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IF THOU DRAW OUT thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; Then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday; and the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones.—Isaiah 58:10, 11.

Pitcher Brownton

When Dr. Brownton, president of the city commission, enters the pitcher's box for the first game of the season, all spectators may expect to see enacted a few of the old-time curves that made boys jealous of each other in years gone by. No doubt the doctor will adjust the ball between his fingers after the same have been properly moistened, and with his right foot high in the air and his left foot firmly in the pitcher's box deliver a "strike" as the ball splits the plate. He must not forget himself and think he is playing "town ball" nor yet must he get the notion he is playing "anty over," for behind the bat with a stern face, muscles tense, and a big mit will stand City Manager Frank Hayes whose reputation at one time was wound around a catcher's mit and a baseball bat. That individual, as he signals the pitcher will expect a prompt response, and failing to receive it his old-time professional ire may arise and the umpire may have to adjust a difference between pitcher and the catcher.

Anyway, we will all be out to see the job properly done and if the doctor assumes a Harold Lloyd attitude both before and after delivering the ball this will only add to the pleasure of the grandstand.

The Bonus

Congress has passed the adjusted compensation for all service men, eliminating the cash feature.

In our opinion President Coolidge will not veto this measure.

When analyzed there can be found little objection to the law even by those who are not in step with the soldiers and their ideas of a compensation. It is plainly an insurance measure running along the lines of insurance policies. Even better than many life insurance policies written for civilians is this law which at the end of tweny years will return to the soldier a compensation of some account. It is far better than a cash compensation, and is so recognized by most of the service men.

At the end of twenty years most of the boys of today will better appreciate the insurance than they do at present, and the country will have discharged to a certain extent an obligation of equalization of wages during the war period.

This is a mighty good country, taking everything into account. The old U. S. A. does not go far wrong. She may weave about a bit, but in the general shake-down of affairs she tries to be on the square.

It is fine that the bonus question is settled. It is gratifying to all to know that differences of opinion will melt away and that a solid front in citizenry will appear on this question.

Enormity of Situation

Too much stress cannot be laid on the dangerous foot and mouth disease in California. The reflex action of this calamity is bound to be felt in Oregon, even though we are fortunate enough to evade the actual disease.

Yesterday the United States government took over the work of fighting the plague among livestock in the sister state, all of which means the enormity of the situation is almost beyond comprehension.

Oregon will be overridden with tradesmen and other people who are flocking away from the state that charmed them with climate and easy living. It is a calamity most regrettable, but we must face the situation with calmness, and yet we must not think because a few hundred miles separate us from the infected region that we are snug and safe in every way.

Already the sprinkle of broken tourists coming out of California has been seen in La Grande, already the freight trains are carrying the load of men without work who seek other fields of endeavor, and many have stopped here. It is a time for people to think on the subject for should it continue any length of time, we will all be forced to give it close attention.

The chief weakness of reformers is their disposition to think everything enjoyable a little wicked.

Opportunity knocks but once, and that once not on the poolroom door.

Home Beautiful Week

Carrying out the national idea of "Home Beautiful Week and Own Your Own Home Week" the Neighborhood club and the Realty board have combined in an event which promises to be an exceptional occasion for La Grande.

In the Y. M. C. A. building will be erected exhibits and displays which will suggest many handsome features for the home. There will also be efforts made to show why everyone should own his home, and how he can own his home.

After all, one of the cardinal principles of America is home ownership. It is a foundation stone of society. It is a pillar of good society. It is the tie that binds.

Begin Monday by attending the daily afternoon and evening exhibits in the Y. M. C. A. building and enjoy the program, all of which is free to everyone.

Transportation Accidents

It is with the most profound feeling that people of this community learned of the death of Mrs. Charles R. Shuey which occurred Tuesday night on the Mt. Glenn road when her machine tipped over and crushed out her life.

The accident was one of those things that occur in transportation. It was not due to fast driving, neither was it due to carelessness, for the lady was a good driver. Her car left a culvert and tipped over. That is the brief story of the accident that caused her death.

The husband and children thus bereft of wife and mother have the deepest sympathy of this community.

Class A

It is very gratifying to all to know that La Grande's high school ranks in Class A in the grading done by the Northwestern Association of Secondary and Primary Schools.

Natural pride is felt by everyone here in the schools. Most of us know that earnest effort is being put forth by the faculty to get the very best results from the courses of study adopted, and La Grande as a community accepts this honor with a modest bow.

