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SECRET OF PROSPERITY—A man who sought the Lord. God made him to prosper.—Chronicles 26:15.

CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER.



President Harding as he arrived in San Francisco and just before he was ordered to bed by Brig. Gen. Sawyer, in charge of the staff of physicians and specialists attending the president. Note the lines in the president's face indicating that he is a sick man.

Abolishing Seasonal Layoffs

Unusual interest attaches to the announcement of a soap manufacturing company that it will guarantee its employes steady employment the year round. The explanation made seems to hold promise that the evils of seasonal employment in a number of other industries may be reduced or abolished.

It is news to most people that there are dull and active seasons for soap. Off-hand one would say the demand for this product is as constant as for bread, making allowance even for a type of human who "don't want to bathe much in cold weather," apparently this assumption is correct. Notwithstanding, the corporation mentioned, doing an enormous country-wide business, has felt periodical depressions due to jobbers purchasing heavily. This made it necessary to operate the factory at high speed for a few months. Then would follow the natural reaction and it would be necessary to lay off thousands of employes. This condition is to be changed by an alteration of the selling and distributing system of the company that will eliminate middlemen.

It has been recognized for long that seasonal layoffs of large numbers of employes by a great variety of industries were a disturbing factor in commerce and social life as well as in manufacturing. The apparently unavoidable unemployment coming periodically to certain classes of workers made for instability. It accounted in large degree for the "floating" worker and for an economic labor turnover in factories and offices. How to avoid seasonal unemployment has been a problem engaging many minds, including those of government investigators specially assigned to study it. Small progress has been made for reasons that are readily understood in view of the soap company's statement.

Admittedly there will always be a large amount of seasonal business due to the necessity of bowing to nature's laws. But it is evident that where there is disposition to change existing practices in lines which can free themselves from periodical depressions artificially caused improvement is possible to the benefit of society and industry both. The example set by the soap company is worthy of emulation by every manufacturer who can adjust his business as this one has done.

Canada's Harvest

The labor situation in Canada is described as being so serious that the call for 61,000 men to help with the immense harvests there must be met through the importation of men from the mother country—England. The incident is referred to as offering the first instance in history where a country of such size and proportions as the Dominion of Canada has been obliged to call across the Atlantic for help in an agricultural enterprise.

Happily, in Canada every means is at the disposal of the government for assisting the farmers. The railroads are offering unusual transportation facilities to those who desire to assist in harvesting Canada's great crops. The steamship lines are co-operating in carrying out this enterprise. Whatever of individual genius and influence can be used is freely given to the government in its effort to solve this problem.

A rather interesting situation thus developed is that in England the plan has the whole-hearted support of the British government, which sees in the enterprise a fine chance to relieve materially the unemployment situation in Great Britain, at least temporarily. The recruits will acquire work at profitable wages, and many of them doubtless, will be so enamored of Canada that they will elect to take up their future homes there. So much in the way of settling a serious economic question will have been done through the harvesting demands of Canadian farmers.

We Do Not Know

A patron of the Evening Observer asked this office today what was the meaning of the state highway commission award of a contract to resurface two miles of the Island City road, for about \$48,000; he also wished to know if a paving company was supposed to lay a road that would give service for a period of years, or if it was to be regular biennial matter of re-laying paved roads.

To this patron we will have to frankly say, "We do not know." His questions are, however, quite important and the paving concerns and the state highway department might make a better feeling all around if they would answer them.

The American girl is at the low ebb of history, is the latest allegation of a preacher who has managed to get high office in his denomination. But don't you care, little girl, for in the eyes of most men you are as fine as your mother or grandmother, and they are pretty good folks.

With 99 per cent of bootleg liquor found by government chemists to be poisonous, the tippler takes a long chance as well as pays a high price to wet his whistle.

The railroad companies are doing about all they can to keep fools from hitting engines with automobiles at crossings.

Germany denies ability to pay, but would not be willing to give France the privilege of converting property into money.

The high cost of campaigning may keep many a hat on the head that otherwise would be in the ring.

OFFICE CAT



BY JUNIUS

Correct this sentence: "I enjoy going out with Mrs. Jones," said the wife, "because she wears so much finer clothes than mine."

"It's an ill wind that blows the dresses so high, but it is an iller wind that blows sand in a good man's eye," thinks one La Grande loafer.

Mrs. Newlywed: "Oh, Jack, you left the kitchen door open and the draught closed my cook-book, and now I haven't the faintest idea what it is I'm cooking."

A Union man asks what has become of the old-fashioned preacher who emphasized his point by making his celluloid cuffs rattle furiously?

That chap who says there is no more co-operation in the world hasn't tried making love to a modern flapper.

One Auto dealer says looks are often deceiving. Very few autos are over four years old.

