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GREAT GAIN:—Godliness with contentment is great gain.—1 Timothy 6:6.

ISLAND CITY IS CLAMPING LID

(Special to The Observer)
ISLAND CITY, May 5.—Speeding through Island City by automobile drivers was last night tabooed at a regular meeting of the city council. Also attention was directed to the habit of turning the corner sharp at the Island City store and the marshal was instructed to see that all machines go to the intersection, where the flagpoles stand, and turn the corner according to standard regulations. This was done to avoid accidents. For the last few weeks there have been hear accidents due to drivers making a turn contrary to regulations and the council thought the better way to save lives was to issue a warning and enforce the city ordinance. The marshal will front everyone alike and not limit any further infringement of the city's statutes in made either by local or outside cars.

Will Have Fire Department.
The local fire department was organized last evening and in the future Island will be able to combat fires. For years this town had one of the best volunteer fire departments in the state and many were the times when such eminent fire fighters as Jack Pearce and the late Joe Jones were forced to bow in submission to Island's supremacy. It is the intention to again have the crack fire company of this territory.

Report of the clean-up committee was received by the council and it was unanimously pronounced a successful undertaking. Very little is left to be done in maintaining the town, according to the mayor's wishes, and this is being attended to by volunteer help.

Hold Labor Meet.
(By Associated Press)
RENO, Nev., May 5.—The Nevada State Federation of Labor will hold a festival at Moana Springs, near here, May 6.

Editorials From Over the Nation

"FILTH FOR FILTH'S SAKE"
Lincoln Star: Otis Skinner whose "Alms for the Love of Allah" rings through our memory as one of the most pleasant memories of that year attendance has sounded the thought thousands of people have been hoping some one in authority might express. In decided terms he recently told the Midway Luncheon club of New York that "filth for filth's sake characterized many New York plays," but that it did not represent the general taste.

Mr. Skinner draws a fine line, but a line that we can all recognize between the immoral and the immoral in stage production. "Ugly facts about life which should never leave the doctor's or the lawyer's office, make up many modern plays," he declares and adds that one of the promising things is that few such plays ever get away from New York and fewer still survive a trip into the "pure clear atmosphere of the Middle West."

"What plays must have," he says, "is a belief in human nature, a belief in the decency of humanity." See dramas, divorce tragedies and damaged goods exposures have little faith in and apparently no hope for humanity. Certainly they do not cater to the ingrained sense of decency which characterizes the American public. Mr. Skinner plays parts that are hard to do. Mr. White and others whose productions it is always safe to see, but they play these characters so well that we love them for all their devilishness and our sense of the proprieties and the delicacies of our home lives are not questioned nor insulted.

A TRUTHFUL SKETCH
Let a man fall in business, what a wonderful effect it has on his former friends and creditors! Men who had taken him by the arm, laughed and chatted with him by the hour, shrug up their shoulders and pass him, meet him at the corner. A man who had a wife and a little child and presented that would not have been daylight for months to come but for the misfortune of the debtor. If it is paid, well and good; if not, the scowl of the sheriff, perhaps, meets him at the corner. A man that never failed knows little of human nature. In prospect he sails along, gently wafted by favoring smiles and kind words from everybody. He prides himself upon his good name and spotless character, and makes his boast that he has not an enemy in the world. Alas! the change. He looks upon the world as a different light when a real genuine friend in need is a friend indeed, no matter what the circumstances of a man may be, whether he may be fortunate or unfortunate, such a friend will always stand by him.—Scottish Rite Bulletin.

OFFICE CAT

BY JUNIUS

Correct this sentence: "For the eighth time the man failed to get his number and replaced the receiver gently on the hook."

Better to own a few true friends than all the gold refined;
Better the love of one real heart than all the rubies mined;
Better the hurt of many wounds than fear to join the fray;
Better than years of nothingness to live one surging day.

It may be more blessed to give than to receive, but the man who is playing put and take can't see it that way.

HERE COMES THE ICE MAN
Shot by Cupid's arrow, eh?
No, it was Tom's Pierce Arrow that did the trick.
But Love is blind, they say,
Yes, but Pierce Arrow will open one's eyes.
Then you don't think that love is entirely blind?
Well, when I gave my girl a diamond, I found out.
That love is not stone blind, at any rate.