Editorials From Over the Nation

FOLKS AND FIRES

Forest Service release: With the approach of the summer fire season, the perennial question of "campers" fires will again come up. It has been the general theory that the more campers the more fires will occur. This is not always the case. The per cent of fires with reference to human use usually increases up to a certain point and then very rapidly decreases. Otherwise there would be no forests at all near large centers of population like, New York, Philadelphia, and parts of New England, or in European countries where the population is extremely dense. Where the use of a forest by recreationists and others increases beyond a certain point, their care with such fire increases and the same attitude of mind concerning fires exists as in towns or city parks. The city parks are the most used spots to be found anywhere, yet fires are very rare, although there is a great deal of trash and combustible material found in them. This is because it is everybody's recognized duty to put out such fires. A similar attitude will in time be created on the portions of the national forests where human use is extensive. Public sentiment in such localities will not permit a fire to do more damage but will immediately take steps to put it out. The transition of fire risk from high to low exists somewhere beyond the pioneering stage of little use and the point of much use by large numbers. This gap can be greatly narrowed by proper education. The aim of fire prevention education is to make the forest-using American public "fire-conscious."

UNSELFISH FRIENDSHIP

Vancouver Daily World: You have an erring friend, but rather than strain the friendship you refrain from your duty of speaking plainly to this friend about his or her shortcomings.

In other words, you think more of your pleasure together than you do about the welfare, reputation and happiness of this person.

Do you call this real friendship? No, it is merely selfishness on your part.

The right kind of a friend would be more than ever your friend if by your admonition and charitable censure, he or she be induced to change his or her ways and is saved from embarrassment or perhaps disgrace and unhappiness.

There may be a period of coldness between you after a talk of this kind, but you must expect that.

A friend worth having sooner or later will realize that you have acted in good faith, and your words of advice ought to make you better friends than ever.

Our enemies do not tell us to our faces what others are saying about us, unless in anger.

An honest friend is a jewel, and you can tell that by the look in his eye, be his words criticism or not.

HUNT'S LETTER

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ization might be a handicap, inasmuch as the organization is pledged against taking sides between parties or endorsing specific candidates. Its function is to stimulate womens' interest in politics generally and to endorse causes, not candidates.

However, Mrs. Park is retiring as president at the end of her present term which concludes this month. The retirement would remove any embarrassment in "accepting" the vice presidential plum should such be tendered.

Should the republicans reject this leap-year proposal by the ladies to let them share the responsibilities of high office— as even the proponents of the plan expect they will — there yet remains the democratic convention where a similar proposition can be tried. In fact, the odds in favor of acceptance by the democrats might be considered better than by the republicans since the democratic convention will have a much larger feminine representation among the delegates.

Emily Newell Blair, chairman of the national democratic women's committee, would be the likely choice for such a test at the New York convention. A third "possibility" discussed in connection with the "woman for vice president" move, on the republican side, is Mrs. Gifford Pinchot, wife of the progressive republican governor of Pennsylvania.

THE OLD HOME TOWN - - By Stanley

THERE IS THIS TO BE SAID FOR BOBBED HAIR—IT IS FASTENED AT ONE END.

A bore is a man who has nothing to say, and insists upon saying it.

The editor who attempts to conduct his newspaper with fairness to everyone finds himself branded a Bourbon and a bolshevist, an acolyte and an atheist, a sage and a simp. It's a great life for the man with the courage of his convictions and the hide of a rhinoceros.

A mans looks are of little import so long as they are not directed towards a girl.

A hick town, is one in which all the neighbors hear today that your breath smelled that way yesterday.

And by the way it will not be long until the mosquitos will be presenting their bills.

Endowment.

It was a fashionable wedding. The bridegroom had no visible means of support save his father, who was rich.

When he came to the stage of the service, where he had to repeat, "With all my wordly goods I thee endow," his father said, in a whisper that could be heard all over the church:

"Heaven! There goes his bicycle."

NO LANGUAGE IS STRONG ENOUGH TO INFLUENCE A BALKY HORSE OR AN AUTOMOBILE WITH THE CHILLS.

The best spring tonic,
That one can take,
Is a forty-foot garden
And a five-foot rake.

What has become of the old-fashioned merchant who used to throw in a rug when you bought an outfit? Oh, he went bankrupt.

We stopped over night at a Baker hotel last week. In order to get an early train necessited an arising at an unearthly hour. As we were assigned our room we said to the clerk: "I'd like to leave a call for two."

"Yes, sir," said the clerk, "You and who else?"

