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SECRET OF PROSPERITY:—As long as he sought the Lord, God made him to prosper.—2 Chronicles 26:5.

A Nation in Sorrow

Today United States faces a sorrow that is much more than the loss of a citizen—her president is cold in death.

Today this nation sorrowful and humble bows its head to an Alwise Creator and in the language of the lamented McKinley, say, "Thy Will Be Done."

It has pleased Providence to take from us the nation's head which leaves one hundred and ten millions of people stunned and shocked, for their leader is no more.

Before the nation looms problems of great weight and the man who was giving every ounce of his energy to those problems has been called to his long home. America is thus left, for the time being at least, without the firm hand of leadership, without the guiding words so essential at all times.

We have faced death of a president before, but never at a time when national and international questions were so complex and so needful of leadership and the sound counsel and advice that was ever given by President Harding.

In this hour of deep gloom; in this hour when all minds have but a single, sorrowful thought, as a people we must turn to the spiritual hand that has ever kept America intact and repeat together, "Our Country 'Tis of Thee, Great God Our King."

Abolishing Seasonal Layoffs

Unusual interest attaches to the announcement of a soap manufacturing company that it will guarantee its employs 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 uneconomic 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.

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."

'Tis 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 Rule One Then Follow Fifth and Tenth.

1. The cop is always right. Don't muss him.
2. Never crowd a truck to the curb.
3. Never run over a crossing cop's feet.
4. Steer around the lamp posts in the middle of the boulevard.
5. Never pass a cop.
6. Always give a woman enough room to change her mind.
7. Try to avoid running into the mounted policeman's horse.
8. When you have been given a summons make it a point to appear. Judges appreciate this.
9. Never try to beat a fire engine to the crossing. Picking you up may delay the firemen.
10. Never pass 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 growls too much.

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

Who said there's always work to be done—around an automobile?

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

It doesn't cost so very much to start in business now. Ten dollars will buy a fairly good sucker list.

That horseman who says, "A car doesn't quiver with affection under the touch of your hand," knows little about jitneys.

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

Earl Loveall and Hazel Kissenger were married in Leavenworth, Kan., last week.

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

Editorials From Over the Nation

PICNIC MANNERS

Los Angeles Times: Efforts are being made to embellish and dignify the park manners of our American citizens. In New York, Chicago and other cities concerted campaigns are being carried on by the police to correct the manners of visitors to the playgrounds and parks. Hundreds of arrests were made of persons who picked protected flowers, littered the parks with their picnic waste or tramped with heavy feet over forbidden greenery. The parks must be kept clean and green. Revised park etiquette forbids the merry-maker from carelessly tossing the remnants of his chicken lunch over his shoulder or mussing up a lawn with a collection of greasy paper napkins. In the presence of nature one should be as considerate as in the parlor of a princess. It is all right to hurl pebbles in the Grand Canyon, but it is wrong to step on the dandelions in Central park. Revised regulations for outdoor life call 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 next comer. Even our forest reserves should be immune from the [illegible]. The fact that this is the land of the free does not warrant the stranger in leaving a mound of boxes and torn paper on the sward after he has lunched in Elysian park. Our picnic manners may well be toned up a bit, without inflicting hardship.

What we can't understand is how a weak tire always knows when you leave the jack at home.

HIGH TYPE OF AMERICAN—A SAFE LEADER

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ther exemplified in his continual pounding for economy in public expenditures and his insistence that congress pass the merchant marine aid bill with a view to curtailing the continual drain which the operation of the war built commercial fleet had become upon the treasury. His greatest single effort in the field of domestic legislation was in behalf of this measure.

Not infrequently Mr. Harding was called upon to play the role of peace maker in governmental affairs. He intervened in a dispute between congress and the treasury as to the form general tax revision was to take and the program he approved was carried out in the main with reduction of more than half a billion in the nation's tax burden.

Likewise, his counsel settled the long controversy between the house and senate on the question of American valuation in the tariff law. He proposed in its place a flexible tariff arrangement under which the tariff commission was given authority with his approval to increase or decrease rates within prescribed limitations. Upon signing the bill the president declared it constituted the greatest tariff reform in American history.

Of Pioneer Stock.

Mr. Harding came of hardy pioneer stock. He as born at Blooming Grove, Morrow county, Ohio, November 2, 1865, the son of a country doctor, George T. Harding. Like most country boys, he went to country school between morning and night chores and later attended college at Iberia, O. He tried school teaching for a year, but having had a smell of printer's ink while sticking type for his college paper, the lure drew him into the newspaper field.

His family, meatime, had moved to Marion, in an adjoining county, where he obtained his firt newspaper job and where his life interests were centered thereafter. Mr. Harding's ambition was to become a publisher, and it was realized at the age of 19, when he bid in the Marion Star at a sheriff's sale. The paper was purchased under a heavy mortgage and his friends have often said that the struggles and hardships which were his in making this paper a success had much to do in fashioning his character and developing a broad patience and tolerance which were this chief characteristics.

Whatever his other attainments, Mr. Harding's greatest pride was in his professional accomplishments and training as printer, editor and publisher. Nor did the interests and exacting duties of his high office serve to dull his delight in puttering about a composing room. On his first trip back home after his inauguration, he went to the Star office, pulled off his coat, rolled up his sleeves, borrowed a chew of tobacco and helped "make up" the paper. His luck charm was a printer's rule, always carried in a vest pocket.

