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THEY THAT WAIT upon the Lord shall renew their
 strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they
 shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not
 faint.—Isaiah 40:31.

A Good Time

The railroad shopmen came from all parts of the O-W
 system to attend the three-day celebration, and it was a
 thorough success in every way. La Grande was pleased
 to have this influx of people, and it was not at all strange
 to hear on every hand the desire expressed by the visitors
 to be transferred from their present post to this city. The
 reason was plain. Hospitality shone forth from every nook
 and corner and the ladies of the Methodist church fed the
 visitors in a way that would cause any good physical man
 to have the desire to locate where "eats" were so abundant
 and so well served.

Next year, we understand, the occasion is to be marked
 with a barbecue and a general Union Pacific system cele-
 bration. Let 'er come. This city is ready and anxious to
 play host to such a crowd again.

One thing was noticeable and that was the programs
 which were carried out. The shopmen have excellent tal-
 ent among their families and every number presented to
 the public was highly enjoyable.

The East Is Optimistic

While in the northwest there is some talk of business
 slowing down and here and there the drouth is beginning
 to cause stern comment, we take the following bright out-
 look on business from an eastern publication.

The proverb "Where there is smoke there must be fire"
 obviously does not apply to the talk of panic now heard in
 the streets. Street conversation is usually the "smoke"
 of the accident or condition, but in this instance there
 appears to be only a smudge of smoke and no fire. There
 is a lot of gossip about hard times but no cause for either
 the gossip or the hard times.

On the whole business seems to be normal and im-
 proving. There was a slump in the automobile trade and
 textile reports were not encouraging in certain sections of
 the country where abnormal weather conditions retarded
 demands for summer merchandise. The steel business is
 feeling a seasonal depression of little magnitude that may
 change for the better over night. The railroads have suf-
 fered but little from this retrenchment.

An entirely different aspect of business conditions is
 afforded by an examination into financial and retail records.
 The federal reserve announces an appreciable improvement
 in bank clearings over last year and supports favorable
 reports concerning the retail trade. Bank clearings also
 substantiate assurance of a healthy improvement in the
 financial status in agricultural centers.

Whether one takes the hysterical or the level-headed
 view of business conditions it cannot be overlooked by the
 most pessimistic that the building season is only beginning,
 that the harvest season is approaching with prospects of
 good crops and fair prices and that the nation's industries
 have begun the production of merchandise to meet fall and
 winter demands. Another sign of prosperity is the demand
 for agriculture for more labor at a material increase in
 wages, both of which are being met.

If there is any unemployment it is restricted to local-
 ities and not so critical that it can not be absorbed by short-
 ages elsewhere.

Rumors of panics are usually prevalent in the United
 States in the fall and winter and are least frequent in the
 spring. Why such rumors should be afloat this spring,
 when conditions are so generally favorable, will remain a
 mystery to those intimate with actual conditions.

Editorials From Over the Nation

SAY, THAT'S OUR POLE!
 (Detroit News) For fifteen years
 Americans have been lulled into
 a state of blissful security. They
 have been led to believe that they
 possessed an unchallenged title to
 that parcel of the earth, particu-
 larly described as 99 north land-
 together with all and sundry the
 hereditaments thereto attached.
 Pride of possessing the North pole
 has glowed deep in every American
 heart since that fateful day when
 Admiral Robert E. Peary reported
 his discovery. Indeed, the pres-
 ident to glow when Dr. Frederick
 Cook announced the pole's discov-
 ery somewhat prematurely.
 And now in the hour of peace

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



GRANDPA HARRINGTON CAME NEAR LOSING HIS WATCH TODAY WHEN HIS LITTLE GRANDSON SWALLOWED HIS WATCH CHARM AND FIVE INCHES OF CHAIN.

American ideals. Every leeborg must do its duty.

BRIGHTENING UP THE HEARSE

The Nation's Associated Undertakers have voted to disguise their hearses as ordinary limousines. They believe that there is no need of somber hearses passing through the streets to remind people of death—there is enough of gloom in the world.

First expression of that feeling came last year with a vote to eliminate black gloves at funerals and to make mortuaries bright and attractive.

