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SHARE WITH THE WORKERS.  
He that plougheth, should plough hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have seen unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap of your carnal things?—I Corinthians, 9:10, 11.

## Prizes for Politeness

A New York couple who recently returned from a tour of Europe donated a fund to a high school for prizes to be awarded to the boy or girl who shall be adjudged the most polite. They were impressed during their foreign travels by the courtesy of European children and hope to start a national movement for the improvement of juvenile manners.

Foreign critics have always harped on the alleged rudeness of American children, and it is not pleasant to admit that there has been some justification for their strictures. According to the proverb, "politeness pays," but it is a question whether paying children to be polite, for that is the practical meaning of prizes, is going to produce the desired results. It is doubtful also whether the youngsters require instruction in manners any more urgently than the adults, for it must be confessed that as a people Americans are not distinguished for courtesy.

Two answers are made by those who resent such criticism of American manners; that a hustling people have no time for ceremony and that much of the politeness of Europeans is only on the surface and does not spring from the heart. It is a mistaken idea that politeness is a waste of time. As for "surface courtesy," it is better than none at all. It would be absurd to import such an exaggerated courtesy and bowing to the other passengers on entering and leaving a public conveyance, or requiring conductors to express thanks for each fare, but it is not unreasonable to suggest that there are other ways in which national manners might be materially improved.

## An Absurd Law

We are again witnessing the absurdity of the Oregon law which requires physical examination of males before marriage is permitted.

Since the law became operative this state has caused to be established at Vancouver, Washington, twelve miles out of Portland, a marriage exchange the like of which does not exist elsewhere in the nation, for the Oregon youngsters, and oldsters as well, can step on the gasoline and in a few minutes be from under the law's jurisdiction.

Just now there is a row in Washington state over some abrasion of their statutes and in a very natural manner they have appealed to Oregon to do her part in frightening it out. But Oregon, realizing that she has made a frightful mess of her marriage laws, backs off and refuses to enter the complications.

Some day a legislature will repeal this piece of foolishness and we will take care of our own conditions instead of sending a stream of marriage-intent people across the Interstate bridge.

## Seeing Into the Future

Our old friend, Claude D. Starr, has purchased the Columbia Gorge hotel down near Hood River. Simon Benson erected the hotel in the usual Benson manner—complete in every detail—and made it a most beautiful place. But Mr. Benson has reached the time of life when he does not care for hotels.

In the purchase Mr. Starr secures the land surrounding the fine hotel and intends to erect forty bungalows. It is a case of seeing into the future. Mr. Starr knows the travel is coming. He knows people are living on wheels these days and use their means to enjoy themselves as they never did before. He also knows they all want to stop at first class hotels and his venture is to be one of a series which will spell first class hotel accommodations for the touring public.

## A Soviet Bible Plan

The official soviet press declares that the Moscow regime may eventually be disposed to "buy" trade relations with America by part payment of debts incurred by Russia. At the same time the validity of those debts is vigorously denied. From this it would appear that the soviet fails to grasp the American view.

It is not merely on the payment of debts that the Washington government lays stress. Its recognition is conditioned on proof of good faith, of which payment of debts would be evidence. The soviet plan outlined by the Moscow press plainly negatives good faith and places debt payment on the basis of a bribe. Thus, even in proposing to pay part of Russia's debt, the reds show their inherent crookedness.

## That Rude Awakening

Two little boys and two little girls in the Bend country eloped. Naturally trouble followed. One boy goes to the penitentiary for seven years and the other boy at his trial, upon fully realizing his crime, fell in the court room in a dead faint and it will take days to bring him back to a point where he can resume his trial.

Oh, these rude awakenings. When the demon is working and the primrose path seems level and easy to tread how little does it seem possible that the tables will turn so quickly and endless trouble overtake the gay ones.

But it does. There is not the least chance to escape the punishment. It may be delayed but it comes in some form. This ledger of life has a way of balancing itself.

Bryan says wealth is a disease, and he does not appear to be immune.

## Editorials From Over the Nation

### Newspaper Loyalty

"Questions may arise and different angles may cause the people 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."

"That's a fine tribute. It's an encomium of which any city, no matter what its size, or its location or its fortune, may well be proud. It is praise of the highest order, for what finer reputation can any community have than that of being of common mind on all matters which pertain to its own advantage and to the well-being of all its people?"

But deserved as this tribute no doubt is, what shall we say of its giver? The Observer is La Grande's only medium of expression. It is the champion of the city, the defender of its honor, the herald of its virtues. In this it discharges its high duty. For every newspaper reaches its highest heights of service when it stands unswervingly and without compromise on the side of the community which supports it.

There is no finer quality than loyalty. It is the open sesame to success. Without it, the individual or the organization falls short of high achievement. With it, all things are possible. And if loyalty is a necessary qualification for individual attainment, how much more is it the all important requirement for the success of a newspaper, which has the privilege of being the spokesman of all its constituents?

Loyalty and patriotism go hand in hand. In fact patriotism is nothing more than loyalty to one's city or country. One of America's finest patriots once said: "My country! My country! My country! But right or wrong, my country!" The La Grande newspaper's sentiment is the same—"La Grande is always right."

And when one gets right down to brass tacks, the La Grande newspaper is no different from every self-respecting, worthwhile publication, except that it makes public profession of its faith. Other newspapers by deed and by precept day by day in countless ways stand the firm defenders of the fame and name of their communities, counting such service nothing more or less than the achievement of its highest goal, the attainment of the end which justifies its existence.—Albany Herald.

### CRITICISM

The easiest thing in the world is to criticize someone else; the hardest thing to pick the flaws in your own actions and conduct.

