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LORD SEES ALL: For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in behalf of those whose heart is perfect toward him. 2 Chronicles, 16:9.

Selfishness

Man does not wish misfortune on others, but when misfortune comes each human being secretly hopes it is not his misfortune. It is natural for us to be concerned with self first and with fellow men second.

When a tire lets go with a bang on one of two automobiles passing on the highway there are two drivers with but a single thought. They do not instinctively say, "I hope that is the other fellow's tire." No, they say "I hope that is not my tire." No comrade of the open road ever wished tire trouble upon another motorist, but by the same token he will not wish it upon himself. The phychologist or psycho-analyst might term it a sort of negative selfishness. The motorist says it is the first law of nature.

Magnanimity and generosity are virtues possessed in a measure by the vast majority of mature society. The great philosophers, Kant, Rousseau, Bacon, Franklin, Pascal and others have declared that society could subsist without philanthropy but that society has never been able to quench the instinct to philanthropy. Though we give and we share we seldom sacrifice self. Our surplus wealth is at the beck and call of the needy and hard pressed, but real deeds of heroic abnegation are so infrequent that the newspapers make front page reading of them when they do occur. It is surprising that human beings loving honor as they do have not made self-sacrifice an everyday rule of conduct.

Should the spirit of self-sacrifice and brotherly love pervade the whole world there would be no world-peace problems, no burdensome war debts, no political or social conflicts, no congested courts.

Habitual silence isn't proof of wisdom, however, unless he is a married man.

From the standpoint of the spectator, the call of the wild isn't half so thrilling as the call of the bluff.

The annoying thing about the college graduate who thinks he is so smart is the fact that he usually is.

The man who has never spoken a cross word to his wife is doubtless just as discreet about other things also.

A philosopher is one who reflects that handling a snow shovel is about as difficult as pushing a lawn mower.

HUNT'S LETTER

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cry by La Follette, Borah, Johnson and others who have been read out of the party by its conservative leadership.

Tuesday, June 10, will come the keynote—probably by Secretary of State Hughes — and the appointment of committees.

Wednesday, committee reports will be received and the platform nailed down.

Not until Thursday, according to present schedule, will nominations be opened.

Even allowing adequate time for a proper Coolidge demonstration, it is believed the formalities of indorsing Cal for the top of the ticket will be concluded in a sufficiently short time to allow the presentation of vice presidential nominations that same afternoon. Probably a test ballot will be taken on the vice presidential slate and the nomination might even be made, but that is more likely to go over until Friday morning.

"There's no need for hurrying the work of the convention," a member of the national committee, discussing the program, explains. "We want it to last at least three days. Cleveland wants a chance to entertain us and show us some Buckeye hospitality. Although the actual work of the convention doubtless could be accomplished in two days, the present expectation is that nominations will not be taken up until Thursday and the vice presidency not settled until Friday."

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The "official" picture of the republican gathering in Cleveland, just before the keynote is sounded and delegates and decorations are still looking their best, will be made by Moffett of Chicago.

Recognizing the growing importance of pictures, however, special facilities will be accorded photographers for newspapers and news agencies and special camera cards will be issued permitting cameras to be taken into the galleries and onto the floor. Flashlights inside the big hall, however, except for the "official" picture, will be barred.

Telegraph Editor Resigns.

SALEM, Ore.—Miss Marguerite Gleason, for the last two years telegraph editor for the Salem Statesman, has resigned her position to accept employment with the Kilgore-White Chautauqua organization. Miss Gleason will leave here Tuesday for Denver and later will go to Texas and other southern states. Miss Gleason's parents formerly lived in Portland but are now located at Bend.

RANCHER, 55, IS SUICIDE

SALEM, Ore. — Lawrence Schwartz, who lived alone on a small ranch near Hubbville, Marion county, was found dead in bed by neighbors.

Investigation by the coroner indicated that Schwartz had written two letters instructing relatives how to dispose of his property and later had swallowed a small quantity of poison.

Coroner Rigdon is holding the body pending the arrival of Joseph Schwartz, a brother, who is on his way from Woodland, Wash.

