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**FULNESS OF JOY**—Thou wilt show me the path of life; in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.—Psalm 1:11.

## Our Youngsters

Of course things are not like they used to be, muse many adults of today, and then they proceed to tell how children did when they were young. In many instances their argument is good, and probably children of today have become a little forward, shaking off the reticent modesty of old. But the youngster of today is to be reckoned with in other lines.

Parents may not have done this and that, for which they hold an inward pride, but those same parents never learned half as quickly at school, never advanced in comparison with children of today, and never possessed the wisdom and ability to do things at similar age of present-day youngsters.

For instance, La Grande high school could very properly have the big bon fire and butcher the fatted calf over the fact that her students took first, second and third honors in the state-wide American Legion essay contest, while last year La Grande students took first honor in the same annual event. In addition to these honors it was La Grande high school pupils who took first honors in the essay contest conducted by the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution. And still added to these laurels La Grande debating team cleaned up the Eastern Oregon school debaters last season.

Don't overlook the fact that these events showed severe competition and that high school students all over Oregon worked and worked hard for the honors, plainly telling of an efficiency in La Grande's schools that is most admirable.

So, when we think of the present-day youngster as not being what mother or father was when young, bear in mind this crow has a lot of merit and ability which the past few years has developed to a high state, and instead of bearing down in the wrong way, take the child to your bosom and join him in rejoicing over the laurels claimed by his school, then direct his steps along the right pathway, and the result will be a 100 per cent winner.

## A Year Of Politics

From now on until election day next November—the American people may expect to be gorged with politics. They may count on getting it for breakfast in the morning news columns for the noon repast wherever two or three are gathered to gether for dinner or supper from the evening paper or frolicacious table companions. And they may expect to get it between meals and on into the night—by print, radio or word of mouth. Politics will be served smoking hot from the national headquarters of both parties and from the headquarters of candidates.

Henceforth officeholders who desire to remain in office may be relied upon to sandwich politics between their acts and utterances. This applies to legislative as well as other governmental activities. If anything done by the "ins" proves good, the "outs" may be counted on to prove it bad. If anything done by those in control prove bad, the opposition may be counted upon to make political capital out of it. In the coming session of congress support of and opposition to legislation will largely be controlled by politics.

## The Layman Can't Know

The maxim that ignorance of the law is no excuse came into being when there was little, if any, excuse for ignorance; when law was the expression of rules of conduct that could be sensed from knowledge of right and wrong; when it was simple and ran directly against obvious ill. But the increasing output of legislation threatens to crowd out the reason of the rule.

The vast number of enactments on this and that subject the rapidly growing list of offenses arbitrarily so listed, the confusion of laws as between sections through which transition elements pass make it difficult even for students to learn their and practically impossible for the layman to know them. The maxim is to retain its force and not work injustice, complication and multiplication of laws must cease.

Ike Patterson of Eola, who has been mentioned as the real candidate in case the recallers decide to try and swipe Walter M. Pierce from the governor's table, drew automobile license No. 1 for next year. Is that significant, or did Sam Kozer want to kid Ike along by permitting him to be the first gentleman of Oregon so far as automobile license numbers can indicate?

Down in Yamhill county a recall election is threatened on the county court. Great mass meetings are being held and oratory is being turned loose on the placid atmosphere of old Yamhill. Truly, the present direct political system has taken the place of the country literary debating society and a good many other indoor sports.

About the biggest nut who ever entered public life is that fellow Walton, governor of Oklahoma. Oregon thought she had a freak of a governor when our chief executive rode a saddle horse up the state house steps and did a lot more spectacular things, but Oregon admits she cannot compete with Oklahoma in gubernatorial freaks.

Since McAdoo "admits his candidacy," as the Portland Journal puts it, he is branded and must nevermore rely on modesty. Admitting a candidacy is quite a serious matter since it carries with it the responsibility of making a campaign.

## THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



AUNT SARAH PEABODY, LEADER OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF PIPE SMOKING COLLAPSED WHEN SHE REALIZED THE TWO PIPE SMOKING DRUMMERS WERE UNJUSTLY ACCUSED OF AIDING LOCAL PIPE SMOKERS.

## Editorials From Over the Nation

**WHEN A MEAN MAN DIES.**  
Toronto Daily Star: No man can have edited a newspaper, especially in one of the smaller communities where it is possible for a man to know his neighbors intimately, without having at least one occasion to regret that it is not possible when a man dies to write an obituary of him which would do justice to his life. An editor or trustee, once or twice in his career, wish that he could sit down and write the honest truth about a departed citizen who all his days was a neighborhood nuisance and a domestic affliction—a man who all his days was mean in all his ways.

Tempted as an editor sometimes is, he does not yield. Nearly always there is some devoted woman whose heart would be wrung, a mother, wife or daughter. So the editor prints the pleasing platitudes about the departed citizen. And nobody knows him for what he is. It seems generally agreed that the obituary column of a newspaper and the chiseled face of a tombstone are places where it is not well to tell the truth. There the scribe tries to be kind.

Sometimes, however, has actually done what so many have been tempted to do. An English paper reproduces from the Boston Green News an obituary notice which appeared with name and address as follows:

"The deceased, indeed, was a most strange man. Although bringing the children into the world, he had a strong antipathy to them being in his house, while their mother naturally championed their remaining, which caused unhappiness. In his business he was an arrogant, autocratic but quarrelsome man, and a dictator of the worst order. At any time of his life had but few friends, and those he soon lost. His mannerisms were (unpleasant) to the last degree, and his expressions on the sanctity of marriage will be treated with ridicule, for it is known for some years past he showed an affection to many. He was, in daily words, a hypocrite.

"It is a recognized saying. 'Speak but ill of the dead, but what he said of a man who dies and leaves his fortune to others, and to a loving and faithful wife not a penny to provide for a large family?'"

