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## Editorials From Over the Nation

### GRAB THE ROPE AND PULL.

The Burlington railroad system is spending a quarter million dollars in telling the world about the Pacific Northwest. Other railroads systems entering this great country are going to do the same thing. It means a campaign of facts will be driven home to every person who will listen. Many will come. We hear someone say, "but they will find a tax ridden state and they won't stay." Yes, they will for they will come from probably a worse tax ridden state. All states are tax ridden today. It is getting worse in many places, so we had as well acknowledge that the great old U. S. A. individually and collectively has put on the overhead expense and grab hold of the rope of progress, taking a good strong pull.

The Pacific Northwest will prosper and advance. It must, for the grandeur of it coupled with the resources are bound to make it come to the front and come fast during the next few years. La Grande will do her part and the Grande Ronde valley—the largest body of rich land in the northwest—will be a magnet to draw in many people who want the best that can be had.

### IT'S GOODBYE HAIREM.

La Grande girls should not magnify their little troubles nor think of what has happened in Constantinople. Over there the girls in the national harem must cease wearing silk stockings; that's a fact, wear news just because that the tax is so great on silk socks it has forced the purchasing agent for the harem and the girls must do without this feminine luxury.

What will be the result? That's hard to figure—there won't be any hair on a night short time, for the girls will not do without 'em. Oh, no, those days have gone forever. Silk socks are essential to good society, advanced civilization and good health, according to the fair sex. And not only American fair sex, but their sisters in Europe, especially the soft, shining stockings produced by the mills of America, will remember and break up his present party if he does not provide the needed hair.

### ONCE TO EVERY MAN

Milwaukee Journal: Fame, wealth, the joy of work, the appreciation of his fellow men and women—those things the world calls success—were his; yet something was lacking in the life of Fred A. Stone, whose name has become a synonym for comedy, for genuine fun. Sitting in a snow-bound train in the Northwest the other day, he found what it was. It was his responsibility to God, and as millions before him have done, Fred Stone went down on his knees.

Mr. Stone was asked whether he would renounce the stage. For the old Puritan idea that Christianity and the stage are not compatible persists in some quarters. Promptly he said no. And he is right. The world needs men who can make it laugh at wholesome antics, in Fred Stone's way. His fun should be all the better now that the load of doubt has been lifted from his mind.

"I am glad," Mr. Stone is quoted, "that I have done what I have. I am not ashamed." Why should he be ashamed? A majority of those who have sat beyond the footlights and chuckled with Fred Stone are glad, too—and proud of him.

### THE BUSINESS OF RESTING

American Magazine: Several years ago a man working under me told me he was troubled with insomnia. He also told me that he went to bed with a pad of paper tied to a string around one wrist and a pencil tied to the other so that he might always have both handy. While he was lying there awake he would jot down ideas about the business. He tore the sheets off the pad and threw them on the floor. In the morning he gathered them up. He thought it was a great stunt.

"Do you know," I said to him, "what I want you to do with the next batch of ideas you get that way?"

"No—what?"

"I want you to throw them into the waste basket. They will most certainly not be approved."

The middle of the night ought to be a time for rest. If a man cannot sleep he should at least think about something besides his business. If he does not pay at least as much attention to resting his brain as he does to using it, he will soon find his ideas going round and round and round in the same circle and their value will gradually and surely decrease.

## ENGINEERS IN MEET APRIL 16

(By Associated Press)  
LOS ANGELES, Mar. 22.—Engineers of the Pacific coast will hold a three-day meet here beginning April 15, under the auspices of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. John L. Harrington of Kansas City, president of the society; Dr. Ira N. Hollis of Worcester, Mass., past president; Calvin W. Rice of New York City, secretary and delegates from San Francisco and local sections of western Washington will attend the meeting.

Sessions on April 16 will be devoted to technical subjects. There will be illustrated addresses on the hydroelectric development of southern California and of the entire state. The second day will be devoted to automobile races at inspection, including the California Institute of Technology, the laboratories of the Mount Wilson observatory and the night will be spent on Mount Wilson. The final day, April 15, will be devoted to an inspection trip of the oil fields of southern California.

## THE OFFICE CAT

That farmer arrested for counterfeiting is a rogue, no doubt, but we are glad to see some farmer making money.

### FREEZE HER

My girl's name is Niagara. She falls for everybody.

### A POME ON ASTRONOMY

As they skated they looked at the stars.

