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A man that hath friends must
show himself friendly; and there is
a friend that sticketh closer than
a brother.—Proverbs 18:24.

Who Stole The Bell?

Fifty years ago is not so long, after all. Fifty years ago La Grande was eleven years old and the young folks of that period were not so different from the young folks of today. All are possessed of the desire for fun and excitement. What happened in La Grande fifty years ago as recorded by the Portland Oregonian of that date a half century back:

"A \$500 reward offered by the citizens of La Grande for the persons who stole the church bell."

The question is who stole that bell? Probably Judge Slater, Dave Bay and the other "boys" of that time thought the good natured act of stealing the bell would soon be forgotten. An indignant community then offered \$500 reward in an endeavor to locate the guilty parties, and today the desire for information still exists.

Anyone who lived here at that day and time will confer favor by speaking up through the columns of the Evening Observer and tell who stole the bell.

Newspapers and Readers

The editorial executive of the Detroit News, speaking before the students of the Medill School of Journalism in Chicago the other day, told the prospective reporters and editors that newspaper readers, rather than newspaper makers, are generally to blame for the prevailing opinion that the American press prints a great quantity of crime news. Whether or not Mr. White talked for publication, the substance of his remarks has been published, and the readers of his paper and of other publications are doubtless more mildly interested in knowing what he thinks of them.

The Detroit editor says many readers base the assumption that much space is devoted to crime and sensation upon the fact that they spend so much time in reading every line of violence and scandal that little opportunity is left for perusing the many columns of really serious and constructive news matter. The reporting of the arms conference, of the farm bloc, in congress, of an orchestra deficit, are passed up as dull or mild; but murder and divorce grip and hold from the first line to the last. There are two classes of readers who delight in the sordid details of the Stillman case, says Mr. White: those who find it a "sociological document," and those who admit it is "hot stuff."

Whether readers are pleased or angered by this frank statement, that may not have been meant for their ears remains to be seen. Perhaps most of them will rather enjoy the lampooning. Surely anyone will admit, who takes the trouble to measure with a yardstick, that the amount of space devoted to crime by the average metropolitan journal is small as compared to the vast total contained in all the departments of wide scope and varied interest.

Of course, the difficulty in generalization is this: that no one indictment and no one defense will apply equally to all newspapers. There are black sheep and white in the publishing business as in every other. And while it is undoubtedly true that most newspapers are fairly free from obnoxiousness, and some are clean in high degree, others deserve only the scorn of their contemporaries and the public generally. And it is known in newspaperdom, if not elsewhere, that the "yellow" press has but the scorn of self-respecting publishers in greater degree than it has of the rank and file of readers.

Beer price in Germany is back to before-war figures, for the Germans that's normalcy.

The congressman who votes for tax reduction will live to vote another day.

Editorials From Over the Nation

COMMUNITY AND HOTELS

Hotel World: One more matter. The hotel conventions are not the coming as much as they might be. The mutual obligations of community and hotel. The sweep of a town by a stranger is largely made from its hotel, but it does not end there. The hotel favors one of the stranger within the gates; it daily brings to town more "foreign" money than any other institution in town. What does the community do to aid and abet this desirable end? To-day every little town has a chamber of commerce, association or club to foster and develop every spirit, but some of them go at it in rather a crude way. Some, when they want a new hotel where no hotel is needed, often they do not think of the little and inexpensive things that will go a long way to leave a good impression on the memory of the stranger.

Tell Sufferers How To End Piles Forever

Rochester Doctor Achieves Remarkable Success with New Prescription. Must Give Absolute Relief or Money Back.

It has established that it will remove Rochester doctor to find a real remedy for Piles. Years of patient, painstaking effort on his part has resulted in a prescription that will actually heal Piles and absorb them never to return.

This doctor says no man or woman need suffer another hour from any pain arising from Hemorrhoids or Piles, but that he has made arrangements with the Red Cross Drug Co. to dispense this wonderful prescription known as MOYVA SUPPLEMENT for a moderate price on the money-back-if-distributed plan.

You'll be amazed to see how quickly it acts. Pile relief often comes in an hour; even in cases of long standing, with the bleeding really wonderful results have been accomplished. Mail orders accepted.—Adv.

arch so that the belated tourist may know "where he is at." The town should keep its streets clean and repaired, the weeds cut and prove to the world that it knows how to "keep house." These are a few of the things a town can do to prove that it is entitled to prosperity in the twentieth century.

