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A RUN AND HIDE.—The Lord said to a man and a woman, the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will be withheld from them that seek my face. Psalm 84:11.

Once Is Sufficient

Having experienced the effect of the machinations of the sugar interests following the war, the public is frankly suspicious of manipulation when radical price increases of this universally consumed commodity are predicted. Recently there was a sharp rise in sugar following forecasts of a shortage in the supply, alleged to be due to greatly increased consumption. It is charged that these reports were put out with a design to "bull" the market and to make a "killing" somewhat similar to that of two or three years ago when the public was led to believe there was a shortage, though there was more than an ample supply.

It is asserted now that the new crop is larger than ever before and there is no justification at all for a boost in the price. Naturally the public will incline to accept the latter view because it wants sugar at a reasonable price. More than that, having been robbed once, the public will demand more than word of mouth of those whom it at best distrusts that there is a shortage warranting a great increase in price. It is not probable that consumers can be led to slaughter again so easily as before. If there is a shortage it will need to be demonstrated beyond all cavil.

A slight increase in the price amounts to a prodigious sum when considered in relation to the volume consumed. Because of its general use a fraction of a cent paid by the consumer swells enormously the receipts of the producers. The public is not averse to a fair price. Sugar cannot be produced at a loss and the industry survive, but the sugar producers may find themselves unable again to fool consumers easily if that is their design.

The Horrible Spread

That Michigan woman who raised potatoes and sold them for 21 cents a bushel had the foresight to put a note in a sack of spuds asking the ultimate consumer the price paid for them. She got an answer from some eastern state informing her that the potatoes retailed for \$1.20 per bushel.

It is another instance of the horrible spread between producer and consumer. It shows once again that the producer is being ground down to want and almost serfdom, while the profits go to the numerous and sundry middlemen who handle products of the soil.

The danger of continuance of this big spread is apparent to the layman, and it does not take a student of economy to point out that the American is not going to produce and let the middlemen have it all.

Many farmers of Eastern Oregon have left their farms to work in town. Many have gone into shops and factories on the coast. The farms are idle and the first thing we know we will have the same condition that obtains in New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio, where the younger generation refused to stay with the farm because there was no money in farming. These old homesteads are idle and rent is obtainable for practically nothing if one will live in the houses and thus keep the insurance alive.

It is a sorry condition, especially to those of use who were taught in childhood that the farm was the backbone of American civilization, American citizenship and American industry.

And now comes the news that cigarettes and cocktails are causing women to develop wrinkles. Perhaps a little housework coupled with rocking a cradle will eradicate those whiskers without the necessity of using a safety razor.

They do say that there is a mad rush for the appointment of highway commissioner in Portland. And John B. Yeon has served for several years without compensation but with considerable inconvenience to himself. Funny.

La Grande is to do some paving this year. Let us hope that the most sincere competition prevails in all paving bids. The time has long since passed for the old methods of paving companies.

It is asserted now that the Queen of Sheba flew in an airship given her by King Solomon. Well, she has long had the reputation of being something of a high flyer.

If man knew as much about himself as some of the neighbors try to learn, he would be wiser.

The reckless one who used to lay the whip on Old Dobbin now steps on the gas.

Nassau is not a large place, but there seems to be enough news there for all.

A knocker is not always to be condemned. There's opportunity.

Charlie Chaplin says he is too poor to marry Pola Negri, possibly because it is raining too hard.

THE OFFICE CAT

SOME SHAPE

Blondine—"Did you go to the circus?"
Brunette—"Yes, and I am certainly glad of it."
"Why?"
"Because ever since I saw that hippopotamus I have been more satisfied with my own shape."

Now is a good time, begins Amos Tash, taking time by the forelock with a vengeance, "to begin to steam up for a while of a Fourth of July celebration."

For the benefit of those who want to know how low the value of a Russian ruble has fallen, we will say it takes 10,000 of them to buy a cucumber.

A fellow with money to burn seldom has to go begging for a light.

Some people's tempers are like home brew wine, says Cy Koloky. The longer they are kept, the stronger they are.

We Don't Believe It!
She leaned forward, hugging herself with crossed legs. From Joseph Conrad's "Twixt Land and Sea."

Do not buy any kind of stocks or bonds until you ask your banker or your attorney. This little precaution may save you all your money. Some of the smartest men in this country get skinned at some time or another. It is better to be safe than sorry. You might also call a policeman and he will help you decide what to do.

"Now wouldn't I be in disgrace?"
A fashionable lady said.
"If when I get to Heaven, they'd place
A last year's halo on my head."

You'd think the man who comes to unclutter the big living room chair would make some reduction in his charges on account of the times and quarters he finds when

he removes the cushions, but he doesn't.

Unimportant information: The real name of Al. G. Barnes, the circus man, is Alphateus G. B. Stonehouse.

This is an awful country, but foreigners are paying \$1,000 each to get smuggled in.

The few men who get to the ladder of success need good men at the foot of the ladder to steady it.

The average pessimist usually becomes a pessimist.

A WORD TO THE WISE
D is for Driver who lets his car run wild.
E is for Excuses made when an auto hits a child.
A is for Ambulance that gathers up the scraps.
T is for the speedy Turn, where many meet mishaps.
H is for little Hearses, for those who meet the worst.
It all spells DEATH for those who don't stick to SAFETY FIRST.

(The La Grande police force says the above is a good poem.)

She is really in love with you in the opinion of a La Grande man if she does not go out with another fellow when your car is laid up for repairs.

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