"This is frank enough to suit anybody, and it is, perhaps, as truthful as the average obituary notice."

**NO "AMERICAN FLAG"**  
Boston Transcript: The New York World, in deciding a bet, rules that there is no American flag. There is a flag of the United States, but an "American flag," the World appears to say, would have to include the stars of Canada, Mexico, Argentina and other American countries besides those of the United States. It strikes us that this opinion carries the technicalities of the official manner considerably too far. If it is justified we try every time we use the word "American" as describing the people and the things of our country. The federal republic, has acquired official sanction as well as the sanction of common usage. Our ambassadors abroad designate themselves on their official cards and papers as "The American Ambassadors," and their names as "The American Ambassadors." Our consuls are officially the American consuls. The word has long since acquired, and quite legitimately, the official sanction of the flag of the United States as "The American flag," no matter what the technical implication may be.

If there is no "American flag," the noble poem of Joseph Roman Grake, When Freedom from her mountain heights Unfurled her standard to the air," which for more than 100 years, has served as paper flag of "The American flag," will have to be rechristened "The Flag of the United States of America." If there is no American flag, there is no American patriotism; there is no American sentiment; there are no American people. That there are these things, and that there is also an American flag, is by this time pretty well impressed upon the knowledge of the whole world.

**Doologer Elmed \$1000.**  
DENVER, Ore.—A thousand dollars more in fines was charged up here by state prohibition officers when Ace Doobson was convicted on two charges of selling liquor. In such case, according to state testimony, he had sold in state apothecary. He will appeal on both counts.

Charles Carroll, also charged with selling, was acquitted on an alibi, established in the face of testimony of four witnesses who swore to the sale.

A traitor doctor is one who tickles your vanity by assuring you that your slight disorder is something serious.

## Welcome



George Harvey, who has resigned as ambassador to the Court of St. James, has arrived in New York. This photo was snapped on a ship-board.

and equal rights, economic, legal and political, for all citizens, and all civil rights, including free speech, free press and peaceable assembly, as guaranteed by the constitution.

Resolutions acting forth the platform of the conference were signed, among others by: Roy M. Harbo, chairman Progressive party, Nebraska; Ray McKaig, national committee-man Progressive party, Idaho; C. S. Golden, secretary Progressive party, Idaho; W. P. Edwards, chairman Non-partisan league, California; August Williams, national committee-man, of Iowa.

**McAdoo Forces Win**  
SIOUX FALLS, S. D. (By the Associated Press)—Forces supporting the candidacy of William G. McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury, were victorious today in their first skirmish in Minnehaha county with the supporters of Henry Ford.

Minnehaha county Republicans elected three Coolidge supporters as unaffiliated delegates to the state convention. They are Mayor George W. Burnside, of Sioux Falls; George A. Pettigrew, and W. C. Niblett.

In the county proposal convention, called to elect delegates to the state proposal convention next month, three avowed McAdoo men were named by large majorities to represent this county, which yields approximately 9 per cent of the state Democratic vote.

A total of 2965 voters were represented in the convention. Robert Holten Davenport polled 1716 votes and John Dowler, the third delegate, won by 1470 against 254 for his opponent.

The delegation is unaffiliated, but the entire membership is openly pledged to support McAdoo for the presidency and U. S. Cherry for the Democratic senatorial nomination.

Ford's name will get at least second place on all three ballots under a provision of the primary law which permits any five delegates to a state proposal convention to nominate a minority candidate.

The uncertainty that exists in South Dakota as to whether Ford would accept the nomination if it were tendered him caused great concern among his adherents last night and a controversy arose over the point. The law requires each person nominated by the proposal convention to give a written acceptance of the nomination by January 1, in order to go on the ballot.

It's strange how many attractive friends wish to advise a widow who has a nice bunch of insurance money.

**New Third Party to Meet**  
In Convention on May 30  
CHICAGO (AP)—The third party movement set under way here by a meeting of representatives from Progressive political organizations was given tangible form Tuesday, with a call for a national convention, to be held at either Minneapolis or St. Paul May 30, 1924, for the purpose of nominating presidential and vice presidential candidates in the name of the Progressive party, Farmer-Labor party, or such other names as the third party voters may have established in their state.

Those attending the gathering here pledged themselves "that the calling of this convention shall be based upon the abolition of special privileges," described as meaning "the unjust economic advantage by possession of which a small group controls our natural resources, transportation, industry and credit, stifles competition prevents opportunity for development of all, and thus dictates conditions under which we live."

**Platform Adopted.**  
The platform of principles set forth by the Chicago meeting called, among other things, for "public control of natural resources by taxation of all land values, public ownership of railroads, canals and pipelines; governmental banking, by which the government shall enter the banking system, reserving to itself the sole right to issue currency and to determine the amount of currency which may be issued."

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72-in. Heavy Linen	\$3.50 yd.
66-in. Union Linen	\$2.75 yd.
72-in. Mercerized Linen	\$1.40 yd.
64-in. Mercerized Linen	\$1.00 yd.
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**Co-operative Selling Proves Successful With Portuguese**

WASHINGTON, (AP)—A band of 100 Portuguese farmers, who can neither read nor write English and who are working out their economic freedom through co-operative marketing is engaging the attention of the Department of Agriculture.

Officials here say these Portuguese, who live about Cape Cod in Massachusetts and call themselves the Cape Cod Strawberry Growers' association, understand the true principles of co-operation. The secret of their success is a high quality product, carefully graded and packed, which has created a demand that takes practically all the berries the association can market.

This year more than a million quarts of berries were marketed with a gross return of \$123,000. The association has been in existence eight years.

A Want Ad will do it.

**U. B. Thrifty says**

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