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THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD GOD is upon me; because
the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the
meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to
proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the
prison to them that are bound.—Isaiah 61:1.

"First Class"

La Grande's postoffice is now a first class postoffice.
By this it is not meant that Postmaster Huron and his
corps of assistants have not been running a good post-
office heretofore, but Uncle Sam has a way of determin-
ing the superlative in postoffices by putting a speedometer
on the cash box. When over \$40,000 has been received
in stamp sales in one year our old faithful uncle moves
up the class of the office. That has been reached in La
Grande the past year, showing the steady, permanent
growth of the city.

It is a satisfaction to all citizens to know that we have
gone over the top in postoffice matters and that La
Grande is rated by the department as a "first class" office.
Every town aspires to this distinction, but the only way
to achieve it is by increased business, which has so hap-
pily been experienced here, and the only way to have in-
creased business is to have a growing, healthy community.

La Grande is all of that. She's first class in a hun-
dred ways including her postoffice business.

Cherries and Strawberries

Just because Cove goes out and grabs every gold medal
for the best cherries raised in the whole world is no good
reason why she cannot claim some distinction as a pro-
ducer of strawberries.

A festival the other evening at the home of Mrs. Con-
klin in Cove demonstrated beyond doubt that Cove not
only produces the fine cherries but that she also has a
flood river bent on producing excellent strawberries.

Honoring a Good Man

Next Saturday afternoon the bar of Union county will
hold a memorial service in honor of the late Thomas H.
Crawford, who was once judge of this district and for a
lifetime was an upright, straightforward lawyer whose in-
tellect and ability shone throughout the state, whose ster-
ling manhood shed a fine influence upon old and young
alike. Judge Crawford's memory will be honored by the
attorneys with whom he so long associated and worked.

"As She Is Spoke"

The king's English can be put to strange and varied
uses. On suitable occasions it may be used to induce medi-
tation to the point of drowsiness on the part of persons
whose avowed purpose in attending this devotional exer-
cise is really not that of going to sleep. From the lips
of a fire-brand orator it may fan into flames primitive pas-
sions that have long lain dormant.

Quite the most unique use of the king's English, how-
ever, is to be found in the annals of sport. The average
citizen secure in the belief that he understands his mother
tongue since he has written and spoken it all his life will
find many a paragraph from the sport page to the under-
standing of which neither dictionary nor grammar textbook
will help him. For instance:

"Wallie Pipp greeted the newcomer with a slap against
the barrier of the right field stand for two bases, and
Peck crossed the platter while Ruth stopped at third. Lee
caged Mempel's lift. Thereupon Frank Baker whanged the
globe to deep right center for a triple, which conveyed
Ruth and Pipp over the disk. After Ward had fanned,
Baker tallied off Schang's one base jolt to the left. Jack
Quinn whiffed for the curtain fall."

Here, as everyone will admit, is English composition
which addresses itself to a large reading public. Excepting
the proper nouns, every word of it is in good standing
in the dictionary, and still to one not versed in the jargon
of baseball the paragraph is altogether unintelligible. But
what is still more baffling than its unintelligibility is the
fact that to those skilled in the vernacular of baseball the
very strangeness of the language is intended to add a charm
to the message conveyed. Verily, the king's English may
be put to a variety of uses.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



OLD MAN ROBERTS WAS SO EXCITED WHEN HE TOOK THE MESSAGE FROM THE MUD COVERED TELEGRAM OPERATOR AND STATION ATTENDANT, HE DROPPED THE OIL LAMP.

OFFICE CAT



BY JUNIUS

"On what kind of a horse did Paul Revere take his midnight ride?" asked the teacher.

"Oh, I think it was a night-mare," the pupil replied.

WORLD TRIAGEDIES

The saxophone was invented in 1846.

Jazz started in 1915.

Sport skirts were kicked out in 1922.

"Yes, We Have No Bananas" was written in 1925.

Some girls that have their heads shingled should be shingled on another part of their bodies.

A fool there was and he hitched his star (Given as you and I) To a battered five-year old mud and tar.

We called it a joke that had gone too far, But the fool—he called it his motor car. (Given as you and I).

