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THE OFFICE CAT

—BY JUNIUS—



If some folks talked less, we could believe more of what they say.
Beauty is only skin deep and sometimes it is only powdered on.

DARN FOOLS.
Of all the pests that walk the street, Ed like to land a blow.
Upon the silly boy that says "Hello, Bill, What'dya know?"

"A man whose wife is out of town wasted real devilish last night," whispered a Portland gossip. "He had dinner at the Y. M. C. A. cafeteria, went to the chautauque and saw a couple of Cal Janses the Highland finge—gosh, al-fishhook!—and drank a cheery pinchball and ate a hamburger on the way home."

THERE'S A VILLAIN HERE.
Babbed—"Oh, dear, I've lost my little pink bow."
Branies—"How perfectly awful! What did he look like?"

Advice: Don't let a bald-headed drug clerk try to sell you hair tonic.
Doctor says face powder is dangerous. It certainly is when a man wears some of it home on his shoulder.

QUALIFIED.
Negro rookie—"I'd like to have a new pair of shoes, suh."
Sergeant—"Are your shoes worn out?"

Bookie—"Wain out? Man, the bottom of mah shoes are so thin Ah can step on a dime and tell whether it's heads or tails!"

BUSTED ROMANCE.
There was a young lady named Stella Whose bean was a bow-legged fella.
When he asked her to sit
In his lap, why she lit
On his soft corn, then how he did bolla.

THE END.
Midnight, and in the smoking room of a club sat a young man huddled in a chair. A friend entered.
"Hello, Smith," he said cheerfully, "not going home yet?"

"No," muttered the despairing one, "I haven't."
"Why, what's the matter."
"Matter? That's the end of everything. It means ruin, grief and spoilage."

"The friend looked frightened. "Herr, Smith, tell me what's the trouble. Perhaps I can tell you."
Smith clutched his fists till the knuckles showed white.

"No one can help me," he cried in agony. "I have come to the end of all things. At 8 o'clock I telephoned to my wife and gave her a perfectly good excuse for not coming straight home, and—his voice sank to a whisper—"I've forgotten what I told her."

A girl seems to think she has a long skirt if a couple of ribbons dangle around her ankles.

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UNCLE DUNHAM'S CUCUMBER.

Trained to pay no attention to the ordinary things; blest with the comparative mind which plainly tells what is extraordinary, Uncle Dunham Wright believes when anything is extra good the world should know about it. He held to this philosophy in everything, regardless of its sphere or walk in life, hence the following story:

Out at Medical Springs, which is on the Baker-Union county line and would have been in Baker county when boundary lines were changed a few years ago but for the fact that Dunham Wright loves his Union county, there is a very fine garden. Out of the volcanic ash soil, watered by the waters of Big creek, the vegetables compete with each other for size and quality. This is Uncle Dunham's garden—it is the garden of his youth, of middle age and of old age. It is the garden that he and the lamented Mrs. Wright tended and watched the seed going into the ground, watched the plant sprout and the crop mature, all under the bright sun of the Big creek country when youth and love mingled to make the world seem good to live in. That garden, that same old garden, faithful as the water to the mill, is still producing great crops each year to feed the people, and this season something extraordinary happened: A cucumber of remarkable size sprang up from the decayed bones of the buffalo which enrich that soil. This cucumber was sent to the editor of the Evening Observer by our good, old friend at Medical. It measured thirteen and one-half inches in length and ten and a half inches around and bears ever mark of a husky cucumber ready to "cuch" anybody who will eat it.

Uncle Dunham whittled a pine board, as they used to do years ago, until the surface was very smooth. This he attached to the cucumber and upon it he wrote the following very appropriate directions and advice: "Eat this cucumber, then drink one quart of buttermilk; put on a blue jeans coat, sit fifteen minutes on the sunny side of a straw stack, then telephone for a bottle of ague cure."

IMMIGRANTS, OLD AND YOUNG.

The immigrant quotas from Europe are being filled unduly by the old and helpless while the young and vigorous are crowded out. This is the complaint of a Polish welfare worker returning to this country after years of service among the refugees in Poland.

It is easy to understand that the aged should long to escape from troubled Europe and have a little rest in their few remaining years. It is equally natural that the young should think that they, who have their lives to live, should be given preference over those whose days are nearly spent. It would be impossible to draw a line which would be fair to everybody.

Of the two the young are better fitted to face the struggle of rebuilding broken Europe, yet it seems unfair to condemn them sweepingly to the lean existence which will work death to so many hopes and ambitions before the goal is reached.

It is pitiful to see how completely America is still the Land of Promise to the people over there. They think to find peace and plenty for the old, freedom and opportunity for the young, if they can only reach these shores. Their faith points the finger of shame to America bawling among her blessings.

OLYMPIC ART CONTESTS.

France is giving to the modern Olympic games a wider significance by inaugurating contests in literature, art and music. The judges of these events may have a harder time to decide on the winners than the judges in the athletic events, but prowess in any one of the fine arts will be world news during the games as much as the running and jumping and swimming.

Some commentators profess to believe that France is establishing this innovation in order to give herself and other European countries a chance to outshine American entrants. Our general athletic supremacy seems to be taken for granted, but other nations feel fairly certain that our artistic accomplishments will lower our averages considerably.

It may be a sad outlook for American victories at the next games; but if art contests are to be given such high rank, most any local patriot is willing to wager that this country will do better and better in future Olympics. Americans like to win well enough to work even if it's only for a poetry prize.

La Grande will welcome Judge Walter Evans during his stay here as circuit judge. While we are willing to trade Judge Knowles to Portland while he is seeing if Johnnie Corby is elected to the legislature, we reserve the right to bring the home boys back home when we see fit. Judge Evans is one of the state's leading citizens and La Grande is pleased to have him here.

If President Harding has the appointment of five members of the Supreme Court let us hope he will not consider elevating Mr. Daugherty to one of the posts.

It was the same old fight in Waconia with the same old result. Nothing but death will relieve Wisconsin of La Follette, and then there is no assurance that his ghost will not haunt the primaries of that state.

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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 25 years at 6 per cent the payment of a semi-annual installment of \$25.00 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 payments of the mortgage are observed and the payments promptly met, the question of renewals or possible foreclosure is eliminated.

Privilege of prepayment 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 75 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 \$5000.00.

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La Grande National Bank

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