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**A SURE GUIDE.**—Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him.—Psalm 37: 5, 7.

## Garr a Good Loser

When he viewed the flames lapping up his entire business yesterday morning. When he saw the walls tremble and fall. When he realized that the only thing left from one of the largest retail furniture businesses in Oregon outside of Portland was the safe containing notes and accounts, Joe Carr did not sit down and whine, neither did he carry a long face and wonder what was the best thing to do.

But he said, in as cheerful a voice as any human being could, facing a loss of probably \$25,000 and the further loss of being put out of business in the middle of the season, "That Runyan goose on the side of the building stood fine and it took a long time for the fire to cook him, but the Carr Furniture company's goose is not cooked and we will be back in the game as soon as it is possible to arrange to do so."

In this day the practical man is the only one worth while. Mr. Carr is surely practical. The fire came, no one knows how, but nevertheless it came and made the cleanest job of consuming everything in its path that we have seen in a long time. It is some consolation to know that the walls stood long enough to prevent spread of the flames either way. Had the walls fallen there would have been two blocks of business wiped out in La Grande at the early morning fire, instead of the one large retail furniture store.

It must be admitted that Joe Carr is a good loser, and a good loser is not long pulling himself together for the next battle in the program of life.

## Mr. Harding on Federal Aid Laws

True it is, as President Harding says, that certain Federal aid laws, granting conditional appropriations, have been incentive to States for public work and measures. The most impressive illustration is the Federal aid for highway construction.

On the other hand, it is equally true, as he forcibly intimates, that the Federal aid has been considerably overplayed. Appropriations of this kind have increased both State and Federal taxation, and what is worse, too many of the undertakings which have been encouraged with Federal money, taken from the taxpayers, have not been worth while.

Moreover, the Federal-aid plan has been tending to become a custom and to substitute paternalism. Nothing could be more injurious and obnoxious nationally than for us, as a people, to rely upon Washington for help instead of resorting to our own effort. It is hoped that the President's direct allusion will have the effect of stopping wholesale Federal aid.

## Highway Commissioners Resign

It is a graceful move on the part of the present highway commission to resign in due time so that the new administration can pick men of its own temperament to look after highway work in the state. Mr. Booth made the announcement recently that resignation of the present commissioners would be in the hands of the new governor soon after he takes his office.

The highway problem has been a large one since the department was organized, but it is much larger from now on than it has ever been, due to the fact that funds have been appropriated and now the question of ways and means confronts the incoming commission—a question that former commissions did not have to consider very seriously.

We believe that it is right for the new administration, however, to have its own men on the job and the action of the old members was quite the proper thing.

And the Roseburg Review, after thinking things over, says: Governor-elect Walter Pierce has our sympathy. If he can spread enough pie on the counter to go around and satisfy the hundreds of office seekers—each one of whom is "responsible" for his election—the eastern Oregon sage will have accomplished no small part of his political program. Just how Walter has more friends than a pup has fleas—and they are all jumping in different directions. However, we hope the new governor will not overlook Douglas county in his appointments. This county helped very materially to swell his majority in the state.

There is no use to attempt to force women to sit on juries. Such a law will only be passing the buck to the circuit judge who will be besieged in plaintive tones by the jurors sex when their names are drawn for jury duty. A better way would be to repeal the law entirely and let the women still be kept on the homes of Oregon not forcing them to grovel in the mire of filthy litigation.

Closing Main avenue between First and Oak streets for the kiddies coasting ground was a proper move on the part of the city commission. The order preventing coasting behind automobiles was another very rash and game act of Chief of Police Haynes. This paper heard some objection to the chief's order, but when Billy or Johnny came home with a broken head, the critics would have said: "Why do the police allow coasting anyway?"

Irrigation in Oregon promises to have a house-cleaning if plans of the next legislature go into effect. The state has been guaranteeing interest on bonds for five years, but the whole irrigation code needs cleansing for it is apparently gummed up.

## THE OFFICE CAT

That's Why He Got There  
Bilkens, much aggrieved, was before the court for speeding.  
"What have you to say for yourself?" demanded the magistrate.  
"Tisn't fair," remonstrated Bilkens angrily. "Why don't you arrest that motor cop there? He was goin' faster than I was."

"Less you wear the longer you live," claims a doctor. We know a girl in La Grande who is racing with Methuselah.

"I bought a car in here several weeks ago," said the retired farmer who lived out on the edge of La Grande, "and you said if anything went wrong, you would supply the broken parts, didn't you?"  
"Surely."  
"Well, then, I'd like to get a nose, a shoulder blade, and a big toe."

