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Happy is he that condemneth not
himself in that thing which he
alloweth.—Romans 14:22.

28 YEARS AGO

La Grande Gazette, Feb. 7,
1896—The grand jury has re-
turned three true bills, one of
which is against Kelsey Porter on
the charge of murder. The court
docketed Thursday at 8 o'clock
as the time for Porter to plead.
Coroner Lang and Deputy Sher-
iff McLaughlin returned Tuesday
night from Pine Valley where
they went to hold an inquest over
the bodies of the Machos, who
were killed several weeks ago
by Kelsey Porter, now in the
county jail. Deputy Prosecuting
Attorney Shinn for the state and
Attorneys Carroll and Cochran
for the defense were present at
the inquest.

They arrived at the scene of
the tragedy, a point about eight
miles down Pine Creek from the
town of Pine, Saturday morning.
The three bodies, that of Ben
Miehe, his aged wife, and son,
Ben, were exhumed and taken to
O'Connor's hall at Pine where
the post mortem examination was
held and witnesses were at once
summoned, and at 2 o'clock p. m.
the inquest was formally com-
menced.

Early Sunday morning the bod-
ies were reinterred, after which
Porter's place, the scene of the
tragedy, was visited for the pur-
pose of viewing the grounds and
surroundings.

So far as we are able to learn
the examination showed nothing
materially different from the for-
merly published reports about the
matter excepting that the skull
of the old man had been crushed
in as if it had been struck with
some heavy blunt instrument, so
that in one place the brain oozed
out. An explanation of how this
was done was attempted in a
theory that one of the horses had
kicked him on the head. This,
however, seems to be a matter of
very serious doubt.

The testimony seems to indi-
cate that Porter was not on top
of the barn when he did the
shooting, as reported.

Indications are that Porter shot
not less than eighteen times. One
of the bullets passed through the
upper part of the old lady's body
killing her instantly.

It is inferred from the manner
in which the bodies were found
that the young man was lying
on his back when he was shot,
as he was found on his back, and
that the old man was shot four
times and probably many more
times, as the flesh was literally
torn to pieces.

Porter continues to keep silent
so far as making any statement
for the benefit of the public is
concerned.

Grandma Stevens died at the
residence of Mrs. Jap Stevens
this morning at about 2 o'clock
a. m. She was a sufferer from
pneumonia.

Mr. A. V. Andrews and Miss
Mac McWhirter were united in
marriage at the home of the
bride's parents Wednesday, Feb-
ruary 5, 1924, at 6 o'clock, Rev.
H. M. Hayes officiating.

Mr. Andrews is a conductor on
the O. & N. road, having
attended this position by strict
attention to his duties and being
ever ready to execute the orders
given him by his superiors. He
numbers his friends by the score
and has a large list of acquaint-
ances in Eastern Oregon. The
bride is a pioneer young lady of
La Grande and has always been
a leader in the social world
where she has many friends.

The young couple start on
their travels through life follow-
ed by the best wishes of their
many friends.

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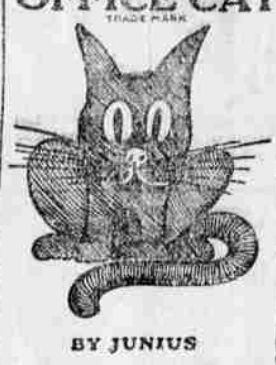
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THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



OFFICE CAT



When you are lonesome you
realize what poor company you
really must be for the other peo-
ple.

WANTED — Middle-aged wo-
man with all her teeth, one who
will patch my pants and help find
my pipe. F. B. Lightfoot, Mineral,
Ohio.—Athens, Ohio Messenger.

Bought, Begged, Borrowed and
Stolen
Love is something you cannot buy,
Beg, borrow, or steal;
Love is something that cannot die,
It's a love that's real.

Gold buys love at times, 'tis true,
In the market where the dollars
marks fill.
It's sorrows are many, its joys are
few;
It's a love that's counterfeit,
A borrowed love is a makeshift
brand.

Pay removed from the lasting
kind;
Release from the romance made
on demand—
A contract no law can bind,
A love that's stolen won't stand
the test.

Of a love that you honestly
earn;
You're worried and harried eter-
nally lost;
It's stolen from you in turn.

This is the time of year when
a landlord who keeps his tenants
in hot water is worth having.

The bridal party was driven to
the P. & E. station in autos to
the music of the guns fired to the
rear of the autos. Watford, Pa.
Lander.