There is many a man who may admit his wife is wrong or his political party is wrong, but did you ever run across one who would admit his watch is wrong.

The man who plays poker with strangers isn't gambling, for in gambling one is supposed to have a chance.

HUNTING TROUBLE
"Howdy, gentlemen. Howdy, saluted old Riley Rozdiew, halting in front of a little group of guests assembled on the veranda of the Peninsula tavern.
"Good morning," someone answered.
"Well, now, do any of you gentlemen wish to argue about the tariff or the income tax, or cuss the legislature, or anything of that sort, this morning?"
The best results are obtained in discussing prohibition when you speak easy.
Personally, we don't mind money, when it talks out loud, it is when it begins to whisper we get suspicious.
An optimist is a man who drops 26 stories in a 30-story elevator, and remarks at the fourth floor, "Well, I'm still alright."

Amos Tash says about the only perfect neighborhoods are those found in real estate advertisements.

HE COULD ON SPRING STREET PAVING
Behold, the cherry centipede, Of boots and shoes it has no need, With lithesome heart-it onward goes;
It's hard to stub five hundred toes.

Does a Russian girl take it as a compliment when her sweetheart tells her she is worth her weight in rubles.

It might be well to hold one of those peace conferences in a trench, but full of water with shrapnel bursting overhead. Then they would get results.

The most completely lost of all days is that on which one has not laughed.

A lot of women are two-faced. There is the one they wear at 8:00 o'clock in the evening and the one they wear at 8:00 o'clock in the morning.

High School News

Happenings in and Around the School Centers

(By Selma Whitteburg)
Two girls from English six class received prizes on an Oregon essay. Maurine Moore received first prize and Ella Annes third prize. Both girls wrote on the subject "Our Aims of 1917 and 1923."

An assembly was held Monday morning. Mr. Towler announced that the Bible examinations would be held next Friday, May the fourth, at nine o'clock. All students making seventy or above will receive a half credit for the Old or New Testament or a whole credit for passing in both examinations.

Monday all the Senior Girls wore ribbons and aprons. Most of the students did not realize what a lot of pretty girls there were in the Senior class until they were dressed up like "little kids."

The Junior-Senior Banquet will be given this evening. This event is the main topic of discussion in school at the present time.

The Union County Truck Meet is being held today, at Union, Oregon. All High Schools in Union County are eligible for this meet. The students of La Grande High realize that they have a very good team and they are hoping that they will win the meet.

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Pressure on Germany

The magnitude of the task France undertook when she occupied the Ruhr industrial region of Germany is now being realized. Teutonic resistance is stronger than was expected and difficulties in the rear of the French have developed. Collections on account of reparations have been light. German industry, outside as well as within the occupied areas is being steadily reduced. Thus German ability to pay gold on account of the indemnity charge is steadily declining. Active opposition by German police forces to French military agencies has become serious in some places.

All this is different from what was expected. But it does not by any means warrant conclusion that the French will not achieve their end. Harsher measures against recalcitrant populations of the occupied areas may be necessary. However, that these will be other than defensive, in the nature of suppressing disorders and punishing sniping of French soldiers, is not probable. Patience on the part of the French will be rewarded by capitulation of the Germans ultimately. If the Teutons do not care to work now, or are forced into idleness through shortage of fuel or other raw materials essential to their industry in the Ruhr and in the unoccupied regions, they will experience a change of heart when the pinch of hunger is felt.

The German magnates who have been exploiting Germany are credited with having enormous sums of money deposited in foreign lands and are supposed to be capable of buying necessary supplies abroad. This will not alter the fact that the Ruhr is the industrial heart of Germany and if the Ruhr starves for long the rest of Germany will feel the effects of it most uncomfortably. And there always remains the possibility that France will be goaded to extreme action.

Statesmen at Paris disavow the thought even of separating the Ruhr from Germany. There is serious danger that they will be compelled to change their program if Germany is too long unyielding. As the stage is set France will bring Germany to terms or will otherwise indemnify herself, which would mean she will reduce the German nation to straits far worse than the Teutons imagine would result from the payment of reparations as demanded.

