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**A BENEDECTION**—Unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless, —Judges 24.

## Discontent as a Developer

One hears the discontented person wish for a lot of things he does not need. Coming down town in the morning one La Grande man will whistle and joke, look at the store windows and remark to himself that it is strange there are so many things offered for sale that he does not need, while another La Grander will come down the same street feeling that the world is wrong, that there is nothing in the stores that suits him, and he will worry because he cannot get some certain thing which does not happen to be carried in stock.

Some people deplore the Grande Ronde climate, while others, like Uncle Sam Brooks who has been here for half a century, will smile and tell you it is the best twelve-month climate to be found in America.

Contentment is the greatest thing to be had, but very few seem to possess it. All of which brings one to an analysis of the matter. Admitting that the contented person is the happy person, we must give discontent what is due it—namely, that it acts as a developer.

In summer folks want to go north, to the mountains, or the seashore. In winter they are drawn to the tropics. People living in the east talk about going west and natives of the west believe the rainbow's end is in the east. People without automobiles "would be" satisfied with a small car. Their more fortunate neighbors driving small automobiles hope for a larger car "next year." Every raise in salary suggests another.

This insatiable desire and discontent, which is characteristic of civilized peoples, is man's only inspiration for unceasing accomplishment. Without it there would be no progress, no scientific research, no inventions, no industrial or commercial achievement, no religious or educational upliftment, neither human ambitions nor ambition. In the tropics, where a generous nature guarantees existence without self-help, there is an intimation of what would result from the end of human desire and discontent.

Americans are frequently criticized by their European and Asiatic brothers for dollar-chasing and with placing work before every other institution of life. In the same breath our foreign visitors inquire into the reasons for our world domination in industry, commerce and science. It would now be evident to the foreigner that accomplishment and progress are the sum total of life to the ambitious American and in this lies the secret of American growth and national superiority.

Contentment is the unpardonable sin on this side of the Atlantic, unless it be indolent discontent.

## The Whip and the Law

With all the boasted prison reform in our country, with all the lecturing which is going on relative to criminology and its punishment, it is worth considering that possibly the old whipping post was not a bad thing for certain kinds of crime, after all.

A Canadian judge recently sentenced a bank robber and escaped convict to imprisonment for life, "with 30 lashes" as an additional penalty, to be administered at the rate of 10 a month for three months.

The lash has become virtually obsolete in the United States as a method of punishment for convicted criminals, a fact which is responsible for irrelevant conclusions that its abandonment marks a milestone in our progress from the barbarities of the past. It is the testimony of criminologists that a man dreads the whip wielded by the arm of the law more than any other form of punishment, and yet it is humane by comparison with the acts of lawbreakers against innocent victims.

In the Canadian case the convict escaped from prison, robbed a bank, reached the American side, and with confederates engaged in a gun battle in the streets of Minneapolis with the police before he was recaptured. He had no compunctions for the life or limbs of innocent persons who crossed his path in his criminal career. The addition of 30 lashes to his life sentence was less as a reminder of his crime than a warning to others of what awaits them if they fall into the clutches of the law.

There is something admirable about the administration of justice over our northern border.

## Income Tax Tips

No. 8.  
Salaried persons and wage earners form by far the largest class of taxpayers. In their interests Form 1040A heretofore used for filing returns of net income of \$5,000 and less from whatever source derived, this year is used for reporting net income of not more than \$5,000 derived chiefly from salaries and wages.

Compensation in any form (for personal service rendered) is subject to the income tax. This includes salaries, wages, fees, commissions, bonuses and pensions and also salaries paid by a state or political subdivision thereof to its employees are not taxable, the reason being that the Federal government does not tax the instrumentalities of a state.

The exemption does not apply to salaries paid by the Federal government, except that a Federal income tax may not be levied on the salary of the President of the United States or Federal judges which would diminish the salaries that were in effect at the time they took office. This provision does not exempt from taxation the salary of the President of the United States or Federal judges. Its meaning is that if Congress after the president or a Federal judge has taken office, should increase the rate of taxation, such increase would not apply to the salaries payable at the time the oath was taken.