Schwartz was about 55 years old and unmarried.

OFFICE CAT

TRADE MARK

BY JUNIUS

MONEY DOESN'T TALK AS MUCH AS PEOPLE WHO HAVE MONEY.

There is no prospect of an early reduction in the wages of sin.

With some men home is just a place where they go to get their mail.

In the Spring man's fancy lightly starts upon another course,
When they send them word that wifey thinks of getting a divorce.

A La Grande man wonders if a woman ever sees anything in a show window that interests her more than her own reflection.

The very newest "bob" is worn by Gladys, who keeps up with the newest fads. It is shingled, marcelled, and worn with a bang. Its novelty lies in the fact that the hair is parted in the center from the forehead to the neck in the back. It is becoming(?).

WATCH OUT!

Em: "That couple run a cleaning and pressing establishment."

Ik: "You're spoofin' me."

Em: "No. She cleans his pockets while he presses her to him."

If people had wars as they do paying for them there would be perfect peace always.

A PESSIMIST IS A MAN WHO LOANED AN OPTIMIST SOME MONEY ONE.

Respected by Age and Weak

"Why don't you laugh at any of my jokes?"

"Because I am brought up to respect old age and feebleness."

Many a wife would rather have her husband have his way than his say.

A Strain on the Smile

His wife doth buy the world's dyes
Red, orange, green and blue—
But do you think he wears this junk?
I'll tell the world he do.

—Chicago Tribune.

The choice from each argument side;
Yellow, purple, orange and pink;
The odds are on a deal he made
To dump 'em in the kitchen sink!

"Take a seat," Mrs. Will Crow, said hospitably as she ushered a visitor into the parlor.

"Allright," responded the man "and I'll also take that table and the piano." He was from the Easy Installment Furniture company.

The girl back home thinks that you left town to make the heart grow fonder.

OFFICE CAT

Our definition of Mah Jongg: Dominoes with a college education.

Face powder never looks as good as it smells.

REVISED VERSION.

Mary, Mary, slightly airy,
How do the fashions go?
Short bobbed hair, shoulders bare
And vertigo, all in a row.

OPTIMIST—A guy who expects to pick up Honduras on a crystal set.

That New York man who placed $10,000 on deposit for his newborn son probably calls it a fresh heir fund.

Many a fur coat has some unpaid bills in the pocket.

Since women have the ballot and other privileges, it is marvelous that they still consent to being led at the dances.

Two can live as cheaply as one until the bills start coming in.

NO CAMOUFLAGE.

Just what to wear and how,
Is a subject studied much
It takes but little, you'll allow,
And must be worn as such.

An Indiana man complained to the police that he had been held prisoner in a powder magazine. But he could have got out by striking a match.

The best way to be content with your lot is to build a home on it.

Lives there a man with soul so dead who never wants to stay in bed?

"Hey, girl, get that cement. Can't you see it's wet?"

"Oh, that's all right. I'm wearing my galoshes."

AS A PILE SEES IT.

Some folks on the outside
Are ugly as sin,
But perfectly beautiful
Viewed from within.

A dangerous radical is anybody who has a scheme to disturb the feathers in your nest.

THE OLD HOME TOWN - - By Stanley

THE OPEN COURT

CORRESPONDENTS MUST SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO THE EDITOR IF THEY DESIRE LETTERS PRINTED.

THAT WATER QUESTION

La Grande, Oregon.

Editor Observer—Since the rejection of the recent water bonding proposition by the taxpayers you hear many propounding the question "What are we going to do?" Yes, what are we going to do?

Those advancing the different ways to date have not "hued in" with the public pulse, that is evident, and it remains for some latter day Solomon to bring water to La Grande, or at least get the necessary number of voters to think his way is the better one.

In the first place, although no great number seem to be overly enthusiastic about it, as a temporary expedient the plan suggested by the editor of the Observer is the practical one under existing conditions. No argument there.

In the second place, why spend money for a deep well when we practically have a test under way to try this out, the Union County Oil Co., on the McDonald farm north of La Grande.