Learn Your One Then Follow Fifth and Tenth.

1. The cop is always right. Don't say him.

2. Never crowd a truck in the curb.

3. Never run over a crawling cop's feet.

4. Steer around the lamp post in the middle of the boulevard.

5. Never miss a cop.

6. Always give a woman enough room to change her mind.

7. Try to avoid running into the mounted policeman's hips.

8. When you have been given a summons make no point to appear. Judges appreciate this.

9. Never try to beat a fire engine in the crossing. Picking you up may delay the firemen.

10. Never calls a cop.

If a little girl comes back from a picnic, reasonably clean, you know she didn't have a very good time.

If you are doing good work, don't worry, somebody will find it out.

There is many a good man leading a dog's life, thinks La Grande's sage, just because he grows too much.

Have you ever noticed that the old who pays as he goes seldom gets beyond the speed limit?

Why isn't there's always work to be done—around an automobile?

The poor fish observes little sympathy. He never gets the hook until he tries to get something for nothing.

I don't see so very much to start in business now. Ten dollars will buy a fairly good speaker list.

That horseman who says, "A car doesn't drive with affection under the back of your hand," knows little about jockeys.

One local comedian remarked that clothes are like molasses—thinner in hot weather and thicker in cold.

Earl Lovell and Hans Krieger were married in Leavenworth, Kan., last week.

The reason two girls can't be friends is a man.

What we don't understand is how a woman finds another woman when she has the back at home.

That man in Bible times who asked, "Who is my neighbor?" didn't have a lawn mower to lend.

Editorials From Over the Nation

PICNIC MANNERS

Los Angeles Times—Efforts are being made to establish and standardize the picnic manners of the American citizen. In New York, Chicago and other cities concerned campaigns are being carried on by the police to correct the practices of visitors to the playgrounds and parks. Hundreds of arrests were made of persons who had defaced scenery, plucked flowers, littered the parks with their picnic waste or tramped with heavy feet over forbidden greenery. The parks must be kept clean and green. Picnic park etiquette forbids the merry-maker from carelessly tossing the remains of his chicken lunch over his shoulder or smothering a lawn with a collection of greasy paper napkins. In the presence of nature one should be as considerate as if in the parlor of a princess. It is all right to hurl pebbles in the Grand Canyon, but it is wrong to do so on the grounds of a city park. Good regulations for outdoor life will for a safe and sane disposition of the remains. Clean up the camp and do not leave a mountain of shoe boxes and waste paper in your trail. It is a fine thing to be in the open, but even the open should be kept so that it does not offend the eyes of the new comers. Even our forest reserves should be immune from the employe discriminator. The fact that job is the land of the free does not warrant the stranger in leaving a mound of bones and torn paper on the sacred spot he has trampled in his quest for a picnic. Our picnic manners may well be toned up a bit, without including morality.

Obituary

W. K. Toffette

The funeral of W. K. Toffette who was killed by his automobile last Sunday near Milton, was held yesterday afternoon at the Home Pine church, Bishop C. J. Bling of La Grande presided at the services. He was assisted by Campbell Garrick and Holger M. Larson. Sisters at the funeral were Mrs. Helen Gooden, Mrs. Jack Hall, Mrs. Nellie Dean and Mrs. Edna McManis. Burial took place in the cemetery at the same place.

The deceased was one of the most highly respected men in the Blaine county. He had resided there for 20 years and owned one of the well improved country homes of the north end of Union county. He was 62 years of age.

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Mrs. John L. Stoddard

Oliver Helen Hanson was born November 22, 1888. She was the daughter of John P. and Mary Hanson of Colfax, Illinois. She spent a year with her sister, Dr. Margaret Davis in La Grande in 1917 graduating from high school in this city. On January 4, 1920 she was united in marriage to Mr. John L. Stoddard, son of the late George Stoddard of La Grande, the marriage occurring in Birmingham, Ill.

The untimely death of this young mother occurred at midnight Monday of this week and was a distinct shock to La Grande people with whom she was very popular. She leaves the husband, and two children, Betty Margaret aged 19 months and Helen June, born on July 25th.

Funeral services were held over the remains of Mrs. Stoddard this afternoon at the L. D. S. tabernacle, Rev. George L. Clarke, Presbyterian pastor of Pendleton, assisting in the service.

Relatives from out of the city attending the funeral included Mr. and Mrs. David L. Stoddard of Wallawa, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ballard of Salt Lake, Mrs. Mary Arving of Los Angeles and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Chandler of Baber.

Archibald De Boie

Archibald De Boie, a resident of Elgin, died in this city yesterday morning, following an illness of some length. At the time of his death he was 59 years of age.

The funeral will be held at Elgin tomorrow afternoon. The body is at the Reynolds and Zimmerman funeral service parlors.

