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WHITHERSOEVER: — God is
with thee, whithersoever thou goest.
—Joshua 1:9.

More Time To Reflect

It is noticeable that the Portland Chamber of Commerce
very recently came out boldly against any plan of wheat
purchase by the government; that it condemned the Low-
den plan of separating domestic and foreign wheat and
taxing the domestic wheat so that wheat prices in United
States would be forced to advance.

The Portland chamber sagely remarks that this is not
sound business, and possibly the chamber is right, but the
thing that attracts attention is when the government is
considering a movement to aid the wheat farmer, whether
the movement be sound or not, we find the Portland cham-
ber standing up against it, but when the ship contracts
were let by the government to Portland shipbuilders on
the very unsound principle of cost plus 10 per cent that
same Chamber of Commerce applauded the good business
being done and never raised its voice in protest.

The business game is decidedly amusing. How wrong
a thing can be when the other fellow does it and how
easy it is to settle down in the cushions and justify the
same thing when done by someone close to the throne.

This must be considered regarding Portland chamber's
action: That deliberative body had more time to reflect
upon the soundness of the wheat situation than it had
when shipbuilding was the sought-for business.

Howard Carter, who is digging King Tut out of a
three thousand year slumber, is said to be losing flesh and
his health in a general way is breaking. It will be remem-
bered his partner was stung by some kind of a king's in-
sect and died soon after the "sacred" ground around the
tomb of Tut was disturbed. Not much wonder those peo-
ple in Tut's time believed in goblins and such, even to the
extent of thinking their king had power over disease and
deadly insects. That would have been a fine time for some
of those crap-shooting negroes down south to have lived.
They could have had a thrill every minute.

THE OLD HOME TOWN



STATION AGENT AND MARSHAL. OTEY WALKER ARE SUSPICIOUS OF EVERY STRANGER WHO COMES TO TOWN SINCE BOY CARL BUSHARD'S WIFE BECAME TAKING GOODS FROM CARS EAST OF TOWN.

Editorials From Over the Nation

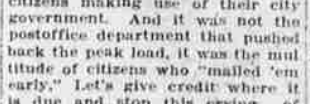
BAKER'S LOSS, PENDLETON'S GAIN

Baker Herald—It is with regret that Baker learns of Bishop W. P. Remington's decision to remove his temporary headquarters from Baker to Pendleton for the Eastern Oregon Diocese of the Episcopal church. During the more than a year that the bishop has made his home here he and Mrs. Remington have made a host of friends who sincerely regret to learn of the decision. They will be missed in Baker. They have established themselves during their residence here in the hearts of the people, and take with them the wishes of the people for their future success in their work. The bishop in his statement of the reasons for selecting Pendleton for his headquarters for the next year says it is a more central location for the large territory covered by his diocese. Traveling expenses will be considerably less during a year, and that the field of the work of the church there is such as to call for his close attention. The Herald congratulates Pendleton upon the acquisition of Bishop and Mrs. Remington—they will prove a power in the community life of that place as they have in Baker. Baker will always glad-

ly welcome them on their visit here and hope these visits will be frequent, as they no doubt will be. THE PUBLIC HELPED Idaho Daily Statesman: The postoffice department is claiming a great victory over the late mailing habit. It is pointing with pride to the efficiency and willingness of postal employees who succeeded in pushing back the peak load of Christmas mail three whole days. And it naively adds to its publication that the "public helped." Now no one is disposed to take from the brow of the postoffice department any well earned laurels. Doubtless there has been achieved throughout the nation a higher standard of service, a greater efficiency and a friendliness between postal employees and the public not heretofore achieved. But, by all the gods, when one speaks of a mailing early campaign, it is not the public that helps, it is the public that hinders. All such movements, from the greatest drive to the smallest are put over by the public. The committees that start the ball rolling, the bureau and departments that suggest the project, the chambers of commerce and boards of trade even the newspapers with their campaigns, are secondary influences. They bring forth an idea, but the idea gets nowhere unless the people respond. Some people may reply to this that the power of the public is a useless power unless it is directed, which is true. There must be those

to state the projects, to concentrate the efforts of the masses, yet the dependence of the people upon the committees, boards, bureaus and chambers is far less than the dependence of the latter upon the people. When there is need for an idea, for a project, for a drive, for a headquarters to be designated, someone somewhere feels the need and offers his services. There are a thousand possible organizations to guide and direct but there is only one public to act. If the postoffice department had not outlined an early mailing campaign, be assured that big mail order houses, or commercial associations, or Rotary clubs or newspapers or magazines or news moving picture services, would have taken up the cry. But if the public had not caught the spirit, there would have been no pushing back of the peak load. One dislikes to see the instigator and advertiser of movements claiming all the credit. It is not the drive master who collects a million, it is the people who give a million. It is not a chamber of commerce which gains an objective, but the people who use the chamber's machinery to gain it. It is not a city government that builds a city beautiful, but the citizens making use of their city government. And it was not the postoffice department that pushed back the peak load, it was the multitude of citizens who "milled 'em early." Let's give credit where it is due and stop this crying of board of boards, committees and institutions. "We did it." The most any group of us can ever say is "We helped."

