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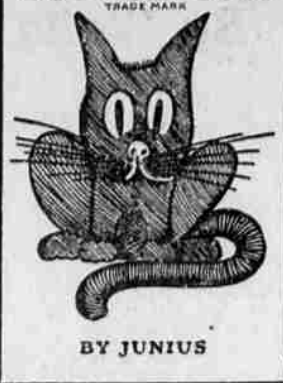
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## THE OPEN COURT

To the Editor of The La Grande Observer: Yesterday afternoon upon returning from a short visit to Princeton University I found on my desk at the Russell Sage Foundation the most interesting newspaper I have seen in many a day. It was the Old Oregon Trail Edition of the La Grande Observer. It had been mailed to me from Salem, Oregon, by my Mother, Mrs. John B. Eaton, whom many of your readers will remember. Never since I left Grande Ronde Valley over 25 years ago have I had such a visit with the old home folks as that which began yesterday evening in the subway, continued until after midnight last night and ended this fine Sunday morning with the last item of the same old "Local News in Brief" column of the Observer. Here I notice that "J. D. Geer (I hope that is Judd) is over from Cove on business," and that "Judge J. W. Knowles" will soon be home from Portland," and there is mention of W. H. Holmquist Company, one of the old names I have never heard of anywhere else but which I remember better than if I had first heard it yesterday. Then I see that "Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Braag of La Grande left last evening for Salem," which you'll agree with me is a good thing for Salem but bad for La Grande.

## The Cold Blooded Verdict

Society demands a certain amount of soft words; it matters little what the event is, or who has been entertained, certainly it would be the height of impoliteness for anything but complimentary remarks to emanate from the guests.

For this reason, many may think the pretty things said of the Meacham celebration by President Harding and his party were natural obligations. Perhaps so, but in that Presidential party were several hard-boiled, double-edged veteran newspaper representatives of the eastern papers who have no fear of man, God or the devil; whose rough skins never shrink for a moment under the beaming gaze of pretty women nor do their feelings change under the blaze of public opinion. To them if a thing is it is, and diplomacy never enters into their make-up. They are the fellows who are not compelled by social rules to shake the hand of the hostess and say "delighted," for when they have observed what is going on they can with perfect propriety retire without formality. Thus they take with them the appearance of things as they are, free from all coloring, free from any personal feeling.

Hear what the hardest boiled of the newspaper bunch had to say of the President's visit to the Meacham celebration on Top O' Mountain July 3rd:

"It is the great outstanding event of the President's entire journey thus far," said the correspondent. "Plainly it was a bigger effort to draw 25,000 to the top of a mountain to hear Mr. Harding than it would be to collect fifty thousand people from a city possessing four times that many resident population. At Meacham they had to travel long distances, they had to exert themselves to meet the chief executive, whereas in thickly settled communities it is no effort.

"And, again," he continued, "viewing the Meacham visit from purely a political angle, it is plain to anyone who will analyze the matter the President did more for himself politically in Meacham than in any other stop thus far made. Bear in mind Meacham is a place of less than fifty people, also bear in mind that a large portion of America's voting population either live in or have at some time in their lives lived in small communities. Thus the link is forged which at once conveys to them the unmistakable feeling that the President of the United States is a pretty good, common, every day man for he spent the day of July 3rd celebrating in one of the smallest towns in Oregon.

"But there is one more feature which should not be overlooked so long as we are doping this visit out," said the man who has made and unmade United States senators with his virile pen. "Mr. Harding paid tribute to the pioneers on that visit. You realize that every state and every county has its pioneers. They read of the President staying a day with Oregon Trail Pioneers, of his active part in dedicating the Trail, unveiling the monument, his peace pow wow with the Indians, his profound feeling of respect for the old survivors of early days, and his enjoyable ride with Stage Driver Woods in the Concord stage. The result is plain to me—namely, the President did more for himself socially and politically by spending the day on Top o' Blue Mountains, than he has done in any other visit."

When one thinks earnestly of what this veteran news writer has to say the argument becomes conclusive, and Eastern Oregon renews its feeling of delight at having furnished the background and entertainment for the President of the United States and his party.

## Those Who Really Make Things Go

It is not the ones who appear in the front rank entirely who make the celebrations and all events successful, although they, too, are entitled to a certain portion of credit.

But the ones who are the actual pillars are those who toil unceasingly in order that certain results may be obtained. For instance, when we reflect on the events of last week noting the success of the occasion we see before us Claude Seranton, Walter Parker, A. W. Nelson, H. E. Coolidge, Ralph Huron, Floyd McKennon, L. C. Scharpf, Sam Thompson, Chauncey Bishop of Pendleton, "Cad" Cadwell of Union, Dr. W. T. Phy of Hot Lake, C. W. Calder of Baker, and a number of other men whose time was given entirely to the celebration on July 3rd.