As his ambition has carried him into the ranks of publishers, so his fancy took him into the realm of politics. From the first he was an ardent partisan and his insistence upon wearing a "stove pipe hat" the badge of support of James G. Blaine, while a reporter on a Democratic newspaper brought him a sharp reprimand from his chief, who held it to be inconsistent for a worker on a Democratic paper to display so prominently the symbol of his Republicanism.

The future president's ability as a stump speaker won him early recognition from his local party leaders. Marion county then was in the Democratic column, and he undertook to switch it to the Republican party, but his first effort at office on his party ticket resulted in a defeat, though he commanded an unexpected vote. Mr. Harding's first political office was that of Ohio state senator, to which he was elected at the age of 34. He served two terms and later was elected lieutenant governor of his state. In 1910 he sought the governorship, but was defeated.

Later he was elected to the United States senate, where he served six years much of the time as a member of the important foreign relations committee. From this place he was elevated to the presidency, the first senator to be elected chief executive.

Early in his years of political service he met William McKinley, to whom his close friends have most often likened him and with whom he had in common a predominant passion for obliteration of class and sectional lines. A friendship sprang up between the two men. Mr. Harding also was close in later days to Theodore Roosevelt, Senator Penrose and others high in his party counsels.

The president was a life long Baptist and was a trustee of his home church in Marion. He also had been a member of the Elks and Moose fraternities for years and after his election as president he became a thirty-second degree Mason and a Shriner.

Golf was his favorite recreation, but he also liked to fish, although his opportunities for that sport were limited after he came to the White House. He played hard and possessed the faculty of putting all his worries behind during his recreation hours.

Aviators may be able to get fuel in the air. Gas companies have perfected the process of getting air in the fuel.

Obituary

W. K. Follette.

The funeral of W. K. Follette who was killed by his automobile last Sunday near Minam, was held yesterday afternoon at the Lone Pine church. Bishop C. J. Black of La Grande presided at the services. He was assisted by Campbell Garrick and Holger M. Larsen. Singers at the funeral were: Mrs. Helen Geddes, Mrs. Jack Hiatt, Mrs. Nellie Bean and Mrs. Gladys McManus. Bishop McCabe of Imbler dedicated the grave.

The deceased was one of the most highly respected men of the Elgin country. 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 52 years of age. His widow and eight children survive him.

Mrs. John I. Stoddard.

Olive Helen Ransom was born November 23, 1898. She was the daughter of John F. and Mary Ransom of Colfax, Illinois. She spent a year with her sister, Dr. Margaret Ingle in La Grande in 1917 graduating from high school in this city. On January 4, 1920 she was united in marriage to Mr. John I. Stoddard, son of the late George Stoddard of La Grande, the marriage occurring in Effingham, Ills.

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 28th.

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 I. Stoddard of Wallowa, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Balldrd of Salt Lake, Miss Mary Archer of Los Angeles and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Chandler of Baker.

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 69 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.

Lourana Bonine was born May 12th, 1838 in Illinois, Dewit County. She was converted and joined the Methodist church in 1851 and professed the experience of holiness in 1875, under the ministry of Milton L. Haney.

She was married to William S Wagner, September 8th, 1864. He passed away September 22, 1868. To this union were born a daughter and a son, the son having died in infancy. The daughter Mrs. Robert Clark formerly of La Grande, Oregon, but now residing at 227 N. 8th Street, Corvallis remains to mourn her loss. Mrs. Wagner also leaves one brother and one sister, five grand children and two great grand children.

She was land to rest Sunday, July 29th at 3: p. m. in the Island City cemetery near La Grande, Oregon. The funeral sermon was 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 passed on to her reward.

Obituary of Frank Decious.

Frank Cornelius Decious was born in Coshocton, 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 Coshocton, 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 Carbisner 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 Odd Fellows, also of the Rebekahs and was a member of the Baptist church. His wife passed on December 22, 1922.

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 Fellow 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. Beebe, resuarant 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.

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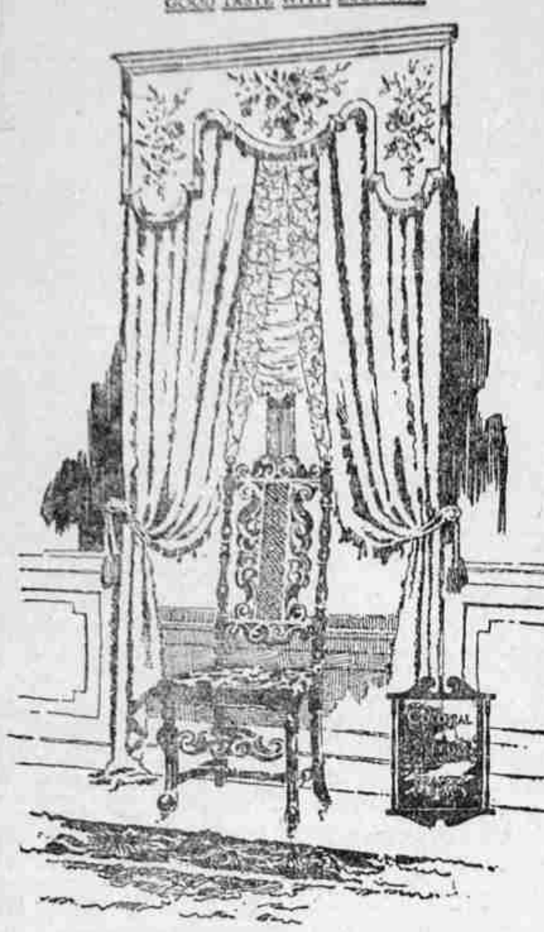

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