A considerate man is one who
waits until the children are away
before attempting to install a new
slave pipe.

Another good way to turn hogs
into gold is to ask your friends
to sign notes for you.

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Don't get mad at the telephone
operator. Just remember there
are more wrong numbers than
right ones.

Unfortunately the cream of so-
ciety isn't always generated from
milk of human kindness.

We have never been able to un-
derstand how a poet can find
enough words that rhyme to fill
more than four or five stanzas.

The man who attends strictly to
his own business generally has
plenty of business in mind to.

The only people who really en-
joy hearing your troubles are law-
yers. They get paid for it.

"Warden," said the criminal
who was liberated to the millinery,
"I need some exercise." "Just
what kind of exercise do you
want?" asked the warden. "I'd
like to skip the rope," he grinned.

What every business needs is
enthusiasm. No one ever com-
plains of the high cost of golf
balls.

O MISTER BOK!
O MISTER BOK!
Since you the coffers of your cash
unlock,
And you offer any man
Who propounds a good peace
plan.

Cash enough to buy a whole darn
city block—
I have a scheme
The which would seem
To trip up old Mises and wholly
stop his clock!

Just get every living man
Fingering on a live peace plan—
And you'll have the world too
busy.

To start fighting, Mister Bok!
O MISTER BOK!
Peace will come day at our portals
come and knock.

But it seems to me, somehow,
"Twill cost more than 'fifty
thou"

To establish peace as firmly as a
rock.
But peace will come
To all our some—
And the dove will take the na-
tions out of hook.

In the day when horses whistle
And when flies grow on a thistle,
And the lion and the lamb
Are fellowshipmen, Mister Bok!

—Dean Collins in The Forum.

THERE WOULD BE FEWER
DIVORCES IF ALL THE
LINGERIE ADS WERE TRUE TO
LIFE.

Every now and then you hear
some bird standing round lying
about how honest he is.

The harder a man works the
more it agrees with his family.

You will have "staying
qualities" if you have
your money in a Sav-
ings Account.

Fear takes away from
man's capacity to enjoy
life.

Fear of losing a posi-
tion, of sickness, of old
age coming on finding
him unprepared.

NOW is the time to dis-
pense with these fears.
And while man has earn-
ing power is the time
for Systematic Saving.

We have worked out
You'll find one that fits
several helpful savings
plans.

Your circumstances ex-
actly.

U. B. Thrifty says—

"A stone wall
may lack speech
but it has
staying qualities"

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SUB-MEN RACE IS PREDICTED

England's Upper Classes
"Sterile"—the Feeble-
Minded Permitted to
Multiply.

(By David M. Church)

LONDON, (1924)—England is
in danger of sub-men.

Dean Inge, sometimes called
the "Gloomy Dean of St. Paul's,"
has sounded this solemn note of
warning.

"We are breeding from the bot-
tom and dying off at the top,"
warns the Dean.

"It is the mindless, the sub-
man, the unfixed date receiver,
who is the father of the next gen-
eration, or at best far more than
his share of it."

"The highest birth-rate of all is
that of the feeble-minded, and the
State does all in its power to in-
crease the evil by throwing on the
industrious the whole burden of
maintaining in constantly increas-
ing numbers these wasteful prod-
ucts of the social machine whose
degeneracy would simply aug-
ment the prosperity of the coun-
try. The peril is a new one."

"The degenerate effects of our
present social and political order
have not yet had time to manifest
themselves fully, but there can be
no doubt that the consequences
will be, if they are not checked,
the rapid decay of our nation in
physique, intellect and character."

In each generation according to
the Dean, the cream of all classes
is skinned off, raised to a better
social position and there steri-
lized. It is a foreboding symptom that
doctors, ministers of religion and
the teaching profession have at
present the lowest birth-rate.

"Decline in the birth-rate," con-
tinued the Dean, "has prevented a
social revolution and the death of
many millions by famine, but it
has not gone far enough to re-
duce the danger."

The Dean declared it was a pos-
sible fact that the present con-
ditions of labor do not satisfy
those engaged in it. So acute is
the discontent that many work-
men wish to subvert the social or-
der altogether. The aim of this
party are anti-social and anti-
national, the Dean claimed.

"To make them happy," he con-
tinued, "and to check the multi-
plication of the unemployed are
two ways of diminishing the revo-
lutionary vote, and for this reason
alone the extremists wish to
drive things to a point where a
peaceful solution of our problems
is no longer possible. The exist-
ence of such a party is a symptom
of a very grave disease. They have
no constructive program even re-
motely possible of realization.

