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CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER.

STAGE DRIVER JOE WOODS COMMENTS ON THE PRESENT CONGRESS.

Editor of the Observer: In an editorial in a recent issue of the Observer you say: "President Harding's organization reminds one of the six-horse team Joe Woods used to drive on the Elgin stage, when a storm would turn the lead horses back and the driver's whip would send the wheelers forward—a mix-up would follow—just about such a mix-up as President Harding has allowed to occur in transportation circles." I am an old stage driver. I drove in an early day the Cheyenne-Black Hill stage and I also drove the Elgin stage. Of course I had some mix-ups, but I never got into one that I could not straighten out in less than five minutes. I always had good wheelers, swing and lead horses, drove them with a tight line and had them under control. President Harding's team appears to be a lot of outlaws, buckers and trace jumpers. He has neither wheelers to steady the stage nor leaders to direct its course. His wheelers don't know when to hold back or when to pull on the traces. His leaders have no idea of direction and are liable to lead any old where. Smoot and Lodge, his wheelers, are constantly holding back on the up grade and pulling hard on down grade. Johnson and Borah, his swing beauties, are constantly bucking over the traces and raising the devil all the time. His leaders, no one knows who they are, travel in a circle so that he gets nowhere. It's the most pesky team an old stage driver like myself ever heard of. I wouldn't drive them on a bet. I'd simply ditch the whole caboodle and buy me a team of mules or jackasses.

JOE WOODS.

THE LONG AND SHORT OF IT

With the ink hardly dry on all the resolutions to bring the feminine skirt down a peg, the menace of the garment of undue length becomes so imminent that already societies are being formed to save the short skirt.

A group of Montreal girls said to be of the city's smartest and prettiest have pledged themselves to go on wearing the abbreviated dress and to do all that they can to induce other girls to follow their example. Similar clubs already are in action, as every one knows, south of the Canadian border.

At the same time Paul Poiret, great fashion expert visiting this country, announces that the short skirt absolutely is doomed and will give way soon to one which actually trails the ground, and that not until woman's love of variety demands another turn will short skirts be seen again.

It is all bewildering to mere man with his standardized gear and hatred of fuss about clothes. About all the poor editor can do is to make a feeble suggestion about the happy medium between extreme brevity and germ-collecting length and then, for fear he has been heard, dodge behind his desk to avoid the withering glances especially reserved by the dainty sex for the man who tries to tell them what to wear.

The growing evil of divorce is attracting attention of the Episcopal bishops in session in Portland, and it is very evident that these able men are trying to find some way in which this evil can be abated. Some say it is only in keeping with the trend of the fast moving times, but this is a poor answer. Divorce is one of the most dangerous habits a nation can form, and it is comforting to an extent to see able men such as constitute the convention at Portland giving the matter serious attention.

Again the Evening Observer arises to remark that public sentiment must get behind the Volstead act if it is to be effective. With two more officers meeting death at the hands of a moonshiner, the liquor problem has not been solved. If we are dry we must as a dry people support the dry law. If we do not do that, proper amendment would be in order.

The Connecticut lawyer who believes the only way to solve the national problems is to get back to as nearly the way Christ lived as we can, offered the remedy for all our ills. In the language of Billy Sunday, "Who will be the first to hit the saw-dust trail?"

If the forty-seven miners emerge from the Argonaut mine alive they will have some stories to tell that will make Three Fingered Jack's vaudeville music sound tame.

The reports from Denaville indicate that if Europe cannot get American money in one way it can in another.

THE OFFICE CAT

—BY JUNIUS—



As to the discovery by a Columbia University professor of a drug that will kill all sense of fear, a La Grande man refuses to get excited. "Huh," he says, "we used to have that kind before the Volstead act was passed."

Golf has one redeeming feature. It will get a man up out of bed early Sunday morning who otherwise would hide under the covers despite the best efforts of Big Ben.

A La Grande policeman says Traffic Jam is always hard to spread.

ETHEL.
I had met Ethel about two months before she was a nice girl and I liked her. Last Saturday, when I was on the way to see her, I took the subway. I picked up a swell dame there with bobbed hair, matty open worked stockings and everything. To be sure, she was a corker.

I decided to call Ethel up and tell her I didn't feel able to see her that night. She said something about being all alone, but I was too excited to listen.

To make a short story shorter, we had a helluva time that evening. Going home in a taxi, I asked her for her home address. It was the same as Ethel's! I was in a quandary when we reached her. We started up the stoop, the door opened and—out stepped Ethel.

"Mother!" she said, "So you were out with him?"
I ran as fast as I could down the street. I haven't seen her since.

If nature never made a mistake then why is a mosquito?

It isn't every pocketbook that has a silver lining.

HALF THE BATTLE.
"Now put up a bold front on the golf links."

"There's a lot of people out who don't know anything about the game."

There will be no taxes in Heaven. Then we take it that there will be no soft jobs.

