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GREAT POWER FROM GOD.
Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall by any means hurt you.—Luke 10:19.

LETTER AND COIN OFFICIAL PAPER.

FORUM

WHITE COLLARS AND SOFT HANDS

New York World: The report of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching points, among other things, to "the overemphasis on education, and in particular on higher education, as the sole opening for the youth of the country." The foundation means that too many parents send their children to college and high school because they want them to enter white-collar jobs.

There is truth in this point. But to ascribe it to an "overemphasis on education" is extraordinary loose thinking. There is an overemphasis in our civilization on clerical and office jobs. They are foolishly supposed to give higher social standing, with the result that competent workmen are often turned into incompetent office-workers.

Now what does the foundation suggest as a remedy? It suggests that secondary and higher education should be closed to those who are more fitted for the manual trades. That is a strange remedy. At once office jobs would be regarded as still more select, because they would be open only to a superior intellectual cast. Manual labor would lose even more of its dignity and be stigmatized as fit only for the intellectually inferior.

The foundation has drawn exactly the wrong conclusions from an undoubted evil. The real remedy is such a diffusion of education that the social distinction between white-collar jobs and others disappears. This distinction did not exist in the early American township. It does not seriously exist today in farming sections. It exists only in the industrial centers as a feature of the factory system.

To accept the foundation's opinion would be to acknowledge that this feature of industry is not a by-product but a permanent and inevitable part of it. This would mean that most industries could not be run except on a foundation of a socially and intellectually inferior class. This is what the Socialists say. Does the foundation agree?

If it does not, it will have to revise its educational ideal. It will have to lend its support to the traditional American demand that every child shall have all the educational opportunity which he can take advantage of; it will have to support the endeavors of those educators who are working to improve and to enlarge the educational opportunities of the socially inferior classes. It will have to set up as its ideal a community where education is so widespread that the false social distinction between white-collar and manual jobs has disappeared. It will have to imagine a civilization in which soft hands are not a mark of social superiority.

OBITUARY OF MRS. BURNETT

Yet another step is taken in the passing of the pioneers, in the passing to the Great Beyond of Mrs. Preston Burnett, who died at her home in Island City, Oregon, March 19th. She had just passed her 70th birthday. She and Mr. Burnett would have had a golden wedding, had she lived until October 4th. Her last wishes were fulfilled in having all her ten children with her at the last, and having as her pallbearers her four sons, Oba, Alvie, Lawrence and Richard, and two sons-in-law, Otto Pieper and Ward Smith, also her wish in regard to flowers, the only flowers on the casket being twelve lilies, representing the father, mother and ten children.

There survives her, her husband and ten children, Mrs. Dick Smith, Mrs. Lee Smith, Lawrence and Richard Burnett of Island City, Mrs. Lewis Huson of Tacoma, Wash., Jesse Griffin of Hequiam, Wash., Alvie and Oba Burnett and Mrs. Otto Pieper of La Grande, Oregon, and Mrs. Ward Smith of Starkey, Oregon.

Mrs. Burnett is the first one to break the circle of her own sisters and brother, she being the eldest of a family of five children. Her sisters are Mrs. W. F. Burnett of La Grande, Mrs. George Hass of Athena, Ore., Mrs. T. A. French of Lostine, Oregon, Mrs. N. E. Beaumont of Milton, Oregon, and her brother, W. A. Moore, of Seattle, Washington.

Mrs. Burnett was born in Covington, Indiana, on the beautiful Wabash river in 1853, and was married to Preston Burnett in Jackson county, Kansas, in 1873. They moved to Eastern Oregon in 1884 and settled in Umatilla county in the Gold Springs country. In 1885 they moved to Starkey where they took up a homestead.

At that time it took the sturdy pioneers a long time to clear lands to plow and create their homes to raise their boys and girls; and Mr. and Mrs. Burnett were among the first in that part of the country, so we realize what it meant to Mrs. Burnett to see all her children go to homes of their own as the years passed by, and to be able to call them back to her at the last.



You Wouldn't Wear Pajamas at a Dance

But don't you often use writing paper that is just as much out of place?

Your stationery is the social dress of your letters. If it is

EATON'S HIGHLAND LINEN

you can be sure that it properly expresses your good taste. It is correct for every social purpose.

