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IN THE MORNING—Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God; for unto thee will I pray. My voice shall thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.—Psalm 57, 3.

Almost a Nuisance

Once in a while Union county has a visitor who lives in the stars or dwells in the house of scientific research, and to be truthful these chaps are almost as much of a nuisance as the fellow who continually brings in statistics on some certain subject. Statistic mills are plentiful. You can get statistics for anything. Whether they are correct is of little consequence, just so they are statistics.

Of late we have heard considerable discussion about the good old summer time giving way in a couple of years to icicles and snow banks in July. These assertions come from a fellow who has gone dippy studying things which other people never think of, hence he becomes an "authority" right away.

Subsidence of the continents beneath the seas and the drowning of the races is the latest scientific guess as to the end of the world—some 25,000,000 year hence. For this last, much thanks.

There still remains to man plenty of time in which to enjoy himself and to get something out of life. In the meantime, he will doubtless be treated to many variations of theory as to the end-all. Only a few weeks ago scientists solemnly gave warning of an ending by drought, with seas receding and land becoming too arid and torrid for existence.

Between being dried out and being drowned there may not be much choice, but there is wide range of difference. In between there is room for innumerable variations, and beyond there is room for even wilder fancies and guesses. It seems that scientific alarmists can not long remain silent on this subject. Very often prophets rise up to forecast the end. Many have been so rash as to cast their disaster for an early date, and accordingly have been discredited by failure.

Later prophets have generally adopted the safer rule of fixing the end-all at some remote time. Now that this warning has been issued, the world public may get set for the next guess, which will not be long in coming if scientific alarmists keep up their prophetic gait.

Inventors of Today

The man who can create a machine or an agency of any kind to reduce labor's burden or to aid humanity in better enjoying life, is quite a man. La Grande has a man, Dan Tanner, whose recent inventions in the saw mill world have brought safety to men who formerly held hazardous jobs and some of his inventions have also decreased cost of production to the lumber manufacturer.

He did not do this in a day, but he worked on the idea for a number of years, finally getting out what seems now to be a perfected machine, but as a matter of fact it is only the crude idea as yet. Men who use the Tanner inventions will aid in perfecting them, just as the men who use linotypes have perfected that machine.

George Pullman's first Pullman sleeping car was so crude that hatchet and nails had to be used in making up the berths.

Pullman's friends, who took the first trip, awakened next morning, fagged out and aching as if they had been prize-fighting all night.

After that first trip, which still is remembered vividly by many now living, Pullman's idea was a source of merriment.

All inventions and ideas are crude when they are born. No matter how brilliant your new idea, infinite patience is needed along with much burning of midnight oil before the crude idea is evolved into polished near-perfection.

The rounded corners of Pullman car vestibules were conceived by a porter. He had wearied of being the target for the wrath of passengers who had struck violently on the former sharp corners when the train rounded a curve.

Porters for many years patiently took the kicks of passengers who had their clothes splashed with water that lurching out of Pullman car wash-basins. Then a porter got the idea of projecting the top edges of the wash-basins inward, so that the water was not apt to lurch out, no matter how roughly the train rode.

In an almost infinite number of details the Pullman car was improved by the porters until today it is probable that porters have had more to do with giving us the Pullman palace car than the original inventor. The man who uses a device knows more about it than the man who originated it.

Nearly every contrivance that we use in civilization is the result of combined effort of thousands of minds.

All humans have the creative instinct, the desire to build and improve. Man is the tool of a great creative force that is at work all through the universe.

The only life that is really worth while is the one that contributes to the progress of humanity. That is the real success.

The man who is satisfied with himself is usually playing solitaire.

Chinese brigands aim to get enough money to retire after the first job.

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A bill has been introduced in the house of commons requiring American vessels entering British harbors to carry booze, and some Englishmen never will see the joke.

OFFICE CAT



BY JUNIUS

HAD THE RIGHT IDEA
(From Hickey-Koo, 1923)
The Hickey: "I'm going to sing you my favorite song."
Tom Hickey: "What is it?"
The Hickey: "Um-pha."
Tom: "Um-pha? How does it go?"
The Hickey: "Um-pha-never blowing bubbles."

Young salesman: "I'm independent anyway. I take orders from nobody."

It is as good as an open picture book to sit behind a woman wearing one of these new Egyptian style waists, embroidered with funny little men and women figures," asserts Amos Tash.

