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IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



Meliorism

A representative of the National Grange at Washington calls himself a "meliorist." Washington news writers seem to be "intrigued" by the word, as on up-to-date fiction writer would say, but there is nothing new about it. The Standard Dictionary defines "meliorism" as "the improvement of society by regulated, practical means," and explains that it is "opposed to the passive principle of both optimism and pessimism."

Meliorism is "dynamic." It holds that the world is neither the best of possible worlds, nor the worst, but that it is capable of improvement. The true meliorist is one who not only believes that but, because of his practical faith, sets about doing what he can in the way of improvement.

Meliorism is what is needed more than anything else today, in this country and elsewhere, as a working faith.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

Love is like hush. You must have confidence to enjoy it.
When you hold your girl's hand you're a million miles from nowhere.
We lost our spirit when they took away our booze.
You should never steal a watch, because a lawyer will eventually get the case and you the words.
The unlucky months for getting married are: Jan., Feb., March, April, May, June, July, Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec.
After a man came woman and she has been after him ever since.
Everything has gone down except paper and envelopes. They are stationary.

LAW OF THE ROAD
"Hey, you! Don't stop your car near my horse!"
"Don't worry, I know the rules. Don't park near a plug."
One lady says some of the magazine covers should be barred from themselves.

ARRIVALS AT HOT LAKE.
HOT LAKE, Oct. 26.—Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Marshall, Portland; B. W. Montgomery, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. W. H. Ellis, Baker; Mrs. J. Pring, Nampa, Idaho; Mrs. J. Douglas, La Grande; James Williamson, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Rogers, Marshfield, Oregon.

Bible Thought For Today

A REAL FOOL:—He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool.—Prov. 28: 26.

Quite Proper

Brunfield was found guilty of first degree murder. The verdict is a proper one. Such men as Brunfield who dress nicely, have Chesterfieldian manners should not evade the law.

It is a compliment to Douglass county citizenship that the jury was obtained right at the seat of the crime which would convict in the first degree.

Of course the usual legal delay will occur before execution for there will be an endeavor made for a new trial, but from the evidence brought forth at the trial just closed it would seem there is nothing left but for the wiley doctor to pay the penalty for having killed the old sheep herder with his own life.

Bear it in Mind

There is to be a city election soon for the purpose of empowering the city commission to provide for this city the coming winter. Don't overlook it, and go and vote for the measure. When you vote against it you are voting against your own interests, you are voting to decrease the value of your property—yes, you are voting to bring on a calamity here one of these days if you fail to vote for the water system improvement.

Praise for Presbyterians

It was a pretty compliment paid the Presbyterians of La Grande when a lady leaving for her home after the Synodical meeting said, "It was one of the best banquets I have ever attended and the pie was wonderful. La Grande should be proud of the Presbyterian ladies."

We are proud of them. We are proud of the meeting that was held here, of the good that was done, of the resurrection of the old-time hospitable spirit of entertaining one's neighbors at the home, of the program and the many good talks, all of which tended to better conditions and improve civilization.

The banquet and the pies were good, it is true, but better than these was the spirit of the church folk and the good work accomplished.

Ad. Club's Social Side

La Grande has a very live, active commercial organization in the Ad club. It is doing things and can and will do more. But there is a report now in circulation that the club is to have dances this winter and that it is also to have a literary society for the discussion of world topics. All mighty fine, for these are the things that makes business refuse to get dull.

The Ad club can be just as strong a feature socially as it is commercially.

J. B. Buckner, a member of the Spruce company, fell from a scaffold at the mill at Millport, breaking both arms and receiving other injuries.

With 50 men working on ditches and on dam foundations, a mile of canal has already been built in the Silver Lake Irrigation project in Deschutes county.



Sometimes, we, Juniors, the Office Cat, get the feeling that we are real smart and then we ask questions such as "What has become of the old-fashioned housekeeper who made good preserves out of watermelon rinds?" We think that we have put forth one of Edison's Quizzers, but this time we were mistaken, for immediately there came a reply and we were asked to call at 1904 First St. for a sample of real watermelon preserves. And did we go? We put on our new plush coat and our last year's hat and sallied forth. Upon reaching 1904 First we found that this was the home of Uncle Jap Stevens, the famous soda pop man. We were ushered in and given a most delicious luncheon and much to our joy we found a dish of watermelon preserves. Not a taste, but a Pike's Peak dish of them. And never again will we say we have not had honest to goodness preserves. Mrs. Stevens is one of the pioneers of this county and entertained us with stories of former days. After this we will say, "All Hail to the Watermelon Preserve Lady," and ask no questions.

HOMES For Sale

7-room modern house at 1801 2 for \$2500. Absolutely worth the money.
Modern home corner 2d and Adams central location; heating plant; trees and lawn.
Modern home in every respect on Washington. This is new property and up-to-date in every way.
6 room house, lots in splendid condition for \$2900; plumbed; wired cellar; near high school.
Modern 8-room house on Main, near 4th. This is a desirable property. Trees, paved, new heating plant. Priced right.
Modern 6-room house on Adams for \$2800. A splendid property.

