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**THAT WHICH SATISFIES.**  
Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.—Isaiah 55:2.



Despite the picture of Junius at the top of this column, many La Grande people probably doubt that Junius is a real, honest-to-goodness cat and makes her home in the offices of the Evening Observer. Doubting Thomases, as it were!

But right here, we wish to assert that Junius is a fact—a breathing, scratching, squalling fact and any who doubts the truth of this statement are invited to drop in and make Junius' acquaintance. Her visiting hours are from two until four o'clock in the afternoon, the rest of the day being devoted to work.

Junius, by the way, is a real La Grande citizen. Although she can't vote it isn't because she happens to belong to the feline tribe, but rather due to the fact that she isn't of age. The lawmakers forgot to make arrangements for such as she and by the time she is 18 years old, she will probably be in some caty happy hunting grounds.

Junius is just as black as her picture—although she has got a few white hairs under her jaw. They didn't grow there from worry but—well for the same reason that women don't grow whiskers on their face.

**Hope Chest Defined.**  
A chest of the dave when a man married for a wife—when marriage was an institution and not a destitution.

**NEVER ASK A GIRL WHAT SHE IS THINKING ABOUT. THERE ARE TWO REASONS—SHE MIGHT TELL YOU—AND ANYWAY THERE ARE ENOUGH LIES IN THE WORLD.**

A new geysir has been found in Yellowstone Park and is to be named for President Harding. But at that we wonder why they didn't name it after the world champion sprinter and cat it Geyser Bryan.

Some girls expect the barbers to make them beautiful by taking their hair—but nature long ago gave it means a bad job.

We know a lot of dull people who get smart!

## PRIDE LOOKS USUALLY THE MOST EXPENSIVE!

Prize trees may be improved by grafting but Amos Tash says that it doesn't seem to work out that way with political timber.

One of the boys in the Evening Observer composition room was complaining about the water today, said it didn't act natural, etc.

And when he was asked to explain by Junius, he said that "it turned black when I put my hands in it!"

**TA GRANDE MAN:** My wife is a little pig!  
**THE PARROT:** The hell you say!  
**L. G. MAN:** Yes—she's always nosing into something or other!

"I'm in a fix."  
"How serious?"  
"I mean."  
"As I don't want."  
"I'm in a fix."  
"For that, I'll give you another!"

## THE OPEN COURT

**La Grande Boy Helped.**  
Editor of the Evening Observer: I, York, one of our home town boys helped to establish the transcontinental flight in the U. S. Mail service.

Dean C. Smith, son of Mrs. Chas. Smith, was one of the pilots who did the portion of night flying from Chicago to Omaha, arriving 45 minutes ahead of scheduled time.

It is a pleasure to ponder for a moment on the enrollment of our aviators and when we think of Dean with his huge motor, thrubbing through the darkness of night, looking steadily ahead for the beacon of light that means safety and success and really only a little more than half a century ago his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Harris, plodded slowly and faithfully behind ox-teams over these same prairies and mountains, taking months to accomplish what our mail pilots have been able to bring to a successful close in 25 hours. How times have changed!

A Subscriber.

**Secretary Davis Greets Poles in Naffio Tongue.**  
WATERSVILLE, (AP)—Secretary of Labor James J. Davis recently was in this city looking into questions of immigration to the United States, and astonished Polish officials with the display of unexpected linguistic abilities.

As a young man Secretary Davis was employed in the iron works of Pittsburgh and acquired some knowledge of Polish from fellow-workmen. The officials who met him here were greatly moved when he greeted them in their own tongue. Mr. Davis' Polish is so good that he was able to dispense with an interpreter in formal conference.



**HERE'S A DEBUTANTE OF TOMORROW.** Tiny Palma Towers belongs to New York's "100." But, like many other little girls, she loves to play with kitties. She's just received Puss as a gift from her mother, Mrs. Roderick Towers.

## Youth Sees Ghost Of Dead Playmate: Police Arrest Pal

**PROVIDENCE, R. I. (AP)—**Eight-year-old Antonio Testa saw the "shadow" of Michael Lario, aged 9, in a dream Thursday night and told his mother that Henri Ross, 12, had shot Lario and buried him in a hole just over the Providence line in Johnston last Tuesday. Police hurrying to the spot with the two former playmates of Lario, found the boy's body. He had been reported by his parents as missing.

Ross, in a statement to the police admitting the shooting, said he did not know the double-barreled shotgun, left by his father in a shack on Hedley street, Johnston, was loaded. In his statement he said, according to the police:

"We were playing, and Mike stood in the doorway. I pulled the trigger, and it went off. It hit him in the left breast, and he fell over. Then I was afraid my father would beat me for having played around the shack, so we buried him."

The Testa boy said young Ross made him promise not to tell. He kept the secret until he was awakened by a dream Thursday night, and then told his mother.

## Notice of Meeting of County Board of Equalization

Notice is hereby given that the County Board of Equalization for the County of Union, State of Oregon, will meet at the Court House in said County, on the 10th day of September, 1923, (being the second Monday of said month), and continue in session, exclusive of Sundays and holidays, from day to day for a period of one month, for the purpose of examining and making necessary corrections in valuation, description, quality of land, and lots or property as shown by the assessment roll as compiled by the Assessor.

