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THE OFFICE CAT

THE SALESMAN POEM

The happiest nights I ever know Are those when I've No place to go, And the missus says When the day is through, 'Tonight we haven't A thing to do.' Oh, the joy of it, And the peace untold Of sitting around In my slippers old With my pipe and book In my easy chair, Knowing I needn't Go anywhere.

'Kissing strangers is dangerous,' says a doctor. That's right. It has cost some men a lot of money.

Grass widows are nice, they say, but cannibals never eat them—they're afraid of hay fever.

The athletic girl of a few years ago boasted only beautifully tanned neck and arms. Now her ears are about all that are not tanned.

Hang this where your customers will see it: 'Man is made of dust. Dust settles. Be a man.'

A certain man told one of his boys that if he saved some wood he would let him have the sawdust to play circus with. Kind of father.

One of the hardest jobs some people have to do is to keep their yellow streaks from spreading.

Some people seem to take a danger signal as a sign to show how foolish they are.

If you and I and eve and eye and Yew and eye, dear me, Could all be spelled just U and I How easy it would be.

From some of the talk these days, it appears that in the modern utopia each home would have to have these fixtures at every sink—hot and cold water and home brew.

The Fascisti wear black shirts. Evidently the laundry vote is not of much consequence in Italy.

MAKING PROGRESS

Barems said one is born every minute.

Ford turns one out every seven seconds.

No insinuations, but well. They're getting standardized.

'Bill' going to sue the company for damages.

'Why, what did they do to him?'

'They blew the quitin' whistle when 'e was carrying a 'eavy piece of iron and he dropped it on his foot.'

Cheerful View by Ivanhoe.

He has lived quite a while, has Col. F. S. Ivanhoe, and he is a close observer of state and national and world matters. He is a student of history and his extensive library imparts information not only for events of the past, but his mind digests historical events as a barometer for the future.

The Colonel's New Year message to his friends and acquaintances is to be cheerful in the face of what many of us think are perilous times, for he argues that the country is recovering from the shocks of the war much better and much faster than any country on the fact of the earth ever recovered from a previous martial conflict. He said:

'Stop a moment and think of the upset condition which the world is in. It is confined to no one class, nor to any one industry, but the nation as a whole with every resource, with every human life, rushed pell mell into the conflict. Waste of course, there was waste; how could it have been otherwise? So impressive was the waste that it is thoroughly impossible in the short space of time since peace was declared to obliterate those wasteful habits. Bear in mind that the present bunch of young people spent several of their most susceptible years, when that period of rush and waste and spending immersed the country from the White House to the smallest political unit. Can you expect these young people to have the habits some of us older folk have who were raised in times of depression and scant money?'

And then the Colonel looked out of the window in deep thought, closing his New Year conversation by saying, 'The junk that people are reading is bad and tends to prevent normal conditions from returning quickly. For instance, that blatherskite of a Wells, whose knowledge of history is warped into anarchistic thought woven with the very spirit of Bolshevism and disaster, has some following. That fellow is a menace to the world today. Boosting himself by groveling in the swamps of discontent to poison the minds and thoughts of everyone whom he can reach, he stops short of nothing to get his hands on the big he-pessimist of the day. As a matter of fact, borne out by every legitimate historian, the present after-war conditions are better than those following any former war.'

'America is all right. She is coming through in fine shape. So, if you are despondent, take heart and you will find that a year from now many of what seem to be unsolvable problems will pass away without any mishaps, without any rebellions or insurrections, and that American people will gradually settle down to the noble task of living the proper American life, which is and has been the standard of the highest civilization ever known to the world.'

Men who used to laugh at women's fear of pistols now hope they haven't gotten over it.

No matter how hard a divorce suit is pressed it seldom looks smart.

He who doesn't hesitate before crossing a street is in danger of being lost.

The most conspicuous thing about the Near East is that it isn't near eased.

There are times when the rising generation will come down a peg or two.

New Years Greeting

As we complete 36 years of successful banking in La Grande we desire to thank most sincerely our many patrons and the public who have assisted in making possible this record.

We also desire to wish the citizens of La Grande and Union County a most Happy and Prosperous New Year, and we trust that the year 1923 may be replete with happiness and success for them.

The Directors, Officers and Staff.

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MACHINE SHOP AND FOUNDRY All kinds of Machinery, Automobiles and Tractors Repaired, Overhauled and Rebuilt. Acetylene Welding of All Kinds. Cylinder Boring and Oversize Pistons. Crankshafts, Pistons and Piston Pins Reground. Give Us a Trial!

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See our fine assortment of Home-Made Cream Chocolates in Boxes. Also Mexican Chewes, Almond Brittle, Peanut Brittle and Taffy. Fudges.

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La Grande, Oregon

N. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE

CROWDS TELL THE STORY OF OUR

28th

ANNUAL JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

600 Pairs Ladies' Pure Silk Hose 65c Pair

Yard Wide White Outing 27c Yard

The big sale of the year is on; people who have thus far visited this store and seen the throngs that filled the store the opening day, know of the tremendous opportunities offered, for invariably 'CROWDS TELL THE STORY' of a sale.

Values such as we have been presenting have brought a response beyond our capacity to handle, and at many times during the past three days our facilities were insufficient to adequately accommodate the throngs of shoppers.

Try and shop in the morning and get the limit of good service.

JANUARY, 2 TO JANUARY, 22

'The Best Buying Days of the Year'

TWO DELIVERIES DAILY

OUT OF TOWN CUSTOMERS ORDER BY MAIL

HANDICAPPED

'I've had a hard day at the office, dear, and I'm hungry as a bear. Is dinner ready?'

'No, love. I'm afraid we'll have to go to a restaurant tonight. I've broken the can opener.'

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT When You Want QUALITY HARDWARE at REASONABLE PRICES Come to The

Ore. Hdw. & Imp. Co.

PRE-INVENTORY S-A-L-E

For January

Ginghams, per yd. 15c to 23c Schoolday Cloth, per yd. 32c Towels, each 10c to 98c Ladies' Union Suits, light weight 49c to 98c Ladies' Union Suits, med and heavy, 98c to \$1.98 Hose, Children's black and cord, pr. 15c to 30c Hose, Ladies' good grade cotton, pr. 19c Hose, men's black and cord, cotton, pr 15c to 23c

Andrew's Variety Store

NOTICE!

Anyone having made purchases of the Carr Furniture Company, which articles were in our store at the time of the fire, please call at our temporary office, located in the Floyd McKennon Implement Store, and either receive the money that was paid to us or permit us to duplicate the merchandise purchased. This fire loss is our loss and we do not purpose having any of our customers stand any part of it.

Carr Furniture Co.

BY J. J. CARR.