AMERICAN ARCHITECTURE

H. Van Buren Magonie in the Forum: Is American architecture revealing us and our ideals to posterity? We may be perfectly assured that it is, with pitiless, inexorable accuracy. It would well repay the public to try to understand more clearly this silent recorder that at once protects and exposes us—protects us from the elements and exposes us to future generations.

Wherever we turn we see, side by side, buildings widely at variance in spirit, in quality, and I would add in type; and it is not that American design has not yet been crystallized into types; vulgar ostentation vies exquisite taste and restraint; robust scale elbows the delicate, the weak, or the puny; the thin and cheap grins beside the strong and are flanked by the drearily uninspired; poetry and the most sternly practical face close neighbors; cheap imitations of honest and durable materials are checked by joy with the real stone, real brick, and real metal, that shame their tawdry impudence. It is to be remarked that these are buildings erected within the same decade, many of them simultaneously.

When we go through America today it does not tell a story of a period of vulgarity, another of good taste, another in which strength was preferred to delicacy, a fourth to dullness, a fifth, the fall of poetry and imaginative fire. It reveals an epoch when these qualities exist side by side in a population less homogeneous than any recorded in history, unless to be found in her decadence. A homogeneous art cannot be expected in a non-homogeneous nation. The art of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries in France was harmonious with the society that produced it because that society was agreed upon ideals or standards of taste and conduct. The most violently patriotic among us would hardly care to be obliged to support the thesis that Americans are agreed upon taste and conduct.

AMERICA

Rabbi Alvin Heller Silver: God built Him a continent of glory and filled it with treasures untold. He carpeted it with soft rolling prairie and pillared it with thundering mountains and traced it with long winding streams. He graced it with deep shadowed forests and filled it with song.

Then He called unto a thousand peoples and summoned the bravest among them. They came from the ends of the earth, each bearing a gift and a hope. The glory of adventure was in their eyes and in their souls the glory of hope.

And out of the earth and the labors of man, out of the bounding of hearts and the prayers of souls, out of the memories of age and the hope of the world, God fashioned a nation of love, blessed it with purpose sublime, and called it America.

THE WORLD'S FAVORITES

Philadelphia Public Ledger: Humorists as well as lovers are loved by all the world. The witliest judge in England has been raised to the peerage, and his shafts and sallies may be expected to enliven the tedium of the house of lords. When Harry Lander was knighted another profession was put on gayety. What conferred distinction would take the measure of the indelicateness of mankind to a Mark Twain or a Dickens for bringing the rollicking spirit of comedy on the stage, where all men and women are players?

ABOUT BUILDING

Eugene Register: Pacific coast cities showed the largest increase in building operations last year. The Pacific coast has to do a lot of building to house the Easterners who are coming out where life is worth living.

PINCHOT SAYS

Southern Lumberman: Governor Pinchot says it is absurd for the enforcement of the prohibition laws to be left to the treasury department. Maybe he thinks it might more properly be attended to by the Department of the Interior.

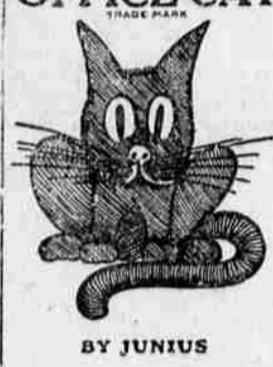
BEDTIME EXERCISES

Detroit News: The Chicago professor who tells his pupils not to study or smoke just before retiring is entitled to believe his advice will be heeded in part.

THE OLD HOME TOWN



OFFICE CAT



BY JUNIUS

An Austrian baron came to America recently to learn how to make love like "we do." And all the time we thought it was just instinct and that you didn't have to take lessons!

AN OPTIMIST IN THE MAN WHO PLANS ON STARTING A LIVERY STABLE BUSINESS

He placed his arm around her waist—
She laid her head upon his breast.
The car went crashing through a fence—
An undertaker did the rest.

DEATH LAID TO GUNSHOT

KIAMATH FALLS, Ore. — In the case of J. E. Bratton, shot dead in his home the coroner's jury, following a four-hour investigation of witnesses, brought in a verdict that Bratton came by his death from a gunshot wound from a .25-caliber revolver in the hands of a person or persons unknown. A feature of the investigation was the explicit testimony of Mrs. Bratton, who described having seen the murderer standing near the couch that he fired one shot at her and fled. At her home Mrs. Bratton requested for the jury her observations of the crime.

