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Better is a dry morsel, and quiet-
ness therewith, than a house full
of sacrifices with strife.—Proverbs
17:1.

OFFICE CAT



BY JUNIUS

PERTINENT REMARKS

(By the Office Kitten)
Looks to me as if marriage isn't
always a failure. I saw a mother
and six kids on the streets today
and they all looked happy. I didn't
see father, though.

The hardest work some bimbos
do is to throw bricks at their
friends and bouquets at them-
selves.

Anyway, a married man doesn't
have to go to court to have his
objections over ruled.

If all the people who fell in love
were married, there wouldn't be
enough left to wear one pair of
socks.

Peas are people who insist on
talking about a fellow's work when
said fellow is off duty.

Other peas are people who talk
about anything and everything and
finally end up by telling you about
the evils of smoking and of doing
anything.

If everyone who went to church
was really what they pretend to
be wouldn't this world be a grand
old place to live in?

One sign most of us would like
to see on every U. S. mail box in
La Grande would be a sign reading
something like this: "Please post
no bills."

"Aha," cried our hero, as he
threw up the window and cast his
eye on the ground.

WOULDN'T YOU HATE TO BE JACK
DEMPSEY AND THEN THINK OF ALL
THE MONEY JACKIE COOGAN GETS
AWAY WITH?

A man in Santa Rosa, Calif.,
cursed a telephone girl. He was
fined \$10. We'll bet he got value
received, at that.

A La Grande man was making
a visit to a girl who lived in the
country and they were walking in
the snow near the house when they
noticed a cow and calf rubbing
noses in bovine love. He spoke up:
"The sight of that makes me want
to do the same thing."

And she said, being wise in the
ways of the world: "Go ahead, it
is father's cow."

Mary was a little flapper.
She didn't do so well.
Now Mary has a shingle-bub.
And 'tis said she looks like 17!

THE MAN ON THE LEVEL
NEVER GOES DOWN HILL.

He and she were seated on a
cozy overstuffed davenport in her
parlor. The fire in the grate was
getting low. The room was a
nearly dark as possible.

All at once the girl suddenly said:
"Jack, dear, I can't understand
why you lavish your affections on
me above all the other girls in the
world. Why is it?"

"Hanged if I know," he replied,
"and all the other fellows down at
the house say that they can't make
it out either."

A NEW BABY
A new baby is always a new
baby. As a matter of fact a new
baby is a good deal like a new car.
You don't know how to treat one
and enjoy it until you have had two
or three.

Only a few more shopping
months before bathing suits.

Delilah wasn't such a bad lady
barber. She gave Samson an awful
licking, 'tis true, but at least she
didn't try to talk him into a sham-
poo, singe, facial massage and a
tonic.

Pure Water Available.
ALBANY, Ore.—As an aftermath
of the announcement last week
that a \$2,000,000 water develop-
ment would be undertaken by a
group of Albany men comes the an-
nouncement by a local authority
that the water which is contem-
plated to be piped to Albany and
other valley towns from Clear Lake
is the purest obtainable and that
it is also the coldest of any in the
Columbia range. The engineer's
statistics show that the water
probably comes from an under-
ground caver in the lake, which has
long been noted for its clearness,
at the rate of 200 cubic feet per
second. The supply will furnish
500,000 homes while present re-
quirements call only for 25,000 in
Salem, Albany and other valley
towns.

Will Back Welfare Work.
ALBANY, Ore.—The Albany Wel-
fare League was permanently or-
ganized at a meeting held at the
Albany city hall. The league is to
include delinquent members rep-
resenting sixty local women's clubs;
the Red Cross executive secretary;
the mayor and two city councilmen.
Social welfare work will be the ob-
jective working in collaboration
with the Red Cross. In lieu of the
employment of a police patrolman,
which plan was found impractical
here, the work of the Red Cross
will be expanded, with the aid of
the league.

About the Wheat Meeting

No better thing could have been planned than the meeting for all interested in wheat growing which will be held Saturday afternoon at the city hall at 1 o'clock.

The new plan for marketing wheat is the biggest thing that has ever been put before the farmers and other business men of the northwest, and under no consideration should there be anyone interested in the welfare of the industry stay away from the meeting.

It is well known by all that this is the plan which seems to be able to snatch the wheat grower from bankruptcy, and with a resource as large as wheat growing is in the Grande Ronde valley, it behooves everyone to take the proper interest.

This means that every business house and professional office in the city should be represented. The speakers who will be present will give all details relative to the new movement and will answer any and all questions.