Automobiles that are not self-starters are out of date. So are employees.

Poles are ignoring him says Ignace Jan Paderewski, who has taken to the American concert platform again. The old story of a prophet without honor.

in his own country, so he'll make the gold in another.

One of the unromantic things about walking in the moonlight with one arm full is that it leads to walking the floor with both arms full.

She—"I don't care for men! In fact I've said 'No!' to several of them."
He—"What were they selling, dear?"

REVERE OF INOVERFORTY.
Oh, once my hair was parted.
It's departed now, you see.
Take me back to where I started
On my first wild jambovie.

When me and my Eliza Jane
Were a handsome pair,
Composed the words to love's refrain
And she gave me the air.

I used to be the village pride.
I had a classy walk.
The young men always stepped aside.
Now, that's all tuckie talk.

I gather lots of new states.
No need to wonder why.
The answer isn't hard to get.
I'm a middle-aged guy.

JUNIUS

NEW TODAY

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CONCERT AT M. E. CHURCH.
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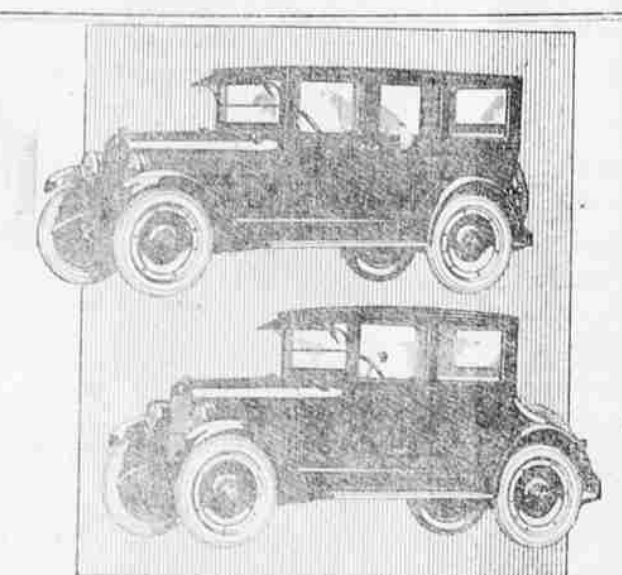
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FARM LOANS

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These institutions are organized for the purpose of promoting the general welfare of the Pacific Slope and providing capital for the development of its agricultural resources.

The Land Banks are allied with strong commercial banking institutions in the four cities. The Portland Bank, to which applications will be sent through this bank from Southwestern Oregon, is headed by A. L. Mills, President of the First National Bank of Portland.

First mortgage loans will be made on farm lands in amounts up to \$10,000.00 to any one borrower for long terms of years at low rates of interest, the present rate being 6 per cent.

All mortgages will be made on the amortization plan, which means that the loan is paid off by equal semi-annual installments of a fixed amount, which includes interest and a sufficient amount of the principal so that at the end of the term the entire debt, principal and interest, will be wiped out. For example, on a loan of \$1000.00 made for a period of 33 years at 6 per cent the payment of a semi-annual installment of \$35.00 will cover interest charges and completely liquidate the loan at the end of the period. Any amount may be figured on the same basis.

Under this plan the borrower escapes the annoyance, expense and dangers of short term mortgage loans which do not provide for reduction of the principal, for if the covenants of the mortgage are observed and the payments promptly met, the question of renewals or possible foreclosure is eliminated.

Privilege of pre-payment of principal is granted after five years.

The proceeds of a loan may be used for any agricultural development, purposes such as paying off mortgages on farm lands, improvements, purchase of land, equipment, livestock, etc., but not for speculation in enterprises clearly outside of the realm of agriculture.

All loans are made direct to the borrower and no commissions can be charged against him by joint stock land banks, any agent or representative. Borrower must bear the expense of appraisal of his property and the determination of title. This expense will be relatively small. It is not a continuing charge, but once paid is good for the term of the loan.

The borrower is not required to purchase stock in the Land Bank, to join an association, nor incur any other obligation beyond that to the Joint Stock Land Bank making his loan. It is not required that he live on or personally operate the property mortgaged.

On approved farm and ranch property the Land Bank will loan 50 per cent of the land value plus 20 per cent of the value of the insured improvements, such value to be determined by Federal appraisers and the Loan Committee of the Land Bank.

As the purpose of these banks is to take care of loans not available from the Federal Farm Loan Banks and the State School Funds, applications will not be received for the present for loans of less than \$500.00.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of \$20.00 as evidence of good faith. If the loan is not considered, fee will be returned to applicant. If, after appraisal is made, the application is rejected, the fee will be retained to apply on the expense of the appraisal. If the loan is made the fee will be credited to the applicant as part payment of the loan expense.

Application blanks and further information will be gladly furnished by the La Grande National Bank of La Grande, Oregon, which is authorized to receive applications from Union and Walla Walla counties.

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