By Stanley

"Tanlac Saved My Life" Says Mrs. Clawson

"I will always believe that Tanlac saved my life," is the striking statement of Mrs. Charlotte G. Clawson, 362 Octavia St., San Francisco.

"For two years, I had stomach trouble so bad that I never saw a well day. My suffering was terrible and four or five times every week I had attacks which hypodermics only would relieve. I actually lost about sixty-five pounds and was almost a shadow."

"At first Tanlac did not seem to help me much but after my third bottle my improvement was astonishing. The pains and bleeding went away. I could hardly eat enough and my weight actually went down another ten to one hundred and forty-five pounds. Although it has now been four years since I took Tanlac, I have had no further trouble with my stomach and my health is better than ever. Tanlac was certainly a blessing to me."

Tanlac is for sale by all good druggists. Accept no substitutes. Over 40 million bottles sold.

SCHOOL TEACHERS ARE PEOPLE WHO WILL GET REPORTED IF THEY DON'T TREAT YOUR KIDS BETTER.

A woman is like a Ford in many ways but who ever said "get a wife and spend the difference."

NOBODY EVER LOST ANY MONEY BY ATTENDING TO HIS OWN BUSINESS.

"I believe," said the impatient La Grande man, as he put aside the telephone, "that I'll go fishing."

"Go fishing!" said his friend, "why it's winter time."

"Yes, I know," wearily replied the other, "I wouldn't expect to catch anything but at least I'd be on the end of a line that wasn't busy."

About the time the second-grader asks dad to help him with his lessons, dad finds out how much he has forgot.

Shallow rivers and rivers make the most noise when running.

She lets me kiss her now
And then—
And that is nice,
She does the same with other men!

I kiss a friend or two or maybe three
A common thing for men to do,
But
WHY SHOULD SHE?

Junius has suddenly discovered why the shingle-bob is popular. It's because the girls are too lazy to curl the back of their hair.

It's all right to "love thy enemy" but don't love him to distraction.

OPEN NOSTRILS! END A COLD OR CATARRH

How To Get Relief When Head and Nose are Stuffed Up.

County City: Your cold or head-catchers disappear. Your congested nostrils will open, the air passages of your head, will clear and you can breathe freely. No sneezing, sniffing, hacking, mucous discharge, dryness or headache; no struggling for breath or sleep.

A small bottle of Ely's Cream Salve from your druggist and apply a little of this fragrant antiseptic cream in our nostrils. It penetrates through every passage of the head, soothing and relaxing the swollen or inflamed mucous membrane, giving you instant relief. Head colds and stuffy nose yield like magic. Don't stay stuffed-up and miserable. Relief is sure.

\$295 F.O.B. DETROIT

Why You Should Order Your Ford Car Now

123,607 Actual retail deliveries in December, establishing a new high record for winter buying.

Considering that spring approaches, retail buying will become more active, there will be a greater demand for Ford Cars this spring than ever before.

Therefore, the only way you can be sure of obtaining delivery this coming spring or summer is to place your order immediately.

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An exceptionally good work sock at— **19c pr.**

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Blue and grey cotton, of fine quality only. **79c ea.**

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Three and four eyelet, low cut rubber pac. **\$1.45 pr.**

Ten and 12-inch leather top rubber pac. **\$3.98 pr.**

Sweaters

Heavy grade Sweater Coats and jerseys—a warm garment for the workman, only **\$1.90 ea.**

Participating and Rowing Tend to Prolong Life

BOSTON (AP)—The chance of a Harvard athlete for a long life was excellent, according to figures compiled by Dr. W. H. Geer, director of physical education at the college, and an insurance statistician.

Of former baseball players who, by all the calculations of insurance experts should now be dead, 31 per cent are still in the land of the living, and the percentage is the same among members of men who had been on the track team only 26 have died, this being 28 per cent of the ordinary average. Of former football players, however, 97 per cent of those calculated to have died had fulfilled expectations.

The figures were obtained from the records of 528 men who wore their letters at Harvard previous to 1909.

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LA GRANDE'S

Foley Grill

Nothing instills pride in a community more than a first-class Grill

La Grande's Foley Grill fulfills this important mission.

Deep appreciation is felt for the patronage of our home people.

In our Grill you will find city service, the best of food, and at prices no higher than ordinary eating houses and restaurants charge.

Music every noon and evening.

Hear Kathleen Campbell sing with the Euphonia accompaniment.

Come and dine with us.

You Will Be Pleased

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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

"HAPPY NEW YEAR"

La Grande NATIONAL BANK

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