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CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER.

Appeals for Thrift.

While La Grande and adjacent territory served by the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company is confronted with a power shortage, which will be felt more or less until about the middle of March, this does not necessarily mean that the patrons of the company will be "inconvenienced" by the shortage.

To use more electricity than is needed is wasteful and to be wasteful is a thing that should be avoided at all times. People should cooperate with the company and in fact, the request of the company that power be conserved could be applied to times when there is an abundance of power.

J. P. Lottridge states that "last season was short of moisture, reducing the quantity of water stored in the reservoirs of the power company and it is the after-effect of this shortage that is now being felt. Relief will probably not come before the middle of March but by economy in the use of electricity, the power company will be able to care for all its patrons and in this way the shortage will be passed without an inconvenience to anyone."

Rapid growth in the business of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company made it realize that its generating capacity must be increased, and plans are now being made for this expansion. When the increase in generating capacity is completed all recurrences of such a shortage as is now being faced will be avoided.

By all means let us assist the company in this respect and at the same time do ourselves good by practicing thrift.

Once Indispensable.

It was not long ago that the new year could not be entered upon properly unless there were a supply of almanacs in the house. There are almanacs still but they are not such as were handed out free by druggists in country towns and by keepers of cross-roads country stores.

The main object of the almanac was to extol the virtues of sovereign remedies prepared by Dr. So and So, the medicines, being good for coughs, sprains, chilblains or fever, or any other distemper one might imagine.

And no small function of the almanac lay in instructing the superstitious cultivator of the soil when the "sign" was right for planting or in doing many other things to which the moon was supposed to exert an influence.

What has become of the former kaiser's press agent, who during the war was wont to describe the war lord standing majestically on a hill overlooking a smoke-filled battlefield?

A Georgia judge says the only safe "triangle" for a man to get mixed up with is a wife, a pipe and a dog. That isn't a triangle; it squares the world.

The man of the century who will be given the biggest place in history will create a central exchange for useless Christmas presents.

Willard wants another bout with Dempsey. He's shof cash and therefore willing to take another licking for a consideration.

Human body has no spare parts, a health authority announces. Still, surgeons appear to think that many parts can be spared.

Copper is used in making illicit stills, but what users of the liquor need is copper-lined stomachs.

With many reported dead in a Florida race riot it is felt that the affair was a complete success.

Editorials From Over the Nation

THE CHILD LABORER

New York Times: Before congress adjourns it is urged to adopt the joint resolution designed to give congress, through constitutional amendment, power to limit or prohibit the labor of persons under 18 years of age.

The proposed amendment specifically provides that power shall also be reserved to the several states to limit or prohibit such labor in any way that does not lessen the force of the Federal limitation.

It will take a long time, several years at least, to secure the adoption of such an amendment. Meanwhile, many children who need safeguarding from downright greed or ignorant commercialism will have no protection, unless the states do their whole duty.

COLE AND THE DOCTORS

New York World: That the coming of Dr. Emile Cole to this country to explain his theory of healing by auto-suggestion should disclose a latent feeling of hostility on the part of the American medical men is natural enough.

But there are gratifying signs that such hostility as exists is to remain inactive. The Academy of Medicine, for example, which is representative of conservative professional opinion, will withhold its verdict on Dr. Cole and his methods until he has demonstrated his theory.

SHARP SHOTS

Every little blue has an appetite all of its own. Boring and powder may be classified as bare necessities.

Exercise won't reduce your weight unless you take long exercise at the office.

The K. K. K. stands for Americanism, but will Americanism stand for the K. K. K.?

A movie director is quest of "He-men." Ope says it is hard to find authentic chin. What about Gen. Chin of China?

LaGrande National Bank

Statement of December 29, 1922.

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THE OFFICE CAT

NEARLY A POEM

A bitter night, Like some lost spirit's moan; The tempest howls, In weird, uncanny tones.

I order coal, Although my heart it rends, And, with the dawn, The temperature ascends.

Some birds are evidently hard to please in this man's town.

Amos Tash says, it is utterly impossible to make any kind of an old hat look foolish on a pretty girl.

Some persons scratch their heads when thinking. Others just scratch their heads.

Politics is a queer animal. It comes around every two years and always finds plenty of fellows ready to play with it. It has a long, hard game for one to play, unsatisfying in the extreme. But who ever heard of anyone quitting after getting started thoroughly.

Personally, we are becoming very weary of trying to be made moral by legislative action. Thank goodness there is little present prospect of there being any reform in Heaven.

"Music may be sweet," muses Amos Tash, "but not so sweet as the silence that falls over a country after a political election."

A fine way to get up, is to put the alarm clock under the bed so you will have to crawl to get it.

WILLIE HITS BACK

Pa—"Here, Willie, everybody will be calling you a little glutton. Do you know what that is?"

Willie—"I suppose it's a big glutton's little boy."

Modern politeness consists of a man offering his seat to a lady when he sets off the car.

Now is the time of year when dad buys an extra \$20 worth of coal to keep mother's \$1.00 worth of scraggly house plants from freezing.

BUT WHERE IS SHE?

To the telephone girl our lid we'd doff,

And speak (with flowers) our adoring flims,

Who never horned in, nor cut us off,

In the midst of a jitney conversation.

The Leavenworth Post suggests a new child labor law that will be constitutional: "Wash your feet before going to bed." The trouble is, it would be hard to enforce.

A man who recently came back to his old home town said one of the things he noticed was that some of the dreams that used to disturb his sleep now weigh around 200 pounds.

We know a La Grande woman who has a bull dog that growls and a furnace that smokes, but we wager that Friend Husband is still useful when she wants a fruit jar opened.

Correct this sentence: "I don't care if Uncle Bill is a rich old bachelor," said the wife; "I wish the old fossil wouldn't visit us."

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DEMIJOHNS CAUSE RIOTS; POLICE ASK FOR "GLASS" SYSTEM

PAPEETE, Tahiti, Jan. 3. (By Mail)—Complaining that their streets are seriously disturbed by the brawls resulting from the selling of liquor by the demijohns instead of by the glass, the police here are agitating for the return of the former "by the glass" system in order that a few officers may stand watch while the others get their much needed rest.

The attempt to diminish the sale and consumption of liquor in Tahiti by closing the public saloons has resulted in a failure, according to the police. The law provides that liquor cannot be dispensed by the glass at

the place of sale, but allows any quantity to be sold by the bottle or demijohn to be taken in that form from the premises.

The result has been that every small Chinese shop has stocked rum in bottles and demijohns and has provided convenient back rooms, alleged to be restaurants, where strong, flavored drinks are served in tea cups. Therefore, the sale of liquor has spread to every part of the city, and the resultant lightest sleep into the day sleeping hours of the police.

Statistics prove, the police assert, that the consumption of liquor has greatly increased under the present system.

Remember the night you stole watermelons? See "The Old Home Stand."

FARM CROP VALUES.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 17.—The aggregate value of the 15 principal farm crops grown in Idaho in 1922 was \$66,822,000, compared with \$64,421,000 in 1921, according to reports made public here. The hay crop was the most valuable in 1922 with a total of \$26,705,000. Potato production totaled \$4,952,000. The wheat figures were \$21,847,000 and apples were valued at \$5,850,000.

MONTH'S SLEEP ENDS

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 17.—Carl Smith, an inmate of a local hospital, has just awakened from a sleep of nearly a month's duration. His malady is a type of sleeping sickness, which has made its appearance in various parts of the country. Smith resides near Onalaska and is an ex-service man.

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