There were a million or more; Their heels flew up and they observed. A few they hadn't seen before.

### ONE OF TWO EVILS

Jud Tompkins says a gossip is objectionable enough, but the enthusiastic audience is worse.

Climate, C. K. Kolyg explains, is what a man boasts about to residents of some other state, and weather is what he curses about when he is at home.

"Billy," said the teacher, "What does c-a-t spell?" "Don't know, sir," said Billy. "What does your mother keep to catch mice?" "Trap, sir." "No, no. What animal is very fond of milk?" "The baby, sir." "You stupid! What was it that scratched your sister's face?" "My nails, sir." "I am out of patience. There, do you see that animal on the fence?" "Then tell me what does c-a-t spell?" "Kitten, sir."

A La Grande man says when I was a kid I thought that men who worked in offices and parked pencils behind their ears had good jobs.

All the poor prunes are not in the grocery stores. Some are in politics.

### MODEST!

"It is high time," said the militant reformer on the platform, "that we had a moral awakening in this town. Let us arise in our might. Let us guard our loins. Let us take off our coats. Let us bare our arms. Let us!"

"Hold on now!" exclaimed a tall, thin woman near the platform. "If this is to be a moral awakening, don't be so sure to propose our taking off another thing."

One hears a great deal about the absent-minded professor, but it would be hard to find one more absent-minded than the dentist who said so soothingly as he applied the tool to his automobile, under which he lay: "Now, this is going to hurt just a little."

### PATCH OF SUT BROWN HUE

Two girls say a boy one day. His legs were brist scratched. His clothes were of blue, but a nut-brown hue. Marked the place where his pants were patched. They laughed with joy at the blue clad boy. And his patch of nut-brown hue. "Why don't you patch with color to match?" They said. "Why not with blue?" "Don't be coy, my blue clad boy. Speak up," and they laughed with glee. "Then he hung his head as he bashed his said. "That ain't no patch, that's me."

The scandal bird is usually a member of the Ives family.

Prosperity and perpiration, like poverty and procreation, go hand in hand.

Man recently advised on a business deal by radio, but found out later they were unsound waves.

Mr. "Any installments due today?"

Mr. "No, dear, I think not."

Mr. "Any payments due on the house, the radio, the furniture, the rugs or the books?"

Mr. "No."

Mr. "Then I have ten dollars we don't need. What do you say we buy a car?"

"I wish now," said the lecturer, "to tax your memory."

A wail in the audience. "Has it come to that?"

### UNREQUITED LOVE

She put her lips to his, She gazed into his eyes. But there was no response, alas! Until her loving sighs. She said sweet words to him But they were thrown away. As she was sweet and twenty-three. He was four months and a day.

### MECHANICAL TALK

"When I heard ain't back of a man's words," said Uncle Eben, "I deserve the name kind of attention that you gives a phonograph record."

## MRS. COUNSELL DEAD OVERSEAS

LADY CANYON, Mar. 21.—Mrs. Mary I. Counsell received a newspaper from her brother-in-law, Oliver Counsell, in England, stating that his mother, Mrs. Ellen Counsell had passed away at their home in Gloucestershire, England at the age of 92 years. Although very aged, she was always active until the past few years, even retaining her eye sight. The paper also stated that they were having such severe rain storms that the country was badly flooded.

Mrs. Adolph Peckie was hostess to the Get-Together luncheon last Thursday afternoon. In a pleasant manner, most of the members were present, all enjoying themselves. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Beav are enjoying a visit with Mr. Deale's father, from Canada.

Mrs. Elliot Austin received a card last Thursday from a cousin in Constantinople. It was an answer to a Christmas card sent by Mrs. Austin and had been two months in coming.

## Walter Was Here

Walter M. Pierce, Grande Ronde farmer and stock-raiser, came home yesterday for a brief stay. Of late Walter has been detained in Salem to fill the office of governor, and he is filling it. He has had a lot of rows and scraps, but he seemingly has handled the situation much as he used to handle his threshing crews—when he wanted to change employes he changed them and quoted Lord Byron and Shakespeare while the other fellows did the cussing.

Walter does not look much different than he did when he left us the first of the year to take up his new job of handling the state of Oregon. True, there are a few more lines on his forehead, he has lost some of his hair, his smile is as ruddy as it used to be, but it does not show up quite so often.

