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PLAYERS:—O Lord, we know our duty, but we oftentimes
have it, and again find it too hard for us. Do Thou then
make Thy strength perfect in our weakness.

THE OLD HOME TOWN By Stanley



OFFICE CAT



THE OPEN COURT

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

MORE WATER—LESS ARGUMENT.

Editor Observer:
We noticed by the Observer one evening that the deep well enthu-
siasts, like Banquo's ghost, will not
down. We supposed that this
method was given a quietus along
with the Summerville project at
the recent election, but if we are
to be requested to go to the bal-
lot box and hold the expense of
another election why not incor-
porate on the ballot the project of
improving or repairing the Beaver
creek system? A rough estimate of
its cost (no many feet of iron
pipe at 20 much per foot—so
many miles of digging at one
per mile) could be stated on the
ballot and an expression obtained
from the voters in regard to this
along with the seas and joys of
the deep well sentiment.
But for some reason or another
the city dais evince an uncanny
desire to side-step the Beaver
creek project, although it seems
to be in line out of ten of the people
are in favor of a reasonable ex-
penditure in making it a perma-
nent and dependable system. If
there is really some insurmount-
able obstruction in regard to this
the people should be enlightened
so they, too, would quit following
a myth and be induced to get be-
hind some of the other proposi-
tions.
One of the main reasons for the
writer casting his lot in La Grande
was the good water; and we were
assured that there was enough
where the supply was obtained to
supply a city of 20,000 inhabitants.
It seems then when the present
pipe line was laid that it was only
supposed to supply 500 taps, and
today is being asked to keep 1500
going. No wonder when they are
all turned on some of the house
their pipe. The supply for 20,000
is still there, but the pipe line to
convey it to the city is inadequate.
That's simply all there is to it to
the average citizen, and his logic
goes further than the simple re-
medy of putting in a larger pipe.
Since we have been a citizen of
La Grande there has been enough
money spent for high priced con-
sulting engineers, surveys and spec-
ial elections to have gone a long
way toward putting in this larger
pipe line and our troubles would
be over. Right now the 15,000 pro-
posed for sinking a deep well test
would lay two or three of the six-
teen miles of new pipe necessary
in replacing the Beaver creek
line.
Let's buy the pipe, put some
good old hard tinned iron of toll in

As We Honor Our Dead

Memorial Day in La Grande will very properly be ob-
served and tomorrow the entire nation will pay a mournful
tribute to her soldier dead. In a hundred thousand of
America's holy places the leaders of the living will invoke
again the peace of righteousness upon the slumber of them
who lie so still, and muffled drums will beat, and guns
long silent echo forth salute.
And when the smoke has drifted away upon the gentle
breeze of spring, and the sun, breaking through a passing
cloud, has lighted up the tender flowers that deck the
verdant sanctuaries, the sobered throngs will file home
again, heads bared and bent, eyes dimmed, but hearts erect
from touch of that brooding spirit that guards these graves
of green. Night will come and the unchanging stars again
will robe in silvered light these million sepulchres where
sleep the brave. And as the dawn puts out the myriad
of lamps of heaven, the sun will reveal once more the flag
that binds today to the yesterdays, and dedicates all past
and present to the better future.
Tomorrow, if ever, should appear to opened hearts the
vision of the Torch come down to us from hands that
have borne it aloft so proudly. Tomorrow, if ever, should
appear the spirit that fired these unnumbered souls who,
through succeeding generations, have laid their bodies on
the flaming altar of liberty. Tomorrow, if ever, should
we understand that they who have given and yet live,
mother-like, love the more for having given, and cherish
the flag the more dearly for having suffered for it. We
will remember that as the broken ranks pass by.
To serve God, to guard home and country, to win peace
for children and children's children—these are the soldier's
creed. It is a creed that is written in the very soil we
tread today, written in the blood of sacrifice and service.
That the dead we honor shall not have died in vain is,
indeed, the inspired thought of every such rededication
of national impulse as that which will enshrine tomorrow. And
linked with that may well be that other commitment, that
the gay laugh of youth shall not now, or hereafter, be stilled
save when the Torch shall light the grim path to holy duty.
To carry on the work begun is the true memorial.

