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IN THE OLD HOME TOWN

My Sunshine.

As I sit with baby David,
In my dear old rocking chair,
Shyly peeps my little daughter,
Her sweet face so round and fair.
In her chubby arms is Dolly,
Quite forgotten in her play,
As she says, "Peep eyes with Lena,"
And then laughs so bright and gay.

Out of doors is bleak and stormy,
Snow is whirling through the air,
But my babies' happy faces,
As they peep around my chair,
Make for me content and sunshine,
As with happy laugh and crow
Baby learns to peep at sister,
With his black eyes all aglow.

—Grace Rose, Starkey.

To Visit A Neighbor—Still A Joy

In the mad rush we think we have not time for this or that; we think the day of hospitality, of neighborly feeling, of social intercourse is almost gone and in its place is the money-making idea which drives one day and night, causing his neck to press the collar, his nerve to be strung to the breaking point.

Such is not entirely true, for it was demonstrated yesterday that a large number of La Grandes business men could take a day off and do a little old-time visiting.

The Ad Club members, which means a number of La Grande's business people, went to North Powder in the forenoon, stayed for lunch, drove to Union and dined at the new hotel, stopped at Hot Lake for a visit with Dr. Phy and returned home last evening knowing they had enjoyed themselves; knowing they had renewed old acquaintance with a lot of people in the south end of the county, and firmly convinced that Union county is growing bigger and better each year.

The Observer wishes to commend the idea of the trip. It is so much worth while, that occasionally there should be a repetition of it. All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, some one has said. Well, business men are only boys grown tall, so be careful and don't stick to the grind too strenuously for the first thing you know something will snap and no human garage in the universe can repair the radiator.

The verdict last evening on the return home was that the roads are fine; that North Powder is backed by a very substantial rich country; that Telocaset situated as she is on the high point of the hills commands a wide trade area; that the O.-W. company is doing some actual railroad improvement which is very similar to the work Eastern railroads do in the thickly populated country; that the city of Union is doing a lot of municipal improvement such as paving her streets, erecting concrete bridges and many other permanent and useful things; that the Union hotel is gaining in popularity every day and justly so; that Hot Lake is one of La Grande's very best customers and equal to a factory payroll for the business of this city; that Union county as a whole is one of the best places on the map and she is improving every year to such an extent that it is decidedly noticeable.

Soldiers Want Farms

The Secretary of the Interior reports that for every government farm available today there are 100 service men standing in line. Since last February the department has opened to settlement on irrigation projects 450 farms, and has had 40,000 war veterans struggling to get them, and it has on hand now nearly 200,000 inquiries regarding opportunities to settle on government land.

It is the same experience that former Secretary Lane had, when he was working on a big plan of land redemption and soldier settlement immediately after the armistice. It is, in fact, the usual thing. After every war, in every country, the soldiers seem to want to get back to the land, and the biggest settlements by the great pioneering nations have been made at such times. It was his craving of soldiers for land of their own that was the chief factor in populating and developing the western states, after the Civil War.

Unfortunately the Interior Department is able to do little at present along this line. The best land is gone. It lacks funds to develop the available areas of arid land and swamp land and cut-over timber land, and also lacks legislative authority.

There is some hope, however, in the land settlement provision of the proposed soldier relief bill. This is felt by many to be the most admirable part of the measure, and worthy of being enacted separately if the cash bonus and other provisions fail of passage.

Hoboes ,On Unemployment

L. Francis Shea, secretary of the Hoboes' Union, has advised Secretary of Labor Davis that his organization will be glad to help in solving the unemployment problem. He says the union has prepared a plan which "has been tested successfully, especially with the unskilled, illiterate, never-had-a-chance migratory man or boy." He asks an interview with the secretary in order that he may present this plan.

The hobo is represented as not a vicious thieving and lazy person. He is rather a fairly industrious individual endowed with the wandering foot. He follows the job and the weather here and there, usually engaging in seasonal occupations, never staying anywhere very long, but doing no harm to society. An association of such men must be in possession of a store of knowledge concerning work, workers and employers, to say nothing of human nature in general, at once broad and unique. Their offer to help is not as ridiculous as it sounds.

The administration has been bombarded by all sorts of theoretical and practical schemes for getting the nation back to work. There is no reason why this latest, most surprising offer of co-operation should not be given its share of attention.

