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BAKER AND HER WHISKERS.

Baker is old enough to grow a beard, and, to use the expression of Uncle Dave Littlefield who lived at the head of Washington gulch and wore a flowing beard, "By heck, she's going to do it."

It is not because Pete Howard and the rest of the barbers of Baker are on a strike, neither is it because the fair ladies of the sister city simply adore beards and believe that knights of old had the right hunch when they taboed the steel blade; nor is it because Dan French and Louie Levenger have run out of safety razors and blades to match—ah, no, there is a deeper reason for the Baker whisker habit.

Men have refused to cut their hair and shave their faces until Bryan is elected president, and this happened in Baker, and they grew more shaggy than a Collie dog, holding onto their pledges until some kind friend took them into the California carrol and either convinced them of their folly or forcibly clipped the surplus hair from face and head. But even this is not a parallel case with what is transpiring in Baker now in the whisker line.

There is a deep seated plot in that city—a plot that is mentioned in whispers only. Here it is: Old Ezra Meeker and his corps of attendants are to visit Baker on the Fourth of July to rededicate and do a lot more things to the Oregon Trail, and through some respect for old Ezra and his pioneer band, the business men of Baker have decided to let their whiskers grow until the day following the Fourth of July.

A great thing to do, for the local mattress factory there will profit hugely by the effort and Uncle Ezra will feel honored when he sees the Chamber of Commerce members marching down Front street to the strains of music from Louis Freitag's band, all wearing flowing beards—and a smile.

PAVING DAYS AGAIN.

Judging from the decision of the city, commission La Grande is to enter the paving period once more. It will not be on such a broad scale as we had in 1911 but there are a number of connecting streets and extensions which should and likely will be graveled or paved during the coming summer.

La Grande is growing steadily and the paving of a few yards also falls a trifle short of meeting the demands of the people. Men build homes and they find that they have a block of mud to travel with their ears before they can reach their own garage. As a result the desire to have more paving shapes itself. On the north side there is a district asking for some kind of a hard roadway, whether it will be gravel or pavement remains to be seen.

When it comes to paving further in the residence section the Evening Observer would like to suggest that the narrow two-way pavement with parking in the center be considered. Nothing adds more to the attractiveness of a city than to have the residence streets paved with a park in the center and La Grande is becoming quite well known for her beautiful residence sections anyway. Let us add to that beauty by establishing the two-way pavement, for it costs even less than the wide single-way street.

The Crawfish at Home

There is a river leading into one of the Great Lakes, a shallow river, near its mouth. It has low banks, well shaded, and is a paradise to small boys and fishermen of all sorts. Among the latter are always a good many otherwise unoccupied gentlemen, the unemployment of some of whom is of the chronic variety.

Mother picked up the three children after Sunday school, and took them for a walk in the pleasant spring sunshine, over the flowering grass and along the banks. They stopped throwing stones to see them splash when a fisherman came along, hunting crawfish for bait. He showed them to the children, who had never before seen any of the little creatures squirming and naked in their soft shells. Only the eldest had ever seen any crawfish at all.

The fisherman addressed Mother on the subject of children's ignorance. "They don't know nothin' nowadays. Jus' live in the city and don't learn nothin'." He proved a willing and competent teacher, and soon the children knew much about black bass and small-mouthed bass, and crabs that changed their coats twice a year.

He had examples, also, for many of the other fishermen. "Lots o' these fellows don't know enough to put the stones back. They throw 'em over or pile 'em up, or somethin'." This is no good. Gotta put the stones back. And he carefully readjusted the roof of every crawfish home. He not only put his own back, but he built other crawfish homes from stones which the other fellows had tossed aside after getting their victims.

All the true sportsmanship in the world, it appears, is not confined to the membership of country clubs and fishing associations. For we all

the good teachers in the pay of school boards. Moreover, said five-year-old David, to his six-year-old sister:

"Say, Jané, we got to be careful about throwing stones in this river. There's lots of bats animals in it. They might get hurt!"

The inventor of that new engine which will drive a car 300 miles on a gallon of any kind of oil, animal, vegetable, or mineral, has us sitting up keeping our eyes open. We don't care so much about the mineral oil supply, but there are two of the other kinds we recommend. We hope his engine will use up all there is of them every year. Their names are castor and cod liver.

The Colorado state legislature has passed a bill authorizing the construction of the Moffat tunnel. Work is expected to begin Aug. 15 and to take 600 men more than two years before it is completed. It will cut off many miles between Denver and Grand Junction, and much of the altitude and all of the snowsheds. Fine business! Better plan to go through it in 1925.

The story of the Old Oregon Trail issued by the Oregon Tourist bureau as written by W. E. Meacham of Baker suggests that nothing could be more picturesque or fitting than the preparation of that historic trail by which the route to the West was blazed, for the motorized travel of today. No transcontinental highway could make greater appeal to all classes.—Oregon Journal.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen of Canton seems to believe that if he stands still during the fighting his sun will set in the north before long.

THE OFFICE CAT



DON'T KNOCK.

In New York robbers dynamited a safe next door to a police station. The police escaped uninjured.