Important Event

Yesterday the ladies of La Grande enjoyed the annual
Neighborhood club breakfast, which is an event that has
for years been prominent in social affairs of the city.
It is even more than a social occasion, for it is an ex-
ponent of that splendid organization—the Neighborhood
club—which is active in civic affairs also.
La Grande could not get along well without this com-
munity club which is intensely democratic in its views and
customs, which stands for betterment in every phase of
life in this city, which staunchly supports the higher ideals
of life and brings a gentle but firm pressure for good upon
almost every home in the community.
The annual breakfast marks the closing of the year's
work and automatically turns the club over to the newly-
elected administration. The past year has been one of
achievement and under the guidance of Mrs. J. D. Lynch,
the retiring president, the Neighborhood club has not only
kept its place in the sun, so to speak, but it has fostered
a number of undertakings which aid greatly in making
La Grande bigger and better.

Editorials From Over the Nation

May Every Pessimist Choke?
Arthur Cleveland Clarke in the
North American Review: I am
becoming very tired of reading and
hearing negations, the constant
telling of what people do not
think, do not believe, do not like.
Nature adorns a vacuum and so
do I.
So alas and Gosh, for he once
said, "I shall be happy to hear
your convictions, but please keep
your doubts to yourself."
I am weary of the constant
harping on deficiencies and defects,
of being eternally informed of
what's wrong with the world, of
the brutal shaking up of Pan-
dean box of human ills to the
very last atom without leaving
even a little trembling hope be-
hind.

Distance lends enchantment.
Maybe that's the reason so many
boys in Oregon fall so hard for
California.
But at that, most of them
come back to their home state.
He asked a miss what is a kiss.
Grammatically defined.
A kiss is a conjunction
And cannot be declined.
MANY A MAN HAS A GOOD
TIME WHEN HE'S FISHING—
IF HIS WIFE IS NOT ALONG.
Did she marry him for love
or money?
She—For love, of course! He's
a newspaperman!
It took millions of years to
make a man out of monkeys, so
some claim, that a woman can
beat that tremendously. She can
make a monkey out of a man in
five minutes—or less.
A man's wife hunts his
things for him while a bac-
tolic knows just where to find
his own on the floor.
The jury had retired and were
discussing the merits of the case.
"Look here," said one young
jurymen, "if I understand right-
ly, the plaintiff doesn't ask for
damages for lighted affections or
anything of that sort, but only
seems his presents back.
"That's right," agreed the fore-
man.
"Well, then I vote we don't
give him a cent," said the young
jurymen hastily. "If all the fun
he had with that girl didn't cover
the amount the presents cost him
it was his own fault. Gentlemen,
I counted that girl once myself."

A La Grande mother was em-
barrassed beyond words when
her little daughter opened her
savings bank right in front of
the bank clerk and out rolled
\$2.95 in change and a bright red
poker chip.

Obsequious Waiter— Lovely
weather we're having today, sir.
Absent - Minded Patron—"All
right, bring me some."

DURABLE ANYWAY
"For sale—200-year-old White
Lechorn hens. 75 cents each. La
Salle 63118.—Greeley, Colo. Tri-
bune.

A balloonist is a highly en-
thusiased owner of balloon tires.

Peony Growers Plan Display
Of 1,000,000 Blooms at Show

DES MOINES, Ia. (AP)—A mil-
lion peony blooms will be on ex-
hibition here at the National Peony
Show June 14-16. It is stated by
P. T. Meredith, former secretary of
agriculture, who is general chair-
man of the show, Mr. Meredith
said that it will be the greatest ex-
hibition of a single flower ever
held. More than 250 varieties will
be on display.
Exhibitors will be here from all
parts of the United States and Can-
ada. One Massachusetts grower
will bring a carload of peonies
across the country for the event.
Amateurs as well as commercial
growers will exhibit.

Good Fishing Reported.

