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DAILY BIBLE THOUGHT

PRAYER:—O Lord, Thou are good, and we are grateful. We had fainted unless we had believed to see Thy goodness in the land of the living.

The Legion's Activity

There used to be a well-worn saying, "old men for wisdom and young men for war," but in the case of the La Grande Legion post we will have to change that saying and let the Legion boys have both the wisdom and activity.

When a few talked a little about having an annual automobile show in La Grande nothing came of it, but when the Legion gave it the proper consideration the show is a go, and will be a big one.

La Grande should have an annual auto show and there are many reasons why. In the first place, this city is located in the heart of Eastern Oregon commercially and geographically, and also from a transportation standpoint. All roads lead to La Grande where the people know how to shower a welcome on visitors that sparkles in memories' fountains for a long time.

This immediate territory consumes lots of cars. It is admitted to be one of the very best automobile markets in the state, and this is understood each year by the number of new cars on the streets and on the highways. Everyone is interested in the late models. The new machine is the family subject in the home, it is the subject at the clubs and is ever interesting.

In the show which is to be given by the Legion nothing will be spared to make it a good show for it is setting the pace for years to come. Portland dealers want some one city in Eastern Oregon to have a big show and are willing to help. La Grande is that city, and the Legion is the lever that will pull the trick. Let us all get in and help.

Our Boys

The basketball boys left last night for Salem to take part in the state tournament. They were given the joy of a rally before departing, and the town was wild with excitement, for we believe we are sending a winning team to the capital. One thing we are positive of, and that is we are sending a clean team, an honorable team, a bunch of boys who are good sports, and win or lose, they will return to La Grande with the respect of all the people who see the tournament.

We have had good teams in the past, but never before has the interest been shown in the boys that this team enjoys, which is probably one reason why they would almost lose the last drop of blood from their bodies rather than engage in anything that would reflect on the honor of the school and city which have sent them.

Here's hoping they clean up on the whole state.

Conserving Game Birds

A game refuge bill now before congress has for its dual purpose the conservation of bird-life and the conservation of the bird hunting grounds for all men. By the passage of the bill wild ducks, geese and other migratory birds are to be assured sanctuaries and hunters of small means will see the last of the good hunting game areas saved from the wealthy sportsmen and clubs.

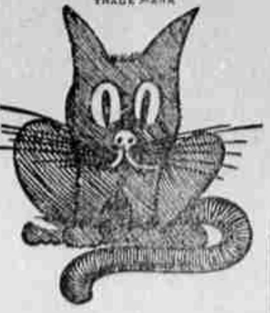
This measure has been introduced during previous sessions, only to meet defeat by a narrow margin at the hands of a small group of enemies of conservation. It now has the support of the country's conservationists and of the game protective associations of all sections. The bill provides for setting aside marshes, lakes and river bottoms, where game birds may rest and feed, and which will be suitable hunting grounds for the special use of the "one-gallus" hunter. The last decade has seen the purchase by individuals or clubs of nearly all the good hunting lands along the Atlantic coast, and there has been a tendency for the same thing to happen in the interior.

A federal license of $1 is expected to furnish funds for the purchase of the properties and for their maintenance. Already a number of states have done much to help the hunter of modest means. But owing to the migratory nature of the game birds the problem is obviously best to be solved by the nation. As a matter of fact, it is continental in scope, the protection of game birds being already the subject of a special agreement between Canada and the United States.

The greatest smoke nuisance on record thus far is a cheap cigar.

OFFICE CAT

TRADE MARK



BY JUNIUS

Well, well! The he-male members of the Blue Mountain grange are going to instruct the lady members Saturday how to cook, do housework and raise babies. But turn about is fair play—for ladies, since time immemorial, have been telling the men how to mind their business.

Mount Lassen, the California boil, is breaking out again. Of course, being in California, it's is the best eruption ever.

Not Guilty.

First Steno—"The idea of your working steady 8 hours a day. I wouldn't think of such a thing."

Second Ditto—"Neither would I. It was the boss who figured it out."

Contrary to the general rumor, it was not an apple that started the grief in the Garden of Eden. It was a green pair.

Jobs We Would Like.

1. Brakeman on an ocean liner.
2. Pork inspector in Palestine.
3. Selling Eskimo pies in Greenland.
4. Lineman for KKDA.
5. Valet to the Czar of Russia.
6. Picking blooms on a century plant.
7. Pinning neckties on flies.

