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PRAYER:—It is a constant comfort to us Lord, to know
that Thou God seest us. May we live as in Thy sight
continually.

Art Coming Into Own

People disclose their mentality and morality in the
amusements they choose for themselves. One would not
expect to find the same mental and moral standards rep-
resented by the audience at a cheap musical comedy as at
the opera or a drama. They are two distinct groups which
patronize jazz and classical music. The popular novel is
seldom found in the same library with the classic of liter-
ature.

With this premise and even the most casual observance
of modern pastime preferences it is quite obvious that the
American people have an enlivened taste for the best things
in theatricals, music and literature. There is observable a
heightening morality and mentality.

Paderewski is now touring the country for \$5,000 a
concert and his American itinerary is no longer limited to
the half dozen largest cities. He is only one of many world
famous musicians who are appreciated in the smallest
centers.

Opera plays a part in the theatrical season of practi-
cally every city to the extent of at least one presentation,
and the serious drama and problem play is enjoying un-
precedented favor this year. Americans are demanding
something solid for their entertainment. Musical comedy
and the lighter plays have lost none of their old popularity,
but they must be well-staged, devoid of cheap wit and
richly endowed with good melodies and capable casts.

It is enough to say about modern American literary
tastes that never before has there been so great a demand
in this country for old and new classics, informative and
scientific works, the drama in book form, history, biog-
raphies and autobiographies, editions of the complete works
of the old and new immortals and for fine bindings.

No Good In Fear

Fear does more harm in the world than all the fevers.
It suppresses hopes, saps the energies and destroys the
vitality of millions every day.

The fear of future punishment has driven many to
insanity and clouded many lives. The old-fashioned preach-
ing of hell-fire to terrify sinners into pretension of re-
ligious belief has damned many a soul on the spot. The
penitence is passing away, but it torments many poor souls
in insane asylums yet. Religious teaching is becoming less
a debasing threat and more the uplifting promise of the
mercy of God. It is a better religion, and we are a better
people because of it.

The workingman with wife and children dependent upon
him lives in the ever-disturbing fear of the notice in his
pay envelope that his services are no longer required. The
man whose earnings barely keep his family from week to
week lives in lifelong dread that poisons his disposition and
prevents him from holding up his head as a free man.
Labor unionism is doing much to make a man's occupation
secure, but it is still the most depressing dread of millions.

There is nothing else to be so much feared as fear itself.
It kills something good and helpful in all of us.
It is questionable, even among the most truly orthodox,
if anybody ever got to heaven merely by fearing hell.

No man ever increased his industrial efficiency by fear-
ing loss of his job.

There is no good at all in fear.

The Pen of Mr. Stoddard

J. B. Stoddard, once mayor of La Grande, for years
a business man of Eastern Oregon, and withal one of the
clearest minded men in the northwest, has undertaken to
write a series of articles for the La Grande Evening Ob-
server on present conditions, the way we are living, the
misinterpretation of wealth as wealth is commonly known,
and the way out of our human difficulties. The first article
appeared several days ago and other very interesting
articles from his pen will follow.

Regardless of whether you agree with Mr. Stoddard
we commend his articles to you for consideration, for he is
a man who thinks and thinks deeply; he is a man who
knows the world by experience, and accepts conditions as
they are, only to such extent as he thinks they may be
improved.

OFFICE CAT



BY JUNIUS

NOTHING DIES AS YOUNG AS A GOOD RESOLUTION.

Religion which does not abide
with a man seven days a week is
not worth having.

DOMESTIC FELICITY.

Oh, it's sad to hear,
Your dear wife said,
When you say, "My dear,
This coffee's cold."

Mosquitoes sing while they
work—but who wants to be a
mosquito?

If a man makes a better mou-
setrap, the world will make a heart-
ening path to his door and invite him
to address 7,752 clubs.

Having six or seven children is
like having six or seven drinks—
after that you don't care what
happens.

"Remember 808 for Lord Love,"
—headline. Maybe he left it at the
shop.

HIS CITY OF REFUGE.

The main came to a grinding
stop at a small town in the South,
and the head of a gentleman of
color protruded from a window at
the end of a car. Seated by his
side could be seen a brown-skinned
madden.

"Does yo' know a cullud pussen
by de name o' Jim Brown what
lives here?" he asked a station
foreman.

"Aint never heard o' no Jim
Brown hyah, an' he lived in dis
town fo' ten years."

"Positively."
"Den," announced the arrival,
reaching for a suitcase, "dis is
whom his new son-in-law gits off."

Every man should know enough
about Mah Jongg to understand
the new jokes in the magazines.

ALMOST PERNICKICKY.

Cut—"In the editor particular"
Star—"Betcher life! He raves if
he finds a period upside down."

Sisters are people who wonder
if a man's bride will boss him as
wily as they have.

All the world may be a stage,
as Shakspeare averred, but to
most of us it is merely a work
bench.

Jefferson Fish Fry Is Set.