La Grande as a community has an opportunity to not only inform itself on the wheat situation, but it also has an opportunity to aid the success of the plan very materially.

Old Dreams Come True

The touchstone has been discovered. Like the old objective of the alchemist who sought the method by which base metals might be turned into gold, for ages has been sought the magical divining rod that would reveal from the surface of the earth the spots where lay buried treasure of ore of this and that kind. Now synthetic processes are said to have been developed whereby base metals can be transmuted into gold; the Japanese have found a way to "make" pearls, natural pearls so fine and nearly perfect as to revolutionize the pearl market of the world.

And now an electric device has been invented which located underground deposits of various kinds of desirable ores. The electrical apparatus is not the work of an impractical dreamer; a director of the American Bureau of Mines, after tests in Arizona, has applied for a patent on the invention and it is said that its future usefulness in finding hidden treasures in the form of deposits of copper and iron and gold has been assured.

Higher Education

A western professor tells of a student, "20 years old who in five years had managed to get through a reputable high school, was prepossessing in appearance and manners, showing that his home environment was above the ordinary, wore good clothes, drove competently his own high-powered automobile and was promptly initiated into one of his fraternities," yet could not do any better than this in a recent examination:

Why has New York become the largest city in America?
"Because of its size and wealth. It covers such a large area."

You are hauling a load of lumber; the horses get stuck in the mud and there is no help to be had. What would you do?—"Go for help."

Why should women and children be rescued first in shipwreck?—"There ain't any reason."

Why should people have to get a license to get married?—"There would be too many marriages."

The professor confesses that this specimen of collegiate ambition is not unique and complains that the effort to impart a college education to such minds is worse than wasted. But the real question that must appear to every thoughtful reader is how this youth of 20 "with a mentality of 12 1/2 years" ever got into college? Are there no entrance examinations, or if the high school certificate is accepted as sufficient is there not need for some means of testing the aspirant's capacity for collegiate training? Perhaps that might solve the over-crowding of applicants some institutions complain about.

Japanese might be excused for belief in the superstition that misfortune never comes singly. Recurring earthquakes must keep their nerves quiver.

"Business as usual" seems to be Gen. Dawes' idea of conducting that investigation into Germany's assets and liabilities.

It's a hard world. And about the time a man learns to be hard-headed his arteries get that way, too.

Uncle Sam's problem is to do something sensible without being accused of favoring Germany.

FOREIGN AND HOME MISSIONARY WORK



Income Tax Tips

To determine his net income a taxpayer must first compute his gross income. Regardless of the amount of net income, upon which the tax is assessed, a return is required of every individual whose gross income for 1923 was \$5,000 or more. Gross income includes salaries, wages and compensation for personal services rendered, and "gains, profits, and income from professions, vocations, trades, businesses, commerce, sales, or dealings in property real or personal," or the transaction of any business carried on for profit, or gains or profits, and income derived from any source whatever. Net income is gross income less certain specified deductions for business expenses, losses, bad debts, contributions, etc.

Taxpayers may be divided into four general classes—the wage earner or salaried class, business, professional, and agricultural. All compensation for personal services received by a salaried person or wage earner is income, including salaries, commissions, bonuses, fees, pensions paid retired employees and tips. The gross income of the usual business consists of the gross profits on sales, together with income from investments and from incidental or outside operations or sources. The return must show the gross sales, purchases, and cost of goods sold. To reflect net income correctly in any business in which the production, purchase, or sale of merchandise is an income-producing factor, inventories are necessary at the beginning and end of each taxable year. The lawyer, doctor, architect, author, dentist, clergyman, or other professional man must include all fees, salaries, and compensation for professional services. The farmer is required to report as gross income all profits derived from the sale or exchange of farm products and livestock, whether produced on the farm or purchased and resold. The fair market value of groceries or merchandise exchanged for farm products must be included, also profits from renting a farm on the crop-share basis and the rental and sale of farm lands.

Ireland to Build New Roads. DUBLIN, (AP)—The plans of the Free State government to relieve unemployment includes the expenditure of \$10,000,000 for road building, thus providing work for between 12,000 and 20,000 unskilled laborers. More than a million dollars will be spent in a housing program. There are today about 42,000 unemployed on the registers of the labor exchanges.

VIENNA TO TAX ADVERTISING. VIENNA, (AP)—Newspaper advertising is to bear a heavy share of the new municipal tax scheme. Ten per cent of advertising income will go to the city on all forms of advertising and when the income from that source exceeds one million crowns a month the city will exact 35 per cent.

