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**NOW, NOW:** Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.—2 Corinthians 6:2

## The Coming Session.

Legislators from all parts of the state are leaving their homes and journeying to Salem today for the purpose of holding the biennial session of law-making and law revising. It is an old, old custom which, with all the modern ideas in politics, has not yet been improved upon. It seems that representative government is yet a necessity, although the most radical reformers will tell you everything should be done by the people direct. Be that as it may, Oregon's legislative session opens Monday morning in Salem.

K. K. Kubli will be speaker of the house of representatives and Senator Jay Upton will be presiding officer of the senate. At least that seems certain from forecasts at the present moment. Walter M. Pierce, of La Grande, will be inducted into office on Monday, and then the wheels of the legislature will begin to turn. Slowly at first, probably, but very likely much faster as the session progresses.

The legislature is asked to adopt a strictly economical platform and it should obey that request to the letter. Heretofore, it has been considered high treason to repeal any law voted by the people. This session should take a different view, and some of the laws which the people have voted causing heavier taxation should be repealed. We believe that even those who supported some of the people's measures causing heavier taxes will be pleased to have the legislature stand forth and assert its right to repeal these measures.

In the Olcott special session it will be remembered that all asked was the privilege of placing the 1925 fair program before the people to be voted upon. A number of state senators refused to put it up to the people. Those senators were lashed on the floor or the senate by charges of not having faith in the people, but they stood pat and defeated the Portland scheme, greatly to the satisfaction of the people of the state as a whole.

No member of this session should hang for a moment on the heretofore almost insurmountable argument that "the people passed it and it should not be changed."

If we are to have economy some of the people's laws must be revised, for the amount the legislature can cut from state government would make but little less taxes, whereas some of the people's measures if repealed would show a marked decrease on the tax notice.

Plan of raising more money by taxation should not get favorable action. The income tax should never pass unless automatically there is a decrease in the taxes on real estate. Merely to pass an income tax to provide more money to spend would be a crime against the people of the state. And it is so with other forms of taxation destined to raise more revenue. It is not more revenue we should have but it is a decrease in expenditures that is demanded by everyone.

## A Ton of Mince meat

When your teeth enter a piece of mince pie so popular at this season of the year, can you visualize a ton of mince meat? Can you imagine what a quantity of that choice edible would look like made up in ton lots?

Well, there is one Herman Roesch, who runs a "hole in the wall" eating house in La Grande, who not only knows what a ton of mince meat looks like, but he knows how much work it requires to make it, and how much work it takes to roll it into pies and shoot them across the counter to farmer, railroad man and business and professional man for consumption.

Just before Christmas Herman made up a whole ton of mince meat. Apples, raisins and other "fixin's" used in its manufacture were thrown in by the barrel, the mixing was in the nature of mixing cement for heavy building construction, and it came out with the fine flavor in pies such as "mother used to make."

How long with a ton of mince meat last? It would run a family quite a while, but Herman is now seeing the bottom of the barrels and it has all been baked into pies for the hungry people of La Grande.

The nation talks in billions of dollars now, the business man talks in thousands, when he used to talk in hundreds, and the restaurant man talks in tons of mince meat, when they used to talk in ten-pound cans.

Yes, things are moving along—pretty fast, too.

Many a person is not satisfied with anything less than a career punctuated with plenty of dashes.

New Year's was placed a week following Christmas to give folks time to recover.

Fascisti have ordered a change in Italian coinage but what it will pass for is more important than its design.

A German baron is dead from eating too many eggs. When a man disregards expenses something happens.

Income tax blanks are one of the things that may confidently be expected in the new year.

Alcohol in the radiator saves the car; alcohol in the chauffeur, vice versa.

Many men live unhonored, but not many of them escape unstung.

## Editorials From Over the Nation

**WISDOM SEEKS TO BE SIMPLE**  
Omaha World-Herald: It is a most valuable criticism which the Nebraska supreme court made of the verbosity used in an indictment in a criminal case brought before that court. As a sample of "vain and pompous repetitions," we quote from a legal document that charged: ".... that the said Charles Nicholas, with the leaden bullets aforesaid, said out of the pistol commonly called a 'revolver,' then and there by the force of the gun-powder as aforesaid, then and there, unlawfully, purposefully (et cetera, et cetera) did strike, penetrate and wound with intent aforesaid, thereby, then and there, to the said Emma Carow, in and upon the left side of the body and in and upon the left side of the head of her the said Emma Carow, with the intent aforesaid, thereby, then and there, to give her the said Emma Carow in and upon the left side ....."