HOOD RIVER, Ore.—Fishing on
the White Salmon river, Klickitat
county, Washington, is reported
fine by local fishermen who have
visited there the last few days. A
linal catch was made by C. L.
Howard, Arthur Johnson, Frank
Morra and Ernest J. Smith, all lo-
cal anglers.

There seems to be a social rule
that a woman isn't entitled to a
miniature dog until she has three
double chin.

Cheer Up --the less you
have the more there is
to get.

U.B.P. Drifty



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charge of a gang of men who are
not afraid of getting catinuous on
their hands or dislocating their
backs by the constant use of pick
and shovel for eight hours a day,
the new and larger pipe along
side the old pipe, where the dig-
ging will be easier, and where
switches can be made from the old
pipe to the new at low pressure
points, so that our water supply
need not be interrupted for more
than an hour at a time. Then
take up the old pipe and use the
best of it in making the two or
three feeder lines suggested by
others and before we know it we
will have water to spare, and a
lower rate given users because
there will be more to use. This
old survey is good enough, it has
proven itself, and the faults de-
veloping in the pipe laying can be
corrected when the new is put in
place, chief among which would
appear to be flush valves at the
low points to allow any gravel that
might settle there to be washed
out.
Knowing what we know about
the water possibilities of the head
of Beaver creek, we'll gamble our
old friend Tom Brannan, the care-
ful, will fill the pipes with the
purest water obtainable in the
world (and not use storage water
one day a year) and show the way
to us. The pipes (there's without
the expenditure of a single dol-
lar in high priced surveyor or con-
sulting engineer's fees. And we
stand ready at any time to pay
the expenses of any man or body
of men for a trip to Beaver creek
if we cannot satisfy them that
there is plenty of good pure water
to be obtained from that source at
any time of the year. We have
been all over the watershed with
either rod or gun and could not
help seeing the water possibilities.
The big question in La Grande
today is water, and for our city
dais to conclude that the question
is "held on the shelf" because the
people did not see fit to endorse
the Summerville project is sur-
ly jumping at conclusions. We will
get nowhere listening to the sev-
eral leaders or advocates of the
different ways advanced. Put the
facts before the people, the tax-
payers, and let them say what
shall be done. Then let everyone
get behind the majority and see it
through.
We have no axe to grind in our
expressions in this article, and our
reasonings, like our present pipe-
line, may not hold water when
subjected to the analysis of en-
gineers and those acquainted with

all the inside facts, but to the out-
sider it seems that "action" of
some kind is needed more than
argument. More use of pick and
shovel and less of engineer's in-
struments.
Respectfully,
C. N. PALMER.

WOMEN BACK A
DRIVE TO SAVE
FUR PRODUCERS

NEW YORK, (AP)— A cam-
paign to restrict the power of
Dance Fashion, who for "mere de-
coration" compels the extermination
of whole species of fur-bearing
animals," was launched here by
the American Blue Cross Society
with headquarters at Springfield,
Mass., and the New York Women's
League for Animals.
Underbirds of monkey fur, fans
of ermine tails and lace, the para-
sitic which when closed appears to
be a bunch of folded ermine with
an ornament of tortoise shell that
represents the kitten's nose, are
listed by the societies as bizarre
fads which are causing needless
destruction and cruelty.
The Blue Cross campaign against
the summer fur craze a year ago
was effective. Miss Mand Phillips
of Springfield, president of the so-
ciety, said, "but the fashion of
wearing furs for mere decoration
has so increased that fur is being
cut and handled as if it were fab-
ric and not the God-given skin of
an animal."
Novelties like the ermine cape,
described as having a "wide rip-
pling circular flounce that begins

at the neck-line and runs all the
way around a train-like back," or
white fox fur collars to set off or-
gandy are denounced as wholly
unnecessary fads.
The societies urge national-wide
participation in the campaign by
clubs and associations and legisla-
tion prohibiting the setting of traps
except during a short season when
fur is at its best.
Among the officers of both or-
ganizations which are taking an
active interest in the drive are Mrs.
Edith Wharton, Mrs. Lewis Gouver-
neur Morris, Mrs. Frederick W.
Vanderbilt, Mrs. Harry G. Pisk and
Mrs. M. Orme Wilson.

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