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HOW TO GET AN INCREASE—
Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.—Psalm 67:5, 6.

Writers Old and New

Thorny is the way of him who seeks to estimate relative values in the republic of letters. Horace spoke of the irritable race of bards, but when it comes to splenetic outbursts the poets have nothing on modern novelists. Here is a "grave and reverend signior," in the person of the British bishop of Birmingham, who is incautiously betrayed into a sigh for a twentieth century Dickens or an up-to-date Scott, and who straightway becomes a target for whole flights of angry arrows twanging raucously from the serried hosts who are ever on the alert to champion the moderns against any claims of eminent domain made on behalf of the ancients.

The good bishop, albeit unwittingly, stirred up a hornets' nest. Among those whom he most grievously incensed is a favorite writer of the hour, who meets the praiser of bygone time on his own ground by submitting a list of 13 novelists, now living and plying their craft, any one of whom is alleged to be superior to Dickens or Scott or even Thackeray.

Well, 13 is proverbially an unlucky number, and most people will scan the roll of names askance and wonder if this one or is that one destined to immortality.

In the "Ballad of Dead Ladies" Rossetti asked, plaintively, "Where are the snows of yesteryear?" In similar plaintive strain one might be tempted to inquire what has become of the "best seller" of six months ago. The novelists of today have yet to stand the test of time. Happy is he among them who, 25 or 50 years hence, will prove to be to the readers of that era such a source of perennial joy and delight as are Scott, Dickens and Thackeray to the readers of today. In the meantime no amount of adulation of others will be able to dislodge these old favorites from the impregnable position they hold in the temple of fame.

Manufacturing Sunshine

For years there have been efforts to produce rain by artificial means. Regions afflicted with drought have paid good hard coin to experimenters but where results were obtained it is not at all certain that they were due to the efforts of the operators. The rain might have—probably would have—come anyway. However, at McCook Field at Dayton scientific experiments have been conducted in co-operation with the army air service which are announced to have produced rain. The clouds were made to disappear and precipitate their moisture. The result was obtained by dropping electrically-charged sand on the clouds from airplanes.

The chief effect observed was not in the amount of moisture precipitated but in dissipating the clouds and value for this is forecast in the removal of fogs over cities. The experimenters foresee a practical and immediate benefit in the means of making mists, which often obscure flying fields, disappear at will. The time taken to destroy the clouds and bring out the sun, presumably, rarely exceeded two minutes.

While rain has been precipitated in small quantity the tests do not seem to offer much hope for relief in cases of drought when the sky remains brassy. Since clouds are required on which to operate and they must also contain moisture both conditions are likely to be absent when rain is most needed. But if fogs can be removed at will the invention will be of great value in many localities since the system seems not difficult to put into effect provided the proper appliances are available.

Chile's Fine Example

What has been characterized in advance as "one of the most important meetings ever held in the western hemisphere" is to take place at Santiago, Chile, next month. It will be composed of the official representatives of 21 American governments. There have been four previous Pan-American conferences, but nothing like this in its momentous nature. The other conferences discussed merely commercial questions. The agenda for the fifth conference include political questions of the greatest import, among them the forming of an American league of nations and consideration of the policy to be adopted in case of aggression by a non-American power. Reduction of armaments is another vital topic for discussion.

It is most interesting, therefore, to learn that Chile, regardless of what action this coming congress may take, has decided to make a substantial reduction in her own standing army, the third largest in South America. The reason given is highly significant. Chile believes there is no serious cause for disputes between South American countries, and that any which arise in the future will be settled through arbitration, that principle having been generally accepted. But if war should threaten, it sees the United States in the role of powerful peace-maker. There is, therefore, no remaining excuse for keeping up large military establishments in South America by nations which sincerely desire peace.

THE OFFICE CAT

SMILE
What's the use of always weepin'
Marin' trouble last?
What's the use of always keepin'
Thinkin' of the past?
Each must have his tribulation—
Water with the wine,
Life, it ain't no celebration.
Trouble? I've had mine.
But today is fine.

"What is harder than borrowing money the day before pay day," mourns a La Grande man.

