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## IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



SPRING FEVER MADE GREAT INCREASES ON THE RANKS OF THE TOWN'S WORKERS TODAY.

year. Jack Dempsey offered \$350,000 to fight. Will Hays in a \$150,000 a year job. Herb Hoover offered \$100,000 a year. And then ask a fool question like that!

A fair correspondent comes out in defense of the modern girl, explaining most convincingly that the young men are to blame because they have lost the oldtime sweetness and charm and we are almost certain now, that if the facts were known, Adam took the apple away from Eve by sheer brute force.

### Must Be Dr. Cupid

"I don't like your heart action," said the doctor, applying his stethoscope. "You've had some trouble with angina pectoris, haven't you?" "You're partly right, doc," answered the man sheepishly. "Only that aint her name."

Having seen it in the movies nineteen times in two weeks, we are beginning to believe that they really do have toboggan sliding at Quebec.

Ask your horse if he likes his hay, and all he'll do is murmur, "Neigh."

## Bible Thought. For Today

**ALL NEEDS SUPPLIED.**—The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.—Psalm 23, 1, 6.

## As They Take Their Places

After spending a few days in Portland the editor of the Observer appreciates the freedom and free air of Eastern Oregon more than ever before.

Down in the metropolis one hears little else but politics—yes, politics of a twisted, self-centered brand; politics that are the product of the social democracy of Oregon which has made taxes mount to the breaking point and caused men to nominate themselves for political preferment.

The headquarters of Ike Patterson are probably the busiest. The callers are many and the enthusiasm is pronounced, for he really believes he will be nominated and it must be admitted that he has quite a following in Portland. He also claims, as the dirt farmer candidate, to have support all over the state.

In Hall's headquarters there are callers, for most people really like Charlie Hall personally. But the callers who come and go show no signs of feeling that they have "a go get 'em Shep" candidate, and the story is current that some of the support from what is termed "Patriotic Societies" is waning and breaking to other candidates.

Louis Bean continues his fight for the chief executive's job with quite a degree of success, it is claimed, and he also has Portland support that is working hard.

Everyone is trying to figure out Olcott's strength and every candidate produces figures to show that Ben never did poll a very heavy vote. When he ran against Withycombe for governor he only received 22 per cent of the Republican vote and this is looked upon with considerable interest and is mentioned as a criterion. But Ben's friends say he has a line of support this time he never had before, and to offset this his opponents say, "yes, and he had support before that he does not now possess."

Saturday night there was a storm on the political ocean in Oregon when General George A. White officially announced that his hat was in the ring to stay and asked all of the contending candidates to take a shot at it. Immediately posters began with their pencils to figure out George's strength. Everyone of them closed his effort by saying, "If George can pull the soldier vote he is a decided factor in this race."

White will take a lot of Olcott votes, etc. will also take some from Patterson, and right now the fight seems to be between Olcott and Patterson. There is reason to believe that he will take more from Ben than he will from Ike, but as to proportions only the ballot box will ever reveal. It is noticeable that White has a lot of friends who before he announced were dilly-dallying with all candidates, but now are square-headed for George. How far this extends over the state is another of those nebulous questions which only the endowed Hindu could fathom.

Mr. Leo is seldom mentioned and it is thought he will poll less than five thousand votes in the state, although all admit he is a fine gentleman.

But the Republicans do not have all the political grief just now. Over on the Democratic side there are signs of serious trouble. Walter M. Pierce has filed for governor, and Walter has a lot of friends over the state who think he is sure winner. Milt Miller is about to file because Milt would like to be governor, and because farther Multnomah county cannot think of letting a sage-brusher exert the governor's chair. The is even talk that drastic measures will be resorted to if necessary to keep the Democratic nomination from going east of the mountains. Then there is the Starkweather candidate which has behind it the Jackson clan. Mr. J. D. Brown

and Frank Meyers and the anti-Chamberlain factions of Democrats. They are all against Pierce, but it is doubtful if they would want Miller, although they claim Miller would be much nearer a compromise candidate than Walter. For Walter has gone up and down the state jarring the very back teeth of the fellows who fought Chamberlain. He has whipped them here and there as he came to them, and now they see a chance for that sweet revenge which is so ferrociously craved in politics. Both sides are making eyes and waiting until the last moment for filing before they will admit what they intend to do. In the meantime, Walter has filed, sent in his hundred dollars and is out feeding the baby calves and singing the song of sweet open air unmindful of the many knives that are being sharpened by his own crowd to lift his scalp, provided they can do it.

In the first congressional district pandemonium reigns supreme. Pat McArthur is running for re-election, while Frank Korrell, a returned soldier, is running on an economy and patriotic platform. His candidacy is complicated some by Maurice E. Crumpacker, who is also a soldier and a very able young man. Crumpacker seeks the congressional honors and he is a forceful campaigner, a bright chap and full of the modern day ideas of doing things. It was a three-cornered fight until Saturday night when Sanfield McDonald, who managed the Hiram Johnson campaign in Oregon, filed his declaration to run for congress on the "light wine and beer" platform. That did raise the natives. Those who still like their nip and those who brew their own hailed the advent of McDonald into the race with a hurrah. The other candidates began studying the situation and wondering who caused McDonald to take the hop off into space. Pat Mac is hopping and he is a talker of vociferous qualifications, never tires and makes hay wherever there is the least chance for hay to be made.