They are, as they say, engaged
in a class war against the State
and their fellow-countrymen."

Banana Song is Barred.
BUTTERFLY (L.A.P.)—Hands
and orchestra in Hungary are not al-
lowed to play "Banana Song."
As the tune reaches
each country of the Balkans it is
translated to suit local tastes and
temperaments, but the Hungarian
words to it are so utterly impos-
sible and naughty that the authori-
ties have forbidden the singing and
playing of the air.

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The Scout Anniversary

Fourteen years of Boy Scoutdom have made the world
a better world to live in because it has made better boys
to live in the world.

Probably no other movement in recent years has had
so good an effect upon the young manhood of America as
the Scout movement.

By making better boys, the Scout movement has made
better men and better citizenship.

It is not only in citizenship and character that the Boy
shine, but it is in usefulness that the products of this great
organization show to best advantage.

The Scouts not only do their good turn daily, but they
have been trained to do their good turns efficiently.

The Boy Scouts know how to work better, on the aver-
age, than boys who are not Scouts.

Any community that has not taken full advantage of
the Scout movement has missed an opportunity.

There is a movement on foot now to make for a better
and stronger organization—and may that time be hast-
ened.

Musical Temperament

We have all heard of "musical temperament" among
great singers and other musicians, but this is reviewed in
a very intelligent manner by a musical critic of one of
the eastern papers, who says:

Humor and scorn mixed with a little intolerance have
been indulged in comment upon the vagaries sometimes
manifested by operatic singers. A multitude of short-
comings, or what appear to be shortcomings to prosaic
persons, are charitably covered by allowing for "musical
temperament." Artists coming under criticism of display-
ing too much temperament, however, sometimes prove that
they have the real stuff in them and rise superior to un-
fortunate environment.

For example, take the case of the Wagnerian Opera
company, of which Ganna Walska was the particular star,
which recently failed financially, despite the liberal sup-
port of her millionaire husband. Thirty-one members of
this company sailed for Hamburg this week where an at-
tempt will be made to recoup their fortunes by a tour of
Scandinavian countries. Sixteen of the singers, because
of poverty, were forced to sign as members of the ship's
crew. Two of the chorus went into the stoke hole, a num-
ber of women were employed as maids, four had just
enough money to buy steerage passage, and only 11 trav-
eled in cabins. All of them are represented to have ac-
cepted their reverses cheerfully, going about their tasks
humming strains from their favorite roles, and all had a
good word for Mme. Walska and the generosity of her hus-
band. That is the kind of temperament everybody admires,
whether musical or otherwise, and it helps over many rough
places whether on or off the stage.

Incidentally, one wonders over the hopes expressed by
members of this opera company of recouping their fortunes
in poverty-stricken Europe after their failure of
financial success in the United States where money flows
freely among a pleasure-seeking people. However, here is
another case of temperament. In the old days before the
war when a new opera was presented in Vienna or some
other great musical center on the continent the newspapers
issued "extras" between acts describing the event. Here
in the United States we issue "extras" or megaphone the
progress of prize fights between rounds. In other respects
the people of the Old and New World are also different.
Perhaps the Wagnerian singers know their business and
have substantial grounds for their hopes.

That Awful Spread

The recent Imbler dinner has caused comment of the
press throughout the state, but it was left to Chapman of
the Oregon Voter to give the following version of the
"spread:"

The Union county farmers who were recently startled by
the great spread between their 16 cent per plate dinner and
the \$1.55 Portland cost of the same meal, are dead right
about the spread existing. But there enters into this spread
a strange streak of human nature, a perversity that im-
mutable laws of economics and of man cannot change.
That 16 cent food in any large city is served in a beauti-
fully decorated, well lighted and comfortably heated restau-
rant. Well paid waitresses offer you a decorated menu,
sterilized dishes are placed on starched linen to the ac-
companiment of an orchestra, various condiments are added
without order, bus boys hover over you with butter pats
and ice water, you linger over a cigar while other customers
wait for a seating. And then the price charged in many
cases does not permit the restaurant a profit, if the num-
ber that fail is an indication. The services are in demand,
and human nature demands them. Who can change that
human nature, and thus eradicate the spread?

Also we have the Teapot Dome affair as an illustration
that it never rains but it pours.

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