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**WHY NOT?—O ye simple, un-
derstand wisdom; and ye fools, be-
ye of an understanding heart.**
Proverbs 8:5.

The Hi Dads

La Grande has a new organization. It is the Hi Dads—dads of high school boys and girls, and they are pledged to join in with the youngsters in athletics and social life. Now, the Hi Dads do not propose making themselves dictatorial, nor do they anticipate leadership, for the plan is to let Young America retain all its initiative and encourage leadership among the youth.

The dads will act as a balance wheel to the machine and every boy and girl in high school has many fathers who will stop any time to consult with them who will help them when difficulties arise. No matter what problem may confront a member of the La Grande high school, the Hi Dad is ready to help solve it. Instead of being critical there is desire to be helpful, instead of being strict and fearful the Hi Dads will be companions to the students.

It is one of the finest moves ever inaugurated in any school and the idea originated with George Glass, Sr., and W. K. Gilbert.

Down Hill

When anything gets started down hill how she does gain speed. For instance, look at Hollywood and the movie star game. A year ago nobody but Will Hayes could heal the American conscience, and now even Hayes is lost sight of and the industry is going to the dogs. Frisco is going to claim the movie colony because Los Angeles had a preacher or two who would not stand for rough stuff. Of course the preachers went too far when they got to going, for they dug up the old blue laws, and those are always drastic methods. Instead of encouraging young people to enter the movies, everyone from Mary Pickford down to the scenery pusher is jumping into the press telling the boy and girl to steer clear of the profession. It is just one of those times when everything in the movie production business has gone "haywire" and even Will Hayes, with his remarkable diplomacy, does not seem able to stop the avalanche.

George L. Cleaver, state prohibition commissioner, has reported to the governor that he collected more than \$80,000 in fines and that his machinery is working to get some more. While the office Cleaver holds does not appeal to most men, and the sleuth hound methods of hunting down booze peddlers, may be distasteful even to George, it must be admitted that he is doing quite a business. Another thing is certain, George will never drink any of the liquor which he grabs, for his career has ever been a teetotaler so far as booze and cigarettes go.

According to Frank S. Bramwell, who heads the state banking department, Oregon's banks are in better shape than most of the other states. In a lengthy interview he stated that the methods of secrecy formerly surrounding the banking business had been turned into an open book in Oregon. By this we hope he does not mean that every bank will make public the names of its borrowers, for some of us might be a little embarrassed under such a wide-open banking system.

Yamhill county presents the sad spectacle of a neighborhood row. It is a bitter row and naturally the recall of officers is one of the weapons being used. Oregon is going to grow tired of this recall business one of these days, and it will be a day for rejoicing when such bunk is taken from the statutes.

President Coolidge has freed the war prisoners, so another bone of contention has been removed and another subject for the soapbox orator has been dissipated.

The greek queen is now about to precipitate a war in the Balkans. Men have been fighting over women for a long time.

Editorials From Over the Nation

THE WHY OF MOLESTERING ACCIDENTS

Boston Traveler: Fundamentally, the cause of nearly all mousing accidents is the same. The cause is—personal egotism. The driver puts his own egotism—his own desire for speed—above that of every other consideration. If he takes a drink before driving, he regards that as his privilege. His brain is too strong to be fogged by liquor. And if he didn't feel like a king before he had the driver, he knows he is one after-ward. The road is his—not only the right side but the left side and the middle, all at the same time. Drunken driving is merely the swollen ego expanded to the last notch.

The exaggerated self may be a natural or a condition resulting from the world in general. Nothing in the world is a genuine baby. The egotist, on the other hand, is a man who is brought up against the childing fact, some time that he had an important as he had supposed. The problem confronting the road is to administer that let us suppose the egotist has done irreparable damage to property and himself.

THE BABY OF CRITICIZING.
Boston Traveler: In the courts of the United States many a con- sidered innocent until found guilty. It is one of the inalienable rights of a citizen of the American republic. How consistent with this "bill of rights" is the modern tendency to label every new thing as wrong until proved right. This must hu- man of trouble daily manifests itself in every phase of present-day life, exempting neither the material nor

the spiritual things. Human beings don't intend to be hypercritical, but under the Amer- ican constitution are supposed to have the right of free speech, so they are. The tendency to criticize that is deprecated, for constructive criticism is the foundation of good government and progress, but it is the criticism without charity invari- ably extended to the new thing which presents itself to us.



SMAN IS OVER, LEAF-YEAR IS COMING. PROTECT YOUR-SELVES MEN!

Up in Yakima, Washington, a doctor removed an extra rib from a woman. Her last name was not ADAM!
Her eyes are blue, her hair is blonde!
Her heart is true, her love is real,
Her tongue, though, is scarcely sweet.
Her smile is gold, her lips are sweet,
Her face to love, but—oh—these feet!
Her shoes, I find, are number 10
Who wants her new among you men?