Talking about skirts, Amos Tash is of the opinion that a man that can hide behind a woman's skirt these days is not only a coward but a magiar as well.

The Einstein theory is understood by only twelve men on earth, it is claimed, and now Einstein has started another one, which nobody can understand. "He is too blamed exclusive," protests the Wichita Beacon.

Autoists do not miss much—not even the women and children.

A bank account has never been the cause of a business failure.

DIPLOMACY
Frances—"Could you love a girl like me?"
Francis—"Yes, darling, with all my heart."
Frances—"Would you mind waiting a few minutes while I call my roommate? I have another date to-night."

Have you ever noticed that the countenances of some La Grande people who are always criticizing the flappers for painting, could be improved by a little paint.

Sign on a Poughkeepsie, N. Y. garage: "Limp In and Leap Out."

Why is that when a man stands in the middle of a room and happens to drop his collar button the blam'd thing will roll across the room in order to hide under the davenport?

BEFORE AND AFTER
Happy chappie, understand?
Eating candy from her hand.
Joyous days, you will allow.
They are in their courtship now.
After marriage see the man
Eating cold beans from a can.

Every black sheep was somebody's pet lamb once.

One never sees the old fashioned mustache cup any more. He does not see the mustache any more either—they just call 'em that.

Funny, but aren't the compliments we least deserve the ones that most tickle our pride?

We are taxed for making money, for having money, for borrowing money, for matrimony, alimony and parsimony. Only the man who steals money gets off without the tax.

"Not only should people in glass houses not throw stones," warns Cy Kolony, "but they should avoid making faces at their neighbors who own rock piles."

Headline: "Bad Burglars Take Matches and Stamps." (Taken from a Union county paper). The Office Cat, upon perusing the above headlines, that good burglar would have probably taken ten dollars and paid interest on it to the former owner.

Income Tax Facts

By Clyde G. Huntley Collector.

Thousands of persons derive their income almost wholly from salaries or wages. Salaries paid by a State or political subdivision thereof, as a city, town, county, or hamlet, however, are not taxable. The reason is that the Federal government does not tax the instrumentalities of a state. In this connection many persons have the mistaken belief that all school teachers are exempt from payment of the income tax. Teachers are not exempt because engaged in educational work, but only when employed by a state or political subdivision thereof.

Public school teachers in the District of Columbia, Alaska, and Hawaii are not in the exempted class for the reason that they are not state employees, and their salaries, or part thereof, are paid by the Federal government. The salaries of all Federal officers and employees are subject to the tax except that a Federal income tax can not be levied on the salary of the president of the United States nor a Federal judge which would diminish the salary that was in effect at the time they took the office.

The special exemption of \$3,500 for persons in active military or naval service allowed under the revenue act of 1918 no longer is allowed. Soldiers and sailors in making returns of income for the year 1922 are allowed only the personal exemptions and credits granted a civilian.

A Good Thing—Don't Miss It

Send your name and address plainly written, together with a check (and this slip) to Chamberlain Medicine Co., Des Moines, Iowa, and receive in return a trial package containing Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis, "flu" and whooping coughs, and tickling throat; Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets for stomach troubles, indigestion, gas, pains that crowd the heart, biliousness and constipation; Chamberlain's Salve, needed in every family for burns, scalds, wounds, piles, and skin afflictions; these valued family remedies for only 5 cents. Don't miss it.—Adv.

HIGH HINDU HELD NOT TO BE "WHITE"

Supreme Court Hands Down Decision Relative to Naturalization of High Caste Hindu.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—High caste Hindu is not "free white person" within the meaning of the naturalization law, and therefore under recent decisions of the court excluding Japanese, is not entitled to citizenship, the supreme court held today.

They held that the world's "white person" must be given an ordinary meaning and not fixed by scientific study determining whether persons affected were descendants from a white stock.

CLERKS WILL PLAY ALICEL

Clerks-Alicel Game Is to Be Played Tuesday Evening; M. I. A. Also to Meet Perry on That Date.

