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THE OLD HOME TOWN By Stanley



Editorials From Over the Nation

Philadelphia Public Ledger: The practice of borrowing is as old as the... Washington Evening Star: Though winter draws near we hear little or nothing of an unemployment problem... My Dear Wins \$10,000 Stake. PIMLICO, RACE TRACK, MD. CAP—My Dear won the Bowie hand cap \$10,000 added for 3-year-olds and up, 11 miles, Tuesday afternoon; Exotis was second; Hephaistos, third. The mutuels—\$9.50, \$4.20 and \$2.00 for the winner; \$4.70 and \$4.50 second, and \$4.50 third. Rockford Republic: When the frost is on the pumpkin and the overcoat's in hock.

It's In The Air

This weather is hard on chronic grouches. Oh, no, not the fact of the sunshine, or the snow, or even the gentle rain, all of which, we are just discovering, really have much to recommend them. It's the time of year, you know—the short days and long nights. It's the mysterious sly whispers, the conversations that stop so abruptly when certain persons appear.

It's the laughter we hear, now more than ever, on the streets in the living room, at the bench, the desk, the barnyard. It's the wistful look kids have, the unsuccessful attempts they make to read the countenances of their parents. What scowling old grump can escape it!

You may have the rheumatism, the wheat may still be on your hands with no market. Uncle Henry may have died and left you not a penny, but somehow about this time of year you can't help being happy.

The entire nation becomes infected with this curious seasonal malady. And they do say it's just as prevalent in foreign countries, too. For a fellow to escape it, he'd have to go out on the prairie or up in the mountains, dig his grave, and then lie in it. And then the chances are someone would come along and wish him the compliments of the season.

So it's no use, old bears, cross-patches, frowners and mean folk. You've just got to smile from now on until Christmas. Its in the air. Merry Christmas! Say it with joy! Maybe a little of the gladness will stick in your soul through the year.

Life In The Country

Considerable discussion is heard these days as to the means that may be adopted to keep folks on the farm. The situation has become serious, for many experienced farmers are moving into the cities, either for the purpose of earning what they consider easier money, or to use their savings in giving their children and themselves the advantage of city life. Whatever the cause, the situation remains, and it constitutes a problem that may well engage the attention of national and state authorities. The fear is expressed that the production of food may become reduced to such an extent that the scarcity will not only greatly increase prices, but threaten the welfare of the people.

While the reasoning is purely academic and subject to the views of each individual, it is probably true that the persons who make occasional trips from the rural districts to the larger towns enjoy these visits and the things they see much more than those who see them every day. It is a case where familiarity sometimes breeds contempt.

In the matter of better school facilities in the towns, there is in most cases no place for argument, although some progress has been made in a number of states to bring about a centralization of teaching that gives country pupils some of the advantages of the city in a course of study.

There is nothing to justify undue pressure to keep men and women and boys and girls on the farms. Rural life should be so attractive in itself that enough persons will make choice of the country life to insure the crops of grain and quantities of other foodstuffs needed to maintain all the people at a reasonable cost.

Anyone who needs a battleship or cruiser in his private business should be able to get one cheap. The government offers 21 of them.

We never thought we would develop a strong prejudice against any fruit, but truth compels the assertion that bananas have become a national irritation.

Senator Moses announces that he finds many who would like to be president, but that is a discovery that was not entirely unsuspected.

Some of Shakespeare's handwriting has been discovered, but there is no allegation that it is entitled to a prize as a specimen of penmanship.

Another man has died at the wheel of an automobile. The automobile driver's seat seems to be getting nearly as dangerous as a bed.

It is alleged that pedestrians are responsible for most of the street accidents. They shouldn't try to cross the street, perhaps.

A pessimist is a person who knows that the country is going to the dogs and is not at all sure that it doesn't deserve the fate.

Wife of ex-kaiser says she has trouble in following the thoughts of her husband. His mind is wandering again.

The girls are not going bare-legged just now, it is true, but the stockings a lot of them wear give a fair imitation of it.

Many a man is chiefly known for his ability to drive a hard bargain.

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THE OPEN COURT To the Editor— I am a student of the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis, Oregon, also a citizen of La Grande. In the October 30 issue of your paper, in the column headed "The Open Court," I read an article written by an "Englishman" denouncing your editorial of the twenty third. There also appeared several statements that every true American respects. But first I want to say that the "Englishman" evidently used Webster to a very good advantage in finding some of the large words used in his letter. He either wanted to show his superior intelligence or he is entirely ignorant. I did not want to bring up the subject of Zev and Papyrus again but I

would like to say that Papyrus' trainer, Mr. Gilpin, evidently knew the handicap he faced and thought his horse was better. I might add the English horse and his attendants were treated with every consideration and were beaten fairly. Again, "The Englishman" might put on his "level headed considering cap" and not be so utterly insulting in saying, "Level headed considering cap" and "The English are our RACIAL LEADERS." If that was a representation of racial leadership, we sure have improved upon the race. At least I am not ashamed of my name. Consequently it will not be signed An American, but— Lloyd K. Barwell. Philippines Hope for Large Lumber Orders from Japan MANILA, (AP)—Philippine lumber men anticipate a brisk business in Philippine lumber for reconstruction purposes in Japan. Nearness to Japan is one of the advantages to the islands. A demand for 10,000,000 board feet a year is looked for within the next 60 days. Oregon will be the principal competitor of the Philippines.

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