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## THE OFFICE CAT

When I was born, I cried while all around me smiled. I am trying to so alive, that when I die, I can smile while all around me cry.—The Office Cat.

### RHYMES OF THE WANT AD MAN

There was a man in our town,  
And he was wondrous wise;  
He tried a news ad, and found  
It paid to advertise.

And when he saw the good results,  
With all his might and main,  
He went to the Observer office  
And advertised again.

Whisky is an alcoholic distillation.  
Hoop is a compound of hell-fire,  
carp-fire, and mule-hell!

We know one who has a shot gun  
in her hope chest.

It is said that a big business is  
going on in the United States in  
roll balls made to carry intoxicating  
liquor. A La Grande man says this  
is a good way of training the player  
to keep his eye on the ball.

"And what time did the robbery  
take place?" asked the lawyer.

"I think," began the witness,  
"We don't care what you think,"  
said the lawyer, "we want to know  
what you know."

"Then, I might as well get down  
of the stand," said the witness, "I  
can't talk without thinking; I'm no  
lawyer."

A mosquito is a great screen actor  
and he always gets by.

**OFFER REJECTED**  
She—"I can't marry you, but I'll  
give you a place in my heart."  
He—"No, thanks, I don't care for  
rows."

**HIDDEN**  
"Does she dress well?"  
"I dunno; I never watched her."

**A GOOD SIGN**  
Small boy (on arrival at country  
ottage)—"Mummy, where is the  
outhroom?"  
Mother—"There isn't any bath-  
room, dear."  
Small boy—"Good. This is going  
to be a real holiday."

**HOW ABOUT IT?**  
When knighthood was in flower  
Each damsel got a seat,  
She didn't have to glow  
Or tire her dainty feet.

To see a nice girl stand  
Is very sad, indeed,  
What of the knightly hand?  
Has knighthood gone to seed?

Neither Sambo or Rastus could  
read the time of day—or anything  
else—but Sambo had a nice big In-  
gersoll which he exhibited with a  
great air of superiority.  
"What time am I?" said Rastus.  
Sambo hesitated and then extend-  
ed the timepiece say: "Dar she am."  
Rastus looked at it carefully and  
said: "Damn if she ain't."

**OH, YOU DON'T SAY SO**  
My dear, I'm sorry I couldn't  
see you when you called, but I was  
just having my hair washed."  
"Yes, and the laundries are so  
slow about returning things, too."

## FORUM

**MACADAM AND CEMENT ROADS**  
Editor Observer:—The following  
extracts are taken from the report  
of Frederick Stuart Green, New  
York commissioner of highways,  
dated August 21, 1919, stating that  
in the future nothing but concrete  
would be built in that state:  
"Regarding recent articles that ap-  
peared in the daily press relative to  
the high maintenance cost of water-  
bound and lighter types of bituminous  
macadam roads, I desire to an-  
swer somewhat at length. This  
country is beginning a new era in  
highway construction, and I feel that  
anything that can be said to bring  
before engineers the danger of de-  
signing and constructing highways  
that will not stand up under modern  
traffic conditions should be said, with  
emphasis and said now.  
"Here are some examples:  
"Road No. 174 is a 2.21 stretch  
on the highway between Albany and  
Schenectady. It was built in 1906  
of water-bound macadam and cost  
\$22,978.44. January 1, 1919 it had  
been in use for 13 years and to main-

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**HOSE**  
A Standard Among All Women  
For Quality and Service  
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fashioned hose has long been a standard  
among women of La Grande, for qualities  
in fit and service. They are made of pure  
twelve strand silk, pure dye, and have re-  
inforced tops, toe, heel and sole.  
Let her gift bear the name "La France;"  
it will please her more for she will know  
it is a gift of quality.  
In brown or black, \$2.50 pair.

The New Convertible  
SHOPPING BAG and PURSE,  
In a Christmas Box  
\$1.00

It's been several months since we have  
been able to show you these bags. Many  
have wanted them, but we were unable  
to secure any. But at last we have just  
received a shipment—all packed in attractive  
Christmas boxes.

These bags open into a large shopping  
bag and when not in use can be closed up  
into the appearance of a very neat hand  
bag with coin purse inside. They're made  
of a good quality imitation leather that  
wears well and looks attractive.

Priced at \$1.00 each. A gift for Mother  
or Sister.



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**HANDKERCHIEFS**  
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pure lincens and made entirely by hand;  
hand attached here, hand hemmed there, and  
beautiful hand embroidery work.

