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GOD WILL PROVIDE.—Take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Where will we be clothed?
But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
Matthew 6:25, 26.

Owning Your Own Home

There is nothing that gives a person such a feeling of security as owning one's own home. It often has been said that it is cheaper to rent than to own, but is this saying true? Is it true in the long run when everything is considered?

Where does the family get to that always lives in a rented house? What happens when the breadwinner dies or gets beyond the age of work?

Many a La Grande family in the last few years has had the unpleasant experience of having its home sold over its head by not having the title to the house. Renting means worry; it means moving; moving means expense, often buying new things to fit the new home. It means in the end when a man has reached an age in life when inclined to take things a little easier that he must keep at the tread mill.

Buying one's own home, except in rare instances, puts a sense of responsibility on the man and his family, sacrificing some of the pleasures of the present for comforts and pleasures later. It means thrift.

The man who rents collects a stack of rent receipts. The ordinary man and family pay the rent and spend the rest, perhaps waking up when too late to a realization that they made a serious mistake by not having a permanent home.

A home owner always has credit at the bank. If it comes to the worst and there is sickness and death with unusual expense, the home may be pledged to carry on until these expenses are over.

Local realtors are selling houses on the easy payment plan. Like paying rent, a comparatively small payment puts the purchaser in possession of a home and then by payment of a small amount a month which pays the interest and part of the principle, a family in a few years will own its home.

To say the least, a widow with a family of children left with a home has a long start on the woman left with only a stack of rent receipts and a few hundred dollars worth of household furniture.

It's Appeal Universal

"Home Sweet Home" was sung for the first time in public at Convent Garden, London, on May 8, 1823, and the English people are preparing to observe the centenary of the event. The American people cannot afford to overlook the occasion, for John Howard Payne, the author of the song, was a native of the United States and at his death in 1835 was United States consul at Tunis. Moreover, "Home Sweet Home" is as much loved in this country as in Great Britain.

There is a story told of Lord Kitchener which is worth recalling in this connection. Many years ago he was stationed in Egypt. Nellie Melba, the opera singer, visited the country and he was introduced to her. He asked her to sing "Home Sweet Home," and as she sang tears came into his eyes. The stern soldier was touched by the sentiment of the song, for he had been away from home for a long time.

The secret of the affection which is held for Payne's song lies in the words, for the music, an adaptation of a theme which the author heard while visiting Italy, is not especially noteworthy. But home, and the associations which it brings up, has a universal appeal.

Anniversary of the publication of "Home Sweet Home" was observed in 1873 by the unveiling of a bust of Payne in Brooklyn and the singing of the song by 1,000 school children. Since it has, if anything, strengthened its hold on popular esteem in the intervening 50 years, the centenary should be observed in an even more striking manner.

The honor that will be paid Payne for his simple but touching song may stimulate some of the song writers of today to attempt more worthy works than the jazz efforts on which many appear to concentrate their attention.

The Spanish War Vets

There are not many of them compared with veterans of other wars, to be sure, but there is something about the Spanish War veterans which commands the same profound respect that soldiers of other wars command.

At their meeting in Union when a campfire program was carried out one could not help noticing that time is leaving its traces on a good many of the boys who responded to the call of President McKinley in 1898 for volunteers. That thing called age cannot be dodged, and the Spanish-American war boys as a whole are showing its marks.

All of which reminds us of an amendment which will be on the ballot in Oregon at the next election providing that veterans of the Spanish-American war shall share the bonus privileges granted to World War soldiers. It should carry. The men are entitled to that consideration.

Signs of Good Times

Probably the most accurate signs of good times is the newspaper stories calling attention to the demand of labor for higher wages, proposed strikes and new demands made upon employers.

This sort of news has begun to break. The track workers of the railroad are dissatisfied, the logging camps are threatened with strikes and in many places throughout the east either wages have been advanced or there is a strong appeal being made for advances.

It all looks like business is booming.

Editorials From Over the Nation

FOREST FIRES

Forest Service News Service: Although the great majority of people who seek recreation in the forests of the northwest undoubtedly understand the dire results of carelessness with fire in the woods, the fact remains that a large percentage of the 2,127 forest fires in Oregon and 1,624 in Washington during 1922 were man caused. In fact, 77 percent of the Oregon fires were due to man-made causes, and 91 percent of those in Washington. It is difficult to understand the mental make-up of a man who throws a live cigarette butt, leaves an unextinguished camp fire, or tosses a burning match into the brush, if he is aware of the fact that the direct fire loss in 1922 from forest fires in these two states was in excess of two million dollars. Regarding a small percentage of incendiary fires, the answer must be plain ignorance, or indifference on the part of those responsible.

To overcome this ignorance and indifference is the purpose of Forest Protection week, proclaimed by the president for national observance during the present week. On the supposition that no one really wishes to injure himself or others, private owners of timber, as well as state foresters and the forest service are particularly interested at this time in stressing the necessity of conserving our timber by protecting it from the waste resulting from forest fires. The governors of many of the states, as well as many mayors, have issued proclamations calling for a special observance in excess of two million dollars. Regarding a small percentage of incendiary fires, the answer must be plain ignorance, or indifference on the part of those responsible.

