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REVERE THE CREATOR!—Those art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.—Revelations 4:11.

Province Of A Newspaper

It would be comical, were it not somewhat pathetic, the way newspaper offices are besieged every day by their friends, urging them to "roast" this and that; to "see to it" that this and that is corrected; to have this and that done in the city or county; to start this and that kind of movement to correct evils in the state government. These friends actually appear to believe that it is the newspaper's business to handle all these affairs.

But a self-respecting newspaper, though ready and willing to carry all reasonable responsibility, must remind its readers that they—the people—are the authority upon whom rests the responsibility for the present state of affairs local, state and national.

A self-respecting newspaper tries to report the news of what actually happens, not what it might wish had happened. The relation of a self-respecting newspaper to the general public is not always understood. It is the duty of a newspaper to be in a position to support any good act and criticize any bad act of public policy.

This relationship cannot exist where favors are asked and granted. Honesty is the only policy for a newspaper.

If objectors don't like the way things are going, they should qualify as voters, and then raise Cain about it.

What has become of the marathon dancers?

Closing Up For Celebrations

It is a rather tender point, this closing up the entire city for first one kind of a celebration and then another. There was once a time when La Grande was much smaller than it is today when it seemed quite proper to close all business houses as a matter of respect and support to any event of great importance. But La Grande has grown to a size now when her people have different ideas, different tastes and different desires. For this reason it would seem unwise to throw out an order demanding that every business house close its doors during any week day.

Let the proprietor of the business be the judge as to whether he wishes to close. If the event is of sufficient importance, such as the coming of the president, every town and city will automatically close up its business for the day, but even then no order is needed.

The man who runs the business is the one who pays the expense of the business, hence it is hardly fair for anyone or any organization to attempt to dictate his time for keeping open or closing his business. That is a matter distinctly up to himself and his employees.

The Farmers Annual Picnic

La Grande people can have a day of pleasure at the city park this month when the farmers of Union county congregate for their day of rest and to enjoy the picnic dinner and extensive program which the committee has arranged.

On this occasion some of the problems that confront the producer will be discussed, and every merchant, banker and professional man will benefit by hearing the different angles that will be brought out by speakers who have studied the economic questions of today—some of which are extremely complex and call for the most profound thought from all sides.

Let the general public understand that it is invited to this picnic. While it is a farmers' picnic, everyone is requested to attend. Take your lunch basket and stay for dinner at the city park.

Paving And Property Values

La Grande is starting a paving program this year which has long been needed, and which should continue until every street which property owners request is paved. We have learned by experience that property values are so much greater on a paved street that it is no longer economy to talk about owning property that is free from paving expense. Invariably when property does not have paving expense it does not have the paving value.

The Evening Observer is not interested as to what kind of paving is laid so that a good, serviceable street is assured, but we do believe that the time has come for quite an extensive improvement program in La Grande.

Pitching Horse Shoes

At the Old Oregon Trail celebration July 3rd there is to be a contest in horseshoe pitching—a national contest for national supremacy. And as soon as the winner is announced, President Harding will pitch a game with him.

That's what we call a fine little number on the program for the president is recognized as a good old-fashioned American, hence he cannot help loving the old homely game of horse shoes. The committee which framed this attraction is entitled to a lot of credit.

Walter's democratic state administration is having plenty of trouble. Just as alfalfa weevil got a good start, the Evening hit Portland and the Willamette valley. This was followed by the march of the caterpillars on Albany and now Milton A. Miller and Will R. King have announced their ambition to run for the democratic United States senatorial nomination. These be hard days for Walter, whose duty it is to run the state and keep the democratic party in good fighting trim at the same time.

Editorials From Over the Nation

BASEBALL AND GOVERNMENT

Portland Oregon Journal: The U. S. army has prepared a questionnaire demanding fifteen answers as part of a course in citizenship training to be used at the summer camps. Two of the questions are representative of the whole. Anyone who can and will answer these properly and shape his life accordingly will be a citizen in whom little or nothing is lacking. The two are: "How does a careless ball player interfere with the success of a team? What difference does it make whether the voters in America vote intelligently or not?"

