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As The People Will

A student of the problem of automobile regulation thinks he has discovered why only a very few states have undertaken to prevent highway accidents by restricting grants of operators' licenses to the demonstrated fit and providing for revocation when evidence of unfitness of licenses is forthcoming.

There may be some truth in this. But it will not be generally accepted as an explanation of the bad condition that is constantly growing worse. There is much complaint from small towns and rural districts against reckless drivers as arises in the cities.

The truth is that licenses only for the fit, which often has been proposed, appears to the majority, whether motorists or not, as an interference with personal rights that would be intolerable.

Home Versus Automobile

Henry Ford's ideas in regard to paper money, interest and other financial subjects are not in accordance with orthodox teachings; but the latest incident in which he has figured in the newspapers indicates that his views as to how a poor family should invest its savings are sound.

While cruising in his yacht in the Great Lakes he picked up a newspaper several days old in which he read of a woman who had been arrested on a charge of shooting her husband.

The inference is that although he wants every family to own a "flivver" he does not approve of devoting to that purpose money which had been laid aside for the purchase of a home.

The home should, of course, come first. Everyone who has given any study to the subject of thrift and the best methods of promoting it knows that owning one's home is of paramount importance.

An Editor Recognized

Governor Pierce has appointed Editor E. B. Aldrich, of the Pendleton East Oregonian, to a place on the board of regents of the Oregon Agricultural college.

We know of no one more capable than Editor Aldrich for this position of honor, and we believe that his keen mind will at once discern a lot of needed things which will assist O. A. C. to function more closely in touch with the people who support it.

No privileges were taken from the Armenians in the recent Lausanne treaty. They still have the right to be killed by the Turks.

Does increase in the number of political dirt farmers imply increase in mud-slinging in the next presidential campaign?

All the world loves a lover, except that chap who wakes the neighborhood at 11:55 p. m. every other night tuning up a balky

That London surgeon is centuries behind the times with his process for making women look young.

One accessory on his car a man never boasts about is the mortgage he has put on his house.

Short day in the steel mills has arrived, but woman's work remains "never done."

At that many a man's instincts are more reliable than his so-called judgment.

OFFICE CAT



BY JUNIUS

The Bonehead's Dictionary.

Crap: "A harmless animal, indigenous to all sections; often hunted. The sport is called shooting."

Dog: A four-footed mammal. Edible when the word "Hot" is prefixed.

Einstein theory: That that is that that is not is not is that not it.

Food: Half-brother to a bath tub. (Everyone has one but doesn't care to be seen in it.)

Kiss: An oscillatory short circuit; tasteless, colorless, and painless; very pleasant but oftentimes equally expensive.

Wood alcohol: The only existing word having the same meaning in every known tongue. Definition: Death.

Another reason why a woman hurries home with a new hat is because she wishes to get there before she changes her mind.

Education is all right but you can't make it pay the board bill unless you know how to put it to work, says Amos.

Junius thinks some party telephone lines are more than that—they are a whole convention.

A girl reaches the height of modesty when she refuses to look at the Weather Strip on a house.

Ain't It The Truth? We editors may dig and toil. 'Till our finger-tips are sore! But some poor fish is sure to say: 'I've heard that joke before.'

The average husband doesn't earn as much as a movie star, but his sticking qualities are much better.

Before calling a man a liar be sure you are right—then use the telephone.

It's those getting up exercises of a morning, that bother me, sighs a resident of La Grande.

Converse, of course, but eliminate the gabfest.

No wonder girls learn to swim more easily than men. Who wants to teach a man to swim anyhow.

All the world is a stage and actors it struts, among a lot of other things, a lot of nuts.

Many homes have been broken up by men wanting to sit on the front porch in their bare feet.

There is no real demand for endurance tests in a world where damage is what they are.

Here lies the body of William Tidd. He thought his trees wouldn't skid. They did.

Fame is merely being known by a larger number of people than you know.

Life is about equally divided between wishing for something you can't afford and wishing you hadn't spent so much last month.

The woman says: A Seattle man was sentenced to stay at home for three weeks.

A girl today. If she can raise the price, Will never wear The same complexion twice.

The reason we kick at times about the flowers at a funeral is that they are just about three days late in arriving.

We have no more right to consume good things without creating it than to consume wealth without producing it.

This startling advertisement recently appeared in a town newspaper: The ladies of the Plum Creek Church have discarded clothes of all kinds. Call at 44 North Plum Street and inspect them.

Poets' Corner

The following poem was sent in by Mrs. E. D. Bohm, formerly Miss Jane Eaton, who is now residing in Portland.

The Valley of My Dreams. There is a dear little valley That is beckoning to me A place that I left long ago Surrounded by mountains And hidden away A dear peaceful valley I love.

We traveled the highway From Portland to Meridian The grand old Oregon Trail Then on down the canyon To the Grande Ronde Valley The home of my childhood days.

When in childhood I rambled From San Ridge to Island And studied in Saw Buck school And played in the river And gathered wild currants In that dear little valley I love.