Mr. De Boie has relatives in Elgin.

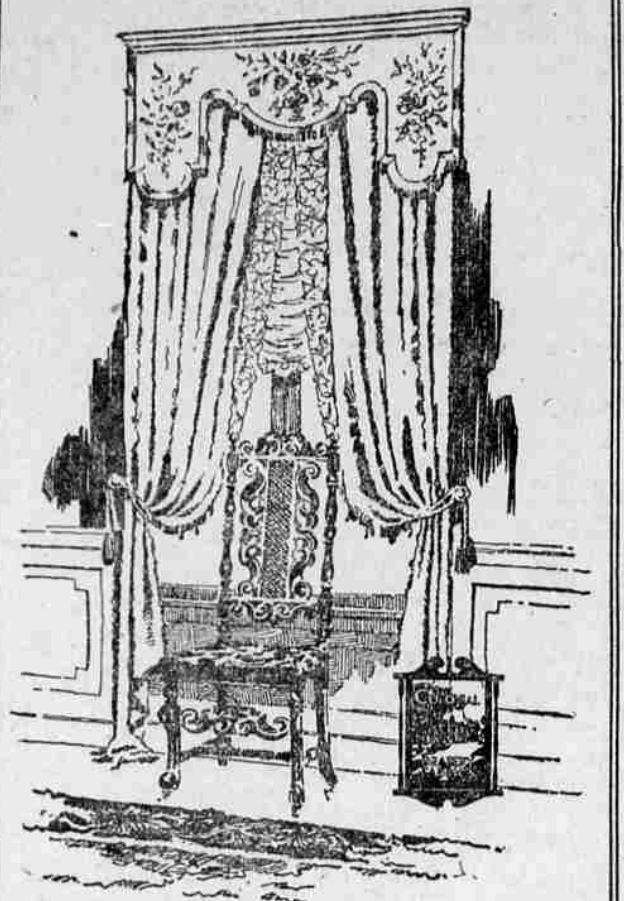
Mrs. L. Wagner

Louanna Bontine was born May 14th, 1858 in Blaine, Dewet County, Mo. was converted and joined the Methodist church in 1871 and professed the experience of holiness in 1875, under the ministry of Milton L. Haby.

She was married to William S. Wagner, September 8th, 1884. He passed away September 22, 1888. To this union were born a daughter and a son, the son having died in infancy. The daughter, Mrs. Robert O'Neil formerly of La Grande, Oregon, but now residing at 227 N. 31st Street, Corvallis, remains to mourn her loss. Mrs. Wagner also leaves one brother and one son, five grand children and two great grand children.

She was laid to rest Sunday, July 29th at 3 p. m. in the Island City cemetery near La Grande, Oregon. The funeral services were preached by the pastor from a text of her selection; 1st Peter; 5:10. She has been a cripple for life, caused by a fall, but through her sorrow and affliction her faith never wavered, and her strong desire to help others became a passion, and she happily of the Baptist church. His wife passed on to her reward.

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Obituary of Frank Decious.
 Frank Cornelius Decious was born in Coschocton, Ohio, May 3rd, 1854, and died August 1, 1923 at his home, 1509 X Avenue after a very brief illness. He was married to Jennie Huston, November 10, 1877 at Coschocton, Ohio, to whom were born eight children, seven of whom survive. Howard Decious of Portland; Harry Decious of Eugene; Mrs. Frank Sargent of Sanger, California; Mrs. Harry Carlisle of Lucas, Kansas; Mrs. Arthur Crossman, and Clyde and Ben of La Grande. He is also survived by one brother, John Decious of Hutchinson, Kansas.

Mr. Decious has made his home in La Grande for the past twelve years, coming here from Lucas, Kansas. He was a devoted member of the Order of Old Fellows, also of the Rebekahs and was a member of the Baptist church. His wife passed on to her reward.

On account of waiting for relatives from Kansas and California, the funeral date will be announced later. The remains are in charge of the Reynolds and Zimmerman Funeral Service parlors. The funeral will be under the direction of the Odd Fellows Lodge.

Man Severely Scalded.
 KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Aug. 2.—In attempting to rescue his pet dog, which had fallen into a hot spring on East Main street yesterday, C. R. Beshe, restaurant proprietor, fell into the boiling water and was so severely scalded about the hands and legs that he will be incapacitated for several weeks. The dog was so badly burned that it was necessary to kill it.

U.B. Thirty says
 One hundred and forty-seven years ago, this—the greatest nation in the world—was born.

We are indeed proud of the fact that we are American Citizens, and as our flag floats to the breeze, let us one and all be thankful for the

FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE that is our inheritance.

May we work with one accord in preserving the principles of Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

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