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GREAT THINGS:—Fear the Lord, and serve him in truth; for consider how great things he hath done for you.—1 Samuel 12:24.

La Grande Always Right

Questions may arise and different angles may cause the people of La Grande to differ occasionally, but on a general matter, La Grande is always right and can be depended upon to do the right thing for all concerned.

The large crowd at the city park yesterday, the closing of all business in the city yesterday afternoon and the program which was carried out to dedicate Victory Way all go to show this statement is one of fact and not merely a bouquet offered by this newspaper to La Grande's citizenship.

Carrying out the pronounced spirit of patriotism which Union county displayed in war times when every loan drive, every Red Cross drive and every war activity went with a vim, putting this county in the foreground of all northwest communities, the event of yesterday proved that with the years that have elapsed patriotism has not become dormant, civic spirit is not slumbering and the community as an entirety is ready at any moment to respond to the call of state or nation.

It was a question when the boys came home to determine what kind of a memorial should be erected in their honor. This question was before every community in the United States as well as Union county. Monuments of granite, memorial halls, memorial highways and many other features were in the list selected by different localities.

But it was left to La Grande to choose what seems to us to be the one permanent and lasting memorial—a memorial which will grow with time and become more beautiful, a memorial which will benefit this and future generations—the Victory Way. Norway Maples have been planted on either side of the highway from the heart of La Grande to the city park.

That the idea should have emanated from the ladies Neighborhood Club of the city is all the more proper. It happened that Mrs. J. D. Slater, at a regular meeting of the club three years ago, offered the suggestion which grew with the ladies, finally blossoming into the reality of yesterday.

Now that the trees are planted, and properly planted, let us all begin to teach in every La Grande home and in the schools the sacredness of those trees. They are not mere trees—they represent even more than nature in all her beauty and grandeur can give to them, for they represent the American blood spilled in three wars that the flag may wave and peace and happiness reign in this nation. Every child and every adult in La Grande and Union county should, and we believe will, exercise a personal administrative quality over Victory Way, seeing that no tree is injured, that they are properly cared for and that the lessons of good citizenship which the trees symbolize shall be impressed on every new arrival in the city.

Crazy, Maybe; What of It?

Normal and average, strictly defined, are not synonymous. But in common usage they mean the same thing. When therefore, a Princeton professor, presumably recognized as an authority in his line, makes public assertion that out of 105,000,000 persons in the United States, "statistics show that 45,000,000 are subnormal and would never have the mentality of a child of 13; another 15,000,000 are feeble-minded and their brain power forever would be that of a child of 8," he creates confusion in the popular mind and excites derision as well. His opinion will not be respected more than that of the Indiana state board of health head who is quoted as saying the American people are going crazy so fast all will be imbeciles or maniacs a century hence.

The professor means standard or typical when he says normal, but what is the standard mental state of Americans? Who decided and how? It must have been arrived at by some process of comparisons. This should make average an important factor. If 60,000,000 are permanently subnormal or imbecile, gauged by the professor's standards, is it not possible he is vainly clinging to the impossible, and his opinion therefore is worthless? Most mortals admit the rest are crazy or near it, yet get along pretty well. Probably future generations will be no worse off.

Pseudo Censors

There must be something contagious about the dictatorship in the amusement business. Judge Landis became baseball's dictator. Then the movies named Will Hays to be the chief justice of the Film. The spoken drama chose Augustus Thomas as its moral guardian. Now comes the "Big Top," the sadist ring, the carnival and other outdoor shows with a man to be their chief arbiter.

The selections are significant if only to indicate that these amusement enterprises are conscious of a public demand for a housecleaning of the business and an elevation in tone and appeal.

The outdoor show world has given its dictator authority to censor and regulate outdoor amusements and the members pledged themselves to eliminate all suggestive and other objectionable sideshows. For many persons this will make the traveling carnivals tame because with these eliminations are to go all sorts of gambling devices.

The situation is rather hopeful. It is a concession made to public decency. How well it succeeds will depend not on the censor of the show world but upon the vigor of the local police and the attitude of the public.

Is there anyone who can remember when bashfulness was an impediment to courtship?
If freckles are the style next summer, enterprising druggists will probably have them on sale.

OFFICE CAT



BY JUNIUS

HIAWATHA

By the shores of Cuticura
By the sprinkling plate water
Lived the prophylactic Chicklet—
Dandering, fair Buick's daughter.
She was loved by Instant Postum;
Son of Sunkist and Victrola;
Heir apparent to the Mazda;
Of the tribe of Coca-Cola.
Through the Taniae strolled the lover—
Through the Shredded Wheat they wandered—
"Lovely little Wrigley Chicklet!"
Were the Fairy words of Postum.
"No Pyrene can quench the fire
Nor any Aspirin still the heart-ache;
Oh, my Prestitite desire,
Let us marry, little Djer-Kisa."

A young man with money to burn usually ignites it on the red lights, says Amos Tash.

IT'S A HARD LIFE

Many a La Grande man believes that he is overworked merely because he has to wash the dog every Sunday morning.

A La Grande woman, who is nagging her husband all the time about having business affairs on his mind, crochets in her car, at club meetings, on the street, at teas, at parties and everywhere.

Some men are fired by the divine spark of love and a lot more by the girl's old man.

When you are satisfied with yourself it is usually not a complaint of your taste.

TURNOVER IS RIGHT

The average woman has vocabulary of only 800 words. But think of the turnover, says G. Kology.

Why is it, said a girl on Adams avenue today, that at some homes you visit they never have any pins.

The farmer's mule had just balked in the road when the country doctor came by. The farmer asked the physician if he could give him something to start the mule. The doctor said he could and reaching down

into his medicine case, gave the animal some powder. The mule switched his tail, tossed his head and started on a mad gallop down the road. The farmer looked first at the flying animal and then at the doctor.
"How much did that medicine cost, Doc?" he asked.
"Oh, about 15 cents," said the physician.
"Well, give me a quarter's worth quick, I've got to catch that mule."
"We're sorry Junius couldn't manufacture any more dope today but you see she went to the Tree-Planting exercises yesterday afternoon."

SIZED UP RIGHT

Detroit News: The Manager—"You should have licked that fellow. He's a sluggish fighter. — "Sluggish is right. You seen the way he slugged me."

"Comfortable as an old shoe"

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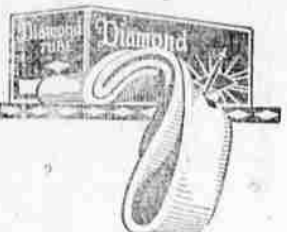
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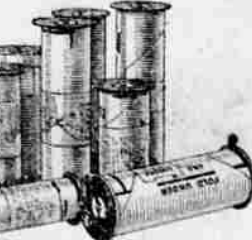
BULK and PACKAGE SEEDS

Andrew's Variety Store

ATTENTION!

On account of the length of the production, "When Knighthood Was In Flower," which will be shown at the Arcade Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 12, 13 and 14, the shows will begin as follows:

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