BEND, Or.—The annual Jeff-
erson county fish fry, given under
the auspices of the Madras Hotel
and Gun club, has been dated for
Sunday, June 1, this year. The
date was determined at a meeting
held in Madras. This annual
event in Jefferson county is
unique and novel in its way. For
a period of several days preced-
ing the event practically every
man, woman and child living with-
in a radius of miles of the De-
chule river will be busy catching
trout. All the fish are caught
with hook and line. Last year
more than 500 persons attended
and there was no shortage of fish
to eat.

Tunnel Work Started.

EUGENE, Or.—Work has been
started at both ends of the longest
tunnel on the Southern Pacific
company's Eugene-Klamath line,
according to W. P. Reed, engineer
in charge of construction, which
has been here during the past few
days. Boring into the mountain
on both sides is expected to be
started within two weeks, he said.
The tunnel under construction is
located at the top of the Cascades
and is to be the greatest of the 20
or more to be bored on the new
line. It is estimated that a year's
time will be required to complete
the bore.

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most any kind of strain except
that imposed by an eternal tel-
angle.



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THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



Hunt's Washington Letter

(By HARRY R. HUNT)

WASHINGTON (ENR Special)
—The word "conservative," as a
brand for the Old Guard group of
Republicans, has become irksome
to leaders in that clan and a defi-
nite stigma is being considered
to wipe it out and substitute a
more pleasing one.

The tag of "conservative," it is
found, is becoming a ball and
chain to the political progress of
individuals to whom it is attached.
For it no longer bears its dictio-
nary definition, in that connection,
but carries, in popular estimation,
a sense of not only being care-
ful, of holding to things as they
are, but of pulling backward, or
retrogression, a synonym, in fact,
for "reactionary."

By contrast, the brand of "prog-
ressive" seems to appeal more as
a catchy political tag, signifying
as it does progress, advancement,
pushing ahead.

"The republican party, if it is to
continue as a party," says George
B. Lockwood, secretary of the Re-
publican National committee, "has
got to get free of the label of the
"conservative" party."
"The word 'conservative' should
be substituted for 'republican.'"
For that is really the republican
party's claim to perpetuation—its
distinctiveness, not its conserva-
tion.

Some folks have freak ideas of
high liberalism. Senator James
Cowan, of Michigan, for instance,
Cowan, taken ill, was recently
sent to Johns Hopkins hospital at
Baltimore. He managed to get by
without an operation which it was
first thought would be necessary,
but the doctors told him to take
things easy for a while. The
nurses might read some to him, he
was told, if how got too heavy
for him—light literature of some
sort.

Whereupon Jim sent for back
numbers of the Congressional
Record and kept the nurses read-
ing senate debates to him each
evening until 10 o'clock.
And now no wonder whether
the doctors were kidding him
when they said they were sur-
prised didn't make him worse.
"The record does make some
folks sick, you know!"

Friends of Governor Ritchie of
Maryland, who will not him for-
ward as a favorite son for the
democratic nomination for pres-
ident, really have their hearts set
on landing second place on the
ticket for him.
Ritchie is famous politically,
down east, as the first man ever to
be elected to two terms as govern-



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stricken families, has brought
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the bereaved to express such
devotion in an appropriate and
beautiful way.

Main 42

NORTH POWDER SHIPS CATTLE

NORTH POWDER, Ore. (Spe-
cial)—Six cars of cattle were
shipped from North Powder last
week. James Wilson shipped three
cars and J. W. Drown shipped
three cars. Both gentlemen took
their stock to Portland and looked
after the sale.

Cleo Miller will move his fam-
ily down near Imbler where he
has a contract for hauling lumber.
They expect to be gone all sum-
mer.

The Forsstrom families are mov-
ing into the Jessie O'Bryant house
this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hill were
shopping in town on Friday. Mr.
Hill reports that Tolsonnet needs
rain very much.

John Luney, who has been over
by Hunter shearing sheep, will be
home this week.

The Cemetery association had a
meeting Saturday afternoon, and
the members were paying up their
dues. Sam Carnes offered to sell
three acres off the north side of
his place to the association as
more ground must be had. An-
other place was offered but the
price is too high and it is very
likely that Mr. Carnes' offer will
be accepted.

Miss Opal Kilhamson accepted a
position at the Wingville school.
Every girl that has taken teachers'
training has a position as teacher.

Road Celebration Planned.

BEND, Or.—Near the summit
of the Cascades in Oregon, approx-
imately 6000 feet above sea level,
people from Bend, Eugene, Spring-
field, Redmond and Sisters will
fittingly observe the completion of
the McKenzie pass highway
across the Cascades from the
Willamette valley to central Ore-
gon. Although all plans are as yet
tentative, the celebration may be
held this summer.

IS EVERY DAY A BACKACHE DAY?

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Are you tortured with sharp,
rheumatic pains; unbearable with
headaches, dizzy spells and
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