What a hodge podge mess Multnomah has over her legislative ticket. Candidates are running on anti-sectarian platforms, economy platform, women are running and the town is plastered with literature extolling the virtues and capabilities of men and women who want office.

And the meaning of it all is that the present system of selecting candidates is absolutely foolish and defeats the intent of the law which fathers it. Some of these days there will be an awakening. Just when no one will guess, but some of these days men and women who are interested in Oregon are going to step in this mad rush and ask themselves why should the state stand the terrible strain of increasing expense, of so many inferior men nominating themselves. And when that day comes, Oregon will begin to take on the great advancement she should have enjoyed years ago. There will then be party government, which means responsible government. There will then be an end of the cozzies and coozies who wobble into office on a slogan, who make promises galore only to get the office. But until that day comes this state will plod along with her social democracy, her taxes rising each year to confiscation heights and her people who possess property suffering each year the constant decrease in value.

**GERMAN ARMS FOR MEXICO.**  
MEXICO CITY.—The offer of several German factories to sell cheap to Mexico large quantities of war material has been approved by several officials of the war department.

**ANNOUNCEMENT.**  
I wish to announce to my friends and patrons that this is the last week to order trees and shrubbery for spring delivery, but I may have some left over from shipments already received.  
J. H. KILBY.  
4-11-22

**EASTER LILIES.**  
No home complete without a lily for Easter. We have 200 all grown in La Grande. Have you seen them?  
4-10-22  
CHERRY FLORESO

## THE OFFICE CAT



Anybody who can walve all conscientious scruples can become a sort of a "financial wizard," which is a more modern name for a thief.

We're going to buy another suit when congress passes the soldiers' bonus bill, so it looks like we will be wearing nothing but R. V. D.'s for the next few years.

**DIDN'T WEAR STRAW HATS THEN, IN FACT**  
George Washington was first in peace  
And first in war, by Jingo.  
But we'll bet you he wasn't first in a straw hat every spring.

Chicago does not seem to be able to make up its mind whether it has a new crime wave or merely a hold-over from one of the old ones.

We have just noticed somewhere that many an American wife considers her husband a fur-bearing animal.

Cheer up girls, only two years more till leap year.

Banks say the new dollars won't stack up. The old ones did.

The bankrupt watch company which has run down will be wound up again.

**Wouldn't This Tie You?**  
"Sure, Casey dropped his shirt down the well. But the next day he pumped it up again with the water."  
"Oh, I see. A case of pumping up attire."

**Heavens, Yes.**  
Don't try to lift anything too heavy; it will tax your strength, and we have enough taxes now.

**THEIR**  
"Why was the revolution called off?"  
"A horde of American tourists arrived. We thought we'd get their money before we had any fighting."

**Cheep Up!**  
Has prosperity returned? What a question! Babe Ruth, \$75,000 a year.

**Time is Money**  
Every tick of the clock may be made of value to you by depositing your funds in this bank and investing the surplus over your checking account requirements in high grade securities.  
We are prepared to give our customers expert advice as to the safety of proposed investments.  
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**Doings of the Ad. Club**  
C. E. Short, President.  
A. W. Nelson, Manager.  
Telephone Main 769.

**Baker Men Coming.**  
Next Tuesday a delegation of officers and members of the Baker County Chamber of Commerce will visit La Grande and be guests of the Ad club. This is preliminary to a like visit by a La Grande delegation to the Baker chamber, the great idea being that the two towns should have more in common.  
Up to the present moment no definite arrangements have been made as to who shall serve the luncheon or where it shall be served. The Foley hotel management is now rebuilding its dining room and for the next three months will be unable to accommodate the Ad club in their regular luncheons. Arrangements, however, will be made to continue the luncheons for a time at least.

**What Other Towns Pay**  
That the Union County Ad club has been operated up to this date at a far less expense than other similar institutions is shown by figures presented a few days ago to the Ad club by J. E. Ladd, president of Baker. When Mr. Ladd presided at the city luncheon a week ago he reminded the members that La Grande would have to raise its sights because the details are constantly increasing for the city is growing and the time has arrived when additional finances must be applied to the Union County Ad club. He stated among other things:

"The Chamber of Commerce having the best financial support west of the Mississippi river, among the larger cities at least, is the one in Portland which has a revenue of 94c per capita. San Francisco has 47c; Kansas City, 43c; Pittsburgh, 42c; Denver, 40c; and Los Angeles have about 1/15 members for each one thousand population, while Minneapolis, Kansas City and Portland have slightly over 1/14. Baker has about 1/15, and La Grande about 2/15."

A. W. Nelson, manager of the club, has returned from Pendleton, where he was in conference with the manager of the Pendleton association, and reports that the Pendleton income is based on about 500 members at \$2.00 apiece per month in contrast with \$1.00 per month charged in La Grande.

