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THE OLD HOME TOWN



THE OLD FIGHT TO REMOVE ALL SWINGING SIGNS FROM OVER THE SIDE WALKS WAS WITNESSED TODAY WHEN THE HEAVY SIGN IN FRONT OF THE FINE DRUGS STORE WAS REMOVED.

OFFICE CAT
 TRADE MARK
 BY JUNIUS

Do you remember when the buggy-riding habit was one of the most popular of outdoor sports? I wish I was the china cup from which you drink your tea for then I know at every sup, you'd give a kiss to me, Solah!

He—What is a joke not a joke? She—Don't know, when? He—Usually.

A woman feels a whole lot more comfortable in shoes that are too small for her than she would in shoes that are too large for her.

Son: "What's a virgin?"
 Pa: "A virgin is a little girl about five or six years old."

A man with an obstinate cold should carry three or four life insurance policies and a gross or so of handkerchiefs.

It is very difficult to pick out a good overcoat this winter. All the people in the restaurants are watching.

The original gold-diggers are forty-niners, but a La Grander thinks most of these modern ones are thirty-sixers.

"Tis well, perhaps that the law or averages include dissimilarities whether it is a filling for pork chops or short ribs, hotsteak or liver, and onion."

A wife telephoned her husband, who works in a La Grande store, wife—What do you want for dinner tonight, pork chops or short cut steak?
 Husband—Either suits me.
 Wife—But which do you prefer?
 Husband—Either, but to choose with any pork chops.
 Wife—But we just had pork chops the other night.
 Husband—All right, make it short cut steak.
 Wife—I believe spare ribs would taste good, don't you? Which would you rather have? Spare ribs?
 Husband—Yes, that's all right.
 Wife calls a half hour later—

28 YEARS AGO

La Grande Gazette, January 17, 1896—Julius Roesch is having several tons of ice put up.

Mrs. N. O'Bryant, of North Powder, is a visitor in this city.

Miss Lucy Harding is suffering from an attack of blood-poison.

Born: To J. L. Reavis and wife on January 14, 1896, a daughter.

Born: On January 15, 1896, to the wife of Cal Jordan, a daughter.

Mrs. B. F. Wilson and children are enjoying a visit with friends and relatives in Union.

E. D. McCully left Monday morning for Kansas City, Mo., with four cars of hogs which he will dispose of in the Kansas City Market.

The Western Union Telegraph Co. and the Grande Ronde Telephone have joined issues and dispatches can be sent clear through to Joseph. This will be a great convenience to the public.

The Cities of Union and La Grande have each instituted a suit against Union County for the recovery of money paid in by the residents of the road districts included within the said cities in road taxes. J. F. Burt, of La Grande, and T. H. Crawford, of Union, appear as attorneys for the claimants. The amount sued for by La Grande is about \$3,000, while the claim presented by Union is something less than that.

Lodges Install.
 At a recent meeting of the La Grande lodge, Royal Arcanum,

Please hurry home tonight, I just put on the liver and onions. Husband, after hanging up receiver—Well, I'll eat, at any rate.

HAIR
 Woman: "What hair, and wants to wave it; Man: "Oh, little, and wants to save it."

In these hard-boiled times an orphan has no social advantage. It has no parents to be ashamed of.

Don't call your wife a simp. A person who can understand the fashion page can laugh at brains like yours.

The man who manures his halls at the supper table deserves a "chuckie" party, and his wife deserves a grain elevator of German marks for living with him.

In these long gone girls were often ruined jumping out of vehicles, in these latter days the danger lies in jumping into them.

Another thing these times need is fewer people in the limelight, and more under the living room lamp at home.

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The following officers were installed: Regent, C. H. Finn; vice regent, Dr. C. T. Bacon; orator, L. De Petres; past regent, I. W. Baird; secretary, Dr. H. J. Chipman; collector, Geo. H. Carey; treasurer, F. L. Meyers; chaplain, W. P. Caviness; guide, W. J. Burke; warden, W. H. Getchell; sentry, Thos. H. Bointon.

The installation of officers of Oliver P. Morton Post, W. R. C. occurred at a recent meeting as follows: Mrs. Rachel Hiltz, president; Mrs. Harriet Harrison, senior vice-president; Mrs. Rose Tull, junior vice-president; Mrs. Edith Bailey, conductor; Mrs. Jessie Bartlett, assistant conductor; Mrs. Annie Baker, secretary; Mrs. A. Prescott, treasurer. Refreshments, including ice cream and cake were served. Mrs. Doris H. Scott officiated as installing officer.