Wonderfully fine Handkerchiefs for gifts  
and such a variety now to choose from.  
Priced at 65c, 85c, 90c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.75  
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kind—by the box or separate—all prices,  
all kinds.

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Squares—All Colors  
25c each

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- A Collar Bar
- A Belt or Belt Buckle
- Gloves
- Handkerchiefs
- Box, Silk or Wool
- Shirts
- A Hat
- Underwear
- Pajamas
- Smoking Jacket
- Overcoat or Suit
- Shoes
- Felt Slippers
- A Traveling Bag
- Tudlin Robe

### FOR MOTHER—

- Felt Comfy
- Aprons
- Silk or Wool Hose
- Silk Underwear
- Footwear
- Our Kiss Set
- Perfume
- Powder
- Toilet Water
- Hand Bag
- Teary Toilet Articles
- Silk Umbrella
- Gondola Cap
- Blouse
- Dress
- Petticoat
- Trussiere
- Handkerchiefs
- Sweater

### FOR SISTER OR BROTHER—

- Felt Comfy
- Black Cat Hose
- Wool Sport Hose
- Shoes
- Underwear
- Rubber Boots
- Leggings
- Brushes
- Handkerchiefs
- Boy's Shirts
- Boy's Blouses
- Boy's Ties
- Gloves
- Sturdy Blouses
- Sweaters
- Bath Robes

WE CLOSE PROMPTLY AT 6 P. M. FRIDAY—OPEN SATURDAY UNTIL 8:30 P. M.

## The Christmas Spirit

"It's only three days, the shortest days in the year, till Christ-  
mas." In a practical way it is well to remember that the chief festi-  
val of the Christian world is only a little way down the road.  
Santa Claus' outline is almost visible over the chimneyed horizon.  
The sound of the tinkle of his sleigh-bells is nearly audible. It is  
time for doing what there is to be done in preparation for the  
holiday. Shopping early is a good piece of business, early in this  
last period, early in the morning of each shopping day. It will be  
to the advantage of the buyer, to the pleasure of the seller and for  
the relief of the overworked store forces.

All the systematic work done in advance of the rush to avoid  
the confusion that sometimes makes Christmas a horror and  
the Christmas day one in which there is no rest and delight be-  
cause one is all in and tired out—will not be its best unless there  
is a flavor of the Christmas spirit through it all. In the rush and  
confusion, if there must be such, in the crowds that surge through  
the stores, in the jam and push of the street throngs, take the  
Christmas lesson to heart for use in the advance days—and be  
pleasant. Be patient with the clerks and the delivery men; be  
courteous to the folks you buy from; be pleasant to the jostler;  
who almost knock the parcels from your arms as they stumble  
themselves package-laden, on the street; use the smile that help  
everybody over every stressful time and some distressful times.

Indeed, there are opportunities this week for more effective  
and beneficent use of the Christmas spirit in its fine unselfish  
expression than there will be next week—after the day's clima-  
x is over. It will not be regarded by Santa Claus as in any way vio-  
lative of his rules of "don't peep" to use "before" Christmas the  
same cheer, the same unselfishness, the same courtesy, the same  
thoughtfulness, the same spirit of "giving happiness" that you  
will use on Christmas day. Perhaps the good Saint will allow a  
liberal discount for the real and genuine Christmas manner if it  
is put into circulation "before" Christmas day, when it is needed  
most.

## Pershing on Preparedness

Is General John J. Pershing's warning for military prepared-  
ness the open indication of a reactionary movement against paci-  
fism? May the same construction be given to Secretary of the  
Navy Denby's assertion that the American Navy shall be second  
to none?

Heretofore the prevailing sentiment among business men and  
the people has favored a military organization simply large and  
strong enough to protect the government and preserve the peace.  
The unforgettable horrors of the most horrible of wars and the  
widespread demand for lasting peace engendered this soothing,  
charitable spirit.

Gen. Pershing's admonition and Secretary Denby's assertion  
are not reactionary. They are common sense utterances. They  
constitute necessary wise advice to prevent idealism and sympathy  
from overmastering our judgment.

All of Europe fears war, for conditions essential to the preser-  
vation of peace have not been established. The situation in Eu-  
rope is even more grave, in many respects, than in 1914, and Asia  
is in ferment, and Bolshevism is disseminating germs of revolu-  
tion at all fringes of civilization. When Turkey invaded Greece, a  
war more fearful and universal than the last was dreaded and was  
averted by merely a thread of diplomacy.