When to church I do go
A little prayer I whisper low;
I say in accents soft, but deep,
"Now I lay me down to sleep."

Journalist Jane says men are like the moon—shine best at night and down to their last quarter a good part of the time.

THEY, OF THE HENNA SEX
Dear Office Cat: I'm sending along a few little epigrams on the more deadly of the species. Here goes:
Women remind me of a circus. Lots of rings and bare backs.
Never trust a woman that will tell her age. A woman that will tell her age will tell anything.
A woman is like a clock. Pretty face, pretty movement and hard to regulate when she gets out of order. Yours with the best.—Ira Flivver.

Said the maid in the grocery store:
"Have you coffee in bean, I imagine?"

Said the lady who was bright:
"Take the stairway, one flight.
This is only the first or ground floor."

The one thing worse than owing money you can't pay, is being owed money you can't collect.

Being otherwise engaged many stenographers give notice they intend to quit about May 31st.

Dancing records don't stand still.

The old mother who used to cock "pelle shille" at this season of the year to keep the children in good health now has daughters who won't raise children.

"A chicken never stops scratching because various are scarce."

"Every man knows," says a La Grande man, "that condensed milk comes from evaporated cows and that bulls give tobacco."

ALL DOCTORS AGREE
That hearty laugh is the surest way to retain or regain a healthy disposition.
Read the Office Cat and save doctors' bills.

Little slush of powder, little specks of paint, makes the little freckles look as if they ain't.

The ex-Kaiser isn't giving word just now. His wife is away, and you can't do much saving on a sardine diet.

Editorials From Over the Nation

TO MAKE DEGREEEEN MEAN MORE:
BROOKINGS EXPERT: Princeton, the Great American university, introduces the proposal to change the meaning of the word "degree" in its country in launching another experiment in higher education. Juniors, and seniors are to be required to do a certain part of their work outside of the regular college routine of lectures, recitations and reports. They are to study independently in a selected field, being held accountable only in a general examination at the end of the term. The purpose, in the words of President Hibben, is to "individualize the students with independent intellectual work and independent responsibility."

It is interesting to find Princeton stripping the requirements for graduation at the same time that almost every college in the country is stiffening the requirements for entrance. It used to be said of the "big three" colleges that it was "hard to get in but easy to stay in." Now it is said that it is "easy to get in but hard to stay in." The favorite method of the "big three" was to cut lectures and the assigned reading, take a chance on the "hour exams," and then work intensively for two days before the final tests with lectures, lecture notes, "papers," and other handy hints for the mentally unfit.

Harvard blundered this little game a decade ago by the introduction of comprehensive oral examinations in which the candidate for a degree was paired along with one fellow student in the next to a group of oral examiners which was a precedent set by the best schools in the preparation. President Hibben's new plan is also calculated to make last-minute help of no avail.

American universities are behind those of Europe in insisting upon independent study. We carry the prep school appointed methods into college. Princeton is on the right track. The college degree will mean more if it is granted only after can-

Krupp von Bohlen's Trial



Scene during the trial of officials of the Krupp works before a French military court at Werden, Germany. The defendants arise as the court enters at the beginning of a session. Arrow indicates Krupp von Bohlen, who was sentenced to 15 years in prison.

Statistics have shown that they can work and think for themselves.

PROTECTING CHILDREN

Christian Science Monitor: Undismayed by two supreme court decisions overturning the two child labor laws which have passed the congress of the United States within the past few years, friends of this legislation in Washington are now striving with might and main to obtain the addition of an amendment to the Constitution which would settle the question beyond any doubt. Should they be successful, the dawning of a new era for children of America would be within sight. It will be remembered that President Harding was outspoken on this issue only last month, when he said in his message to congress:

"Closely related to this problem of education is the abolition of child labor. Twice congress has attempted the correction of the evils incident to child employment. The decision of the supreme court has put this problem outside the proper domain of Federal regulation until the Constitution is so amended as to give the congress indubitable authority. I recommend the submission of such an amendment."

Strange as it may seem, the most pitiable conditions found among child workers at present are not in the factory towns, but in the country districts. To deal properly with the situation, a Federal law must be enacted which will cover the situation in all states.

The Confidential Librarian
Tacoma Ledger: A woman librarian has adopted this rule: "Never discuss with a third person the library's business." She explains: "It would be just as unwholesome for me to tell you what size of my partner's pants as it would be for a physician to discuss your ailments in public."

