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**BEST IN PEACE:**—Thou shalt be down, and none shall make thee afraid.—Job 1:13.

## Germany and World Trade

Charles M. Schwab has made a somewhat exhaustive study of industrial and economic conditions in Europe. When Mr. Schwab says that Germany stands to win the war as far as dollars are concerned, his judgment is worth consideration.

In an address in New York City, Mr. Schwab told his audience that "Germany stands an excellent chance, through her efficient and willing labor, to win the fruits of the war unless the allied nations are able, through co-operation, to bring production costs down to a minimum."

When the German mark had dropped to one-half its pre-war value, economists naturally predicted that the government would be wrecked by the unrestricted inflation of the currency. The mark is practically worthless in international calculation, and the predictions of disaster have not been realized.

Mr. Schwab believes that the United States and Great Britain, as the two leading industrial nations of the world, should co-operate in a movement that would conserve the industrial values which have been fostered by these nations, and he declared that he would not be a party to cut-throat competition with Great Britain, which would only result in advantage to Germany.

There are indications that German workers in their loyalty to the fatherland, are willing to accept practically the conditions of the serf in order to enable Germany to command again the markets of the world in manufactured products. It is for the allies, including the United States, to say whether or not this policy shall actually win the war from an industrial standpoint.

## Encouraging Walking

A commendable movement has been started in Kansas City by an organization calling itself the Heart of America Walking Club, which numbers among its members such distinguished persons as President Harding, Chief Justice Taft, Marshal Foch, Secretary of State Hughes, General Wood, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Theodore Roosevelt, William J. Bryan, Sir Harry Lauder, Lady Astor and Senator Hiram W. Johnson. Its purpose is to stimulate walking for health and recreation. The members are expected to walk at least two miles every day in the open, and the steps taken around the house, office or place of employment are not to be counted.

The average person has need of such exercise as this. Americans are becoming a race of riders. The automobile or the street car is used constantly for little trips that would better be made afoot. There are other forms of muscular exercise which are more beneficial than walking for persons leading sedentary lives. Those who sit at desks all day will get the greatest benefit from bending movements which exercise the muscles of the trunk. The setting-up drill practiced in the army is excellent. Pitching horseshoes is to be recommended. Bowling is good. The fact is, however, that many persons, though in need of exercise, cannot be induced to take up these activities, while they would not be averse to walking if properly encouraged. The Heart of America Walking Club aims to furnish the needed encouragement. It conducts hiking parties and publishes inspiring literature dealing with walking.

Walking, of course, has other attractions besides the improvement of the health. Only by going afoot can one enjoy nature to the full and make the acquaintance of the birds and flowers.

## Alaska Prospering

A report which has just been issued by the department of the interior concerning the commerce of Alaska is of more than usual interest because it shows that the territory is developing in much the same way as California did. Gold was the magnet which drew the first settlers to Alaska, just as it was in the case of California. When the gold mines petered out there was an exodus of people from both. Then came the development of other resources, which ignored by the first arrivals, were found to be even more valuable than the deposits of the precious metal.

Alaska still has much gold. But it is significant that the increase in the mining output of the territory last year over that of 1921 was due primarily to heavy production of copper.

The fisheries of the territory come in for special notice in the report. It has vast areas of virgin forest and conservative cutting has now been started. Coal is another resource as yet undeveloped, and the agricultural possibilities of the territory are not to be despised.

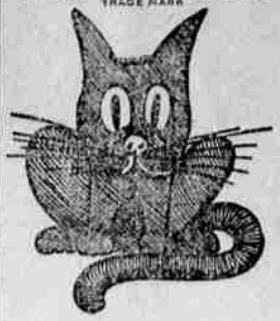
Alaska is prospering now, but there is every reason for believing that her present volume of commerce will seem small in comparison with the trade that she will enjoy a comparatively few years hence.

## And Then What?

We overheard a conversation between two life insurance men, not La Grande agents, but two of those who come to town occasionally. They were talking about business yesterday afternoon and one remarked to the other that the farmers were out of the game and there was no use to call on them for business.

The worst thing about this conversation is that it is almost true. But, when the farmer is out of the game, how long can other lines of business prosper? How can it be possible to continue without men who work the soil prospering? It is a hard problem. The unbalanced condition of affairs today prohibits a guess, but unless all fundamental rules of the business world have been scrapped there will be a general revival on the farm or we will all get mighty badly pinched.

## OFFICE CAT



BY JUNIUS

### THE PEANUT

There is a pet in the movie show, He sits in the gallery—I sit below; He catches peanuts, at least a peck, And droppeth shells right down my neck.

Elaine knows that her husband is in love with his stenographer, for she found in his memorandum book the words: "Get theatre tickets for R. U. R."

Folks who never do more than they are paid for, never get paid for more than they do.

There are two classes of traffic fools—joy-riders and joy-walkers.

God may give us our relatives but we even up for them by having the privilege of selecting our own friends.

### NERVE DEFINED

"Nerve" has various meanings. For instance, it takes one kind of nerve to fight a bull, and another kind to shoot it.