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It is a commendable plan. Man does not live by bread alone, and the better administration displays foresight of vision in undertaking to entertain and protect the children as well as to feed them, especially as the cost will be negligible. The movies will be used to gather the audience, who after being amused will be given a lecture on the evils of uncleanness and told something about sanitation and its benefits. Thus they will be started on the road to improve their habits and daily relieve them of the necessity of depending on American relief.

It has been so long since the average American saw his first movie that it is difficult to remember what they were. But he was not critical then, and the human children will not be either, on seeing their first ones. But think of the backwardness of a supposedly civilized country where in the year of grace 1923 the youngsters know nothing about picture shows! One wonders if they ever heard a photograph.

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OFFICE CAT



BY JUNIUS

To tell whether or not a man is married, observes Junius, is to notice whether he carries a baby like a lighted lamp or an overcoat. (Editor's note—Look as if the baby ought to be some proof.)

"There was a big crowd at a recent dance in La Grande and confusion was present in great gobs," pipes Amos Tash. "And that reminds me—talking about confusion, of the time when a train started to enter a tunnel, and the conductor stuck his head in the car and said 'grab your partners for the next tunnel,' and then there was some real confusion."

The police say that long skirts have reduced the dangers of La Grande traffic.

SHOWING OFF
All the world's a stage,
Is the thought that's universal;
But the women all believe,
The show's a dress rehearsal.

"I suppose that even in heaven a plumber will stop the toll call long enough to go back to the office and get his wrench," says a La Grande man who had trouble with the plumbing in his house.

ACCOMPLISHED
A girl is accomplished when she can resist a kiss just enough not to lose it.

"It's plain to be seen that the statistic fans are men," a woman reader remarks. "You never have any trouble finding figures on the amount of money women spend on cosmetics, but who has ever seen any dope on what men spend in barber shops?"

THE BEST OF EVERYTHING
Junius got busy and figured this all out:
The best law: The golden rule.
The best education: Self knowledge.
The best science: Extracting sunshine from a rainy day.
The best mathematics: Multiplying the joys and dividing the sorrows of others.
The best art: Fainting a smile upon the brow of a child.
The best music: The laughter of happy children.

THE BEST OF EVERYTHING?
And then the sporting editor took a whack at figuring:
The best law: The survival of the fittest.
The best education: Actual experience.
The best science: The study of angles and curves.
The best art: Taming wild women.
The best music: Jazz.

THE ALL-AMERICAN LINE
"Oh, Jack, I had a very nice time tonight. Goodnight," by almost any girl. (The first part is correct).

OLIVE OIL.

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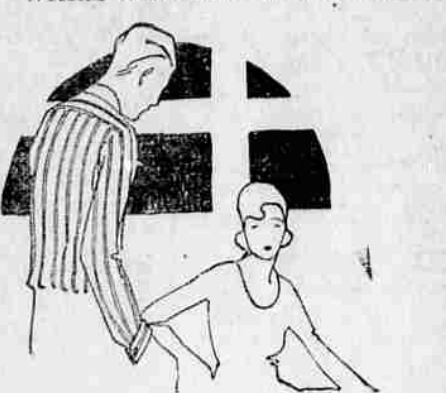
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ment, which will prohibit such transfers, goes into effect on May 25. One of the letters, Mr. Parmelee said, is from the owner of a large ranch in the Newberg vicinity, who declares that he feels no lack of patriotism in disposing of property to Japanese.

KILLS WOLVES AND LOSES THE BOUNTY

(By Associated Press)
GREAT FALLS, Mont., April 26.—The last session of the legislature abolished the 20 bounties on wolves and deprived Baptiste Lemere of the Square Butte country, east of Great Falls, of \$200 recently, according to W. B. Willey, supervisor of the Jefferson national forest.

Lemere recently shot two wolves on the Square Butte hills and then, tracking back to their den, found eight young ones, which he killed. Game warden of the Square Butte country are taking up a collection to compensate Baptiste for the fact that the state no longer pays a bounty.

Energetic Rooster Has Adopted Brood of Chicks

WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 26.—In these days of flapperdom it is not unusual to hear of men being forced to assume responsibilities formerly assigned to women, but when this reversal breaks even the animal world, something ought to be done about it.

A Walla Walla rooster, the property of George M. Edminston, confronted with the situation of a brood of motherless chicks, hatched in an incubator, stepped into the breach and saved the day. Now the rooster, to the wonderment of beholders, is raising his adopted family.

CITY HALL BILL LOST
SILVERTON, Apr. 24.—The bill for a new city hall to cost \$40,000 was defeated at a special city election last Monday.

A two-thirds majority is necessary to carry a bill of this sort, whereas the returns showed but 214 votes in favor, with 186 opposing.

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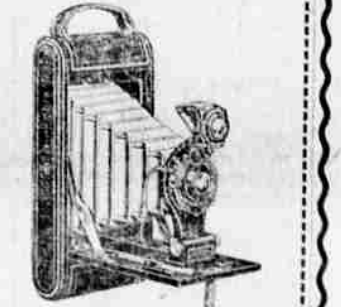
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