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HUMILITY AND EXALTATION:
 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.—1 Peter 5:6.

Misguided People

About 180 people, former residents of Union county, met at Columbia park in Portland this week and organized a society. J. L. Carter, Mrs. Slater-Smith, Ex-Governor Geer and a few more were in charge and they expect to make the event an annual picnic.

The above news item is all right, but it tells of a bunch of misguided people, for who but a person that has lost his guidance to a large extent could be content with living in Portland after he had breathed the ozone of Eastern Oregon's great out-of-doors? Who, may we ask, could ever be content in the city of ruin and rank vegetation, after he had trod the sage brush hills, heard the coyote's solemn midnight cry, looked upward and beheld the heavens with their bright stars, and felt the soft zephyrs kiss his cheek, as his thoughts danced in happyland where cares and sorrows dwindle before the spotlight of contentment?

Those Union county people may picnic in Portland, but they will never feel at home down there. Back to the hills, old friends of yore, back to the country of your youth. Time will deal kindly with you here and you can know your next door neighbor who will ask about you if you are ill; who will come over and "sit awhile" in soft twilight, who will mingle his sorrow with your sorrow, who will rejoice with you in your pleasures.

Portland is a place to trade and swap—it is a city laden with all the deceit and corruption known to cities, but if you want to feel the joy of being natural under conditions which do not demand the cloak of hypocrisy in order to land a contract or secure social distinction, come back to the Grande Ronde valley.

Now, What Next?

Those who thought the history of the wheat market would not repeat itself this year, and that growers would get a good price for their crop regardless of the large yield, apparently are doomed to disappointment, for dollar wheat looks like a long way off, judging from the happenings in Chicago yesterday.

The market jumped around a little. It pulsed for several days responding to reports of better and better wheat crops over the nation, and yesterday it spilled over taking a drop that is both nauseating and disgusting to a wheat producing section.

The lowest price since 1914 was recorded yesterday, and the predictions are that lower prices will follow.

Well, if wheat hits the toboggan, what next? Watch for the slump in other channels of trade, for it is impossible to keep things so thoroughly out of line with wheat and meat as they now are.

The old wheat traders on the board of trade never lose sight of a good rain in the wheat districts and they are very good guessers on the amount of grain that will be raised. Not a chance is given by them for the producer to take the lead and grab a justifiable price for wheat when it is possible for traders to beat down the market with stories of the good crops.

Burning The Mortgage

This evening there will be an event in Oro Dell canyon which will be almost as important to La Grande people as was the Boston Tea party to the world, for the Country club members and their friends will meet a la picnic and before adjournment they will burn the mortgage which has hovered over the club's home.

It's a grand and glorious feeling to get rid of a debt. We know because once or twice in our lives we have experienced that swelling up caused by the joy of knowing that the debt was paid. Hence we can rejoice as a member of the Country club and also as a private citizen who has struggled under debts all of his life, occasionally lifting one.

The Country club is a fine institution for the community and it is popular with its many members. The golf links have done much to aid in a social way the bringing of men and women together and the club house is distinctly the social headquarters for the city.

It is therefore of exceptional community pleasure to know that this evening the last vestige of evidence showing a debt upon the club will be incinerated, all of which means that generous donations have been made and the debt has been paid.

At last Florida has awoke to a legalized crime and has not only discarded the practice of leasing prisoners to industries in that state but actually convicted Thomas Walter Higginbotham who flogged Martin Tabert to death while he was under lease to a lumber company of Florida. The black spots on the southland are one by one disappearing and with another generation it will be a wonderful land of opportunity and happiness.

According to the Oregonian Governor Pierce usurped the President's popularity. Now, how could that be possible when the governor was entertaining the President?

Justice Day, of the United States Supreme Court, died at the age of 74 which is a very ripe old age, especially when a life has been spent in such good work as was that of Justice Day.

Anyway, the wet spring has kept "Able" and "Slivers" out of La Grande thus far this season. Some compensation the rain brings.

Junius is angry, sore, peeved, soured on the world and insulted. Yesterday she was walking down Depot street when a strange man passed her. Then he looked at her a minute and then handed her a package of washing powder and a cake of soap.

No, you sweet young thing, a sleeping bag can hardly be called a knapsack.

Discretion Personified.
 If it is true that more boys were born after a war, it would seem to go to prove that they used very good judgment.