La Grande man: "Yes, he's quite a musician."

Baker man: "I presume he started playing early in life?"

La Grande man: "Yes, when he was six months old he started playing on the linoleum."

TIMBER MEN MET IN FIRE CONFERENCE

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the association. The secretary also reported that $2500 was spent last year by the association in its campaign for the prevention of fires.

One of the good talks of the day was given by F. A. Elliot, State Forester. Incidentally, Mr. Russell and Mr. Elliot left this morning for Baker where they will attend a meeting of the Baker County Fire Association today. Mr. Elliot's talk told of the work to be done by the forest rangers in the coming year. Conferences will be held with fire wardens and foresters throughout the state for the purpose of helping them with their work in preventing forest fires and an educational campaign similar to last year will be carried on.

During the early part of the year slashings left by loggers are to be burned by the forest rangers. This work is to be done at such time as there is no danger of spreading a general fire.

Officers elected yesterday for the coming year are, George Cochran, president; Elmer Stoddard, vice-president, and L. H. Russell was elected secretary. These officers all served last year and were unanimously re-elected this year on a motion made by A. J. Stange.

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THE OLD HOME TOWN - - By Stanley

AFTER THE CLERK IN THE HARDWARE STORE TOLD WEBB FOOTE TO DRAG THAT NEW ROPE HOME TO GET THE KINKS OUT OF IT— HE NOTICED, MR FOOTE HAD TRIPPED TWO OLD LADIES AND ED SIMPSONS HIRED MAN IN THE FIRST BLOCK-

VAUDEVILLE IS GREAT SUCCESS

Cove Junior Class Stages Entertainment; Many Students Participate.

COVE (Special) — The Junior Vaudeville given at the Hall was one of the best events ever staged by Cove High School. The Junior class, consisting of Lucile Peck, Floyd Baxter, Marian Huntley, Daisy Breshears, Herbert Miller, Gladys Daron and Claude Burford were assisted by the students from every class in the High school and several pupils from the grades contributed their services. Prof. J. A. Price, Miss Claudia Gale and Miss Ethel Quimby acted as directors. Music was furnished by the high school orchestra, assisted by Gilbert Miller, and Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Lay. The stage was beautifully arranged with a special setting for each and every act and the beauty of the affair was materially enhanced by the colored lights, manipulated by A. H. Orton. The first number on the program was the introduction of the Juniors, which was followed by a Saxaphone Duet by Stewart French and Gordon Mills, with Iola Childers at the piano; "Beau of Bath" a playlet whose actors were Earl Suby, Grace Gayette and Herbert Miller; "Rising of the Moon" classical dance by Eva Weimer, Carmen Daniel, Jean Weimer, Lura Barker, Annie Selak, Marian Huntley, Thelma Anderson, and Mildred Richards as the Moon; "Marcheta," Victor Niger and Lura Richards "Sugi Tong" a Chinese dance-song, by Victor Nieger, dancers Grace Gayette, Florence Delaney, Zela Gayette, Ruth Heryford, Ethel Daron, Nine Peterman, Lucile Peck, Thelma Murphy and Daisy Breshears; Song "Rememberin'" by Clarice Conklin with Orchestra accompaniment; "Hearts to Mend" a playlet presented by Carman Daniel, Willard Peck and Gordon Mills; "Dream of India" Oriental dance by Ruth Heryford, leader, Claude Burford, fire bearer, Stewart French, and Gilbert Miller, gong men and Dean and Dell and Puckett, incense bearers and Laura Richards, Florence Delaney, Jean Weimer, Thelma Murphy, Nina Peterman, Eva Weimer, Zela Gayette, Ethel Daron, Grace Gayette and Lucile Peck, dancers; "Mexican Cock Fight" Mexicans, Howard Gassel, Emery Hartley, Victor, Meyer, William Howater, Claude Burford, Stewart French and Marven Daniel; The cocks Dell Breshears, Logan Anderson, Orville Richards, Glen Cruikshank, Merton Daron and Harold Comstock.

Miss Eva Roberts, of Salem Oregon, is a guest at the home of her father, E. F. Roberts. Miss Roberts is a Cove girl, although she is now making her home in Salem and her many friends give her a most hearty welcome.