Then here's to the valley To the dear Grande Ronde Valley The home of my childhood days And here's to Mr. Emly The grand old mountain That guards the valley I love.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



PORTER RASTUS JEFFERSON JACKSON AND THE BIG MAPLE TREE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, WERE WITNESSES AT THE CENTRAL HOTEL TODAY.

Boy Scouts Organized Their Camp Perfectly

Issued Publication That Coined Many Fine Literary Efforts.

While camped on the banks of the checks is established in camp.—Sin Grande Ronde and Ply Creek near—Starkley for two weeks the Boy Scouts

missed the Evening Observer very much and in order to not without use in the Daily Drag.

From Issue of Uncertain Date. Scout Kochensparger is the champion fresh air fiend. Even the damp and chilly air has no terrors for him.

Breakfast was ready half an hour ahead of time this morning. The fact that Ed Fitzgerald, the champion iron moulder of the upper Grande Ronde helped to make the hot-cakes accounts for it.

For Sale or Trade: A corkscrew attachment on a can opener, also two first class second-hand hot cake griddles, all guaranteed to give dissatisfaction. Will trade for extension attachment on a can opener, also two self clean on credit.

Wanted: Several huskies to pry loose the big rock near the dining room entrance. In case they are out of price they could pry the first.

Explanation: Pryke is pronounced as it written Pry-kay. The party who perpetrated this alleged joke has had almost no sleep for several nights and should not be held responsible.

Another dog appeared in camp today in reply to recent ad in Daily Drag. His tail was far too short for our purposes and he did not secure a position. Dogs expecting to be hired should be of good size and should apply before their tails have been bobbed. Real can hounds are still wanted.

The whole camp was saddened this morning soon after breakfast by the casual death of the Boy Scouts.

When the K. P.'s asked Mr. Pryke what they were to do next he pointed to a guinea seak full of peas that some kind-hearted visitor had brought and said: "You can shell those peas next."

The shock was too much for George Glass and with a ghostly moan he sank to the ground as people do when they get shell-shocked.

Having much knowledge of chemicals he managed to faintly call for a quantity sufficient and Agua Para and by skillful applications (both internally and externally) of this wonderful drug he was soon able to walk around in a dazed condition and his bare feet. By being able to apply the proper remedy at once it is thought he will soon be his normal self again.

Whether or not there will be an improvement in his condition will be left to the judgment of our many readers. Mr. Pryke felt very bad over it because he might have known that Glass never were easily shattered. George wants the occurrence kept

From Issue of Saturday, July 14th. Communicated.

To the Editor: The writer was very agreeably surprised with the results of yesterday's race in your valuable paper. The efficiency of the K. P.'s seems to be wonderfully increased. No doubt they feared some one else would get their jobs. Today's crew is the best yet and they will likely win the prize in the form of a beautiful cut-glass dishrag.

Another result noted was that the first dog appeared in camp very early this morning. He didn't stay long as the job may have looked too big for him to tackle alone. Besides that, he was a sheep dog and there may not have been nutcrackers enough in the bunch to make him feel at home. Will be glad to pay for these ads, as soon as a bank that will honor my

Royal Ann Cherries

We will accept Royal Ann Cherries Monday Morning. Get your boxes for packing at Stone Warehouse.

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Geo. H. Currey

Real Estate Insurance

Advertisement for N.W. West & Co. featuring a 'SALE!' of Gingham Dresses. Prices listed: \$2.75 Values Now \$1.90, \$3.50 Values Now \$2.65, \$5.00 Values Now \$3.60.

secret so his folks and many friends in town will not worry any more than usual about him. All readers of this paper please take notice and act accordingly.

LUGO FINANCES SMALLER FARMERS

(By Associated Press) MEXICALI, Lower California, July 31.—A total of 224 farmers with from ten to 100 acres in cotton are being financed by the state government at the instance of Jose E. Lugo, military governor of the northern district of Lower California.

A total of 18,000 acres of land under irrigation were placed at their disposal by Governor Lugo.

More than \$500,000 will be advanced by the farmers by the state before they receive returns from their crops are able to pay back to the state.

Farmers get the money at four per cent, as against a minimum of ten per cent paid to banks in previous seasons, the governor pointed out. In addition to the ten per cent paid banks, he said, the farmers were usually tied up with ginning and sales contracts, from which the farmers were relieved under the state plan.

Therefore, the governor said, the farmers are now able to get the current market prices when the crop is picked. Last season's advance contracts were at from eighteen to twenty-two cents, while thirty-five cents was realized when the cotton came on the market. The state advances this year are made in four installments: First at plowing; second for planting; third for picking, and the fourth for ginning.

Russian Trade Increases MOSCOW, July 21. (AP)—Russia's foreign trade for the six months ended March 31 shows an increase over the preceding half year, according to official statistics. The value of the exports is placed at 47,831,000 gold rubles. More than 20 per cent went to England.

Imports are valued at 110,250,000 gold rubles, and 45 per cent came from England.

Advertisement for U.B. Thrifty Bank. Features a cartoon character and text: 'Two proofs of Independence - Old Glory and a Bank Account'. Includes the bank's name 'La Grande NATIONAL BANK' and slogan 'SOUND-RELIABLE-PROGRESSIVE'.