LUMBER TRADE LOOKS FIRMER

The lumber market is very active and is strengthening daily, says the American Lumberman, Chicago. Orders are freely offered by both retailers and industrial consumers, but the mills, already carrying good-sized order files, are looking with a great deal of caution in view of the badly assorted stocks usually on hand. Prices on most popular items of both softwoods and hardwoods have shown marked advances since the first of the year, and the tendency remains strongly upward. Prospects were rarely more encouraging than now, and while the desire for stabilized conditions is strong within the lumber industry and co-operative efforts may minimize the effect of supply and demand upon the price level, it is expected that the market will gather additional strength within the near future, rather than weaken.

Mr. MAN!

Your Spring Suit Should be CUSTOM MADE

We have just received a complete line of beautiful sample fabrics for Spring, also a Spring style book showing the very latest models. They are ready for your inspection and we most cordially invite you to look them over.



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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

W. L. Thompson's Sound Views

At the Pendleton meeting of wheat farmers Saturday, which was attended by several hundred producers of wheat from the Inland Empire, W. L. Thompson, former head of the American National bank at Pendleton and now vice president of the First National bank of Portland, delivered an address on the proposed plan for aiding wheat prices that knocks the props from under the fellows who claim the plan is not sound.

Mr. Thompson recited the operation controlling American-made goods protected by a tariff and called attention to the long period of years this procedure has been in existence, which proves conclusively that those who planned the process of taxing home wheat in order to bring up the foreign price of wheat, which in turn acts directly in advancing the price of wheat for home consumption, were merely taking the system used by manufacturers of harvester machinery and the makers of iron and steel and putting it in operation in wheat.

For many years the harvesting machinery houses when overtaken with production that they could not market at home have made a lower price to foreign countries in order to get rid of their goods. The same is true of iron and steel, sewing machines and other articles made in this country. Republicans have been forced to meet these facts in campaigns for half a century and they have met them standing up firmly for protective tariff with the full knowledge that the surplus of American factories was being sold in other countries at a less price than the same goods were sold for at home.

Mr. Thompson's address breathed consolation to the man who is in earnest in this wheat campaign. It did more than that, for it proved to all who are screaming about the unsound aid for farmers that this assistance contemplated is not only sound but it is truly American, and in thorough keeping with the Republican party's methods of running this government, which methods have stood the test of time and have always brought the nation out of chaos, establishing sound business in the place of unsound business which followed the desertion of Republican governmental policies.

As for the boycott on the city of Portland, which has been started in some Inland Empire localities because the Portland Chamber of Commerce made the mistake of passing resolutions against the wheat plan, Mr. Thompson's stand was again right when he asked all to forego such drastic methods.

There is nothing to a boycott at any time—nothing of a constructive nature. It works both ways, causing bad blood, wrecks all organization and in the end no one is benefitted. He pleaded for careful consideration of this subject from a viewpoint free from passion and malice, which is right.

The best evidence of the effect of the Thompson speech is the attitude of men returning from the Pendleton meeting. Without exception they are enthusiastic for the wheat plan, and some who went from La Grande were far from being sold on the idea until they listened to what W. L. Thompson had to say.

Our Camp Fire Girls

The convention just closed in La Grande which brought together the Camp Fire Girls, instilling in them the principles of this most noble organization, has caused citizens here to awaken to the meaning of the work which is national in scope and highly commendable.

The Boy Scout movement, all will agree, is one of the best things ever given to boys. Well, the Camp Fire Girls is equally as good for the girls. High ideals are taught, cleanliness of mind is one of the cardinal principles of the order, and the love for the great outdoor life is developed.

Miss Ethel Moore, the executive for Oregon of the Camp Fire Girls, has in the three days she has been in La Grande made many, many friends. That she is devoting her life to this cause is most commendable, and incidentally we might mention she is a young lady of exceptional qualifications.

The passing of the derby hat is charged against the automobile; but why not credit the latter with stimulating the vogue of the comfortable soft hat?

Gold mines of the United States produced more bullion in 1923 than in any year since 1919. To him that hath shall be given.

If Greece takes a plebiscite on the form of government King George cannot do better than be represented by roxy.

The man without a country was not more to be pitied in the presidential candidate without an appealing issue.

Since Germans have taken to killing each other possibly we feel that the menace is relieved in a degree.