How to Improve Business

All the experts agree that the worst of the depression is past, and that basic conditions have been improving for two or three months. There is no need to rehearse the evidence which appears from day to day in the newspapers. All that is necessary is to point out the tendency which, because day to day progress is slow, may not always be clear to the casual observer. That tendency is unmistakably upward.

The only difference of expert opinion has to do with the rate of improvement and the fixing of the time when the growing activity is destined to develop into a boom recognizable to everybody.

Roger W. Babson, one of the most conservative of professional business observers, expects a "distinct upturn" in the coming winter or spring. He thinks that there should be considerable improvement, though, before that, coming in the fall, as the result of "the sales and advertising campaigns now being planned by some of the foremost manufacturers and merchants."

Advertising unquestionably will have a great deal to do with the revival of business. The industries that have already got on their feet are the ones that started early, and advertised heavily along with their price revisions. A big market is just about ripe for the manufacturers and merchants who are wise and bold enough to make a strong appeal at the strategic time.

A scientist says that the probable duration of the earth's crust will be a moderate multiple of a billion years. Then shall we have to go begging a crust from some other planet?

The Germans are beginning to realize that the most profitable business is not always carried on with easy marks.

A news correspondent says that there is a suggestion "from one or two outside sources" that the nation is apathetic about the arms conference. Anybody who thinks so has a pathetic lack of insight into the hearts of the American people.

A Philadelphia paper says a woman in York, Pa., has one rib too many. Isn't that bigamy?

Good-by. Don't take any foreign money.

THE OFFICE CAT

—By JUNIUS—

TAKING THE CURSE OFF

I called a number on the 'phone
A man arose from slumber—
He said in no uncertain tone
"Ring off, you fool, wrong number."
I cursed the service, but alack,
How could I more abuse it?
When the Central's gentle voice came back,
"Excuse it—please excuse it!"

"The Oklahoman race riots" says an editorial in a Chicago paper, "were the outcome of the race prejudice." No use talking, those Chicago editors are the boys to settle things.

We care very little about the announcement that the egg market is stronger. We would greatly prefer to see firmer eggs.

Eve introduced modern bookkeeping, being the inventor of the loose leaf system.

Be that as it may, Dean Brothers are undertakers in New Carlisle, O.

Peter Tumbledown came near losing a lot of money the other day. A slick appearing, smooth-talking stranger induced him to buy several hundred dollars' worth of stock in a moving picture enterprise. Peter says the certificate has the prettiest picture on it of any stock ever offered to him. Only the fact that the bank wouldn't cash his check, because he didn't have any money left there, saved him from being an easy mary. Peter told the man the bank must be wrong; he had a lot of checks left in his book yet.

Is it correct to class love as a skin disease, because it is sometimes of a rash nature?

THEY ARE NOT BLIND

BY A LONG WAYS

Says a news item: "American women have the most beautiful eyes in the world" says a widely known photographer. "And we'd just like to add there is nothing the matter with the eyes of the American men."

We would list as the three greatest or greatest three—how would you say that?—inventions of the last hundred years the telephone, the hamburger sandwich and the discovery on the part of the hotel keepers that they can charge six dollars for a one dollar room and get away with it.

BUT THEL DIDN'T ARREST HER

"The bride was lovely in a chic gray hat, rose adorned, gray slippers and an exquisite corsage bouquet of pink roses and valley lillies completing the costume."—Los Angeles Evening Herald.

What, oh what, has become of the sign, "One minute please, while the operator changes reels?"

"Paw, what is an advertisement?"

"An advertisement is the picture of a pretty girl eating, wearing, holding or driving something that somebody wants to sell."

SO'S EVERYBODY ELSE

"Days are getting shorter,
But they've nothing on me,"
Remarked Johnny Porter,
"For so am I, you see."

Gossip always travels with the clutch in high!

After all, the best way to keep the weeds off the vacant lots is to build houses on them.

FOOL QUESTIONS

M. P. J. asks: "Is the lay of the land sweet music?"

The Key That Unlocks the Door to Long Living.

The men of eighty-five and ninety years of age are not the rotund, well-fed, but thin, spare men, who live on a slender diet. Be as careful as he will, however a man past middle age will occasionally eat too much or of some article of food not suited to his constitution, causing indigeston or constipation and will need a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets to move his bowels and invigorate his stomach. When this is done there is no reason why the average man should not live to a ripe old age.—Adv.

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