Before you talk about your friend's fault, be sure that you have given yourself "the up and down and one-over" and have found that you are perfect. If you are not one hundred per cent in preparation, for your friend will retaliate.

When you have corrected all your faults, and still feel that you should correct your friend, tell him a belt the way to go, and do it kindly. No sensible man will object to gentle, reasonable criticism.

Most of our faults are faults of thoughtlessness—we do things without thinking; we say things without thinking; and then we are surprised when some sensitive soul is offended.

The square-jawed fellow can take a blow without flinching, but we all haven't square jaws, and we are crushed and beaten by the blow.

When we speak of blows we are not referring to actual physical violence, but of words. Our little thoughtless words and acts are what hurt the other fellow. When this unfortunate person gets a blow, he may not say a word; he may even smile; but the hurt is there, was down deep and his heart aches. If we always paid a moment before we speak, how easy it would be for brothers to draw together in peace and harmony.—The True Friend.

### THE GYPSY WARNING

Answer: Algy had been told by a fortune teller that a dark woman was coming into his life. As he left home in the morning a black cat crossed his path and, being terribly superstitious, he took it to be an omen of her dreaded approach.

## OFFICE CAT



BY JUNIUS

Why is it that absent-mindedness never makes us forget our troubles.

Prosperity will come when men watch their work instead of watching the clock work.

### MIND VS. MATTER.

I know a giddy girl.  
Who dresses like a whizz,  
And though her mind's not off made up,  
The rest of her sure is!

### THE OLD WAY IS BETTER.

Now comes the news that in several states on the mainland marriage by radio has been declared illegal. We can easily see that there would be confusion in the broadcasting of the marriage ritual. By listening in we might hear something like this: Minister—do you utu-dah-dah-ta-ta-tah-dah-dah Eloise Rich take this man, closed firm to be your Texas Gulf Oil preferred 34 bid 36 lawfully wedded titmouse and woodchuck baby by Mutual Radio?  
Answer—Shake a little shimmy on the shores of Kakkaboo.  
Minister—Do you, Clarence, snaps-snaps-buzz-click take this bed-time story by Kenneth Kne to be your lawfully wedded Souma's brand new and novel program?  
Answer—Goodby, Tootsie, Goodby.  
Minister—I pronounce you Melkley high school glue club in songs and instrumental music.

### WANT A JOB IN JAPAN, MABEL?

The Japanese typewriter has 4,124 characters.

If there's a well-matched pair in married life it's a horsey man and a nagging wife.

Amos Tash says he wonders if the earrings the girls wear nowadays are used for stakes to show where their cars are.

A. L. H. K. student says that when ever a school misam turns up her nose and draws down the corners of her mouth at the suggestion of going to a hot dog stand after the show, it's a safe bet that she's been out of college at least ten years.

### ATTA BOY.

I kissed her in the moon light.  
My head was in a whirl,  
My mouth and eyes were full of hair,  
My arms were full of girl.

How does my invisible hair not look, dearie?

Can't a woman sing contralto without barring one shoulder? wonders Cy Kology.

### ATTENTION, HUSBANDS.

We jumped this sign inside a restaurant: "If wife can't cook, don't divorce her. Eat here and keep her for a pet."

Another thing that is wrong with the movies, a La Grande man points out, "is that everyon squeaking past you in the seat seems to be fat."

A father blames cool rooms for his son's downfall when he should blame himself and his own neglect to hold woodland father and son meetings with the boy.

He who laughs last is usually last to get the joke.



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# Preparing for the Trip

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### ROAD PROJECTS VIEWED

PENDLETON, Apr. 24.—Highway Commissioner Doby, Division Engineer Ballock and L. P. Smith of the machinery department spent two days here inspecting state highways in Umatilla county and laying plans for the new work which is about to start.

The job of re-surfacing the Columbia highway from Pendleton to Echo, a distance of 26 miles, will cost about \$23,000. This stretch is difficult to maintain and it is now planned to place first a binder and

then two inches of fine crushed rock for a new top.

Work will be started within a month by the Union Bridge company on the building of the 210-foot concrete span across McKay creek on the Oregon-Washington highway. This job to cost almost \$25,000.

### NAMES TEMPORARY CHIEF

BAKER, Apr. 24.—The appointment of W. V. Vaughan, formerly acting chief, to succeed Chief of Police Rand temporarily, was announced at a meeting of the city commissioners today. Mr. Rand has ac-

cepted the appointment as deputy state fire marshal and is to be sworn in at Portland on May 1. Chief Rand took his position here last November. Formerly he was sheriff of Baker county and an agent of the department of justice. His home is in Portland at East Thirtieth and Flanders streets.

Amateur photographers have been working overtime in the various parks and along the country roads. A bright Saturday always means heavy sales of films for Sunday, dealers say.

**U. B. Thuffy says—**

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Lunch—Cream of tomato soup, omelet, cinnamon toast.	Lunch—Mixed lamb or beef, apple fritters, macaroni.	Lunch—Soup, cheese omelet, crackers with salt and butter, toast.
Afternoon tea—Toasted English muffins, tea.	Afternoon tea—Cinnamon toast and tea.	Afternoon tea—Toasted rolls in bread, tea.
Dinner—Creamed chicken, fried egg plant, waffles.	Dinner—Lamb chops, fried potatoes, English muffins with jam.	Dinner—Creamed chicken on toast, fried peppers.
Late supper—Club sandwiches and coffee. (Toast and bacon to be prepared on the Armstrong Table Stove.)	Late supper—Creamed eggs on toast.	Late supper—Waffles and coffee.

A Local Lady Will Demonstrate

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