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IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



er's art that its present quotation is 4 Pounds, unused, and 2 Pounds used.

"A few specimens of this stamp are worth 100 Pounds, for a quaint reason. By inadvertence, a very small number were originally printed with the picture upside down; and the few still existing fetch the enhanced figure.

"The 50-cent stamp of the 1859 issue, with its embossing, and brown gum, bearing a picture of Abraham Lincoln, is in great demand at 20 Pounds.

"Quite a little romance was attached to the sale of an old stamp to an American collector the other day.

"Looking through one of the 13 volumes of our largest collection, he suddenly caught sight of an old envelope bearing an 1847 George Washington stamp.

"That is certainly remarkable," he exclaimed. "That letter is addressed to my grandfather; and it was written by my grandfather before their marriage."

"He promptly bought it at a high price as a matter of sentiment."

Bible Thought For Today

MAKE YOUR CHOICE:— Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break and steal: heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is there will your heart be also. —Matthew 6: 19-21.

Unfinished Link in Highway

More profanity and loss of temper had been expended on the sixteen miles of highway in Umatilla county from Meacham to Dead Man's hill than any other portion of Northwestern roads.

Every tourist loses his religion, hates his country, his flag and his family by the time he wobbles through this almost impassible piece of road.

The Observer, anxious to know what was the future for this missing link in an otherwise good highway addressed the Highway commission and we were informed that Umatilla county had not been in shape financially to take care of this piece of road as per the agreement with the different counties. However, plans are under way to provide for this and the Highway commission assures this paper that by the end of 1922 all the Oregon Trail will be completed in a most satisfactory manner.

It had been hoped that contracts for grading this particular stretch of road could be let this fall so that the winter would settle the grade and be ready for travel early in the spring, but this is not as yet certain.

La Grande As A Meeting Place

Conventions and gatherings of state or district size are finding La Grande to be the ideal point in Eastern Oregon to hold such meetings. People here open their homes and the general population is delighted to have strangers within our gates.

La Grande does not bid for the meetings from a financial point of view. Our people still belong to that old-fashioned class who delight in having "company" and want the outside world to come and appreciate the city and the surrounding valley.

The other day George Quayle, secretary of the State Chamber of Commerce, was here. He drove over the valley and when he returned he remarked, "Say, I find at home here. It is so different from much of the west where many things have yet to be done to make it a really desirable place to live. Here things are done. People can live the life they live in Iowa on Grande Ronde valley ranches. I am deeply impressed with this valley."

And so it is with everyone who comes and is willing to be convinced. Again the Observer says without fear of contradiction: La Grande and the Grande Ronde offers the best place to live and those who come with a desire to work and make good cannot fall here.

Dr. Mayo And The Nurses

Those who engage in the profession of healing, more than any other professions, are bound by ethical obligations, says the Portland Oregonian. The dignity and service of their calling toward mere monetary reward. It was this truth that Dr. Charles H. Mayo had in mind when recently he charged that the nursing union "has come to be the most unscrupulous

shop in the country." Such a criticism from an eminent authority, is too serious to be set aside as the mere prejudiced whim of an individual.

Dr. Mayo asserts that but two classes of Americans are equally armed against suffering—the rich and the very poor. The former can afford to pay for the best of care. The latter receive it through the charity hospitals. But the plight of the average family, when ill health or accident occurs, is not an enviable one. Its members are too well-to-do for charity, and too short of funds for service of the sort required. While all physicians, as Dr. Mayo infers, make due allowance for the financial circumstances of the patient, the leaders of organized nursing "have carried their methods too far and with too high a hand, and in so doing they have lost sight of the real impulse of their profession—the alleviation of the pain of the world."

He regards with an instinctive repugnance the fact that the organization of nurses has already been productive of strikes in hospitals, and sends a speculation after the hypothetical disaster that would ensue were physicians to become unionized and enforce their demands by the strike. Says Dr. Mayo:

"Seven dollars a day for an eight-hour day is more than exorbitant; it is prohibitive. It means that in cases of dangerous disease where constant skillful care and watching are necessary to save the life of the patient, three nurses must be employed at a cost of \$21 a day. How, I ask, can the man and woman of average means afford to pay such charges? They cannot do it. Neither can the hospital, if they wish to keep open their doors."

It should be borne in mind that Dr. Mayo is not protesting against the right of specialized nurses to exact from the wealthy a fee commensurate with their service and the purse of the patient, but against the inflexible application of fixed charges in instances where hardship is wrought by inflexibility, and when an enforced economy may mean protracted suffering or death. One wonders what Florence Nightingale would have said of the union idea?