The Oregon City Commercial club, operating in a town about the size of La Grande, are quite pleased over the new membership drive which brought their total to 661 members, which is a little over 1/10 per cent of the population. The Oregon City people raise \$7,000 annually in contrast to about \$2,500 in La Grande.

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# Women--Read the Story of The Greatest Hosiery Sale

Both Silk and Lisle at Great Savings

Phenomenal selling should mark the opening of this event for it is the greatest hosiery sale, outside our Annual January Clearance, that this store has ever held and it is known for its exceptional offerings in hosiery. Prices are stable now in silk hosiery except in a few instances where they have advanced, and each offer that is made here now represents a saving of from 25 to 50 per cent.

Women Should Supply Their Needs for Months

from these exceptional offerings. All are on display in the main aisle of this store—all wanted sizes and colors. Phone orders and mail orders will be filled promptly and correctly, but none may be exchanged or returned.

"Burlington" All Pure Silk Hose--\$1.19

These are all perfect hose taken from our regular stocks and reduced for this Easter sale. They are in black and brown, all sizes. With reinforced heel and toe and lisle garter tops. Very specially priced at \$1.19 today.

Ladies' Lisle Hose Ribbed tops--Outsized--Regulars 33c pair

This hose is undoubtedly the greatest value in this sale. Women have repeatedly bought them from our regular stocks at 65c and 75c a pair, and when the opportunity came to secure a large amount at a special price concession, we took advantage of it and the result is that we are able to sell them at half their regular price. Some may be slightly imperfect but in no way that will impair their wear. All sizes in black, brown and white, 33c pair.

Pure Silk Hose 69c

These are "Phoenix" make—seconds of a regular \$1.20 hose. They are all pure silk and the defects are hardly noticeable. In black and brown only. Ask for these at 69c pair.

Distinctive and New!  
**BLACK SATEEN APRONS**  
\$2.25 to \$4.50  
—With applique design of very bright colored crepe, crotone or saten. They are made for house wear and are extremely attractive. We are sure you will like them for their distinctiveness, their quality materials and their exceptionally low price. They are on display in our ready-to-wear department.

An "Armstrong" OXFORD Of Patent Leather  
—Made with low broad heel, welt sole and square toe. A very popular shoe for spring, dressy, stylish and of Armstrong make.  
—Our Easter displays of all footwear are the finest we've ever had for men, women and children.  
—This oxford is attracting particular attention at this time.

Priced \$8.50  
New Spring Footwear in Complete Showing For Easter

## FEED IS SHORT IN LADD CANYON

LADD CANYON, Apr. 12.—The bad weather is discouraging for the stock men in our district. Feed is short and if it continues to storm we can hardly hope for anything better this month.

The Get-Together club met at Mrs. A. E. Peobler's last Thursday. A goodly number of ladies were present to enjoy Mrs. Peobler's hospitality. At the regular business meeting it was decided to send Easter flowers to Miss Helen Peobler. A nice luncheon was served by the hostess at the end of a pleasant afternoon. The next meeting will be April 21, at Mrs. H. W. Peobler's.

Miss Bertha Salisbury visited the club last week and attended the club.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Titus spent Sunday with Mr. Titus' mother in Union.

Misses Bernice and Zella Lofland were callers at the Lofland home Sunday.

Miss Amy Miller spent the week-end at home, before leaving Saturday night for Portland, where she has accepted a position with her former employer, Hilton and Daniels, now in the real estate business.

Mrs. A. L. Peobler and her daughter, Mrs. Allen, came in from Idaho, where they have been spending the winter and are at H. W. Peobler's visiting.

Clyde Hoppel has been quite sick. Mr. Hoppel was taken ill at his work. A physician was called and took him to the Grande Ronde hospital, where he remained over-night and is glad to say he was able to accompany Mrs. Hoppel home the next day and is much improved.

Mrs. Barton and wife went to Portland last month where Mr. Barton remained two weeks taking treatments for his injured arm. Mrs. Barton remained over one week then returned home. Mr. Barton is now home and feels that the treatment was a great benefit to the arm he has been suffering with for some time.

The Club met at D. W. Millers on March 26, with Mrs. Roy Titus as hostess. The afternoon was spent in social conversation, needle work, etc. Twenty-seven ladies were present, several visiting. A pleasant afternoon was spent. The usual business luncheon was served by the hostess.

The club was entertained at the home of Mrs. James McClure March 31. Eighteen ladies were present to enjoy the meeting. At the business meeting a letter of thanks was read from Mr. and Mrs. Neil McClure for the flowers sent for Little Eloise. We are glad to say Mrs. McClure is improving in health. A delicious luncheon was served by the hostess before going home this time.

The last of a series of parties given to the Get-Together club was well attended on March 17th, a St. Patrick's day party. Mrs. Johnson was chairman and was assisted by Mesdames McCauley, Peobler, Austin and Council. The party was given in Peobler's hall and was a very pleasant affair.

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