As far apart as they may seem, there is yet something similar to baseball in both citizenship and government. Everyone knows what happens when a ball player is careless, and everyone should know what happens when voters are careless, as for example, when they permit ignorance and prejudice instead of intelligence to sway them in casting their ballots. The most effective team-work and the best playing are found to win in the long run, and honest and intelligent play in both sport and government is what the public pays for.

BUT THE MAN WHO CARRIES NO GUN USES NONE

Willis Fletcher Johnson in the North American Review: There is beginning to be realized the hitherto little thought-of purpose of the familiar phrase about the "man behind the gun." That phrase, as I well recall, was coined to remind us that the efficiency of the gun depended upon the discipline, the marksmanship and the spirit of the gunner. That is perfectly true. But it is not the entire truth. The larger purpose of it is that while the gun may be an agent of warfare, the man is the principal. A million guns could not make the slightest war, without men behind them; while a million men could make a tremendous war without a single gun. It is doubtful if the mere possession of arms ever incited men to war; and it is still more doubtful if lack of arms ever restrained them from it. If men want to fight, they will fight whether they have arms or not. If they do not want to fight, they will not fight, even though they are all armed to the teeth.

THEIR OLD SCHOOLMATE

Pittsburgh Chronicle - Telegraph: The conductor observed a tramp squeezed away on the front end of the baggage car. He told a brakeman to throw him off at the next station. The brakeman went, but when he was about to start the throwing-off process, the tramp drew a revolver and aimed it at him in retreat. The advice seemed good and the brakeman took it. Upon his return the conductor asked him if he had got rid of the tramp, whereupon the brakeman said: "No, I didn't have the heart to do a graduate of mine."

"That don't cut no ice with me," said the conductor. "Just wait until I get at him. You'll see something flying in the air then."

OFFICE CAT



BY JUNIUS

Jose James rode a horse. Men who cut pie in eight pieces don't.

Oh, what is so rare as a day in June?

I'll answer this famed exclamation. It's finding a Democrat holding a job in a Republican administration.

No, Marcellus, Easter Sunday is not Billie's sister.

The only two creatures referred to as "so human" are a great man and a monkey.

Some children are free to have a good time and some have mothers who worry about them.

Brazil is really the place for the tired bank clerks to enjoy life, believes Amos Tash. In Brazil there are nine holidays in January and February.

She was throbbing—pulsating—full of life, so I—stepped on the gas and rode down to the station.

"Yes, Charlie, a missing finger on a deaf and dumb hand might be called an impediment of speech."

Death doesn't seem so frightful when you think of it as crossing the bar. It doesn't help, however, to think of crossing the street.

News From the Suicide Club. A new drink—Aeroplane cocktail. One drop will kill you.

You can idolize a woman, but you can't analyze her.

Smile.

If the weather looks like rain, Smile.

When you feel you must complain, Smile.

Do not mind if things are gray, Soon there'll come a brighter day. You will find that it will pay To Smile.

If the world looks sad and drear, Smile.

Banish every thought of fear, Smile.

Do the very best you can. Play your part now like a man, Make each day a better plan. And Smile.

If you taste life's bitter cup, Smile.

Should the doctors give you up, Smile.

You are very far from dead, Waste no time in useless dread, Put your trust in God instead And Smile.

One La Grande man considers the two dollar bill so unlucky that he always gives his wife one for her allowance.

Junius just discovered today that a little sign hung in the office of the Observer says: "The man who can bottle up his temper is a corker." Knuff sed!

It'll be the ole swimmin' hole for us before long!

Has Record of His Own—
SAN FRANCISCO, June 11.—Persons who break records in marathon dancing and do other unusual things with their feet amuse James Diviny, night watchman at the Southern Pacific company's office building here. Diviny rounded out 24 years with the company Saturday and had in that time, he estimated, walked 130,000 miles within the building and opened and closed doors 2,000,000 times.

Klan Paraders Fined—
EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., June 11.—Six alleged members of the Ku Klux Klan, who were arrested after a parade of the Klan through the streets of this city May 27, Saturday pleaded guilty to charges of disorderly conduct and were fined each \$5 and costs by Justice of the Peace Driscoll. The parade followed an alleged meeting of the Klan on a farm outside the city.

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