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DEATH OR LIFE?—To be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Romans 8:6.

Prayer.—Gracious God, we know that Thou art a Spirit, able to change us from carnal to spiritual. We look to Thee in faith. Do Thou change us into the likeness of Thine Own Image.

"Refreshing Fred"

Fred Currey, newspaperman, publicity man, city manager at one time, and an old-timer in La Grande, spent Saturday and Sunday here saying hello to his friends. Fred's hello is like a spring rain, for it is refreshing. His analysis of life is inspiring, for Fred carries a vein of humor in his make-up which is worth a million dollars.

When conversation hit upon the financial depression which may or may not be just over the hill, Fred said: "Well, the year I was born there was a financial depression hit the country and so far as I know it has been with us ever since, so why worry?"

And with other public matters he is equally optimistic. The political campaign, he insists, is but a repetition of other campaigns, that the smirching of character, the propaganda, the serpent-like tongue, all have been with us in years gone by, and this is a year when the field is a little more fertile for the scandal-monger to work in because of the unrest among the people.

"But it will all pass away," said Fred, "and the old flag will wave over the next generation just as it has waved over us. The country is all right, it always will be all right; true, the people are a little upset and the fellow who has a bur in his makeup has found a fine time to jet off his steam."

Fred Currey is a character that stands alone. He has no duplicate and no competitor. And with it all Fred is a good citizen, a good friend and a man with a wide knowledge of affairs.

The Happy Medium

We believe that La Grande has in the past used good common sense in public matters. By this we mean, that when many other coast towns were going the limit on civic matters La Grande held the throttle firmly and did what she should have done—improved some but refused to be taken off her feet. This accounts for our city taxation here being much lower than some of our sister cities.

It is unfortunate that the modern municipality cannot simultaneously lower its taxes and increase its public improvements. To wish for as much is no less futile than the search for the fountain of eternal youth. It is criminal to take from a bank that which you have not previously deposited therein.

Many communities try to evade the issue but all eventually must choose low taxes or public improvements, or compromise. It is notable that those towns and cities which boast of low tax rates cannot boast of their public improvements because they have none of the latter. By the same token there are many municipalities which talk loudly of monumental improvements but speak in whispers of their staggering taxes. Such extremities are formidable to new industry, business and citizens.

It, therefore, becomes evident that the communities which boasts of low tax rates cannot boast of their public. With some forebearance there is no municipality which cannot eventually supply all its improvement requirements and at the same time enjoy favorable taxation. Postponing too long the launching of improvement programs inevitably brings the community face to face with the necessity of doing everything at once instead of extending the necessary improvements over a long period as they individually become imperative. Doubly blessed are those towns and cities which had the foresight to begin paving and building and expanding in their municipal infancy and now find their improvement needs limited to maintenance, renewal or extension.

The problem of municipal improvement is not one for the citizens or the public officials, but for both. The importance of the question deserves the cooperation of all interests and all departments of community life. There is a crying need on this issue for sane planning and good business.

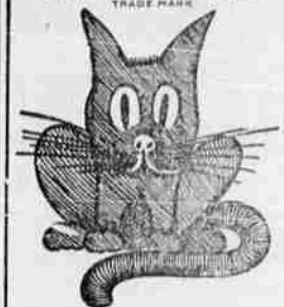
The funeral of E. S. Norris held yesterday was largely attended. People from all over the valley gathered to pay their respects to this man life had always recorded him trying to do right. Rev. W. C. Ross preached an able sermon over the remains of Mr. Norris and the sorrowing friends tenderly laid to rest all that was earthly of a gentleman who believed in doing right by his fellowman.

THE OLD HOME TOWN - By Stanley



CHUCK COBB REPORTS THAT SINCE HE HAS HAD A STIFF NECK ALL KINDS OF THINGS OF INTEREST HAVE HAPPENED BEHIND HIS BACK.

OFFICE CAT



BY JUNIUS

At the present terrific rate of divorce cases, we shall soon need a new reference book, "Who's Whose."

A tiger shark turns its belly up before devoting its victim, but the loan shark merely turns his palms up.

"Where are this lobster's claws?" he asked. As he sat down to dinner. "The lobsters fought," the waiter said.

"And this one, somewhat thinner, lost in the fight," the customer said. "Bring me out a winner."

The whistle of a robin may indicate the arrival of spring, but the beating of a rug is a better sign.

Even after the family's latest hair-bob ceases to be a lively topic of conversation, there is always the permanent wave.

LEAP YEAR ADVICE.
 "Happy when I print a line on your lips, I wish you'd remember that it's not to be published."

MELLON AND BUTLER HIT BY PINCHOT

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the proposal to let in the light on the federal enforcement service." Great Moral Issue. Declaring law enforcement to be the greatest moral issue now before the American people, Governor Pinchot asserted that it was time for the moral forces of America to attack the federal prohibition law. The federal law enforcement service had failed, he said. It should be taken out of politics and the law enforced through the proper court system. "The failure of the enforcement service is sometimes blamed to mean that the 18th amendment

has failed," Governor Pinchot continued. "It means nothing of the sort. The law has not failed. Nicholas Murray Butler and other hallmarks of the law to the contrary notwithstanding." Governor Pinchot then made his charge against Secretary Mellon. Scores Mellon. "His opposition to the investigation of the enforcement," he said, "will direct public attention and the attention of the investigating committee to the fact that Mr. Mellon was part owner of Oryholt whisky when the 18th amendment went into effect; to the fact that as lately as March 21 of this year he was, on authority of Senator Reed, of Pennsylvania, still interested in the

proceeds of this whisky when sold to the illegal withdrawal of more than 42,000 barrels of whisky from the Overholt warehouse near Pittsburg which led to indictment and to the fact that the indictments were quashed and the men responsible were never punished.

"The body of laymen can do more almost than any other body of men to set the situation of this country right," Governor Pinchot told the Methodists after Bishop Wm. P. McDowell of Washington, D. C., had introduced him as a "believer in God and the friend of all good men."

WAR VETERAN DIED SUNDAY

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mother was called by the messenger of death and on April 1, 1866, the father also passed away. Mr. Lytle received his education in the public schools of his native county and there remained until he arrived at a man's estate. When he had reached his majority he engaged in farming and raising and feeding stock until 1879. In that year he was determined to try his fortunes in the west, and accordingly came to San Francisco thence by boat to Portland and by the same conveyance to Wallula. He took up land in Sherman county, Oregon, remaining a few months, when tidings of the fertile Grande Ronde valley reached him and he immediately came thither. He soon selected the place where he lived prior to his death, two and one-half miles south from Allice, purchased it and set to the task of making it one of the best improved farms in the county. He has bought and sold considerable property since that time. The production of the cereals occupied his attention mostly, although he had two acres planted to apples and pears, and conducted a small dairy. He had one of the finest rural residences in the county. An air of thrift pervaded the entire premises and



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