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## IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



AUNT SARAH FEARBOY, LEADER OF THE SOCIETY FOR SUPPRESSION OF PIPE SMOKING, DELIVERED A SHORT LECTURE ON MAIN STREET TODAY.

Would continually urge a shampoo. He talked so of dandruff. That the townfolk got dandruff. And made this poor barber skidoo.

The man who lays down on the joo picks a mighty poor couch.

"Spring skirts will be six inches from the knee," says a local tailor. Up or down?

"The sky is the limit," originated one day when it snowed and rained at the same time.

The Kaiser wants permission to move to Finland. The finish, as you were about to say.

What has become of the winner of the old fashioned beauty contest, before the days of the movies?

THE FLAPPER DOLLAR.  
Boston Transcript.

Already the critics—call them hypocrites, if you like—are knocking our new silver coin. One writer calls it the "flapper dollar" and says the open-lipped girl thereupon looks as though she might be saying, "Line's busy," or "say, listen." Just that sort of girl, you know.

## Bible Thought For Today

LOVE MASTERS FEAR.—There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear.—I John 4:18.

## Hope for Prohibition

Those who are in favor of a saloonless and liquorless land—and there are a good many of these people—feel sometimes that successful enforcement is pretty slow getting started. At the same time prison authorities, social workers, hospital people and others in position to observe facts and gather statistics reassure the nation and say that the evil is indeed lessening. Occasionally foreign visitors look us over curiously and give free expression to their opinion about our prohibition. B. Sedholm Rowntree, a prominent English manufacturer, recently had this to say about it:

"Our papers are full of the terrible consequences of your prohibition law. I am told of the growing use of drugs, and that an evil much greater than that of drink is growing up in this country. We are told of prisons filled with drunken men and women, and all the rest. Of course, this is rubbish. It was only to be expected that when a tremendous measure such as that came into effect, it would not work smoothly in the first year or two. There is a good deal of infraction and evasion of the law. But on the whole the thing is working with extraordinary success. As I talked with all kinds of employers everywhere in the United States, I found that they are in favor of it and would not go back on any account. I met only two men out of several hundred who held a view contrary to that."

To this testimony may be added the interesting fact that when an organization in Australia recently sent an inquiry to this country on the success of prohibition, 115 chambers of commerce replied that they were in favor of it, 27 replied favorably and 13 were non-committal.

The cause is not a lost one yet.

## The New House

If you are building your new house a cupboard to house your stumps, oil-mops and vacuum cleaner, says an experienced housekeeper, why put it in the kitchen, where you use none of these things? Why not in the front hall, or near it, handy to the rooms where you use this equipment most? And leave air spaces in the door if you don't want a fire.

And have you got the sink and other working surfaces in your house plans at the right height to avoid back-ache? The fact that they need to be built wrong is no reason why they should be if you are building, or remodeling, or have a few dollars to invest in kitchen comfort.

Have you planned a kitchen so big you walk miles getting a meal? Not likely. In these days of compactness. But have you gone to the other extreme and made your kitchen so compact that you have to put the salad on the floor while you are dishing up the potatoes? Better make it just big enough to allow a handy table on castors to float around from sink to range for all the odd jobs.

Then, how about a coat closet? Have you planned one big enough to allow the usual guests to hand their wraps as well as the family's? People have an awful way of insisting, "Can't I just leave mine here?" when you hoped they would go upstairs with them, and thus cluttering up the already crowded hall.

## The \$19.44 Toad

It has been accepted for some time that the toad was a friend to man, but even persons highly disposed in his favor may be surprised to know the high financial worth of that friendship. It has been estimated that the value to the farmer of each individual toad upon his farm is no less than \$19.44.

This value is not in the intrinsic being of the creature himself, but in his bug-destroying abilities. He has a liking for certain insect pests and devotes his humble energies to pursuing them and eating them alive, thus preventing them in their turn from preying upon the fruits and crops. What is more, all the chagrined him as a wart-producer are false. He also has certain reliable home-keeping qualities which rank him among certain exemplary citizens.

he has been known to linger in them for 20 or even 30 years.

In this material age it may be that these simpler qualities would offer little guarantee for his future, but considered at \$19.44 worth of crop insurance his preservation becomes a foregone conclusion.

## "Kept in Honor"

The arms conference has closed with a record of accomplishment greater than had been hoped for it, even by the enthusiastic. It is hardly conceivable that the resulting treaties will fall of ratification, nor should the force of public opinion which led to the calling of the conference permit any such failure.

Once the treaties have been ratified, there remains only the simple business of keeping the agreements made. As President Harding said in his speech at the close of the conference: "I will say with every confidence that the faith pledged here today, kept in national honor, will mark the beginning of a new and better epoch in human progress."