The radio bugs are getting so superior, that they seldom read the newspapers any more; instead, they come around and pester the reporters with news that is three days old, which they have just heard over the radio.

It is the match-maker that gets you coming, and the scandal-monger that gets you going.

Add a surface and you hide all, said the young flapper as she powdered her face.

They say there are microbes in a kiss
This rumor is most rife.
Come sweetheart, dear, and make of me
An invalid for life.

Poets' Corner

CHAUNCEY
(By SHIRLEY BUCK)
U. S. Forest Service.

Chauncey Camper went a-camping,
Camping in the Golden West;
Of all the places found for stopping,
Forest stopping was the best.

Chauncey loved the pine trees' soughing,
Soughing high above his head;
Lulling him to restful slumber,
Slumber on his fir leaf bed.

Chauncey loved his daily smoking,
Smoking of the "tailor made";
And deftly flipping burning leavings,
Leaving them in brushy glade.

Came a dame a-fortune telling,
Telling present, future, past,
Passed her hand o'er Chauncey's forehead—
Said, "Your outing's passing fast."

"You're about to take a journey,
Journey to the county seat;
There you'll mingle with the jail birds,
Birds you will not care to meet."

Just then smoke went upward curling,
Curling where the "tailor made"
Had been tossed and left a-smouldering,
Smouldering in the brushy glade.

Came the fire guards swiftly running,
Running to this man-made fire;
Came the ranger fiercely cursing,
Cursing filled with red hot ire.

Quickly looked the layout over,
Over Chauncey and over all—
Took Chauncey straight to Judge MacSwisten
Judge Mac put Chauncey in "ol' jail.

28 YEARS AGO

La Grande Gazette, April 21 1896—W. T. Wright of Union was in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. C. S. Dunn is visiting relatives in Prescott, Wash.

Dr. Henderson rode to Union Tuesday forenoon on his wheel.

J. P. O'Brien, superintendent of the O. R. & N., spent Monday in this city.

Hon. W. R. King of Baker City was a visitor in the city Monday.

Attorney C. H. Marsh of Union was a visitor to La Grande Wednesday.

J. W. Knowles is in Wallowa county this week looking over the political field.

C. E. Cochran, one of Union's bright legalites, was a visitor in La Grande Monday evening.

"Shorty" Lange had the misfortune to collide with the steam laundry wagon last Tuesday while he was taking a spin on his wheel.

A bicycle race between Blanchard Hansen and Otto Hoak, the colt boys at the depot, will take place at the race track Sunday.

The populists met in convention at Union last Friday and nominated the following ticket: P. W. McAllister and R. Logsdon, representatives; Jas. A. Woodell, sheriff; J. R. Larramore, clerk; J. T. Richardson, recorder; J. W. Stotts, treasurer; C. G. Wyatt, commissioner; Miss Nellie Stevens, school superintendent; Dr. Corpe, coroner. The office of surveyor was left blank.

The Grande Ronde Lumber company have entered into a contract with S. P. Richardson whereby that gentleman will deliver 72,000,000 feet of saw logs. This is said to be one of the largest contracts of the kind ever entered into.

The "wheel" has certainly captured the people or one would imagine so to see the number of La Granders who are learning to master it.

Last Sunday forenoon the building at the brickyard in which a large amount of property was stored, took fire and almost before anyone could reach the spot was a sheet of flames. The fire originated in an unaccountable manner. The Labor Exchange of this city was figuring on opening the yard in the near future but the fire will in all probability delay the matter.

LABORITE FUSSED WHEN KING ADJUSTS RED TIE

LONDON, (INS)—A member of the Labor cabinet at Buckingham Palace became quite embarrassed when the king intimated that the Laborite was deficient in his attire. The king smiled and then adjusted his tie. It was a red one. The Laborite's tie was not.

Don't Wed "Baby Woman," Warns Austrian Savant

VIENNA, (INS)—"Don't marry a 'baby woman,'" counsels Professor Reingold Gerling.

The professor has been giving the young men of Vienna some advice on women not to marry, and he has been particularly severe in his denunciation of "baby women."

"This type of girl," says the professor, "with her small neck, and head, low forehead, and straight up-and-down figure, is a fashionable type today, but men should beware of a woman who looks like this after her twentieth birthday, for she will be shallow, frivolous, obstinate and without judgment.

"The baby woman will never grow up. Her arrested development will be a source of continual anxiety, and she will be incapable of bringing up children, if she has any."

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