Commenting upon the superfluity of the language Judge Rose who wrote the opinion on the case in question, reduced a document of some 500 words within the compass of 100 words. And the commended simpler and more direct statement. It often seems that the more phrases a lawyer can include in a legal document the more delighted he is with his handiwork. From the necessity to be explicit in legal writing for accurate wording often overlaps itself. And thus lawyers' words, though not intended to obscure the truth, often do hide the meanings they intend. Neither are lawyers the only offenders. If simpler forms can convey accurately the same intended it would seem that simplicity is the thing.

**TWELVE HOUR DAY TALK**  
Spokane Chronicle: After an investigation of more than forty industries, covering a two-year period, a committee of engineers has decided that the twelve-hour working day is not an economic necessity. Such a day never has been a necessity nor even an expedient. It is high time for America to find that out. Men who plod through twelve hours of toil, day after day, can not be efficient workers. The human machine, like any other machine, will soon wear out when it is over-taxed.

A truck which is built to carry one-ton loads will not last long under two-ton burdens. An engine will soon lose in efficiency if it is not allowed proper time for cooling off. Children can not do the work of grownups without stunting their growth and dwarfing their minds. And one man can not do the work of two men without suffering for it and making his work suffer proportionately. It is not an "economic necessity" for an employer to ask his men to do more than their rightful share of work any more than it is necessary for him to misuse his machinery and wear it out.

A man should have at least as much time to rest as he devotes to work. If he spends half of the twenty-four hours at labor and the other half recuperating, it doesn't leave him a great deal of time for recreation.

**AN AMERICAN HANDSHAKE**  
Philadelphia Public Ledger: Judge Buffington, speaking before our Chamber of Commerce at the Americanization meeting, which marks the beginning of an exceedingly important undertaking, did well to emphasize a phase of the work that ought to be paramount in the minds of all concerned. The new arrivals are not statistics on a chart; they are not segments on a graphic curve; they are not sheep in a pen. They are human beings, and if they deserve to come into our land they deserve a human welcome. A mere perfunctory salutation will not do. The heart is more who personally through these years has done a notable service in the every undertaking he describes. The handshake of a cordial greeting, the proof as well as the profession of a genuine personal concern, count for more than the official routine toward what Jacob Riis called "the making of an American."

We do not have to belong to boards or committees to do our part as American citizens in domesticating the alien and helping him to become a valuable, constructive member of the body politics. A handshake and a smile are not the least of the antidotes for loneliness and sullen suspicion.

**SOONER OR LATER**  
Mankato Free Press: It is barely possible that sooner or later America may be forced to take Europe under its wing and show the natives thereof how to run things. Europe has some pretty bright statesmen who are rather free in wholesaling their advice as to how American affairs should be handled, but meanwhile they seem to lack the practical ideas that put into operation would extricate their own continent from the slough of despond into which it has been plunged.

Some day America will drag Europe out of the mire and it will prepare itself to cuff the first country that attempts without warrant to start something that is likely to be mixed with blood. If America must pay the bills in the slaughter house of Europe, it should have a right to say when the fighting shall begin and when it must stop. America must be the boss.

**STAMP MILL OPENS**  
The stamp mill at the Union mine in Cornucopia was started Wednesday after an illness of more than two years. It will be several days before all the machinery will be operating, according to Manager R. M. Betts. The first of January he expects the mill will be running on shift. Bob Glenn, who is leasing the mine, struck a pocket of extremely rich ore. A lot of lower grade ore was opened at the same time, the ore of which is yet to be determined.

# FORUM

Awake! for Nature in her Bowl of Might,  
Has cast the Rock to hide the Mire from sight;  
And lo! the people from the Valley's East have come  
Determined to procure a good paved road or fight.

Before the phantom of our false hopes died  
Methought a voice across the valley cried,  
"When all the country is prepared outside  
Why nod the drawney County Court within?"

And as the rains descended, those who journeyed o'er  
The quagmire shouted: "Build now this road!  
You know we voted its construction more than four  
Long years ago. And now we need it more."