OFFICE CAT



A STITCH IN TIME MAY SAVE MUCH EMBARRASSMENT.

We do not know much but we do know that invisible face powder is about as invisible as a forty-story skyscraper in a one-house town.

And we've noticed this also As sure as your're here, The hollower the floor— The louder the hoar!

Green, curio a La Grande man, has a quieting effect on the nerves—especially if it is long and a guy has saved it.

WHO WOULD DENIE ANY CONGRESSMAN HIS INALIENABLE RIGHT TO BLUNDER? Thrift Note. Be sparing with cash. They're too high to use for decorating the vest front.

There would be more old maid if there were no such things as

COMING!

Three Wise Fools Don't miss it!

something more on underneath or somewhere the girls, who are always good natured go right on out, remarking laughingly: Mamma is a mid-Victorian.

Old Time Winter

Baker Herald—This is a winter that makes the old pioneer feel young again and memory reflects back to the prancing team, cutter and sleigh bells.

Snow Encouraging

Baker Herald—The deep snow-fall in the mountains is a joy to the farmer and the stockman. It means plenty of moisture for the coming season.

Capitalizes Cold Snap

North Powder News—La Grande claims only 5 degrees below zero as their coldest weather last week, while North Powder claims 20 below. Well, North Powder is the only town in Eastern Oregon that capitalizes on cold weather, so what do we care how warm it is in the Grande Ronde?

Columbus Ohio State Journal

When the neighbor girls' mother ventures to express the opinion that they ought to have a little

shades in front parlors. When things don't seem to be coming your way it's a good sign that you should get out and go after 'em. There is no pest worse than the fellow who knows a little about any subject one can bring up— AND TELLS ABOUT IT. WISE MEN ARE GOOD SAYERS AND FOOLS ARE GOOD SPENDERS. Yes— Street cars it used to be said, were like bananas because they were yellow and came in bunches. The late caller in Portland has discovered a third similarity while he waits for the midnight car, and waits, and WAITS—! Men are Not observing. Nine years ago a La Grande woman sold her piano and her husband never noticed the absence of the piano until last night. It so happened that he stayed home last night!

QUICK RELIEF FROM CROUP COUGHS COLDS with FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR ESTABLISHED 1875 SOLD EVERYWHERE

Cold Type and Warm Sunshine In expressing to our patrons and friends the hope that this may be the Happiest Holiday Season you have ever enjoyed, we are compelled to use cold type because there is no other way to reach all. But we wish we might walk up to each and every one of you, take your hand, look you in the eye and say right to your face "HAPPY NEW YEAR" La Grande NATIONAL BANK SOUND-RELIABLE-PROGRESSIVE

Every Article in the Store Reduced M. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE Absolutely Nothing Held Out 26th ANNUAL JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE Every Article in the Store Reduced Drastic Reductions on Silks Domestics Bedding Etc. You Now Have an Opportunity to Supply Your Household and Personal Need at a Great Saving. Every Pair of Men's, Ladies and Children's Shoes Reduced IF HIGH GRADE MERCHANDISE AT AN UNUSUAL SAVING MEANS ANYTHING TO YOU, YOU WILL SUPPLY YOUR FOOT - WEAR NEEDS NOW. Ladies' One Lot Ladies High Shoes, Black Kid (Armstrong) values to \$12.50... \$4.98 One Lot Ladies High Shoes, Black Kid (Ground-Grippers) values to \$10... 3.98 One Lot Ladies High Shoes, Black Calf, values to \$9.00... 3.98 One Lot Ladies High Shoes, Brown Kid, lace (Armstrong) values to \$16.50... 4.98 One Lot Ladies High Shoes, Tan Calf, Lace (Armstrong) values to \$12.50... 5.98 One Lot Ladies High Shoes, Brown Calf Lace, values to \$7.50... 3.98 One Lot Ladies High Shoes, White Cloth (Armstrong), values to \$8.50... 1.98 One Lot Ladies Oxfords, Black Calf, (Armstrong), values to \$10.00... 5.98 One Lot Ladies Oxfords, Brown Suede, trimmed, Low Heel, values to \$8.50... 4.98 One Lot Ladies Oxfords, Elk, trimmed, Low Heel, values to \$6.00... 3.98 One Lot Ladies Pumps in various colors and heels, values to \$9.00... 3.98 One Lot Ladies Pumps, Brown Kid, One-strap, Cuban Heel, values to \$10... 5.98 One Lot Ladies Pumps, Patent Colonial, values to \$9.00... 2.98 Men's One Lot Men's Ground Grippers, Black and Brown, values to \$8.50... \$4.35 One Lot Men's J. E. Tilt Kangaroo Ball, small sizes, values to \$10.00... 4.98 One Lot Men's Black and Brown Shoes, broken lines, values to \$9.00... 2.35 One Lot Men's Edwin Clapp Shoes, Black and Brown, values to \$16.50... 9.90 Every Pair of Shoes in Our Stock at Clearance Prices All Men's Overcoats---1/3 off Every Article in the Store Reduced