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IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



AUNT SARAH DEABOY, LEADER OF THE SOCIETY FOR SUPPRESSION OF PIPE SMOKING, TODAY BROUGHT JAMES BARKMAN, THE WELL-KNOWN REVENUE AGENT, TO TOWN TO PUT DOWN THE TRAFFIC IN HOME BREW.

As we waged our furious battle, The covers became disarrayed, My teeth they began to rattle, While I became greatly dismayed.
In vain I called for assistance, No light could I find anywhere, So the noise of my earnest resistance And chatter—well, quite filled the air.
At last the pillow was taken, I jumped far out on the floor, My enemies both were shaken, So I curled myself up by the door.
There I shivered away, most dejected, With the pillow thrown over my head, To awake in the morning contented, When I found both bags frozen in bed. —IKE.
EVERY SO, YEA VERILY, Today you sleep up the dust at 35 per. Tomorrow the judge gets your "dues"—\$25 worth or so.

A determined effort is being made to ban the Ku Klux Klan. The day is past when night hood was in flower.

North Powder Items

(Special to The Observer) NORTH POWDER, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Joe Sanders left Friday last for Pendleton to spend the holidays with friends and relatives.
Ralph Hutchinson and Ted Gilkison both students at O. A. C., are spending the holidays at their respective homes.
Jimmie Wicks went to Baker Wednesday of this week to visit his daughter, Pearl, in the hospital at that place.
Mrs. Beasie Wallis was called to Pendleton Monday to attend the funeral of her mother.
Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Davis are enjoying a visit in Walla Walla with their daughter, Mrs. J. M. Shaw and her family.
C. E. Pearson made a business trip to Baker Tuesday.
R. H. Diggs left for Portland Monday morning after spend Christmas with the Thos. Beaumont and Will Pearson families.
Mr. and Mrs. Homer Corner were Baker visitors Wednesday. Owing to poor roads the Christmas

Bible Thought For Today

THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN.—Bring ye all the tithers into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.—Malachi 3:10.

Uncle Sam Makes Jobs

As part of the government program for creating jobs for the unemployed, the Treasury Department will take up at once additional construction work totaling \$14,762,000. The work will be distributed throughout the country. Among other items is the expenditure of \$2,500,000 on three hospitals at soldiers' homes.
These big public projects do far more than provide jobs for the men immediately employed upon them. They mean the prompt stimulation of private business in all directions as the call for supplies goes out and the payment of wages starts new chains of buying. Every industry which supplies contributory materials feels the stir of life in its farthest ramifications, and so does every business which deals in the necessities and luxuries of the wage earner. Thus the climb back to prosperity begins.

Fairies In Russia

Of course a Russian official dares tackle anything. Still, it seems a trifle over-bold for the Soviet commissioner of education to attempt at a single penstroke to abolish fairies. He is reported to have ordered that all the old fairy tales and folk lore of whatever race or age must be suppressed. He has invited authors to write a new library of stories in which there must be no element of superstition, no mention of angels, fairies, kings, princes, religious subjects or mythology. Only the achievements of man in science and industry may furnish the substance of the new tales.
There is no denying that there is a good deal of romance in modern science and industry. Even so, the commissioner has overlooked two or three little things which may just possibly prevent his work from enduring.
Religion, folk superstition and fairy lore grew with the human race and were established facts in the minds of mankind long before they were ever set down in books. It is possible that they will survive the printed page as serenely as they preceded it. Imagination cannot easily be legislated out of existence.

Disarming The Parks

The president of the American Civic Association wants to "disarm the parks." Observing that parks all over the country are somewhat cluttered up with guns, he suggests that they be eliminated along with the battle ships.
There is something to be said for this proposal, on the score of pacifism, and also of esthetics. The continual contemplation of arms may possibly encourage in some hearts a desire to use them, or at least make their use tolerated as if it were a matter of course. And certainly these modern guns are not beautiful. If mere ornamentation is the aim, something more attractive might be found—a monument, a fountain, or a tree.
Nevertheless there is not going to be any overwhelming desire running through the nation's Main Streets to go out and smash or bury these war relics. They serve as monuments, recalling the horrors and sacrifices of war as perhaps nothing else can. Among Americans at least, they probably discourage warfare rather than foster it. And in time they may have all the greater value because of their obsolescence. People will look at them as we now look at mediaeval armor or instruments of torture, saying, "Our ancestors used these queer, barbarous things."
Civil Service Honesty
The president of the Civil Service Commission in a recent address before the National Civil Service Reform League put in a plea for examinations of broader scope in selecting successful candidates. At present there are funds sufficient only to cover scholastic tests. It is impossible to investigate the moral character, criminal record, habits, reputation, industry, faithfulness, workfulness, veracity, or

loyalty of those who take the examinations.