The Clerks basketball team, scheduled to play the Purple Giants of Echo, in La Grande on the evening of Washington's birthday anniversary in the high school gym for the championship of Eastern Oregon, will play their third game of the La Grande Amateur Basketball League season Tuesday evening in the "Y" gymnasium when they meet Alicel, Alicel, a fairly strong team is expected to hold the clerks to a lower score than did Imbler or the Tamblers, but hope points to an easy win for the Clerks, nevertheless.

Six men, all old O. A. C. students, compose the Clerks, and the team, only by formulated in their present strength this season. It was one of the strongest amateur hoop squads in the state. Pete Larson, Park Taylor and Max Alford are forwards, Garrity, center and July Ash and Skeet Reynolds are guards.

The M. I. A. team, one of the strongest in the L. G. A. B. will also play Perry Tuesday evening.

NO MORE GRACE 1923 TAGS

"All car drivers who operate their vehicles without 1923 license plates registered from today on will be prosecuted, unless they can show receipts that prove they have applied for the license before February 19th," announced chief of Police Cliff Hayes today.

OLD OREGON TRAIL DONATIONS COMING VERY SLOWLY NOW

With a quota of \$500 set for the improving and putting the Old Oregon Trail on the map, La Grande is slightly behind in her response, according to Ad Club officials. The amount so far given is still considerably short of the full quota and those who have been solicited are urged to make their donation promptly. Membership to the Old Oregon Trail Association are one dollar each and a slightly larger amount was assigned to business concerns in the city, which practically all have responded. The shortage, however, is to be mainly in the dollar donors who were not solicited by circular letter, as were the business concerns. Contributions should be mailed to the secretary of the Ad Club or presented at Ad Club headquarters in the La Grande National Bank building.

THE MARKET

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Feb. 19.—Steers slow, other cattle steady, hogs fifty to 75 cents higher; prime light \$10 to \$10.75; sheep steady, eggs weak with a lower tendency; butter easier.

ELKS BEING SLAUGHTERED

(By Associated Press)
MERRIDEN, Wash., Feb. 19.—Black bear, cougar and wild cat are causing a noticeable decrease in the herds of elk in the Olympic peninsula. E. C. Hunter of the United States geological survey reports Mr. Hunter, who has spent the last two years in the Olympic mountains, said that the wild animals preyed upon the elk calves, although adult elk were not attacked. Mr. Hunter offers a bounty on black bears and a year-round open season to annihilate them.

GIRL COP GOOD SHOT

(By Associated Press)
VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 19.—Miss Ethel Peterson, the 21st justice of the peace of Puget Valley, near here, recently proved herself adept in handling a rifle. She scored 82 out of a possible 100 and scored three bull's eye hits in competition with men.



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VALENTINE BIG DAY AT GRANGE

GRANGE HALL, Feb. 19.—Frances De Long has been absent from school several days on account of sickness. Last Saturday evening a large party of friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Geister to have a merry time. Cards, games and music were the diversions for the evening. Refreshments were served to 42.

Seventy-five invited guests enjoyed the Valentine social held at Grange hall Wednesday evening. The hall was decorated in keeping with St. Valentine day. The former part of the evening was devoted to the program which the social committee had carefully prepared. The most interesting number was the posing done for representation of pictures in a photograph album which was being shown to Mrs. Jones (Mrs. Kate Redhead) by Mrs. Jones (Mrs. Robert Masterton), Wm. Sherwood and Mrs. Sam Williamson posed as father and mother; Wm. Taylor as Adam Lincoln; Mrs. A. E. Hurst as the woman who killed five husbands; Mrs. Wm. Taylor, the woman who died with cancer; Mrs. Clyde Hopple and Mrs. Bert Grant as the Siamese Twins; Mrs. Adam Beck, the fat woman of the circus; Ben Gokeler, the man of untold domestic troubles; Bert Taylor and Emma Beck, Tom Thumb and wife; Ralph Stringham, the mother-in-law's sisters; Alice's little boy; Ethel Sherwood, the woman who could make such whoop; A. E. Hurst, the minister, and Mrs. George Geister, the bride, at the conclusion of the program.

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