A La Grande man opposes the movement started by a New York bachelor club to have all married men identified by tattoo marks on the ground that such marking is unnecessary. He says that all married men have been identified for years by the spots on their vests.

A man is happened when giving advice — a woman when giving someone medicine.

EVERY MAN FEELS VICTIM BELIEVES IN THE "FREEDOM OF THE SNEEZE!"

The wicked city is not without its thrills if you have a car and run out to a country roadhouse.

New York uses nearly 725,000 matches every day, including Saturday night.

Junius is of the opinion that one of the greatest blunders that man- kind could have possibly experi- enced would be a campaign to pre- vent all theater-goers from getting onions for dinner. That's pretty strong and we'll admit that it smells rotten, but nevertheless we're for a law against odors.

Just as a matter of good sports- manship, the men and women ought to be good swimmers. The courts are far behind in their work.

The air was filled with loud col- ors, mainly noticeable around the necks of poor "Hans", the day after Christmas.

WE WONDER HOW MANY SHEKES IN LA GRANDE GOT A BOTTLE OF "HARR SLICKEM" FOR CHRISTMAS? A PAIR OF SCISSORS WOULD HAVE BEEN THE REALY PROPER THING FOR THEIR COIFFURES.

Talking about the "bobbed hair" masculine movement, the girls prob- ably don't realize that they're real- ly the cause for the making of some of the best things into beautiful Yasmines. But when the flappers roll for a certain screen star, the "bobbed boys" just couldn't be out- distanced.

Famous Parade Ground
Now Covered with Hungars
BERLIN, CAPS — Temperatures

IT'S ALL PINK ?

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



Field, the parade ground where former Kaiser Wilhelm reviewed the Berlin Guards on his birthday, and where troops used to march in honor of visiting monarchs, has been converted into a flying field. At the formal dedication of the field to its new use, Major von Teuchit, the senior German flying officer, welcomed the municipal and Prussian officials and two passenger airplanes started on their regular trips, one carrying passengers to Munich and the other to Moscow by way of Koenigsberg.

Berlin is the center for all Ger- man flying services. Three German routes are now operating regularly, an international service from this city. One leads to Munich and Geneva; a second goes to Buda- pest and Constantinople, and a third to Moscow. Scandinavian airplanes on their way to Italy and France also make stops at Berlin and there is a regular line be- tween Berlin and London.

Russian Prince Pays Duty.

NEW YORK (AP)—Forty-two black pearls, value at \$60,000, Wednesday were recovered from customs officials by Prince Felix Youssouppoff of Russia by the pay- ment of \$12,000 duty.

The prince brought the pearls and other jewelry, value at several thousand dollars and said to have been among the possessions of the Rasputin's in this country recently with the announced intention of selling them as antiques.

These include two five karat di- amonds valued at between \$100,000 and \$200,000.

Articles of jewelry brought here last winter by relatives of Prince Youssouppoff were recently released by the government after it had been established they were anti- ques.

UNION MAN IS NOW A GRANDPA

UNION. (Special)—Jack Duan- ynn, the jolly Irish clerk at the Union Cash Grocery, was notified Sunday evening that he might call himself grandpa, as a ten-piano daughter had arrived at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Bert Herron in La Grande. Jack started for La Grande as soon as he could catch a stage.

COMPANY WILL SEED TIMOTHY

WALLOWA. (Special)—Plans are being made by the Howman- Hicks Lbr. Co. for plowing up a large portion of the meadow land, situated near the town of Max- ville, and seeding to timothy, to produce hay to be used in the log- ging operations. The native grass growing on the meadows does not get large enough to produce any quantity of hay. It is thought that if a good stand of timothy can be set on the meadow land, that a large quantity of first class hay will be secured. It is thought by many that this is possible, as many other meadows in the timbered sections of the county, have grown splendid timothy, when it was once well started.

O. M. Teacock of Enterprise was in Wallowa the first of the week, he has been making trips to Max- ville, where some of the people living there are interested in ra- dio. Mr. Teacock has given dem- onstrations there with his sets dur- ing the past fall.

C. F. Henderson was in La Grande visitor the first of the week, making the trip by auto stage.

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REMEMBER—1 GOOD GARMENT WILL OUTWEAR 3 CHEAP ONES
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J. L. Maxwell shipped several cars of hogs to the Portland mar- ket, the last of the week, many hogs have been placed onto the market during the past week. The price here for top hogs has been \$4.25 per hundred. Mr. Maxwell purchased two cars at Joseph also. Tom Seigmund the Poultry bus- iness, shipped out turkeys and other fowls, the local trade appears to be picking up slightly at Christmas time, which gives a reasonable promise of giving the local butchers and others a chance of disposing of what surplus they have on hand at this time. The general business at the stores in town, was as good as at last Christ- mas. All windows have a beauti- ful assortment of "things" from which a present could be selected for any occasion.

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