It is possible, as he suggested, that this permits some dishonesty to creep into the service.
In view of the narrowness of the tests, however, it may be considered remarkable that the standard remains so high. The 697,000 employees of the Federal Government must be pretty straight as a group. They form a small army and could do a good deal of harm were it not for their essential loyalty to the service.

Another reason for rejoicing—the yapping about Yap is about over.

We hope to see the day when the naval powers' dreadnaught ratio will be 0-0-0.

Dr. Barton says there is no husband shortage in America. Yet there are a lot of husbands short just now.

Tell this to the "agrarian bloc" in Congress: The 135-pound pumpkin sent to the White House for Christmas pie was raised in New York City.

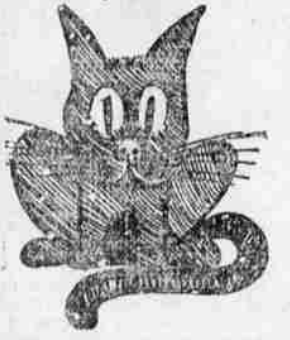
There seems to be a consensus of opinion in high places that Europe must help herself before the United States does much to help her. The only thing is to keep her from helping herself to something we want.

Hawaiian Music Best When Made In Islands

(By Associated Press) HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 29.—Hawaiian music, to be effective, should be composed in Hawaii and not in the Greenwich village section of New York nor in the center of Chicago. It was decided at the first meeting of the Hawaiian Legends and Music commission, appointed recently by Governor Wallace H. Farrington to perpetuate the island fables and native melodies.
The smooth arrangement of notes so familiar in local compositions is possible only in Hawaii and can not be produced "amid the rattle of elevated railroads, subway trains, and other discordant noises of large cities on the mainland," one speaker declared.
The committee decided to take immediate action toward preserving selected native legends that already have been written, to be followed later by the publication of legends, as yet unwritten, which have come down through generations of the Hawaiians by word of mouth. It was pointed out that some of these latter might be lost unless early steps are taken to have them written and published.

THE OFFICE CAT

By JUNIUS



IN A SMALL TOWN HOTEL, I settled down one evening, It wasn't long ago, For the air was cold and chilly— The ground all covered with snow.

To sleep the sleep of the weary, On the bed at the end of the hall, Where the snow and wind so dreary Blew in through a hole in the wall.

And I drew the covers around me, With my knees up under my chin, From somewhere in the darkness, I couldn't see, Two enemies swiftly stole in.

One approached from the west in silence, While the other had taken a line From the pillow, on which I was lying.

To the nose that I always called mine, Before the first snore I could utter, They began their awful attack, The one on my nose made no sputter, While the other, he bit at my back.

I countered, I fenced, I parried, I scratched and I hammered in vain, I turned, but never I tarried, For they were back biting again.

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6-room modern bungalow, near high school, 1/2 block from paved street. Price \$1800.
8-room house, plastered, city water, electric lights, modern, located 1/2 block of land, garage. This place is an excellent garden tract. The location is 1504 V Avenue. \$2500 of the purchase price can be paid for by paying \$12 per month and interest at 7 percent.

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dance at the Bungalow was not nearly as well attended as usual.
Mr. and Mrs. Herman White made a flying trip to Portland last week, leaving on Sunday and returning Tuesday.
Miss Hilda Fisher, one of North Powder's popular young ladies, left last week for Kansas City, where she expects to make her home with an aunt.
Mrs. R. H. Diggs and Mrs. Will Pearson are visiting the A. L. Craig family at their country home west of town.
Mrs. Sarah Dull expects to leave for her home in Tekoa, Wn., after a three weeks' visit with friends and relatives at this place.

Dairy Ranch for Sale or Trade
250 acres, about 2 miles from town. 80 acres of this is good farming or hay land. Balance is splendid pasture, with a small amount of timber. There is a good house and barn, good orchard, plenty water. The price is \$2500.00, subject to a mortgage of \$1800.00, which is payable at \$215.00 a year, which payment includes the interest. Owner will take residence property worth \$2500.00 to \$3500.00, and second mortgage for difference.
We have a party just buying a 16-acre tract outside of the city limits, worth \$2500.00. Would like to borrow \$1400.00 for three to five years.
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Alfred Pearson of Unity was a visitor in town Wednesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Randall Turner, of California, are being entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Crate Mann of Wolf Creek. Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Mann are sisters, both having spent their girlhood days in the vicinity of North Powder.
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