Style is a greater social asset than Beauty

RED CROSS DRUG STORE

Scabby Utterances

The attention of the La Grande Evening Observer has been called to a circular letter issued by the La Grande Printing Company, a small job printing shop in the city of La Grande, in which this newspaper is attacked with charges that newspaper advertising rates in La Grande have become so high as to become almost prohibitive. The attack is made by Mr. C. N. Palmer, who is the La Grande Printing Company, in an endeavor to inveigle business firms into using direct-by-mail poster advertising instead of newspaper advertising.

We have no objection to Mr. Palmer urging the sale of his own wares, but we do most seriously object when he maligns and willfully misrepresents advertising rates charged by this newspaper and other conditions existing in Observer advertising.

The plain facts are that every merchant who has been in business long has learned just what John Wanamaker and many of the other leading merchants of the nation learned, namely, that newspaper advertising is not only the cheapest advertising possible to obtain, but it is the most effective and the only advertising that can be relied upon month in and month out to carry the message of business news from the stores to the buying public. Observer advertising rates are the cheapest by comparison of any paper of the same size with the same circulation situated in a similar location in the entire Northwest. Mr. Palmer's statement to the contrary notwithstanding.

Furthermore, inasmuch as Mr. Palmer has opened the question in this city, where Union Labor supports every institution, we would respectfully call the attention of every man who works on salary to the fact that Mr. Palmer does not and never has regularly employed a journeyman printer at a journeyman wage scale in La Grande. His business is conducted as a family institution, disregarding every teaching of organized labor, which demands certain working hours for a certain pay. On the other hand, the Evening Observer employs nothing but Union printers, pays the Union scale promptly and lives up to Union rules and working conditions. This newspaper has never believed nor countenanced scabby wages nor scabby utterances and it has always been its aim to represent this community in an honorable fearless manner, at the same time rendering the business firms the best advertising service possible at the least cost.

We are not competitors of Mr. Palmer in any sense, for several years ago we turned over the job printing business to the job offices in La Grande, another fact that proves an apparently unwholesome spirit in the scabby utterances contained in the Palmer circular letters' attack on this newspaper.

Perplexing Delays

The city of La Grande has encountered an impediment in its municipal improvement program for this season, due to the opinion handed down by an attorney from a bonding house in which the new city charter is alleged by this attorney to be defective.

Should the bonding attorney be correct, it will mean that an entire new charter must be drawn and a special election held before any of the street improvements can be made. This would require at least 60 days and cause a delay which would be both embarrassing and regrettable for La Grande is now ready to proceed in its stretching-out process so long needed.

Some attorneys in La Grande hold that the opinion of the bonding house attorney is not good and an investigation is now in process to determine the legality of the charter. Let us all hope that the charter stands so that with spring weather the long hoped for and much desired improvement in the different parts of the city can be made.

The Portland Oregonian states the war on the state income tax is short of a leader. Naturally so. Those who have been screaming the loudest about the "iniquitous income tax" find upon investigation that it is not a bad law, and men with standing refrain from leading a fight on a measure that is just and right.

Grant's Pass has found another gold strike which promises to be not only alluring but very profitable. Even finding gold runs in cycles and this is about the right time for a lot of good veins to be uncovered. Get busy, Baker county prospectors, for the state is expecting some good finds up your way.

Big Bill Haywood has blown up in Russia and his colony members are returning, telling the sad story of failure. Few people expected anything else, for the land of milk and honey where people can live luxuriously without work has never yet been found.

Pueblo has been hit again, but this time it is not floods but wind. Now a big fire would complete the possibility of element destruction in the Colorado steel town.

The reckless driver is a criminal and the careless pedestrian is his accomplice.

THE OFFICE CAT

Amos Tash says a reporter was given a collapsible chair in the court room to-day. He was considerably bruised but notwithstanding.

MADE FOR ANY WAIST
Cook—"Was a cruel blow, mum, that burglar making off with all yer silver."

Misses—"Yes, Mary, but the arm of the law is long."

Cook—"It is indeed mum, an' there's few knows it better nor I do."