"I wish now," said a speaker in Union recently, according to Amos Tash, "to tax your memory." A wall arose from a sparse looking gentleman in a front seat: "Has it come to this?"

The policeman who confessed to stealing 76 Fords has been sent to jail for six months. A La Grande man thinks this is a noble effort to make the punishment fit the crime.

"That's me all over Mabel," said the poison ivy as a girl with a pimpled face went by.

Almost anybody can write a book but it takes a genius to compose the stuff printed on the jacket.

A normal child is one that reaches its sixth birthday about the time it acquires the nickel habit.

"My faith in the shimmy is not shaken," says a dancing master. But everything else is.

### GIRLS

There are girls to take to proms—

There are girls to take to dine.

There are girls to take canoeing

In the good old summer time.

There are girls who shine in parlors,

And who swing a wicked line.

There are girls who make kings look again  
 But none compare with mine.

Now that the long skirt seems to be here to stay, Cy Koloky says perhaps the advertisers in the street cars will get better results.

### WHAT THEY MEAN

Musical burglary—breaking into song.

Mental hospitality—entertaining an idea.

Spiritual pagentry—parading one's virtues.

Moral harvesting—reaping one's reward.

Social cannibalism—living on one's friends.

Undesirable generosity—giving yourself away.

Philosophical etiquette—howing to the inevitable.

And once more the sporting editor whistled' nchealantly in, kicked the spots off of the ceiling and composed the following:

### What They Mean

Girl's Promises: No man knows. Flat Tires: A girl who doesn't dance.

Love Thrusts: A ticklish sensation that fails to tickle but is in no other way definable.

Profiteer: The ice cream boy who charges ten cents to tell a fan who is seated in a far away corner obscure from the scoreboard, what the tally reads.

"Column right," remarked the book-keeper as he saw the accounts balanced.

A man trusts to love when he gets married, and then trusts to luck to get out of it.

### AGE CRITERION

If a man can't forget his troubles, open Cy Koloky, when a pretty woman sits down beside him and says she thinks he is just wonderful, he may as well quit kidding himself and admit that he is old.

Let's go fishing!

## FORUM

La Grande Evening Observer,  
 Dear Sirs:

I have been seeing an article in your paper that very much impresses me and I would appreciate it very much if you will print this article for public inspection.

I see that the L. W. Ws are to have their headquarters in La Grande and I cannot see why the commissioners should allow an organization of that kind to enter into the community any more than could possibly be helped. To say nothing of giving their permission for them to make their headquarters there.

I was in La Grande a few days ago and while there I was asked by at least four fellows for the price of a meal. When I would offer them work on a ranch at \$45.00 a month they said that that was not enough money. Now the ranchers need men now and need them bad but when men won't work what will they do about it?

These men who have been asking me for the price of a meal are L. W.

W's to a man, and wouldn't work at any job as long as it took them to be taken to it and I cannot see why the city of La Grande should give them standing room, only long enough to kick them out of town. To say nothing of a hall for their headquarters. I cannot say enough about these men to satisfy myself but what I say I mean and I think that Union county will back me almost to a man to see that these men never get a foothold in the Grande Ronde valley and will promise the next L. W. W. who wants a meal a piece of lead the size of his thumb so the cops will know what is going on when they think the "days of '49" are here.

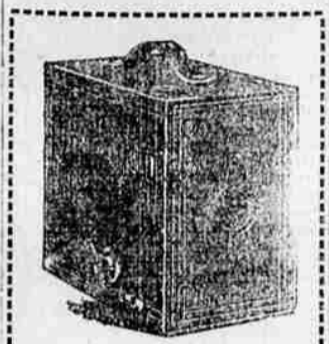
Yours truly,  
 A RANCHER.

### SHEEP COMING IN

THE PARK, May 7.—An aggregate of about 25,000 sheep are starting to pass here, going to pastures on leased land thence going to the mountains after June 1st. The different outfits consist of Miller of Union; Oscar amongst of North Powder; Miles of Elk Creek; Steiger of Baker, and Howell of Eagle Valley. They range at the head of Catherine creek and the Big Minam river on the Whitman and Imnaha forest reserves.

### BOAT OF NATIONS

(By Associated Press)  
 OAKLAND, Calif., May 8.—Unusual international color prevails in Oakland harbor as the result of the arrival of the former German flag-ship Ida, which is here from the Philippine islands flying the flag of Panama. The Ida is now American owned, but flying the Panama flag permits her to carry a Chinese crew and to enjoy easier safety restrictions.



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**APPROVE LIQUOR PERMITS**  
 (By Associated Press)  
 RENO, Nev., May 8.—The first of a series of permits to be issued to druggists and physicians in Nevada upon which liquor sales under the Volstead and Whitley acts will be based, have been approved by the internal revenue department in Washington, according to word received here. The "bone dry" law was abolished by the legislature recently and the Volstead act substituted.

None of the landscapes exhibited this spring seem convincing as real art should. There isn't a billboard in the lot.

A Want Ad Will Do It.

**U. B. Thrifty says**

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