Britain's Troubles

The British parliament is in session, and there are indications that it may prove a stormy meeting. Premier A. Bonar Law has had a difficult task assuming office under the control of the conservative party, and persons familiar with the quick changes in British politics predict there may be a complete overturn in government before long.

There is great dissatisfaction in England over the condition of unemployment, which is only slightly less acute than it was some months ago. The labor party is becoming more insistent that the government do something to relieve these conditions, and there is nothing to indicate that the government can do more than it is doing at present.

The labor element in Great Britain is restive over the policy of the government towards the occupation of the Rhineland by France, and there is considerable agitation for the withdrawal of British troops from Germany. The labor party does not seem to realize, or care, that a break between France and Great Britain over the policy towards Germany would have an unfavorable reaction in the Near East. Isolation of Great Britain in the Near East controversy might easily bring on a long and costly conflict with the Turks.

Reactions to governmental policies are quicker in Great Britain than they are in the United States, and the administration of government may be changed practically over night. Failure of the premier to secure a vote of confidence from parliament usually results in the calling of a general election and in most cases the selection of a new cabinet. It is easy to understand something of the problems that vex the British premier in Germany and the Near East.

"Top o' Blue Mountains" is very appropriate for the name of the pagan station. Every automobile tourist in the nation knows what it means, and those who have traveled over it in days gone by will come to witness a good road in a place where a mighty had one used to be.

The people in Spain like bull fights so well the recent strike of the bullfighters' union threatens to become a national peril. People will follow what they have been taught in early life.

According to the Supreme Court, all vessels can sell intoxicating liquors after they reach three miles out at sea, which passes it up to the good swimmers.

It would be stretching a point if Mexico were recognized by the United States just because in her domain are rubber-growing facilities.

It is claimed that there has been a marked decline in the writing of love letters. Folk are growing more cautious.

It is easy for a man's neighbors to find out a great deal more about him than he cares to have them know.

Many persons do not seem to be ashamed to advertise the fact that they have made a failure of marriage.

hundred word themes on the subject of "How Highway Transportation can Benefit the Religious Life of My Community."

The nominating committee for the next year officers of the A. G. S. has been selected and in a few days the A. G. S. election will be held.

Thursday morning about half an hour before school took up Bonnie Jesse coming down fourth street from his music lesson, saw Ben Herr wearing a cap that both boys claimed. They began an argument as to whose cap it was. Soon it became a friendly wrestling match. They wrestled for quite a while until it became a real fight. Mr. Towler stopped the fight by leading the battlers in to his office for a little private consultation.

The members of the Physiology Club have been studying the action of muscles. A very interesting experiment was made Monday with a frog. He was chloroformed, put in both cold and hot water, and then his brain was cut out. His muscles still moved, which showed that they were involuntary.

An assembly was called Friday morning to announce the Union County truck meet, which is being held at Union today.

Captain Snow gave out Basketball letters to the boys of the team. Letters were given to the following: Captain Glenn Metcalf, center; Floyd Smith, guard; Robert Garrity, guard;

Captain-let Owen Price, forward; Bernard Hammett, forward; Ray Lynch, high point man; Joe Hank, forward and guard; James Coker, guard; and Clifford Blockland, guard. Mr. Ross presented the ribbons to the boys earning them in the Pendleton-La Grande truck meet. The following boys received ribbons: George Garrick, Doyle Zimmerman, Floyd Smith, Tige Larson, Fred Steinbeck, and Captain Price. Although La Grande lost the meet, they are not discouraged and are more determined than ever to win the County meet.

The following took Bible Examination Friday Morning: Fern Kelly, Mildred Stoddard, Grace Symmons, Kenneth Fletchman and Dwight Hanchall.

At last the mascot of '23 has been

turned out. Look Junior! and grow green with envy for you can't get our "coat." A goat it is and may a better! A Golden Goat! None like it before! Set on a beautiful bronze background trimmed with a little green. The new seal of the L. H. S. invented by the class of '23 and drawn by Glenn Metcalf is on the side of the goat. We might also say something about this seal. It has a picture of the High School building with old Mt. Emily in the background. I guess we seniors know "our stuff." Our precious goat is still ours. If you want to gaze on the one and only one of its kind come around to a Senior and ask permission to do so. He might let you see it, if you ask very politely.—E. E. '23.

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