### REVIVED

"Hi, there!" shouted the village constable.  
"Do you know you are goin' forty miles an hour?"  
"Yeah," shouted the motorist passing on. "I can't help it. I'm full o' carbon an' my carburetor's dirty, but wait'll I get 'er cleaned."

The limit would seem to be reached when a collector gets to dunning delinquents by radiophone.

Nearly every person is sure he is smart enough to play with fire and not get burned, which accounts for a lot of things.

Our heart again goes out to the kids of the country. It has been pointed out that December has five bath nights.

Women seem to be divided in two classes now—the highbrow and the lowbrow.

When the lid is off the egg you can form a real honest opinion of it.

### A HELP

Joe Tunjins says a jazz band helps people to forget their more serious troubles, same as a mosquito does.

## Bargains In Homes

A new two-room dandy home and two lots near the railroad shops, city water, electric lights, bath and toilet, garage, gas lawn, etc. \$2,900, \$500 down, \$25 per month payments.

Five-room home on Oak St., near Adams Ave. All furnished for \$3,200, \$500 cash, \$25 monthly payments.

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## FORUM

### THE ANCIENT INHABITANTS OF AMERICA

La Grande, Dec. 18.—Editor Observer: The first seven chapters of the Book of Genesis in the Old Testament give a brief history of the earliest inhabitants of America, who occupied that great hemisphere of the north before the flood. It is not generally believed, but it is nevertheless a sublime fact that the human family had its beginning on American soil, the most favored of all lands. There are a few scientists who have, notwithstanding popular opinion to the contrary, demon-

strated, to their own satisfaction at least, that the western hemisphere, not the eastern, was the "cradle of the human race." The Ark, containing the only living beings who survived the flood, floated to and rested upon Mount Ararat, on the Eastern continent, and from thence the world re-peopled.

The Garden of Eden, where Adam and Eve dwelt, who "God created in a city; a city and a people that His own image and said unto them, were transported to heaven, before His fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, have been the site of Enoch's city, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth," that garden book in existence, that gives a true might have been located where the history of the ancient inhabitants of state of Missouri now is; it was not America, containing the Divine declaration in Asia or elsewhere on the eastern side of the globe, that this land is "choice above

hemisphere. It is the land also on which Enosh and the righteous built a city; a city and a people that were transported to heaven, before the flood destroyed the wicked inhabitants of the earth. It is possible that the Gulf of Mexico may have been the site of Enoch's city, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth," that garden book in existence, that gives a true might have been located where the history of the ancient inhabitants of state of Missouri now is; it was not America, containing the Divine declaration in Asia or elsewhere on the eastern side of the globe, that this land is "choice above

all other lands," and that it was his design that it should be reserved for the habitation of righteous people. Certain it is that this choice land was kept hid from the nations of the eastern continent until a few centuries ago, and chosen people were only permitted to occupy it after the flood, until recent times.  
HENRY W. NIBLEY.

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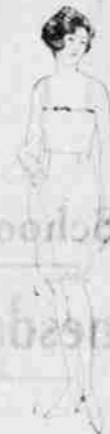


# It Will Pay You to Shop This Week at Wests!

Pay you in the knowledge that the merchandise you buy in this store is always merchandise of QUALITY. It will pay you in the greater latitude of choice which purchasers enjoy here by reason of the N. K. West's Company's always greater-than-elsewhere assortments of reasonable and stable merchandise. It will pay above all in values which are consistently the best to be had, and pay especially at this time when gifts are the order of the day. Quality Merchandise with a reliable mark upon it is a credit to your judgment and a gratification to those who receive it.

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and  
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These crepes have just arrived and are in the newest colorings—paisley designs—so popular for sleeves in silk and wool dresses, and for blouses and trimmings. It is 40 inches wide. Priced \$3.50 yard.

"DJER KISS" SETS  
\$3.50

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**HANDKERCHIEF SUPREMACY!**

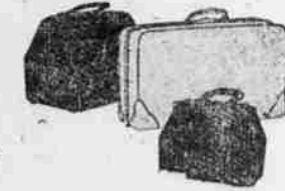
This store claims Handkerchief Supremacy from the standpoint of variety, numbers and qualities offered. Our beautiful hand-made handkerchiefs have been the talk of this community their extreme softness is not to be equaled by the average store of this size or larger. Most are imported from Switzerland, France and Ireland, and are of the finest all pure linens.

But aside from these, there are colored linen "kerchiefs," embroidered and plain; fancy white lawns and silks; also dainty embroidered kerchiefs in boxes. All are light handkerchiefs from fresh clean cloths and may be had at almost any price you may wish to pay, starting at 50c and ranging up to \$2.00 each, or 50c to \$4.75 box of three.

**THE MERCHANDISE CERTIFICATE**  
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## He'll Home From School!

And He'll Want New Cloths  
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