In the third and principal place, why abandon an investment of $500,000 or more in the Beaver creek project and a gravity flow, for any permanent project where we have to be at a continous expense for pumping and expending this amount or more for a new pipe line.

The public believes and the writer of this knows that there is plenty of good water at the head of Beaver creek to supply La Grande or any city of 20,000 people. All the people are waiting for the right and feasible plan to be financed to get this water to La Grande and they will vote a reasonable amount to do so. Our principal and only cost would be a new pipe line from the city to the intake. If the old survey is followed, perhaps iron all the way or concrete at least half the way is cheaper than iron) or conduit all the way. If the line is laid down Beaver creek and through stretches where a continuous fall is present and no back pressure is developed.

There is no dam at the intake, just a shack. So it is, as a permanent proposition, for it is liable to go out at any time, but with a little cable and a donkey engine some one and convenient mountain of rock and dirt could be piled on the dam as it now stands to create a natural fill that would never give away.

Water? Don't let that bother you for a minute, or with the best of the old pipe taken up when new and laid two or three short feeders could be run to convenient spring creeks that would put into the pipe all the water we need just as pure as any obtainable from deep wells or the Summerville springs. It is estimated that one large spring that arises and flows for a half mile or so and then sinks into the ground will very nearly supply the city alone. The caretaker at the intake, Mr. Tom Brannan, or others for that matter, can show to anyone interested, enough pure and crystal clear water at the head of Beaver creek to convince the most skeptical that we need not look elsewhere for this necessary adjunct to life and town building. This summer promises to be one where the acid test will be applied to all sources of water supply, and the possibilities of Beaver creek should be thoroughly investigated by representatives of the people who can be depended upon to bring back a truthful report, then, if favorable, vote the necessary bonds at the November election, have them sold by spring and next summer rebuild our pipe line to Beaver creek in a manner and on a survey that will not carry such a strain as the present one in going up and down hill, so that when we need the water a full line can be diverted without danger of busting things wide open, which seems to be the present trouble. Then everything will "flow smoothly" and La Grande will have enough water to turn over to the people at a rate that the city can be made even more beautiful and those of us who take "our annual" will not be afraid there will be a scarcity of water when that time comes.

About the only objection to the Beaver creek intake is that we use, under present conditions, lake water for about two months of the year. In the past this lake water has been objectionable, but will improve as the vegetable matter now on the bottom of the lake disappears. A large charcoal filter would help if it continues objectionable. The writer of this is thoroughly satisfied, and believes he can convince any other person or body of persons, that two or three short and inexpensive feeder lines, diverting into a new main line that will stand the pressure, the pure spring water that is now flowing away or sinking into the ground convenient to our project at Beaver creek is more than enough to supply La Grande for years to come, and under conditions that the lake water would not have to be used only in case of an excessive cold spell when the streams and springs might freeze up. If it has to be used then it will be all right.

A BACKWOODS EXPLORER.

Calendar Reform and Radio Occupy League of Nations

GENEVA (AP) — Two special committees to study the questions of radio-telegraphy and the reform of the calendar have been appointed by the League of Nations Commission on Communications.

Public interest in calendar reform seems to center largely on the fixation of the date of Easter. Representatives of the Church of England, the Roman Catholic church and the Greek Orthodox church are on the commission, and it is announced here that the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America has asked to have a member.

Correct this sentence: "I don't want the set of books," said he, "and when I say 'No,' that ends the matter."

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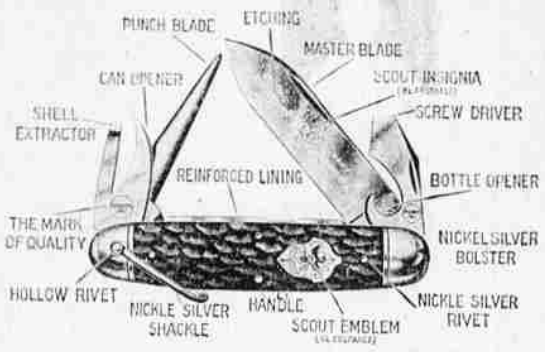

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