The editor of a Wallowa county newspaper came in yesterday for a little chat with Junius. After talking about the weather, etc., he began to tell about a trip he had made recently. He was driving his year before the year before last Ford and after changing painfully up to a gas, heard the gaskeeper (demanding the usual fee for automobile we believe) call: "A dollar for the car!" And the Wallowa county editor smiled pathetically and said "Sold!"

These pests who holler about having never felt the need for a vacation are beginning to weaken.

All About Spreading.
 Spread happiness and you are more of a success than a millionaire, is true. But spreading your stuff doesn't draw you back any, either.

"What a splendid oil," said the tailor, as they carried the epileptic out of his shop.

A man can be called old when he begins to grate what a whirlwind he was in his youthful days.

Little Things.
 We cannot all achieve renown. Some will ascend, and some will descend.
 Though many win the world's acclaim, A host will work unknown to fame.

Do, then, thy duty as it comes: March without blare or brass or drums— Greater than conquerors or kings, 'Tis he who's great in little things.

Junius went to Baker recently. Getting a wee bit hungry she went into a refreshmentary and seeing a man whose name was probably Roy, asked him how he sold his oranges. "Well, for a nickel, three for fifteen cents," was the cheerful reply.

The world isn't growing better. The reason we think that it is is because fewer women expectorate in public.

The open season on organizes is here. Don't after an hour's session with her sweetheart on the porch—organize organizes! to keep presentable!

Back in '82.
 And then along comes the old timer, who, after shifting his tummy to the left side and killing a fly at ten feet says, "This weather isn't hot. Why, back in '82 it was so goldrained that our farmers had to pick their chickens and whack the cow to keep them from smothering to death!"

This is the time of the year when the La Grande girls are staying home in order to give their suitors a chance to peep at unseen.

WHEAT WAREHOUSE WITH WHEAT.
 (By the Associated Press) SPOKANE, July 12.—Warehouses will overflow with wheat if the Pacific Northwest crop is bumper crop for the year. W. E. Stoes, general agent for the United Pacific grain, said here upon his return from a week's inspection of the Pacific countries.
 "Everything points to an enormous crop and grain will have to be piled outside if it comes with a rush," he said. "Weather conditions have been ideal."

STOCK DISEASES EXPLAINED.
 MOUNT VERNON, Wash., July 12.—(UPI) Thursday, Don E. E. Wegner of the veterinary school of the State College of Washington, who arrived in Mount Vernon Sunday, will give a



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This lot includes such high grade makes as Armstrongs, Fox and Boyd Welch. These are two tones, patents and kids.

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Men's \$10.00 Florsheims now	\$8.85
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series of extension talks on animal diseases of all sorts. From here he goes to Seattle until July 16. Port Orchard, July 16-18; Olympia, July 18-20; Chehalis, July 20-22, and Cathlamet July 22-23. On his way to Mount Vernon he spent three days at Everett, giving a similar series of lectures.

BANKRUPT SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned trustee in bankruptcy of the estate of the Union Motor Company, a corporation, under and pursuant to an order of the Referee in Bankruptcy, H. E. Dixon, Esq., made and entered on the 16th day of May, 1923, will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at private sale, from and after the 14th day of July, 1923, the following described real premises, to-wit:

The equity of redemption, after foreclosure of the mortgage after foreclosure by mortgage of judgment of \$5876.90, in and to the real premises described as Lot 9 and the East 24 feet of Lot 8, and a strip 24 feet long and 4 and 5-6 feet wide, rectangular form, lying alongside and on the west (northwest) side of

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE
 In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Union County.
 In the Matter of the Estate of James M. Longshore, deceased.
 Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of the Honorable U. G. Couch, county judge of Union County, State of Oregon, made on the 12th day of June, 1923, for the sale of the real estate hereinafter described, there will be sold at private sale to the highest bidder for cash from and after the 13th day of July, 1923, the following described real estate: the NE1/4, section 32, township 2 South, Range 37 E. W. M., and the W1/2SW1, the SE1/2SW1 section 29, the NE1/4NW1 section 32, Township 2 South, Range 37 E. W. M., all in Union County, State of Oregon.
 Dated this 12th day of July, 1923.
 JAKE ROSTOCK,
 Administrator of the Estate of James M. Longshore, Deceased.
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