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GOVERNMENT BENEFITS.
Blessed by the Lord, who daily toucheth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation.—Psalm 68:19

OFFICE CAT



If truth were told, "The ten books I have enjoyed most," would in nine cases include the check book.

Also are great little advertisers. When a pair of them got into the house, the wife thinks there are fifty of them.

EVOLUTION: THE WOLLEPS MOST POPULAR MONKEY BUSINESS.

Generally speaking, the he repeated most often in the one that "I'd just as soon sleep in an upper berth as in a lower."

Darn it. The crane pestered out before any prominent evolutionary thought to experiment and see how long monkeys can dance.

One thing prohibition has done, thinks Amos Tashi is to have made the three-mile line famous.

Speaking of resourcefulness, did you hear about the fellow who carried his cigarettes in his whiskey flask so that his mother wouldn't know that he smoked?

(Cue!)
The man was not upon the beach. He put his little sister's. They thought she was having a wonderful time, but all is not bliss that glitters.

A La Grande man thinks it takes more than a silk hat, a cane and a pair of spats to make civilization.

One nice thing about suburban property is that a yard is more than three feet.

Knees (see latest fashion) are gone but not forgotten.

WHEN ADAM FOUND HE WAS NAKED HE PROBABLY FELT NO MORE CONSPICIOUS THAN A MODERN MAN IN HIS FIRST PAIR OF KNICKERS.

Barbarism.
Barber, finishing haircut—"Get or get out." "How do I—do my politics concern you?"

Crime—"Crossing Cautiously is a good slogan all right, but it is too hard to say."

An undeveloped people in one whose scenery doesn't consist entirely of billboards.

Easy.
Why do lonely girls make the best stenographers? asks one of the magazine scribbles. "That's an easy one, Brother. Because they don't waste time looking in the mirror every fifteen minutes. When they're boss they forget their physical and physiological shortcomings."

Beautiful Thought For Tuesday.
It must be tough for cannibals and leeches who have nothing to do but wait until they are discovered.

News item says there is a large demand now for \$1, and \$2, bills. But we don't call that news.

At that there is a larger demand for \$5, and \$10, bills.
Sch!

THE OLD HOME TOWN



nothing to be alarmed about. The sun is still shining. The reaction that has taken place is a perfectly natural one, and certainly is not due to any impending business catastrophe. In fact, reports from nearly all sections of the United States, South America, Australia, India, and some parts of Europe indicate sound conditions. Of course, there are certain lines of trade that are far from prosperous, but, taking industry as a whole, a very encouraging situation presents itself, both in the United States and other nations of the world. Notwithstanding the political turmoil in continental Europe, industry is asserting itself there, and there has been vast improvement in this direction during the last few years. The elimination of distrust and hatred among the nations would go a long distance toward restoring confidence and establishing universal prosperity.

All Right, Judge DUBY

Judge DUBY of Baker, who is now a Highway commissioner of the state, was in town today and made us shut up about the Island City road. We had rather taken the stand that the re-paving of this road was useless and that the paving to be used there could better be used in stretching out the paved area in the county.

But Judge DUBY has been studying the problem. He states, and we don't dare contradict him, that when one of these little two-inch veneer paving tops begins to break into pieces it is worse than a dried out Tillamook cheese. Soon it crumbles and the only way to get traffic by at all is to rip up the whole thing and go back to macadam. The Judge says that is what is coming to the Island City road unless a re-coating is put on it—about three inches of black top will do the work. This can be done while the Warrens have their plant located for city work and thus save the cost of setting up a plant. When completed it will insure the Island City road for years to come, according to the engineer's office, and we believe that road experience is such that the engineer has a perfect right to make this statement.

With this explanation which is convincing the Observer says, "All right, judge, start them to work and let's save to Union county the little strips of paving which we secured in the original shake-up."

The mistake that was made, but it was made in many of the states as well as here, was to ever lay a pavement as thin as two inches and expect it to hold up under the heavy traffic.

Things At Home

It is not what we have but what we think of what we have that really counts.

This oldtime but trite and truthful saying comes up occasionally to warn us in our pride.

Recently City Commissioner Williams was making an automobile trip and away out in the interior he ran across some congenial people who headed the opposite direction. The conversation of the road followed and among other things the strangers mentioned was the splendid auto camp they had found at La Grande, Oregon, and the fine treatment they had received while camped there.

They did not know where Mr. Williams was from. He sat for a while, listened to the nice things said about his town and then he swelled up to a point where he had to proudly admit he was a resident of La Grande and incidentally state that he was a member of the city commission which had charge of and shaped the destinies of the tourist camp in La Grande.

The things at home are pretty good after all. Why seek the greener pasture far away when as a matter of fact it is not greener when you compare it with what you have at home.

The Waste Basket

Our civilization is to be judged just as much by our wastebaskets as by our skyscrapers. Indeed the musings of the great philosophers will be given over to this wide-mouthed receptacle of legends just as much as to the more substantial and spectacular inventions and creations of man! It will inspire reflections not to be drawn from pyramids and subway tunnels and steam engines. The waste-basket is an institution universal and permanent. Thrones and altars may crumble, but all the frills and fineries of these vanishing works of man find their resting-place in the waste-basket. Empires flourish, and in the end come to nothing in the waste-basket of time. The waste-basket has outlived the fuxorable laws of the Medes and Persians it will remain at last to receive all the discarded hopes and strivings of mankind.

Human progress is to be understood only in the light of what is tossed thoughtlessly or dropped with a sigh into the waste-baskets of the world. Their contents yesterday, today, and for all time to come, are the true index of human progress. It is by what we discard, as truly as by what we utilize, that we shall be judged.