Well, why not? Surely no one will accuse those thoughtful morticians of pressing unduly for patronage.

It is not likely that the bright and attractive mortuaries of mortuary establishments will prevail over present interests of the world.

But there is prospect of other consequences. With every limousine a potential hearse, pedestrians run down could be transported direct to cemeteries—a sort of through service.

Although the ultimate conspiracy in the case might not care greatly about problems of distribution, his relatives might be concerned with possible elimination of the middleman.

All without change of uniform our roving Jehus could assume either the character of commiserator or of the cortege—"Tag! Heave! Tass!" might easily give way to "Habeas corpus! Habeas corpus!"

An Attack on Pie
 The Nation's Business: The food value of pies is not worth the time spent in their making, says the Farm Extension Service of New Hampshire to the farm women of the state.

The extension workers seek to reduce the burdens of farm life. They find that the average farm woman in New Hampshire labors nearly 4000 hours—an eleven-hour day, including Sundays and holidays.

That conclusion was based on charts kept by representative farmers of the cottage—"Tag! Heave! Tass!" might easily give way to "Habeas corpus! Habeas corpus!"

But whoever rated a pie for its food value? Pies are national institutions. They have become big business, and are now featured by smart bakers.

Pies got down to our very beginnings—the mind pie of childhood is close to our organic dust. And what an essence of cheer is the pastry of mince-meat at Christ-
 mas.

Away with the horror of testing the value of pies with time. Their importance is not so measured. We live and die in the character of pies—pretentious, half-baked parades of ingenuity filling to become no more than dirt pies, with hope of having our upper crust raised or demolished.

There is revolt in Detroit because the street railway employes are asked to abandon the celluloid collar. We have always felt that some day a great national issue would shake the whole country to the very depths.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

The painter of the portrait of King George will know better next time than to depict His Majesty as of weak understanding.—Middle Register.

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BY JUNIUS

FIGURES NEVER LIE—IN A BATHING SUIT.

DOUBLE-CROSSED.
 "I—Yep, I had a beard like yours once, and when I realized how it made me look, I cut it off."

"I—Well—I had a face like yours once, and when I realized that I couldn't cut it off, I grew this beard, by heck."

I call my sweetie Ketchup—she's pure but artificially colored.

TO MISS FLAPPER.
 Blessings on thee, little Dame. Bare-back girls with knees the same.

With thy rolling siltken hose. With thy short transparent clothes.

With thy red lips—redder more. Smear'd with lip-stick from a store.

And thy makeup on thy face. And thy bobbed hair's jaunty grace.

From thy heart I give thee joy. Glad that I was born a boy.

Without consulting any of the authorities on etiquette, we will answer the question, "When is the proper time for a man to lift or remove his hat?" for the benefit of our readers. At the following times and on the following occasions, respectively, the hat should be removed or lifted as circum-
 stances indicate: When mopping the brow; when taking a bath; eating; when going to bed; when taking up a collection; when having the hair trimmed; when being shampooed, and when standing on the board.

She—"What 'ave you got in the shape of barmen today?"
 Street Merchant—"Cucumbers, lady."

A suggestion for Bible revision might read, "Let him among you who has not been investigated

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

U.B. Phrifty



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HER REVEALING SMILE

"A rather tall, slender girl, with golden hair, a fair skin, deep blue eyes, a rather large, shapely mouth which, when she smiles, disclosed perfect teeth and perfect feet."
 From a description of a "movie" heroine in the Pomona (Cal.) Program.

Brooks—"A girl is known by the clothes she wears."
 Luxenburg—"Nobody knows my girl."

A pig's tail is like a breakfast at 5 o'clock in the morning. It's twirly.

Perhaps the reason that women are seldom complimented in court is that all the men are on their oaths to tell the truth.

What the president needs, apparently, is a good medium to do a few cabinet tricks for him.

The working girl's problem: "Whether to stay a single and work for twenty dollars a week, or marry and work for twenty kisses a year."

It is charged that American girls are becoming hardboiled, but that as it may, Leap year is the year they scramble.

You may be in love with a dozen, but you can only kiss one at a time.