Perhaps the greatest wrong which Germany did the world was in setting her famous example of breaking her pledged word and pronouncing the solemn agreements which she had signed "mere scraps of paper." She showed the world that this could be done openly by a great, powerful, Christian nation, supposedly far advanced in culture and civilization. As a result, the conclusions of this last greatest step toward peace must be marred by the condition, "if the faith pledged here today be kept in national honor."

It is up to the people who are honest, who keep their word and who desire to live in peace, to see that the faith is kept, and that no pleas of expediency or power, and no personal ambitions on the part of those who govern, make of any people in the years to come, a nation at war because forewarned.

## A Non-Junketing Mayor

The old-fashioned official junketing trip at the expense of the taxpayers may soon be numbered among the lost grafts. It is not so long ago that the official jaunt on every possible excuse was considered a perquisite of public office. The increased interest of the public in economical civic administration, along with a better sense of responsibility in public officials, is working a change.

The mayor and his cabinet from one of the Great Lakes cities have been invited to attend a convention in Washington where the St. Lawrence waterway project is to be discussed. Asked if he and his cabinet would go, the mayor said:

"We will go if it is made clear to us that the people of the city think we ought to attend the meeting. We will not spend the city's money on this trip unless we feel that the people generally are interested."

There is little doubt as the subject to be discussed is important, that the mayor will be urged to take this particular trip, but he deserves commendation for his personal honesty and his comprehension of the spirit of the times.

The bonus doesn't pass—but the buck does.

Mr. Brady, theatrical man, says there are more preachers in jail than actors. It has always been that way, Brady, beginning with Peter and Paul, you know.

Persia has recognized the Irish Free State, but as yet it hardly seems to recognize itself.

The tomato ranks third in the vegetable crops of this country. Is this changed message we have heard so much about?

The slogan of Arizona is "Buy something made from copper." But the national slogan is "Buy it with brass."

It's all in the point of view. We understand that the Russian soviet government is horrified at American dancing.

It is said that onion speculators made rich profits last fall. That made them smart. The onion market ought to be strong.

It is reason that some reformers never get any place is that the reformers are not very popular.

## THE OFFICE CAT

By JUNIOR



### JUST LIKE A MAN.

Paw was stormin' 'round the house an' lookin' fer the comb; Sed he ter Maw, "Some things have legs, the way they seem to roam. Why, 'twuzn't more'n an hour ago I put it right up here," A pointin' to a little shelf atop the chiffonier.

Poor Maw, she never said a word, just side-glanced thoughts at me; As if I knew, if I would speak, just where the comb could be. An, gee, I hadn't seen the thing, 'ez 'twuz on Saturday; When a feller doesn't hev to comb but jest go out an' play.

Gosh! Paw jest kep' stormin' 'round each minute and raised his fire. An' if such words could make a smoke, you'd thought our house afire. 'Twuz in the kitchen 'neath the stove, an' under every chair.

That Paw went hobbin' up an' down, more crosser 'an a bear. He looked the icebox through an' through an' stirred the garbage can. At which my Maw just had to laugh, an' sed, "That kills me!" An' then she riz up from her chair. "Paw, will you please look here?" A pointin' to a little shelf atop the chiffonier.

Women may smoke, but the old-fashioned way of scratching a match still remains a strictly masculine privilege.

That's what you might call the seat of consolation for menfolks. What has become of the Ouija Board that used to tell us everything that was going to happen?

There is no disagreement in the family about one thing, and that is the desirability of owning an automobile.

Rustus Washington called at Silverthorn's drug store the other day. "Boss," he said, "I wants one ob dem plasters you done stick on youah back."

"I understand," said the clerk, "you mean one of our porous pasters."

"No, sah," he replied positively. "I don't want none of your porous pasters—I wants the best one you got!"

### ATTA BOY.

A barber who hailed from Ferlus

## GOOD PROGRAM BY THE GRANGE

(Special to The Observer)

WOLF CREEK, Feb. 24.—Wolf Creek Grange met Saturday, February 18, and was opened in regular form by the Worthy Master Clifford Gilkerson. All officers were present except our Worthy Overseer, Harry Nice. There were a large number present. Seven applications were received and one was balloted on. After the regular business was disposed of the following program was rendered by the lecturer: Address by Brother Archer of North Powder, song by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gorham entitled, "The Songs That Mother Sang," reading by J. A. Nice; song by Miss Bessie McKeene, Myrtle Lancy, Mable McKinney, Perry Simons, Mr. and Mrs. Francis McKinnon and Walter Newell; reading by Helen Bowman entitled "The Old Log House," reading by Homer Carnes; recitation by William Kester, entitled "Silk Stockings," piano solo by Walter Newell; solo by Miss Rose Gilkerson entitled, "Tomorrow Land"; solo by Miss Velma Tulley, "That Naughty Waltz." The H. E. C. committee served cream puffs, doughnuts, sandwiches and coffee for luncheon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Atterbury are quite ill at their home in North Powder. Mrs. H. M. Gilkerson, Mrs. Atterbury's mother, is nursing them. Busy Dozen Club has postponed their meetings until after the roads get better.