T. C. Hefty, A. A. Antles and K. J. Stackland attended the aricultural meeting in Union Friday and in La Grande Saturday.

Walter Dutton, of Baker, state forest grazing officer is a guest at the home of his cousin, Mrs. T. C. Hefty.

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Conley on the arrival of a baby daughter, Marcella Jeanette, born March 4.

Mrs. Ed Miller and daughters, Elida and Bethure, of Union, came down for the Junior Vaudeville.

The small daughter of Prof. and Mrs. J. R. Price, Leona Nelda, has been on the sick list.

The two small sons of Mr. and Mrs. William Hallmark, who have been quite seriously ill are recovering.

Sydney Vaden, of Union, was a Cove visitor Thursday evening.

Miss Josephine Bliss spent the week-end with her mother, who is ill at Hot Lake Sanatorium.

Miss Marian Huntley is spending the week-end in Union.

Friday afternoon was the regular meeting of the woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion at the residence of Mrs. Geo. Alexander. There were Thirteen members present and a shipment of jelly and preserves were prepared to be sent to the government hospital at Portland, fifteen quarts being sent. Before adjournment a delicious luncheon was served. At the next meeting of the auxiliary the ladies will start work on a layette.

Poets' Corner

USE YOUR HEAD.

I saw a woodpecker, pecking faithfully away.
He was a real worker, drilling hard, late in the day.
Little specks of sawdust come a'falling down and down
At each shake of his head and every nod of his crown.

I tell you he worked like a faithful old nigger
And, sure, he was making that hole bigger and bigger.
So, real admiration truly went from me to him
And he so patiently nodded and used his chin.

One day I observed quite a large excavation,
And this was all I found by way of explanation—
For nothing more nor less of him could truly be said—
He ever constantly, persistently used his head.
If you're making sawdust; planning or building a hut
Grind the bill, guard the chin; do not let the eyes go shut;
Shake up the gray matter, and let it always be said—
"He patiently drilled, but he always used his head."

Hall Kellogg Wallis
Island City, Oregon
Feb. 1924

RAW SUGAR PRICE CHANGED JUST 115 TIMES IN 1 YEAR

NEW YORK. (Special)—Sugar refiners in 1923 had all the ups and downs of a ten year pre-war period, according to Earl D. Pabst president of the American Sugar Refining company. The inventory of the company fluctuated as much as $2,500,000 in a single day, Mr Babst states in his annual report made public today.

The price of raw sugar changes 115 times, he declares, and the extreme fluctuation of 3.275 cents per pound in raw sugar prices during 1923 was greater than the fluctuation of the entire ten years preceding the World War, in all of which time it was only 2.725 cents.

In the post-war disorganization of prices, sugar went to greater extremes than any other basic commodity. Compared with the average prices of 1910, sugar's fluctuation since the Armistice is shown to have been greater than the combined fluctuations of wheat and cotton, and almost equal to the combined fluctuations of wool rubber, coal and copper.

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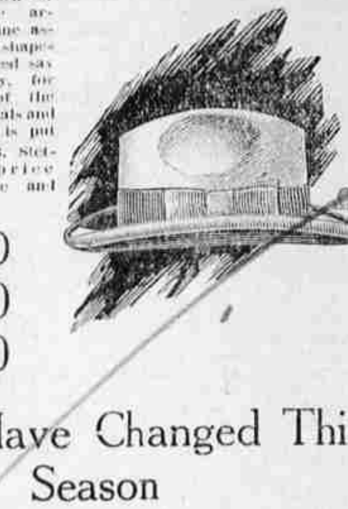

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Sweden Would Reorganize Her Military Establishments

STOCKHOLM, (AP) — The government has proposed to parliament the reorganization of the defences with the object of obtaining the greatest efficiency within the limits of the present appropriations. The plan, in effect, cuts the number of officers and soldiers though it retains the present six divisions. The reduction will be made in two regiments of infantry at present doing guard duty along the coast.

The cavalry will be reduced by two brigades and the artillery reorganized with increases of anti-aircraft guns. A new tank corps will be organized, and a force of 62 airplanes will be established to be used jointly by the army and navy.

The naval program provides for the construction of four destroyers of 959 tons and three submarines between the period 1924-1929.

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