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PRAYER:—Lord, we believe that Thou hast created all things, and that in Thee all things exist, and we worship and adore Thee as the One True and Living God, besides Whom there is none else.

Welcome Clouds

The heavens are a dull drab today, thanks to a kind Providence.

There is strong indication of a drouth-breaking rain and all humanity throughout Eastern Oregon await the roll of the thunder and the flash of the lightning with an ecstatic joy that resembles youngsters waiting to see the fireworks on the night of a Fourth of July celebration.

When we have plenty of rain we grow tired of cloudy weather and wish for the sunshine, but when we go as long as we have this year without moisture human beings seek rain through prayer and strong desire. It is very serious, this drouth that we have been going through. In Union county and in Wallowa county it has not been so bad as in other portions of Eastern Oregon, but at that it has been bad enough. In the hills the bunchgrass has seeded at a very slight growth, but good rains now will bring up a lot of feed, and peace and plenty will again prevail in this greatest of all sections of the nation—Eastern Oregon.

Joe Woods Knows

When it comes to wild west stuff and stage coach drama no better authority lives today than Joe Woods, of La Grande, the old stage driver who, last Fourth of July, drove the coach that carried President and Mrs. Harding to the Meacham celebration.

All will agree that this old veteran of the west knows a western show when he sees it. Today he telephoned the Evening Observer from Walla Walla and said, "I have seen the layout for the Winning of the West pageant which Penrose and his crowd are staging in Walla Walla Wednesday and Thursday, and it is going to be the greatest show the west has ever seen. Tell everybody that for a western drama there has never been its equal."

This sort of a message from Joe Woods means plainly that the show will be all he claims for it. Walla Walla people have gone at this pageant with a community spirit and the result is bound to be a thorough success. All Eastern Oregon people who drive to Walla Walla tomorrow or next day will see a show that will abundantly please them.

How About It?

One hears a lot about "friendship." Occasionally the remark, "everyone is his friend" is carelessly made. But is such a thing possible? We doubt it very much. Friendship grows and blossoms not in generalities, but in explicit acts and distinct thoughts which cannot encompass large numbers of persons.

Emerson defined friendship by attributing to it the characteristics of truth and tenderness. Between friends, each may be sincerely himself, without the protection of sham or affectation often assumed in ordinary intercourse. "My friend," said Emerson, "gives me entertainment without requiring me to stoop, or to lisp, or to mask myself." Further, friendship needs tenderness to tide it over rough roads and hard fare, which are bound to come. The end of friendship is for aid and comfort through all the relations and passages of life and death. Without truth and tenderness a friendship cannot survive such experience.

This kind of friendship seems of necessity to be limited to two persons. With the presence of a third, self-consciousness enters in and the fine sincerity of the former relation is lost. It is difficult enough to find two persons whose interests and personalities so complement each other as to make real friendship possible. A third would complicate the situation hopelessly.

Someone will say, what of the clubs and lodges where men grow intimate with each other? Such exist in numbers, it is true; but real friendship as defined by Emerson cannot develop in the midst of a group. The whole of each member's personality could never be grasped by the others. The law of one to one, as Emerson sums it up, is the practice and consummation of friendship.

The dollars that run the government also run the taxpayers.

Common sense is all that makes a college education valuable.

A JOURNALIST IN CHURCH.

A preacher, at the close of his sermon, said: "Let all in the house who are paying their debts stand up." All but one did so. The preacher then seated them and said: "Now, let all who are not paying their debts stand up." The exception, a careworn, hungry-looking man, clothed in last summer's suit, slowly assumed a perpendicular position.

"How is it, my friend," he was asked, "that you are the only one not able to meet his obligations?"

"I run a newspaper," he answered meekly, "and the brethren here who stood up are my subscribers and—"

"Let us pray," said the minister.—Dumb Animals.

So beautiful she seemed to me,
I wished that we might wed.
Her neck a pillar of ivory—
But alas! So was her head.

AN INQUISITIVE NEIGHBOR AND HER LACE CURTAINS ARE SOON PARTED.

Before bawling out the telephone operator it is well to stop and reflect that there are many more wrong numbers than right ones for her to pick from.

Fable: After they had argued for an hour the wife finally let up and let her husband have his way.

An experienced husband is one who remembers his wife's birthday—but forgets which one it is.

A young man in love
Is a funny thing!
He is
Supremely happy
One moment
And the next he is bowed
In abysmal grief.
He idolizes his
Chosen one
For a day
And then
He cusses her for something
That is without reason.
And so on.
Finally they get married
And then
HE TOES THE MARK.

A traveler in the Grande Ronde valley noticed that a farmer was having trouble with his horse. It would start, go slowly for a short distance, and then stop again. Thereupon the farmer would have great difficulty in getting it started. Finally the traveler approached and asked: "Is your horse sick?"

"Not as I know of."

"Is he balky?"

"No. But he is so durned afraid I'll say 'whoa' and he won't hear me, that he stops every once in a while to listen."

The traveler proceeded on his travels.

Junius was at Baker recently. Although she couldn't get acquainted with a young man in the Geiser Hotel revolving door, she went around with him.

Rain Asked in Prayers.

HOOD RIVER, Ore.—On an appeal by Rt. Rev. Joseph F. McGrath, bishop of the Baker diocese of the Catholic church here joined in prayers for rains over eastern Oregon. All Catholic churches of the diocese, it was stated, joined in the prayer.

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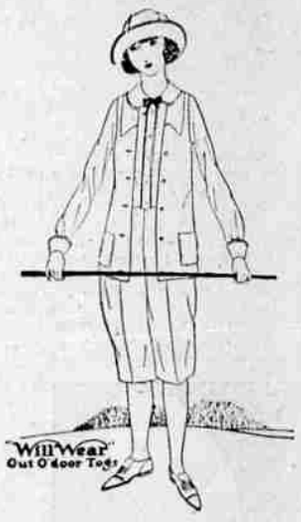

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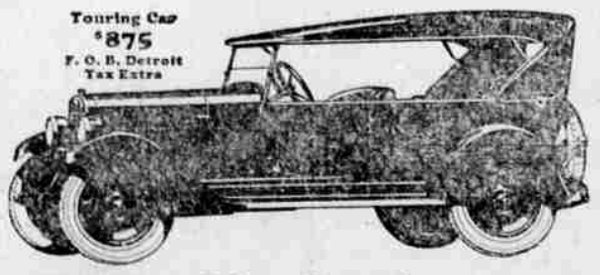

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