IF
If you dress well, they will call you a cake-eater.
If you don't regard your clothes You are a mark.
If you lose your waist in Wall Street, You're a bleater.
If you win out down in Wall Street You're a shark.
No matter what you do, they're going to slum you.
We all come in for our share of abuse.
So live to suit yourself and let them lam you.
But, to please everyone—aw what's the use.

The line of least resistance is soonest broken.

WOULD TRY IT
"Please, sir, father wants to know if it is true there is such a thing as a tobacco trust?"
"Yes, my lad, there is," replied the man.
"Well, father would like to be trusted with a half-pound box."

FASHION ITSELF
People living in isolated places are greatly benefitted by the radio weather reports. The girls know now when it is going to be hot enough to wear their furs.
"Every dollar I got," said the self-made man, "I worked for."
"That's nothing," said the average man, "Every dollar I got I worked for them."

STILES OWNER OF FUEL BUSINESS

Pearl Stiles and his wife are now sole owners of the fuel business which has been run under the name of Stiles & Elledge for some time. Mr. Elledge having sold all of his interest in the firm to his partner. The deal was closed yesterday afternoon.

The new firm will be known as Stiles & Co., said Mr. Stiles today, "and we will continue doing business at the old stand. When we started business in La Grande we started in a mighty small way but we have enjoyed a fine business and have had a steady growth. I am telling the world that there are no better towns than La Grande and I have found it a pleasure to serve the people of this city."

N. K. West & Co.
THE QUALITY STORE

WANTED! MORE MEN

To Know the Real Values Carried in Our Clothing Department

Complete lines in every detail in all characters of furnishings, clothing, hats, caps and shoes, for man or boy. New snappy effects for the young man and sport effects for the young old man, or conservative styles for dress or business wear.

Every article of the best grades of America's high standard merchandise which the name of N. K. WEST COMPANY is synonymous to you.

We want more men to come in and get acquainted with this merchandise and to accomplish this, for Friday and Saturday only, we are offering you

10%

off on all furnishings, as ties, Sox, gloves, suspenders, garters, handkerchiefs, collars, belts, etc.

This Is Money Saved to You

Special

FRIDAY
and
SATURDAY

Special

FRIDAY
and
SATURDAY

\$2.35

New Spring Caps to meet the wants of any particular man. Smart swagger effects in the new Spring cloths, colors and designs—a real value at \$2.35

Easter Apparel

Offering Oxfords Shoes for All Occasions Tailored Suits to Your Individual Style Special Feature KNOX HATS "The Vagabond" And Many Other Styles When Buying

The Toggery
Andrews Bros.

Weekly Specials

Eastman Hawkeye Camera	\$1.25	5 keys
100 Aspirin Tablets, U. D. Co.	49c	2 keys
Ballordvale Cherries, 5-oz bottle	19c	1 key
Gent's Comb, (coarse and fine)	23c	1 key
Ivory Soap Flakes, 3 for	25c	1 key
One lb Lord Baltimore and 50 Envelopes, both	79c	3 keys
Pepton, The Spring Tonic	79c	3 keys
All Brands Hat Dyes	25c	1 key

One key with each 50c purchase of Toilet Preparations. Next Saturday, one key with each 25c purchase of anything in our store.

Keys Redeemed at 1c Each.

GLASS DRUGS

IF IT'S SOLD IN A DRUG STORE WE HAVE IT

The Rexall Store

U.B. Thrifty says

Children are the poor man's riches. But every child is entitled to an education in thrift by which he can rise above poverty and be a power in his community.

The La Grande National bank is interested in your child and shares with the parent the desire for him to prosper as he grows up.

And a HOME SAVINGS BANK will help instill the thrift habit to a great degree.

We have a good supply of these little banks that develop the savings habit. Start your child in today—it will insure his future.

La Grande NATIONAL BANK
SOUND-RELIABLE-PROGRESSIVE

SPRING HAS ARRIVED AND SO HAVE Our Seeds

We offer standard varieties of Government-Tested Seeds, in bulk and package that are most satisfactory and profitable to the growers of our territory.

We Also Have a Line Of

Garden Hoes	60c, \$1.00, \$1.25
Garden Rakes	98c
Spading Forks	\$1.25

Andrew's Variety Store