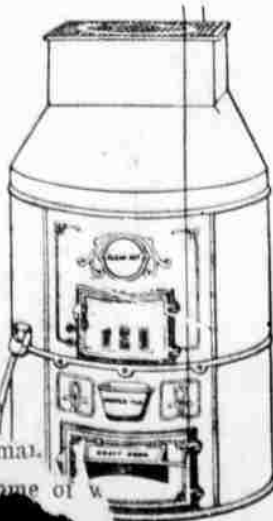
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