Your choice of books tells too much about you. If I know what you read, I can tell pretty well what sort of a person you are.

It is a good rule, and the librarian quoted deserves credit for her keen sense of professional honor. But the chief point of interest is not her ethics, but her psychological reasoning: "If I know what you read I can tell what sort of person you are."

That swipes the responsibility from the librarian to library patron. By his reading you shall know the reader. It is a test of friends, family, self. And it is a pretty fair test.

Who would willingly be judged by what he has read the past winter? Or by the lack of reading, if he has read nothing?

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STATE PAYS WOMEN BONUS

Bonus for Babies is Paid in Papua to Women; Birth Control Advocates Are Shocked.

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, May 21.—There's a healthy shock waiting birth control advocates in the away Papua, in the Pacific ocean north of Australia. The natives of this community appear to have been bothered about birth control, for the most popular government regulation down there at present is a baby bonus for native women.

Col. J. H. P. Murray, lieutenant-governor of Papua, recently in London, explained in an interview the methods which have been adopted by the Papuan authorities to make it the best regulated and most industrious of the South Sea protectorates.

He says that under a system of baby bonus, if a native woman bears four children living her husband's tax is remitted. The mother receives a bonus of five shillings with an extra allowance for each additional child.

The intention of the baby bonus is not, however, to show contempt for the birth control advocates, but to induce to hold up the mother of a large family, as a person of distinction in the village. The old native idea was to despise the mother of many children. The officials set about to change the prevailing thought, and the recent census report would tend to show that they have started in the right manner.

Col. Murray's report on the Indian, and the spirit of the natives explains another theory of the life of the South Seas as being one long rest beneath the palm trees with dark skinned maidens hovering in the background.

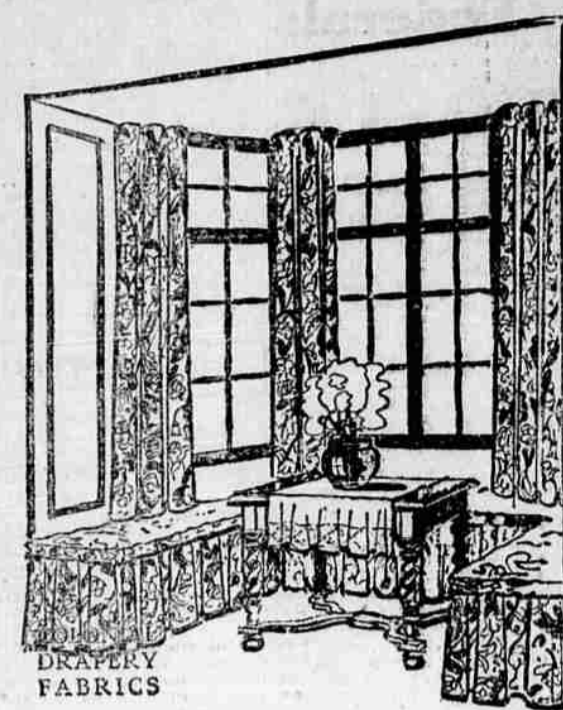
This impression evidently is quite incorrect, and even the tendency of the natives toward a little cannibalism and head hunting has soon waned under the influence of the British of desire to more peaceful pursuits of farming and road making.

A native of Papua must not only keep his village clean; repair and rebuild his house from time to time as decreed by the government and make and repair roads, but he must also gather coconuts or rice and pay a tax.

In addition he has to fish and hunt and cultivate his own gardens in order to provide for the wants of himself and his family. Under these regulations the tribes of the district have been changed from idle and warlike natives into honest citizens.

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GILA MONSTER SAID KILLED NEAR VALE

(By Associated Press)
VALE, May 21.—A giant lizard, which he claims to be a Gila monster, was killed on top of the Vale butte recently by Ralph Hollibaugh, a tourist stopping in the Vale park. Mr. Hollibaugh says he formerly lived in the Mojave desert and has killed many Gila monsters and positively identified this as one of the venomous lizards.

The Gila monster was over a foot long, asserts the killer. It had a salmon colored stripe along each side and diamond spots of the same color, alternated with whitish circles down its back and tail. As far as is known this is the first lizard identified as the Gila monster ever found this far north.

Apparently he isn't a diplomat if he gets up more trouble than he can avert.

A writer says he sees "dawn for renters." If it is the dawn of rent day, he needs't hurry it any.

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