Wolf Creek Club will entertain Wednesday night, February 22, at the Hall, each member inviting a couple. They are planning on a nice time. At our next Grange meeting we will have a debate. The subject will be, "Resolved, That the U. S. A. Cancel the Allies' Debt."

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Gilkerson and Mrs. Walter Standley called on Mrs. Ira Harrison Sunday. Mrs. Harrison has been quite ill but is better now. Those who are quite ill are Mr. Harry Nice and family, Homer Carnes and family, George Harrison and family, Mrs. Albert Halstings, Mattie Simons and family, and Mrs. Oscar Smith. Dr. Irvine is a busy man.

## ECONOMY IN SIGHT.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—After Admiral Conant, chief of naval operations had reiterated to the house naval committee Thursday that he stood pat on Secretary Denby's recommendation for an appropriation next year of \$350,000,000 with 90,000 enlisted men, Chairman Butler and other members gave warning that the house would not be disposed to appropriate more than \$200,000,000.

Chairman Butler indicated that the appropriation bill would provide only for about 60,000 enlisted men, and Admiral Conant declared careful figuring by the department had shown the need of at least 57,500 men afloat.

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27 inch  
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A thin sheer material for summer dresses possessing the sheer crispness of organdy and woven with fast colors over white grounds. The patterns are in delicate shades for summer. It is 36 inches wide and priced at 70c yard.



In this one oxford, our shoe department is sure to make many more friends in La Grande, for the ARMSTRONG shoe. In black, \$9.25. In brown, \$10.00.

24 other styles in new spring footwear for women. Priced \$5.25 to \$12.25.



The Spring  
**Oxford**

It has an appeal to every woman. With its low comfortable heel, it is a restful shoe to wear all day. This ARMSTRONG oxford we are showing in black and brown and is one of the most pleasing, well fitting and comfortable oxfords we have had in a long while. It's quality too, is exceptional—in it are found only the finest kid, deer and rich in color, smooth and durable in grain—its sole and heel are products of the finest shoe making.

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**Canton Crepe**  
This silk fabric has evidently made a lasting impression for it is again one of the leaders of a new season. Its different grades have become as varied on the market as crepe de chine and the staple fabrics.

We have just received in our new spring stocks, the popular shades in Canton crepe—the quality of which is unexcelled. It is heavy, lustrous and durable. It is 42 inches wide and priced at \$4.50 yard.

**Dimity**  
Dotted in Pink, Blue or Brown  
60c. yard  
36 inches wide—a lovely quality Shamrock Dimity. Pink, blue and brown dots over white. Very new and very summery for dresses or blouses. Priced at 60c yd.

54 inch  
**SCOTCH Tweed**  
\$2.50 yard

This popular material for suits, coats and sports wear for spring is here in several different weaves and colors. Its width makes it cut to a great advantage in the making of coats and suits. It is priced at \$2.50 and \$2.75 yard.

RIVERIA  
**Crepe**  
\$4.00 yard

A new silk fabric for spring that promises to be popular for skirts, dresses, blouses, etc. Its colors are bright in conformity with the season. It is a difficult material to describe—ask to see it when visiting this department. It is 40 inches wide and priced at \$4.00 yard.

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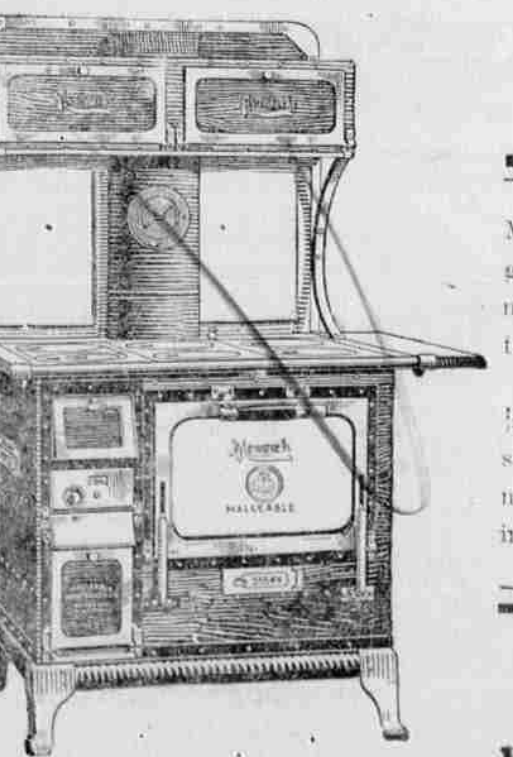
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