And when we think of the successful dinner served to the President and his party we remember that the daughters of the pioneers were the "girls" who put that event on in fine style. We recall how Medical Springs and Union women, upon the call from Mrs. Grace Powers who had the dinner in charge, rolled up their sleeves, stuck to the kitchen for hours and hours while they prepared a dinner of excellence, the menu including bear meat, chicken a la Eastern Oregon, along with other usual good things that go with it.

Nothing worth while is achieved without earnest work by someone, and it must be remembered that those who appear in the foreground are not always the ones who have given the hours of hard work to the show. Always back behind the curtain, back where the guests do not go, there are sincere workers who are in fact the mainsprings of the entire machine and under no consideration could be dispensed with.

The birds appear to have definite views as to whom the early cherries belong.

Fashion is supreme, and some women don't give a rap whether there is chill in the air or not.

The trouble with blind love is that it doesn't stay that way.

A great many girls say "No" at first but like the photographer, they know how to retouch their negatives.

If it ever so happens, there's no use like your own.

No, Gladys, a perfect stranger is not always well behaved.

Science can explain everything except the reason an infant son needs three drinks of water between 1 a. m. and 3 a. m.

A great many people run behind trying to keep up in front.

Yes, We Have No Bananas, Sing me no ballads of mellow antiquity;

Spare me your psalms and your hymns and homannas; Muffle your waltzes of love and indulgity.

—Sing me a song of a lack of bananas.

Those who tried it say that changing seats in a canoe is one way to learn to swim.

Now that the filling stations are filling all vacant lots, the weeds will have to make other arrangements.

The trouble these days with too many of our sons of toil is that they don't seem to have even a speaking acquaintance with their parent.

Some people lay a lot of stress on their family trees—even though it may have been "pruned rather close"—by a doubtful progenitor.

If one man does all the talking, that's argument; if ten combine to put the thing over, that's propaganda.

Etiquette Note.  
 In some elite circles it is not considered good form for a gentleman to snag his suspenders at a lady.

A loud cutout on an automobile often gives a man a misguided idea of his own importance.

Correct this sentence: "The floor under her rug was kept as clean as the exposed portions."

Dumbbells of Note.  
 Speaking of dumbbells and other gymnasium equipment, Amos 'n' Josh consider the guy who, when an usher at the movies told him there were plenty of single seats down in front, asked if they were together, and probably want to know whether or not connecting rooms are "en suite."

Hydrianders may be "innocent" as alleged, but they don't look the part.

Knightliness and Patience are rays that dispel the fog of prejudice and suspicion—they will remove misunderstanding where argument would merely confuse the issue.

Two midnight in the barnyard and all the sheep were there partaking of their mid-day meal and growing underwear.

Suppose a senator's son can now be called a chip off the old block.

It takes an optimist to face the world with a good heart when the liver is out of order.

Bathing suits show the winter lot come of the folks in bad shape.

Many Americans who made it a point of laying up something for a rainy day now wish they had laid up something for a dry one.

The country seems about equally divided between those who blame the original sin and those who blame Wall street.

Owing to the use of coal substitutes it is no more than fair that the tenants should be allowed to pay some sort of substitute rent.

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anyone can know they weave themselves in and out of the pattern of my life as some event flashes back over the wires of memory to the experiences of other days.  
 Thank you again for this Oregon Trail Edition of the La Grande Observer, and, if you can, please remember me with affection to the many whose names I would write down here, but for the fact that it would require another special edition to publish them. Sincerely—Allen Eaton.

To The Editor: We had a splendid picnic Sunday at Columbia Park, in honor of the pioneers of Union County, and their posterity. There are quite a number of the old timers down here, but we feel that Grande Ronde Valley in Union County is a spot that we all ought to remember.  
 Enclosed find a toast expressing my feelings on this occasion:  
 To the Union County Pioneers.  
 Here's to Union County  
 And its Oregon Pioneers!  
 May the golden chain of Memories Reach down the trail for years.

May we all become as useful  
 As the gentle drops of rain  
 That rounded out the bearded heads  
 And made the golden grain.

In this wonderful land of ours  
 We need tilers of the soil,  
 To make this old world happy  
 And everybody smile.

Yours very respectfully—Fred Alexander, Morrison St., Bridge, Portland, Oregon.

To Build Dormitory.  
 (By Associated Press.)  
 BELLINGHAM, Wash., July 5.—Construction of a dormitory to house 100 men students of the Bellingham State Normal school will begin this fall, if present plans of the student body and of the faculty are carried through.

The needs of a dormitory for men has long been evident, it is said. On several occasions the enrollment of men students has approximated 100. The dormitory when completed is expected to cost about \$100,000, but it will be built on the unit plan, with

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