Woman's Statement Will Help La Grande. "I hated cooking because all I ate turned sour and turned gas. I drank hot water and olive oil by the gallon. Nothing helped until I used 'Adrika.' Most medicines act only on lower bowels but Adrika acts on BOTH upper and lower bowel and removes all gas and poisons. Excellent for obstinate constipation. Helps any case on the stomach in TEN minutes. Silverthorn-Wright.—Adv.

2 INJURED BATTLING THE FLAMES

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entire business block in flames. The block, composed entirely of brick buildings, had been rebuilt since the last disastrous fire which occurred less than three years ago, and was covered by the city hall building in which the library books and city records were stored, a poolhall, an empty building a drugstore and a barber shop. The latter building was saved from total ruin by the work of a bucket brigade of the Cove volunteer fire department.

Origin Unknown. The blaze, originating in the pool hall spread to the other buildings before it was discovered. No knowledge of the cause of the fire is had today but among other theories put forth is that of incendiarism. The community hurried to the scene and made frantic efforts to save the contents of the buildings after efforts to extinguish the fire were found unavailing. An attempt to enter the city hall building and procure the city records was met with absolute failure as the interior of the building was a mass of searing flames.

Two Injured. Dwight Marten and Giggs Alexander attempted to bring some of the furniture and contents of the drug store into the street but while they were in the building, an explosion of chemicals badly burned them and threw one of the men some distance.

Mr. Marten and Mr. Alexander were badly burned about the face, hands and neck. With all hopes of saving the contents of the building gone, the work of saving the barber shop was continued with success. Although some damage was done to the building it was saved from complete ruin.

The buildings destroyed are estimated to be worth about \$20,000 of which a goodly portion was covered by insurance. The city of Cove owned both the city hall buildings and the contents and also the library housed within the city hall. The loss of the records is a distinct blow to the community. The building loss is

about \$5,000. The drugstore, pool hall and an empty building destroyed were all owned by Dr. H. H. Little, of Cove. The loss to the buildings amounted to about \$5,000. Other losses including that of contents of the buildings, amounts to approximately \$7,000. No help was summoned from nearby towns due to the fact that the fire had revealed such a start that it was realized that by the time help had arrived, it would prove useless.

Salem Curfew Planned. SALEM, Ore.—The Salem Ministerial association at a meeting adopted a resolution asking the city council to pass a curfew ordinance similar to that now in operation in Portland.

Under the proposed ordinance parents would be held strictly accountable for their children, and would be subject to prosecution for violation of the law. It was said that the ordinance will be drafted within a few days for presentation to the council.

The ordinance will provide that children shall not be on the streets after 9 o'clock at night unless accompanied by their parents or guardian.

To Propose Bonus. SALEM, Ore.—The council of administration and post commissioners of the department of Oregon, Veterans of Foreign Wars, held a meeting at Salem. Among other matters that were considered was the question of adjusted compensation for veterans. The following resolution was adopted:

George Arliss the world's foremost character actor is coming in The GREEN GODDESS

New Spring Styles. The style above comes in Black Suede, Black Suede, Log Cabin and the new shade of Tan Bark. All sizes and widths. \$8.50 to \$10.00. The Bootery Inc. 206 Depot Street Phone Main 118 "A Paradise for Tired Feet" Home of the Arch-Aid Shoe GROVER SMITH, Mgr.

What Is Style? HAVE you ever wondered what the word "style" means? It is a derivation of the Latin word "stylus," meaning a writing instrument, a written form, or a mode of expression. It is also a quality in man that expresses his character; that is why you should be so particular in your selection of clothing, to choose the styles that will not detract from your individual personality. First of all, you should consult an authority on style to ascertain the proper mode of the season. Hart Schaffner & Marx, the world's greatest manufacturers of men's clothing, who have made a life-long study of "style," tailoring and fabrics is Our Authority. Our New Spring Style Book and Sample Fabrics for Custom Made Clothes. Let us take your measurements for a Hart, Schaffner & Marx made-to-measure suit. They have all the qualities that characterize tailor-made clothes at a most reasonable price. We guarantee your satisfaction and earnestly solicit your trade.

Resolved, That the department of Oregon and council of administration go on record as being in favor of the Veterans of Foreign Wars bonus bill, including adequate pension legislation for the veterans of the Spanish-American War; that Comrade Bettelheim, chairman of the Veteran of Foreign Wars legislative committee, be urged to send a copy of the proposed bonus bill to all post, and that all been favorable to this organization be favored with the votes of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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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 SOUND-RELIABLE-PROGRESSIVE