Library Chats

JUVENILE READING COURSE
 "Is the library going to have a race?" piped one of the library's juvenile borrowers of the assistant at the desk. Visions of a track meet staged in the library rose before the startled vision of the librarian, until a little further questioning revealed the fact that the small borrower was referring to the summer reading contest.

Yes, the library is staging a very interesting reading course for the boys and girls of La Grande. It is not a race, however, and no prize will be offered to the one who reads the largest number of books. The course is intended to encourage reading during the summer months when the usual tendency is to spend most of the time in play.

The boys and girls have two lists of books to choose from, the A list for grades six, seven and eight and the B list for grades three, four and five. Those who wish to enroll for the summer reading course are to read twenty books on their particular list, and are to submit a short essay on the subject. "The book I liked best and why" after they have finished reading the required number. As a special incentive the library will give a diploma to any boy or girl who satisfactorily completes the course.

About twenty very interesting new books have been recently purchased for this special course. What boy or girl can fail to be interested with such fascinating titles as "Lady Green Satin and Her Maid Rosette," "Rainbow Gold" or "The Enchanted Runners" to choose from. Mingled with these attractive books are many old standards such as "Water Babies" and Hawthorne's "Wonder Book."

There is one privilege still left for royalty. It yet can turn down the stage and movie stars, Talladega (Ala.) Home.

As of further possible interest to his farmer friends, Brookhart sets

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HUNT'S LETTER

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ican's circulation lists have been boosted by contributions from every line of "protected" industry.

Even Harry Sinclair, of Sinclair Oil Co. fame, is shown as having sent in \$1000 to pay for subscriptions for 1000 of his favored friends and employees.

Steel companies, wire mills, foundries, knitting mills, electrical, chemical and lumber industries—the whole range of manufacturing and "business" activities—are represented in the list of donors which have sent their dollars to the Lockwood-Adams publication to assist in the dissemination of a "safe and sane" Republican doctrine.

"These farmers of Iowa," says Brookhart in effect as he displays the sworn list of such contributors which he has in his possession, "are the interests which order you to 'Beat Brookhart.'"

"They ask you to 'Beat Brookhart' because he demands for the farmer some part of the protection and assistance the government has given them, and which has kept them prosperous even while agriculture was being made bankrupt."

"These are the interests you will serve by 'Beating Brookhart,' not the interests of the farmers who comprise 55 per cent of Iowa's population and produce the bulk of her business."

"Just think that over when you mark your ballot."

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out as typifying the stand-pat, conservative viewpoint of the National Republican, the following as its present or past chief stockholders; in addition to Lockwood and Adams:

William Boyce Thompson of New York; Charles D. Hillis, former national chairman; Jim Hemmingsway, former senator and committeeman from Indiana; Secretary of War John W. Weeks; Senator McKinley of Illinois and A. T. Hart, committeeman from Kentucky.

It is proved that Brookhart has killed off his opposition with his one shot, he will have put his political marksmanship on a par with his skill with his old regulation service rifle.

PUBLICITY WAS INCENTIVE FOR LEAVING NATION

BUCHARIST (AP)—Kings and queens do not have it all their own way in these days after the war.

Queen Marie of Rumania, while in Paris, got a sharp reminder of that fact when she was notified in a private dispatch that the government intended to abdicate her crown as soon as she returned home.

She had invited her son-in-law, ex-King George of Greece, to abdicate.

The invitation was the result of a statement to the effect that whatever the Greek republicans now in power would like him to do, he had no intention of doing it.

He added that the throne of Greece was his and his children's, and he did not intend to abdicate, either

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ENBALMING

The art of preserving dead bodies from decay was widely practiced among the ancients, and was carried to its greatest perfection in Egypt. The body so preserved was there called a mummy, a word derived from the Arabic for bitumen. This art seems to have derived its origin from the idea that the preservation of the body was necessary for the return of the soul to the human form after it had completed its cycle of existence of 3,000 or 10,000 years. The art appears as old as 4600 B. C., at least, for the bodies of Cheops, Mycerinus, and others of the age of the Fourth Dynasty, were embalmed. There were three methods of embalming, the method chosen by the relatives of the deceased, depending upon his rank and means. The first process described cost one talent of silver (\$1,000), the second twenty minae (\$200), and the third, which was very simple, cost very little.

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