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## IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



DURING AN EXCITING GAME OF CHECKERS IN THE BOARD OF TRADE ROOMS TODAY JOE HULK HAD HIS HAT CRUSHED.

### La Grande's Own Talent

Noted for many good things La Grande takes no second place among the cities of the northwest in musical circles for here we have not only the highly trained voices but also have a number of excellent singers, all of whom have joined in the comic opera, "Hulbul," to be presented at the high school auditorium Monday and Tuesday evenings of next week.

The entire program is full of merriment. It is a gloom dispeller in the fullest sense of the term. If you are tired of mind, worried about business, fearful of another war, sore on the price of wheat, troubled in any manner whatsoever, attend the comic opera both nights. The first night you will enjoy it in a general way and the second night you will appreciate the work of each individual, all of whom are our home people.

It is another event sponsored by the Neighborhood club which alone guarantees its merit, but in addition to this guarantee we might add that Mrs. A. L. Richardson, one of eastern Oregon's most appreciated vocalists, is director of the music, and Mrs. Norman Fries, highly cultured in dramatic art, will direct the dramatic features, all of which doubly insure the excellency of the comic opera.

The earnings of the opera, whatever they be, will go to that very worthy cause of assisting the educational fund for young ladies, a department that has not only been of great benefit to girls who were endeavoring to go through college but also has been a source of great comfort to the ladies of the Neighborhood who know their work is getting results and is along the right lines insofar as it aids the young.

### Please Don't Misunderstand

There seems to be a misunderstanding regarding the Home Charity Fund of the Red Cross which begins Monday morning, in that some hold to the belief that the money to be raised is for the purpose of reclaiming the delinquent young. The Oregonian correspondent in La Grande sent in such a story and that has probably had some effect in making a few form that belief.

This is a mistake. While every effort will be used to save any girl or boy, for that is as much a function of the Red Cross as it is to care for the ex-service man who is down and out, the fact remains that the fund to be raised will be used to feed and clothe the poor people of La Grande. It will be used to provide fuel and do what is needful to keep the home together and render humane assistance to those who are in need of it. Nothing more worthy could be suggested because charity work is essential, no matter how much one may believe that everyone should care for himself. There is always a percentage who need help at times and need it very badly. There are children who need food, who need shoes, who need milk and we are our brothers keeper to a certain extent. It is for these purposes that the drive has been made, and we hope everyone in the city will take the role of it. It is not to turn to state.

### THE OFFICE CAT



SMILE!

The thing that goes the fastest toward making life worth while, That costs the least and does the most Is just a pleasant smile. The smile that bubbles from the heart, That loves its fellow men Will drive away the cloud of gloom And coax the sun again. It's full of worth and goodness too, With much of kindness' plant, It's worth a million dollars, And doesn't cost a cent.

Philosophers tell us that half the world don't know what the other half are doin'. But they haven't tried to get a job this winter. Remember that old parlor out home with the blinds drawn, haircloth furniture, old easel sittin' in the corner with grandpa's picture on it, and the way you felt when Ma sent you in there to get something after night had fallen?

P. L. H. says: Some fellers' idee o' socialism is to set round all the time, and tell how the other feller made his money.

### LET BAD ENOUGH ALONE

We are not in favor of a law prohibiting cigarette smoking; there is



### He Lost Control

INSURANCE  
His car finally came to a stop half way through the plate glass window of a jeweler's store. It caused heavy damage. Cost Him \$5000.  
A man, however, broken axle, bent hub or a hundred other things can involve your car in an accident of this sort any day.  
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### BIRD LORE

Well, if France can't make a deal with the dove, prudence would suggest that she get on good terms with the stork.

A child is a stomach entirely surrounded by curiosity.

EDITOR DROPS A DELICATE HINT  
There is a small matter which some of our subscribers have seemingly forgotten. To us it is necessary in our business. We are very modest and do not wish to speak of it.

Death lurks in white corn liquor, says Louisville prohibition agent, and he ought to know.  
P. S.—We, Junius, think this is very good. For the reason ask the P. D.

Probably there is nothing quite so unimportant in the world as the things father needs when all the rest of the family is clamoring for new duds.

Some mathematical wizard has figured it all out that a man spends two and one-half years in lacing his shoes. What does the bird want to do, go barefoot?

### LEARNED BY ACCIDENT

(By a School Kitten.)  
Robert, who was very cold, had been shivering, at which his friend at the next desk said:  
"Robert, stop your shimmying!"  
"Mc, shimmy? Why I didn't know I could!"

### HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

A short assembly was held yesterday morning in the auditorium attended by the entire student body. Mrs. Lee Warnick, president of the Neighborhood club, announced the presentation of the operetta, "Hulbul" to be given in the high school auditorium on next Monday and Tuesday and also explained that the proceeds would be used for the Educational Relief Fund.

A peppy yell practice was held at the close of the eighth period yesterday afternoon in preparation for the Pendleton game and the game with Enterprise tonight. The student body kept up their reputation for school spirit and entered wholeheartedly into the yell practice.

When the Pendleton girls' sextette arrived on No. 24 yesterday the high school members of the basketball girls gave the Pendletonians

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### The New Coats for Spring

Here are coats that are right—in style, fabric and color—they are right because they exhibit the season's best. Whether you are looking for an inexpensive coat for ordinary wear or something better in either a coat or cape, you will find it advantageous to make an early selection as Easter is late this year and spring coats will be well-picked over in the next month. Prices start at \$12.50 and range upward to \$65.

## THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH

Ponce De Leon came to the new world seeking the fountain of youth. Youth! The magic word! Youth means wealth and energy, health, cleanliness and everlasting strength. Ponce De Leon did not find the fountain. But it is here in this world, for all that. James Watt, who discovered steam and developed the steam engine, was the first to find this fountain. Following him into the new world of science have come innumerable others, studying, working, developing, until the very fountain of youth is here at hand in the electric light and power industry. Through the application of electric light, heat and energy in manufacturing establishments, commercial houses and in the home, unsanitary conditions have been almost abolished. Dust and dirt need not exist; excessive heat or cold can be tempered; tension and strain on employers and employees and on house wives are taken away by a hundred different uses of electric power. Innumerable ills are avoided. Above all, energy is saved and energy is youth! Back of this new force are the huge dams and water turbines, where water power is used, or the stupendous steam boilers, turbines, engines and generators, wires of high tension transmission lines and the infinite web of innumerable smaller wires stretching out over the country. Here is a fountain of eternal youth, indeed! But it must be fed. It has been fed to the amount of millions of dollars by thrifty American citizens who have put their savings into the securities of the electric light and power industry. There are still millions of people to be added to the home patrons alone of electric light and power companies. Vast capital must be invested to supply their requirements, and it can be attracted only if present capital is treated fairly.

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