5-room house and two choice lots at 2112 L street for \$1650. Only \$200 cash required.

Geo. H. Currey
108 Elm St. Phone B-2601
Real Estate Insurance

STAR Today Sunday

A J. PARKER READ JR. Production

LOUISE GLAUM
in
"I AM GUILTY!"
By Bradley King

The drama of a fear-tortured soul.

AND
MACK SENNETT COMEDY
"BUNGALOW TROUBLES"
It's a Two-storied Scream.

FREE!
VELOUR POWDER PUFF
In EIDERDOWN COVER
Something new, dainty clean and attractive. Saves powder, keeps handbags clean.
See Them
L. & L. Drug Co.

FOOL QUESTION
L. D. Asks: "When the door's ajar can you use it for canning?"
E. K. Asks: "What kind of a boy fits a look of hair?"
An optimist is a man who goes to a dance without suspenders.
Now that the Ku Klux Klan has evoked public and official opposition its prominence if not its permanence is assured.
When a movie actor or an orator receives an invitation an invitation to work in or around Hollywood, it might be termed "The Call of the Wild."
Of course the eyes may be the windows of the soul, but it is through the mouth that you learn there is nobody home.
Now that we have national prohibition they are equipping school boxes with individual drinking cups, sort of souvenir, or what is the idea?
Our idea of a girl without ambition is one who is contented to lie in a hammock while other girls ride by in automobiles.

Black and White Sheet Wadding 5c

NK West & Co
THE QUALITY STORE

"Kazoo" Supporters For Boys 75c

A Large Shipment of The Season's Newest Neckwear

Dainty Collar and Cuff Sets, Fronts, Laces by the Yard etc.—All New!

A truly wonderful display, you will say when you view these new arrivals. So many are in the cream and off ivory tones. Many of these delicate laces are French, many of the styles are Paris inspired, but the actual beautiful creation is American, and critical women are sure to be delighted with them.

Separate collars, collar and cuff sets, fronts with collars and cuffs to match, separate fronts and beautiful laces by the yard to be made into fronts, collars and cuffs. Each one's an achievement.
Priced 50c to \$6.00

New Low Footwear of Exceptional Quality

New Oxfords and pumps have been arriving at intervals during the past week. Our stock of low footwear is at present the best I have seen in weeks.

Among recent arrivals are brown kid and calf oxfords, black kid oxfords, patent leather and satin pumps—in the newest styles for the season.

We invite to our shoe department for the sole purpose of inspecting these. Priced, \$7.75 to \$10.

Arrivals Of the Past Week
Infants' Double Woolen Blankets
As soft as cotton, size 36x54 Will not scratch. Many recent calls for these little blankets have caused us to make extra efforts to secure those—and we are sure mothers will be pleased with them. Price \$4.50 pair.
Knit Caps and Toques for the children
Bright colors, striped, two toned and plain—just what the school boys and girls want. Every desired color and combination. Priced, 60c to \$2.75.
Steamer Robes From Oregon City Woolen Mills
Several beautiful new Steamer Robes arrived this week. Lovely rich colors, dark and light patterns. All with fringe, and exceptionally heavy weight. Priced, \$8.00 to \$16.00.
Among the other new arrivals, in their various departments are oxfords, boys' khaki sweaters and Sox to match, velvet ribbons, men's knit ties, knit goods and a host of domestics such as, India linens, cambrics, satens, Bias Laps, sheet wadding, Nainsooks, oxfords, wash cloths, ribbons, etc.

Overblouses
Distinctive Models

The smartness of simple lines and the rich coloring of hand embroidery and beading in the new blouses make them thoroughly irresistible. Several beautiful new models arrived by express yesterday and are now on display for the first time. They are of crepe de chine, headed and embroidered. Priced from \$7 to \$12.

TRENERASTIC GIRDLE
The all-elastic corset. It is a radical departure from the conventional style corset, both in material and the manner of construction. They are made to meet the prevailing styles, and are not intended to reduce the waist size but to modify the hips. Equally desirable for street, evening or sport wear. A variety of styles and lengths. Priced at \$4 to \$6.00. Ask to see them if not familiar with this new corset. Two Corsets for girls and small women.

BLANKETS For Winter Nights
Quality in every pair
Now that the chill days are approaching you will be thinking of warm woolen blankets. Our stock is particularly attractive both in quality, variety and in pattern.
To those who are contemplating new blankets or comforts we earnestly request you to inspect the values of this department before purchasing.
Blankets \$2.25 to \$15.00
Comforts \$2.75 to \$8.00

RAGS Wanted at the Observer

Things Electrical

We have just received a big shipment of electric irons, percolators, waffle-irons, and various other electrical appliances.

This is the opportune time to stock up. Remember the holidays will be on us before we know it.

Eastern Oregon Light & Power Company