The musing of the Great Philosopher on waste-baskets is tinged with pathos. These ultimate repositories of human endeavor are often filled with fond aspirations come to naught; with hopes built on shifting sands, with ends of time spent of tasks bright in promise, but misagre in fulfillment. Unfinished labors of love are here, and scraps of endeavors which should never have been begun. These things discarded come from the hands of school children and teachers; from housewives and mothers; from artists and artisans; from princes and paupers and statesmen and prophets. And yet, the Great Philosopher will assure us, there is no need for discouragement. The hope which is gradually surrendered to the waste-basket is but supplanted by a better one; the plan which finds its way into the waste-basket beside the litter of a day, begets another plan, another dream, one less imperfect than those that went before. For it is by discarding the imperfect and ever building anew that civilization has supplanted savagery.

There are too many persons who imagine they are doing well when they are doing others.

So women do much talking, but many a man is able to say more hateful things in fewer words.

"Safety First," like other slogans, has fallen into inequous desuetude.

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The Bookworm

Michael E. Dady, Librarian.

Fiction still manages to keep its place at the head of the best sellers list, in spite of the fact that an increasing number of interesting and entertaining books of travel, essays and biography are being published each year. The library presents a group of non-fiction titles which should challenge the interest and curiosity of the reading public. Among the titles included are: Laurie, Margaret O'Byrne; Brown, Nights and days on the gypsy trail; Davis, Iron Puddler; Elliot, Birds of the Pacific Coast; Frank, Vagabond journey around the world; Graham, Son of the middle border; Graham, Tramping with a post in the Rockies; Grenfell, A Labrador doctor; Jackson, Outwitting our nerves; Keplart, John, Upstream; Pappi, Life of Christ Porter, Musc of the wild; Shuckleton, Adventures in home making; Street, Mysterious Japan; Van Dyke, Unconquered books.

One new library patron who recently came from another state to make her home in this city, voted her enthusiasm of the library and all that it stands for. "Why," she admitted to the librarian, "I joined the library before I did anything else." Shall strangers be more appreciative of the library than its own citizens? If you have long been a resident of the city and have not yet visited the library, you have a pleasant treat in store for you.

Pappi's life of Christ is one of the interesting new books recently added to the library. It is an English translation of work by Italy's foremost man of letters, and has attracted much attention both because of the beauty of its style and content and because of the interest attaching to the recent dramatic conversion of its author. We feel sure it will have a popular appeal to all.

Editorials From Over the Nation

THE BUSINESS SITUATION
Cristofas Science Monitor—One of the most serious questions confronting the American manufacturer and producer today is how to make profits with gradually ascending overhead expense and steadily decreasing prices for their products. During the war period plant capacity was greatly increased, the new construction having been undertaken when building places were near their peak. Many hundreds of millions of dollars were invested in this way. To make this additional investment a paying one, business must be speeded up close to plant capacity. Also, it is necessary to reduce expenses if possible to do so. Wages, which usually constitute the largest item of expense, are high and are likely to continue so indefinitely, as there is scarcely any unemployment, and demand for labor is active. With the steel companies planning to eliminate the twelve-hour day, and with restriction of immigration, there is little prospect of any change in labor situation unless there should be a marked falling off in general business.

With greater efficiency on the part of labor, together with labor-saving machinery, the industries of the United States will be able to pull through almost any adverse situation, even though they may be confronted with the prospect of the cheaper-made goods of Europe. The ingenuity and enterprise that have been exercised by American institutions in the past encourage the belief that manufacturers will be able to continue to do business and prosper.

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After Grilling



iprocal guarantee, stating that, in the present form, and under present conditions, the government cannot enforce the proposal.

The Swedish reply says that as long as the United States, Germany and Russia are not members of the League it cannot be looked upon as having a universal character. Although the League has gained in power and authority during its three years of operation, it cannot yet be considered strong enough to deal effectively with the larger international problems which are at present menacing the peace of the world, and Sweden thinks that the guarantee system proposed would be of little value without the sovereign authority that might come from universality of membership.

The government holds that if Sweden, with her stabilized relations with foreign countries, were to sign the guarantees proposed she would expose herself to comparatively larger risks than those of other states. It would be impossible, says the reply, for a Swedish government, under the present status of political unrest in the world, to propose to the representatives of the people that they enter into international obligations which might lead to military measures not compatible with Sweden's own vital interests and national independence. Meanwhile, the government repeats its recommendation previously made to the effect that compulsory arbitration should be provided for all disputes of a judicial nature. And it hopes that conditions may develop to such a point in the future that any disturbance of political peace will be

SWEDEN CAN'T ENDORSE SOME OF QUESTIONS

STOCKHOLM, July 17.—(By Mail)—Swedish government has just published its reply to the inquiry circulated by the General Secretary of the League of Nations as to whether the various members of the League favored a special pact for general re-

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SWEDEN IS STRONG FOR CO-OP STORE

(By I. S. S.)
STOCKHOLM, July 19 (By Mail).—One-third of all the people in Sweden, chiefly from among the working class, are now buying goods from and are members of the Co-operative Association, which has made great gains in every direction, according to the annual report published.

The Co-operative Association of Sweden, which is the central organization of co-operative stores and operates several factories, in its campaign to eliminate the middlemen where it seems economically desirable to do so, now has built up a membership of more than 500 consumers' leagues, and through these leagues serves about 2,000,000 persons in all parts of the country. During last year the total turnover in these leagues amounted to more than \$75,000,000.

Mr. James H. Allen, the discoverer of Attenbur, who for many years suffered the tortures of acute rheumatism, desires all sufferers to know that he does not want a cent of anyone's money unless Attenbur decisively cures this worst of all diseases, and he has instructed druggists to guarantee an above in every instance. Red Cross Drug Company will supply you. Mail orders accepted.

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