WHY RUB IT IN?

In Chicago, they found a still under a barber shop. It seems that a policeman was "rubbed."

It is rumored that when Doyle asked a spirit how it got to the next world the spirit answered "Plu."

Many a politician's platform isn't strong enough to run on.

As a girl looks so does a man look.

A CONSIDERATE HUSBAND.

Le Petit Parisian: She—If I'm not greatly mistaken, I heard the clock strike two when you came in last night. Am I wrong?

He—No, my dear, you are quite right. You heard it strike twice. As a matter of fact, it was going to strike eleven times but, fearing that the noise would disturb you, I stopped the clock.

Boston Transcript: "My poems are the children of my brain."
"They should be sent to a reform school."

THE DIFFERENCE.

St. Louis Star: "I speak four languages boasted the doorman of an hotel in Rome to an American guest."
"Yes, four—Italian, French, English and American."

"But English and American are the same," protested the guest.

"Not at all," replied the man. "If an Englishman should come up now I should talk like this: 'Oh, I say, what extraordinary shocking weather we're having! I dare say there'll be a bit of it ahead.' But when you came up I was just getting ready to say: 'For the love of Mike! Some day, ain't it? Guess this is the second flood, all right!'"

THE MUSIC LOVERS.

Fliegende Blatter, Munich: "Why do you go to the concerts if you don't know anything about music?"
"I like to watch the faces of the people who don't know anything either."

If ever we learn to understand the language of monkeys, we'll probably discover that they object to the Darwinian theory, also.

There is no antiseptic known that is powerful enough to purify the minds of some people.

May 10th last day to pay water rent without a penalty. 5-6-3t.

Evils of Constipation.

Perhaps the most serious of the diseases caused by constipation is appendicitis. If you would avoid this dangerous disease, keep your bowels regular. For this purpose Chamberlain's Tablets are excellent, easy to take and mild and gentle in effect.—Adv.

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Miss Marguerite K. O'Leary, of Reading, Pa., who says she has gained eight pounds and can hardly find words to express her praise for Tanlac for the good the medicine did her.



"I am so happy over what Tanlac has done for me I can hardly find words to express my praise," said Miss Marguerite K. O'Leary, who lives with her parents at 1223 Chestnut St., Reading, Pa. "I wasn't exactly what would be called sick, but for a year I had been all run down and sometimes felt so weak and miserable I could hardly hold up my head. I was so nervous the telephone bell or a door closing would startle me so I would tremble like a leaf."

"I needed something to build me up and give me strength and energy, and that is exactly what Tanlac did. It gave me a fine appetite and improved my digestion. I gained eight pounds, the color came back to my face, my nerves became normal and I soon felt as well as I ever did in my life. It is simply wonderful that medicine could make such a big change in any one. My friends and neighbors are surprised when they see me now, and no wonder, for I look like a different person. Tanlac is grand and I never intend to miss a chance to say a good word about it."

Tanlac is sold by all good druggists.

Believes Record is One to Be Proud of

(Special to The Observer)
COVE, May 8.—David Loree, valedictorian of the Cove high school, out of a class of nine, proved to be the high man in the county in the athletic contest held in Union. This is a remarkable record considering the fact that he is carrying a heavy course and participating in class

SECOND BIG WEEK
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plays and community work in general. No school hours have been used in preparing for the field meet and no activity nor duty has been neglected. He is the recipient of three beautiful trophies as a result of his efforts in athletics. He will enter Linfield College this fall as a result of winning the Conference Scholarship.

He will represent Cove at the Eastern Oregon track meet, to be held at Pendleton.

Good Art.

Good art always consists of two things: First, the observation of fact; secondly, the manifesting of human design and authority in the way that fact is told. Great and good art must unite the two; it cannot exist for a moment but in their unity.—Ruskin.

BLUE LAWS ARE NOT ENACTED

Roseburg Council Takes Action Against Closing of Theaters and Other Places On Sundays.

ROSEBURG, May 8.—The Sunday "blue laws" recently proposed for Roseburg will not be enacted, the city council decided and instructed the city attorney that it would not be necessary for him to prepare the ordinance ordered at

the former meeting. Two weeks ago a committee appeared before the council asking that the motion picture houses be closed on Sunday. In placing the motion the council ordered the city attorney to prepare an ordinance closing all places of public amusement. This action immediately brought about a storm of protest and the issue has been agitating the entire community for the past two weeks.

Supporters and opponents of the measure have been spreading their propaganda on every hand and the whole community has been aroused over the issue.

Nth Degree in Something.
If some men were as fussy about choosing a wife as they are in securing a manicurist the divorce courts could knock off a few weeks.

Political Rally TO-NIGHT

Following street Band Concert at Elm and Adams, this evening, (Monday May 8)

IKE PATTERSON

candidate for the Republican nomination for governor will explain his platform and outline his plans for the reduction of taxes. Senator Patterson will speak from an auto beginning at 8:00 o'clock.

Music by La Grande Band beginning at 7:30. All men and women invited. (Paid Adv.)

A CLASSIFIED AD WILL DO IT

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