I sometimes think there never was so deep  
A road as that one westward from Mount Lanny steep;  
Alas! as yet it's only paved with that, it's said,  
Is used to pave that City of the Dead.

Come build the road and in the Fire of Spring  
Your winter garment of repenting fling.  
The Bird of Time has but a little way  
To flutter—and the Bird is on the wing.

Waste not your Hour, nor in the vain pursuit  
Of This and That Endeavor or Dispute;  
Better be jocund with this necessary road,  
Than saden us with None, or Gravel roads.

Omar Khayyam, Jr.

## THE OFFICE CAT

More has been done for the world by wheelbarrows than by automobiles.

"Two little dogs chased a black cat like a streak of greased lightning across the street and in between two buildings into an alley," says an exchange. "In about a second the two little dogs came back into a streak of greased lightning with a big dog chasing them between two buildings. Life is like that."

True blue never fades.

Why in Sam Hill a certain party in the office wears woolen socks over their silk stockings is a mystery, Amos Tash notes. Just like wearing gloves over a diamond ring.

Even a bad egg will not take offense if you leave it alone.

To be college bred, means a four year loaf, requiring a great deal of dough, as well as plenty of crust.

Eternal triangle: Hootch, flivver and coroner.

**WE TRY ANYTHING ONCE**  
To develop alertness and poise and lumber up the spinal vertebrae, try stepping on the soap as you get out of the bathtub.—Kansas City Chopper.

Damn you hide, Charles Barker, we'll never believe another thing we read in your paper.

We can't blame a woman for wanting to be in style, but the great question is, how does she know when she is in style.

A man may be able to get credit for his good intentions, but he is expected to pay real money for his coal.

**HE WAS THERE**  
"Oo's icky honey bunch is oo?" she softly cooed.  
As he let go his hold on the steering wheel to grasp the opportunity properly, the car plunged into a ditch. Crawling out and digging the mud from his eyes, he gurgled: "Ooee!"

More than fifty billion cigarettes are made in the United States annually, so the flivvers can't be the most numerous things in this country, after all.

## BRIEF PUNCHES

Dayton News: Charlie Chaplin is to wed. He's always doing something funny.

Ashville Times: Life is a one-way street for the exclusive use of west-bound traffic.

Greenville Piedmont: They say misery loves company, but Turkey wants no other nation in its straits.

Omaha World Herald: Perhaps Mr. Coenen's traction experience will

be of some use in his efforts to keep the senate on the right track.

Washington Post: A Kansas editor says women in politics get fat, to which they might retort that some of the men in politics get fatheaded.

Greenville Piedmont: If the Greek example set a precedent, will colleges execute coaches when the teams have a bad season?

Travelers report that European hootch is very good this season, but lacks that wood flavor so dear to Americans.

## SHARP SHOTS

Egotism consists of blowing your own horn and scolding because the world is out of tune.

If ever the financial side turns, the mark won't have to climb very far to reach bottom.

If you haven't the knack of making money, you have a firm conviction that very few rich men go to heaven.

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## LaGrande National Bank

Statement of December 29, 1922.

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| THIS BANK OWES:  |                       |
| To Depositors  | \$1,442,972.23        |
| To the U. S. Treasury Department, account of circulating notes   | 269,900.00            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>\$1,712,872.23</b> |
| We have our assets arranged in all times so as to be able to meet any request for payment immediately. |                       |
| FOR THIS PURPOSE WE HAVE:  |                       |
| (1) Cash in vault and deposited with legal depositories  | \$ 275,415.02         |
| (2) U. S. Government Bonds   | 241,209.00            |
| (3) Notes of individuals and corporations  | 1,236,175.47          |
| (4) Real estate  | 165,694.44            |
| (5) Stock in Federal Reserve Bank  | 7,569.00              |
| <b>TOTAL TO MEET INDEBTEDNESS</b>  | <b>\$1,925,549.54</b> |

THIS LEAVES A SURPLUS OF \$212,677.31 which becomes the property of the stockholders after the depositors are paid, and is guaranteed fund upon which we solicit new deposits and retain those which have been lodged with us for many years.

Our listed resources enumerated in this statement do not and can not include those assets of friendship and helpfulness which this bank has in the personage of its board of directors, its officers and employees. These are assets which pay dividends to our patrons in service and satisfaction.