Fees received by a notary public commissioned by a state are not taxable nor are fees paid pursuant to a state. Witnesses in lawsuits even though summoned by a state's attorney, are not considered employees of a state, and fees received by them are subject to taxation.

The difference between man and woman is that man wants everything he thinks he can get and woman wants everything she knows she can't get.

A career is what a girl wants if she likes herself better than she likes the man!

Envy is admiration that has stood around useless until it soured.

Zoologists claim elephants smell with their mouth. We always thought they did it all over. Let's let Bok put it to a vote.

Some knockers are the limit. They have just about reached the point where they want to start a revolution or appeal for governmental aid merely because they lost a nickel.

Edward Bok must be trying to earn himself another paragraph in "Who's Who."

Wonder how long it will be before women who murder their husbands get the same penalty the law imposed upon mere men. This column guesses about 478 years.

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## THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



## Highlanders Discuss Problems at Dinner

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The fact that the Chamber of Commerce is financially better off than ever before was asserted by Secretary E. C. Reynolds and also by Treasurer H. E. Coudrige, Mr. Coudrige, who has been a member of La Grande commercial organizations for the past 20 years, stated that the condition of the club financially was "never better in the past than it is at present."

Stress was laid on the efficient work of the membership and pep committees during the past year and a vote of thanks was tendered the secretary by the Highlanders.

To Uniform Quartette  
A motion was also made and passed to purchase suits or uniforms for the Chamber of Commerce quartette, the type to be fully decided upon at a later time.

During the meeting last evening the quartette, consisting of G. E. Patton, Elmer Stoddard, Stuart Wood Williams and G. C. Kirwin, sang three songs for the Highlanders.

Other matters discussed included "turning over" a new leaf and starting the Chamber Tuesday lunch course promptly on time" which was advocated by Dr. H. E. Murphy and endorsed by other Highlanders and a plan of touring over the bunches to Chamber committees at least 25 weeks during the year, which was presented by Elmer Stoddard and endorsed by many others.



BY JUNIUS

A New York state man horse-whipped his wife because he looked through a keyhole and saw her sitting on another man's lap and later found cigar ashes in her bed—and he "judges a pip!" Junius wonders if there are 14 men living in the whole world who would find him guilty.

A Billy Doe  
"Say, what do you know about it? Jake found a hundred dollar bill!"

"Can it be? What's he going to do with it?"  
"Oh, he's trying to borrow enough money to pay it."



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## 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

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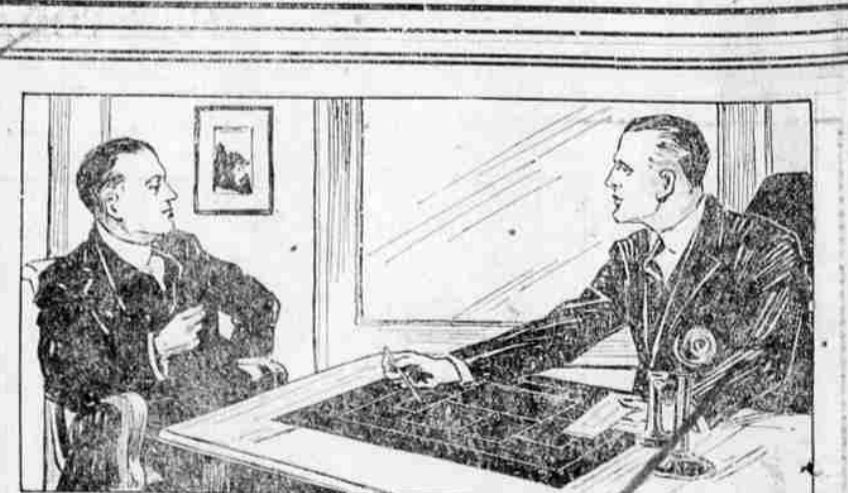
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