Moreover, Dr. Mayo intimates that the spirit of the union is one of prejudices to the effective service of its members. Nursing, he insists, is quite as much a matter of the heart as of the head, and no amount of scientific training will avail to transform a cold-hearted materialistic woman into a cheerful and efficient ally of health. It is difficult to conceive of an argument that would refute this logic. Our nurses can no more afford to lose track of the humane idealism of their calling than we can afford to lose faith in their sincerity.

The right of every person to the best medical and surgical attention, to nursing such as wealth commands, is not to be gainsaid. It is the old in-

herent right to life, to survival, where in all should be equal. When Dr. Mayo champions it, as in this instance, he speaks for millions who live in dread of the dark days that may come—days when an arbitrary and callous financial ruling may compel him or his to endure needless suffering. This fear must be entirely dissipated before all are equals in fact, as in theory.

That dark hour before dawn may be with us now. There may yet be no strike. Let's hope so.

Another king is dead. This time it is the king of Bavaria of whom the world knew little, so his demise may not amount to a great deal.

Portland is to be the base of sale for fleet surplus stocks. Some of those dollar a month boats may be had at bargains.

Everyone should turn out and hear Three-Fingered Jack Godwin if he preaches in La Grande for he is a type that is fast passing and he is an earnest talker.

STAMP BOOM IS ON IN LONDON

Londoner Discusses Valuable Stamps; Old Issues Well Engraved.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—Several American stamp collectors have been in London lately eagerly trying to secure the pick of English collections of United States stamps. One reason for the present boom in American stamps, a well-known London stamp dealer explains, is the fact that the older issues are remarkably well engraved.

"Americans," this dealer continued, "are particularly keen on issues depicting scenes in their national history."

"The 24-cent issue of 1862 shows a picture of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. It is so excellent a specimen of the engraving



What could be more fitting than that Gaston Glass should be Viola Dana's leading man in "Glass Houses"? And so he has been signed by Metro for the job.

"Eden And Return" has been selected as Doris May's second vehicle for R-C Pictures. Who'd want to return?

"The Rise of Roscoe Paine," a Joseph C. Lincoln novel, has been chosen by Hodkinson as Irene Castle's next production. Camera work will begin within a few days.

Charles Ray has just finished shooting "Gas Oil And Water." Before he begins shooting "The Dance Of Spoons" he will have a brief vacation, shooting ducks.

Buster Keaton has completed "The Boat" for First National. Which has nothing at all to do with "The Ship," a forthcoming Italian picture.

The next Benj. B. Hampton Production to be released by Hodkinson after "The Mysterious Rider" will be "Heart's Haven," the popularization of Clara Louise Burnham's novel. The all-artist cast is headed by Robert McKim, Claire Adams and Carl Ganvoort.

Edward Jose is at work on "The Prudential Judge," a Vitaphone special starring Jean Paige. Peggy Shannon, well-known serial "heavy," is cast in an important role.

There's a grand cast in "Grand Larceny," Elliott Dexter, Claire Windsor, Lowell Sherman, Roy Citwell, Tom Gallery and Richard Tucker are all in it. Goldwyn will turn "Grand Larceny" loose upon us.

The delicate beauty of Mabel Ballin, star of "Jane Eyre" and other big Hodkinson screen successes, so attracted W. T. Benda, the famous Polish artist, that he begged leave to paint her portrait. It has been completed and is a splendid artistic achievement.

The interior workings of "A Man's House" will shortly be exposed by Selsnick.

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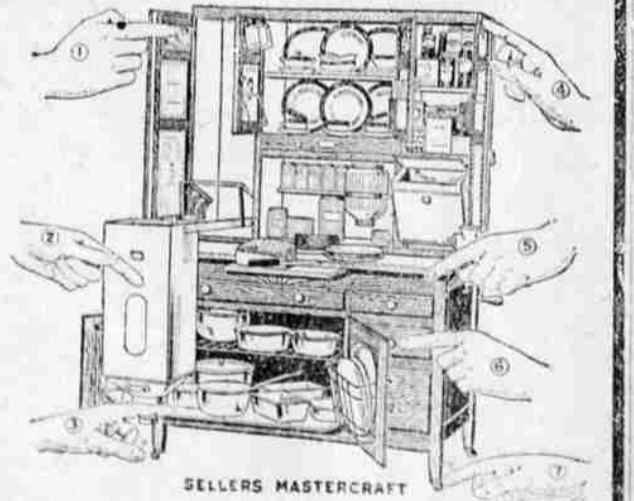
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