All parties interested or having grievance in their assessment should attend and present their claims as required by law. Dated this 15th day of August, 1923. D. H. PROCTOR, County Assessor. Aug. 23-30-Sept. 6

## Fantastic Finance

The anarchic state of German finance is increasing with such rapidity that the general public is totally unable to follow the fantastic fluctuations of the mark, not from day to day, but from hour to hour. In spite of the fact that the bread supply, now again rationed, as in war time, by the issue of bread cards to the poorer classes, is heavily subsidized by the government, the price has just been doubled in 24 hours, the four-pound loaf now costing 10,000 marks.

As a result wages have gone soaring. The striking metal workers of Berlin demand 25,000 marks an hour, or 1,100,000 marks for a working week of 44 hours. But even at this rate the wage in American money is only equivalent to 10 cents an hour. As bread is 10 cents a loaf and meat and butter 50,000 marks a pound, even such seemingly colossal wages do not go far in providing for a family. Expressed in American money, they represent less than \$5 a week. As the product of the metal workers' labor is sold abroad for dollars or their equivalent, the profits earned by the great industrial magnates are immense. But as these are deposited in foreign banks, they do nothing to ease the domestic financial situation.

The vertiginous downward course of the work naturally upsets all budgetary combinations made by the minister of finance. The taxation scheme introduced five months ago now only brings in one-fiftieth of the estimated revenue. The deficit of forty-nine-fiftieths is met by pouring out a constant stream of treasury bills. These have been issued to the extent of 7,661,659,000,000 paper marks.

The strain upon the banks of the handling of this extraordinary mass of inflated paper money is very great. The Deutsche bank has had to engage 26,000 employees to deal with it. To still further complicate matters the government keeps pouring forth an endless stream of laws, ordinances and regulations. More than 170 have been issued in the last week or two. An army of employees is required to do nothing else but study this mass of regulations and attempt to apply them to current business.

## Improvements And Costs

Improvement costs in all progressive communities are looked upon generally as gilt-edged investments.

Sidewalks must be built. Municipal buildings must go up. Sewers, roadways, parks and municipal playgrounds to keep citizens physically fit, are as necessary and as vital as the purchase of food is to the individual.

There are, however, a few in every community who attempt to belittle each improvement as it comes up for public approval. They lament the cost, overlooking the returns in increased business for the merchants, increased employment and increased pay for the workers and general prosperity all around.

There is but one known way to keep taxes low, declares a contemporary, and that is to stop all improvements. Quit building new streets, quit paving, stop sidewalk and sewer construction, discontinue building school and bridge structures, leave off getting a better protection against fire, or any of the numerous things necessary to round out things making for a better community and municipality—stop these things and there will be no increase in tax payments from time to time. But if that be done, neither will there be an increase in property values; and when there is no increase in property values, that means there is no growth.

Men and money are attracted to cities that are growing. Few individuals casting about for a new place to live will choose a city that already is built. The chances for reward on investment in a city that is building are too great to stop in a city where a transfer of property rights in a dwelling may become a chief interest and excitement.

The more we build the more it costs, and the man who looks the situation squarely in the face and complains either is mistaken in his facts or unreasonable in his attitude.

## Kind Husbands

Thirty-five young women from Holland stepped foot on American shores the other day admitting they are seeking "kind husbands because they have heard that American men are good to their wives." Some American wives may be inclined to enjoy a silent laugh over this innocence displayed by the Hollanders, but after the first humorous aspect of the situation has passed, most of those who have enjoyed the comedy will be inclined to believe that after all there is much merit in what these foreign women say about the husbands of America. We have never been obliged to observe a "Be Kind to Your Wife" week in the United States thus far, though it may be that some wives still believe that such an observance would fit in nicely with household enterprises. When one sits down and considers the lot of women in many countries of Europe, and reflect upon the limited opportunities which they possess for enjoying life, it ought to be a source of mutual satisfaction both to husbands and wives in America that they are living in a country where a higher standard of marital relationship obtains than in many foreign nations.

It might be thought by some that providence made a mistake in creating conscience as a "still, small voice," when a megaphone would appear to be more appropriate.

## DODGE BROTHERS ANNOUNCE IMPORTANT IMPROVEMENTS

Dodge Brothers have not simply brought out a complete new line of motor cars. They have done something infinitely wiser and better than that.

They have brought new beauty, new riding ease and new mechanical perfection to the product on which their reputation as builders has been founded.

They have built a better and a more desirable line of motor cars—yet basically and fundamentally the identity of their product remains the same.

The same sturdy engine is under the hood; the same dependable chassis, improved in numberless details, underlies the body.

But the rear springs—now underslung—have been materially lengthened. The wheelbase, too, is longer, and the combined result is a notable improvement in riding qualities.

Bodies of all types have been designed to give improved appearance, and greater comfort. Lower, longer, with deeper seats and more leg room, the lines of these new cars are low-slung and graceful—the interiors are comfortable and roomy.

New head lamps and fenders, especially designed by Dodge Brothers to conform with the general lines of the car—a long straight hood and cowl effect—longer and wider running boards—unusually wide doors—combination stop signal and tail lamp—and instruments attractively grouped on raised panel—are a few of the numerous body innovations common to all types.

Combining these features with important mechanical improvements too numerous and technical to enumerate here, it is not extravagant to predict a reception for these cars unprecedented in automotive annals.

L. C. SMITH  
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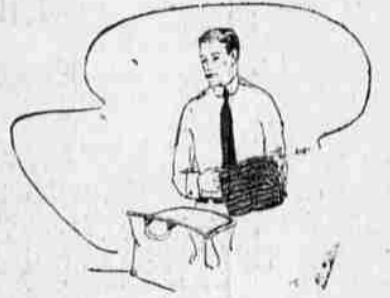
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