Let us not deceive ourselves. We need not and should not be  
martial. But we must be reasonably prepared for trouble. And  
let us not forget that the law still prevails to some extent, that ju-  
dicious precaution is the safe, dependable means of preventing war.

## Russia at Lausanne

It is an odd spectacle, that of Mussolini, who headed a revolu-  
tion to save Italy from Sovietism, demanding that the Russian  
Soviet government be allowed to participate in the Lausanne  
conference.

Yet perhaps Mussolini is right. On the face of things, Russia  
has as much right to share in that conference as any nation in  
Europe, and more right than America.

Russia is intimately and permanently interested in the Turk-  
ish straits, because they furnish her only warm-water connection  
with the outer world. It is much as if the only deep sea outlet of  
the United States were the Mississippi River, and a group of for-  
eign nations insisted on settling the control of the river, from New  
Orleans down, without consulting this country.

The objection, to be sure, is really against the Soviet govern-  
ment, with all its iniquities and errors, happens to be the only  
government there is to speak for Russia. And if Russia is not  
given a voice in the settlement now, she will unsettle the whole  
thing sooner or later.

The three statues, even had they been the deities the ancient  
Egyptians thought they were, could have seen nothing of all this,  
the most glorious phase in mankind's history. For they were en-  
tombed with Tutankhamen, and like Tutankhamen they have  
asleep.

The day seems to be approaching when main requirement for  
college president will be a good football record.

## Bargains In Homes

A new five-room slandy home and  
two lots near the railroad shops, city  
water, electric lights, bath and toilet,  
garage, nice lawn, etc. \$2,900, \$500  
cash, 12% per month payments.

Five-room home on Oak St., near  
Adams Ave. All finished, for \$2,  
400, \$500 cash, \$50 monthly pay-  
ments.

A slandy home on First St., one-half  
block from Adams Ave. Five rooms,  
modern kitchen, bath, toilet, electric  
lights, city water, etc. \$2,600, \$500  
cash.

Five-room modern home in the 1500  
block on Y Avenue. Two lots, bath,  
toilet, electric lights, city water and  
garage. Macadamized street. Price,  
\$2,900, \$500 cash.

A five-room modern home, with  
large corner lot on 12th street, one  
block from paved street. \$2,500, \$400  
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payment.

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tain it and rebuild it the state was  
forced to pay \$95,721.58, making it  
cost the state a total of \$118,699.82.  
"Road No. 743 is 4.08 miles in  
length. It was built of macadam in  
1908 at a cost of \$44,600.00. The  
maintenance charges for 10 years  
amounted to \$68,348.49—in 10 years  
costing the state \$112,948.49.  
"Road No. 589, in Columbia county,  
was built a macadam highway 3.77  
miles long. It was built in 1908 at  
a cost of \$28,200.00. In 10 years  
the maintenance and reconstruction  
had amounted to \$73,388.76, giving  
a total cost to the state of \$101,-  
588.76.  
"But I have discovered enough to  
convince me that the life of a water-  
bound or light bituminous macadam  
pavement averages about seven years  
and cannot be reckoned beyond ten  
years. Our roads are built for the  
most part from 50 year bonds, and it  
does not require a financial genius  
to see that if we continue to con-  
struct and reconstruct roads five (or  
more) times before they are paid  
for since such a policy will inevit-  
ably lead to financial embarrass-  
ment.  
"Referring to the records of this  
department, they show us that dur-

## Peace on Earth— Good Will to Men

We wish you all the Joys and Happiness  
of Christmas

**La Grande National Bank**  
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**STEALING MONEY FOR FINE CLOTHES**  
This is an unusual case of petty  
theft, but, according to the average  
rule, a deplorable one. A young lady  
who had been an honest cashier for  
eight years stole \$1,000 in the course  
of several months by substituting  
checks. Regular detectives caught  
her in her dishonest act. Her em-  
ployer refused to prefer charges  
against her and retained her in her  
position.  
Here was an instance of the ef-  
fectiveness of publicity. The employ-  
er felt that the young lady, who said  
she had stolen to buy pretty clothes  
was punished enough through pub-  
lication of her foolishness.  
The young schoolma'am who re-  
ceived her first check recently, now  
knows the meaning of that large,  
airy feeling which makes one want  
to hop in and pay off the national  
debt.  
Many girls think there is no man  
in the world good enough for them,  
and often they are right. Yep, and  
sometimes they are left.



"It's easy, Betty, with my new  
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