His welcome to La Grande yesterday was a most cordial one and while the fatted calf was not killed because beef is so low priced no one pays any attention to fatted calves any more, nevertheless, the hearts of all La Grande people went out to this old neighbor who is taking a fling at state politics.

## Linn County to the Front

We were mindful of the fact that Linn county, Oregon, produces a lot of good things. Soil products of that county are wonderful, scenic beauty is excellent, citizenship is of high order, and then, too, there is such eminent men as Senator Sam Garland, ex-Senator Ed Cusick and Milton A. Miller, democrat-at-large, all hailing from the boundaries of Linn. But we never had any dream that the county would lay claims to pre-historic civilization or that the farmer diligently plowing his stubborn soil would uncover any remains of former Democratic statesmen such as has been done during the past few days.

How jealous Benton county must be, for had her farmers unearthed the bones of these former statesmen within her borders would not the O. A. C. professors have had occasion to hold a celebration? Surely they would and it would have given excuse to install a new department in the college with a brand new dean and a whole staff.

But Linn is guarding her honors and hereafter when mentioning these prehistoric boys who, according to the appearance of their bones, were Democrats of the Mill Miller type, please state that the find was made in Linn county, not Benton.

## The Income Tax Referendum

Evidently it was bound to come; evidently there are men in Oregon who will not submit to an income tax until the last trick has been turned to prevent it.

Yesterday's press dispatches told of a Portland organization opening headquarters in the Wilcox building with Hon. Cyril Brownell as manager of a campaign to beat the late income tax law at the polls in November, when a special election will doubtless be called to settle the matter.

Mr. Brownell is acting with consistency for he opposed the bill and is not believed to be favorable to any kind of an income tax in Oregon.

Who the men are behind the movement will show up as the campaign proceeds. At present the anti-income tax people will use efforts to secure the needed number of bona fide signatures to invoke the referendum. After that is done then the governor will use his judgment as to calling a special election, provision for which was made in the law that was passed at the last session.

The judgment of those seeking to prevent an income tax law is hard to decipher. Income tax laws are coming in all of the states just as the direct primary came and no reactionary force can ever prevent it. They may delay it but to prevent it or attempt to prevent it finally being with us is as much folly as to try to stop the wind that blows in spring time over the Grande Ronde valley.

## As Well Not Printed

The press frequently gives moving pictures harsh criticism for displaying on the screen scenes of vulgarity and the general trend of the press is to criticize the present-day lack of morals, but a story ran in the press of the country a few days ago telling of the downfall of a religious bigot in Michigan which had just as well not been printed. Its detail was as revolting as the worst police court case of a large city.

Sometimes it would seem that the one daily newspaper in the United States that refuses to print crime is almost right in its stand.

Daugherty says Harding is in the race for re-nomination, and there is every reason to believe that Daugherty knows whereof he speaks.

Many persons go ahead before they are sure they are right.



# A BOY IS A BOY!

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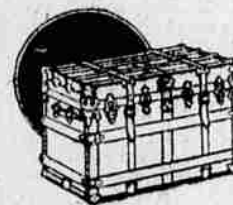
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## BOOZE PROFIT

\$1,020 BARREL

(By Associated Press)

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 22.—A net profit of \$1,020 is made on every 43 1/2 gallon barrel of bonded whiskey when sold by authorized dealers, through a physician's subscription, at the present rate of \$4 a pint, according to prohibition officers here.

A much greater profit is made by bootleggers dealing in illegal sales of moonshiners, the prohibition authorities stated.

Bonded liquor, including the tax, is sold to licensed dealers at approximately \$300 per barrel. Each barrel, allowing for shrinkage, contains about 330 pints, and brings \$1,320 when sold at the rate of \$4 a pint, or a net profit of \$1,020.

The wholesale price for a pint of liquor, exclusive of tax, is 78 cents, according to prohibition agents. Gin costs 98 cents a pint wholesale, and retails for \$4.80; brandy costs \$4.12 a pint wholesale and retails for \$5.50 a pint.

## AUTO RACE APRIL 26

(By Associated Press)

PHOENIX, Calif., Mar. 22.—With eleven speed kings signed and two more, the maximum assured, Phoenix's Indian Bay auto race on April 26 will feature the leading drivers of the country. The Durant team,

comprising Murphy, Elliot, Klein, Durant, Heame, and Cooper, with five independents, Hill, Milton, Wunderlich, De Palma, and Thomas, have already signed to race. The race will be 150 miles, on a one-mile board track.

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