First La Grander: "Smith is a cheerful fellow. Did you notice he was whistling as he loaned me \$10?"

Second Ditto: "Yes, But the time happened to be 'Tost's Good Bye Forever!'"

Sheklat came down to the office this morning to soliloquize with his Jintan in still more of his and so he thought maybe he might find a nuttish or two to gab with him and possibly offer him a solution for his love problem. Inasmuch as our politicians do not care for the "Love-Jorn" and "Star" that reason he have no sympathetic editor on the staff, we couldn't help him any further. Sheklat says we haven't bettered his cause much anyhow. Finally he decided to go and just before leaving, the sporting editor asked him, "What do you think of our ball team?" Sheklat, just before slugging the



Week-end Specials

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ACCOMPLISHED MUCH AT MEET

"My husband," claims an em-
ployee of a La Grande business
house, "used to play the harp
wonderfully." As an afterthought
she added: "But now he pick-
s on me."

"Yes," he said, "I could like
a man to run the lawn mower
but I like to do it for the ex-
ercise."

It is hoped that much will be
accomplished in today's sessions
of the Eastern Oregon Christian
church convention. Addresses will
be given by various speakers both
of La Grande and vicinity and
from more distant local cities.

One of the most important
speeches given this morning was
that of W. J. Turner of St. Louis,
Mo., on the subject, "The Field is
the World." This was the keynote
address of the convention. Five
15-minute addresses, "Aims and
Accomplishments" were given dur-
ing the morning session by Mrs.
Byerlee, a returned missionary
from Africa; Mrs. M. H. Etes, of
Milton; Mrs. W. O. Livingston of
Heppner, Ore.; and Guy Drill of
Fossilton, Ore. Mrs. Byerlee, from
Africa, gave an address on his mis-
sion experiences in Africa.

In the afternoon session the
work will be divided into three
divisions (Children's, Young Peo-
ple's and Adults) to permit spe-
cialization. M. L. Pettie of Wal-
lowa will deliver the main sermon
this evening, "The Church of
Christ." Song worship will be con-
ducted by W. E. M. Hackleman
of Indianapolis, Ind., who will
close the evening session with an
illustrated lecture on songs.

Hora Glasses an Atrocity,
Says British Eye Expert

LONDON, (AP)—Clement Jeff-
ery, an eminent eye dissectionist,
does not like the vogue which in
recent years has prevailed of wear-
ing horn-rimmed spectacles. Lec-
turing on "the nation's eyes" in
London recently, he said that the
wearing of horn-rimmed spec-
tacles by adults was an atrocity.

Mr. Jeffery added that the chief
cause of myopia was not near work
as is generally supposed, but men-
tal strain. If all lessons could be
made interesting and teachers and
parents were patrons of love and
patience, then myopia would be
wiped out of the nation's defects.



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Investigation of Missis- sippi Explosion Brings Out Important Facts.

SAN PEDRO, Cal. (AP)—Battl-
e-ship gun turrets, while giving the
men who serve the guns valuable
protection from an enemy's fire,
are, under other circumstances, by
the very nature of their construc-
tion, veritable death traps to the
sailors they were designed to pro-
tect, according to testimony devel-
oped Wednesday at the investiga-
tion of the explosion aboard the
Mississippi last Thursday in which
48 lives were lost.

This point was brought forward
by Lieut. Commander Edward J.
Foy, gunnery officer of the battle-
ship New Mexico, and it was indi-
cated that the courts of inquiry
would recommend to the navy de-
partment that means of escape
from gun turrets on all battleships
be provided.

Lieutenant Commander Foy, de-
tailing the work of rescue follow-
ing the flareback in No. 2 turret
of the Mississippi, said that he was
"forcibly impressed with the neces-
sity for some method of escape
from the gun turrets, either by
hatches in the tops of the turrets
or by openings in the rear."

The possibility of one of the in-
dex tags on the silk TNT contain-
ers having found its way by mis-
take into the No. 2 turret guns in
hold for the next charge a spark
that would ignite prematurely, was
mentioned in the testimony of
E. Godwin, seaman of the New
Mexico, who was posted as an ob-
server in the upper handling room
of No. 1 turret on the Mississippi
the day the explosion occurred.

Godwin said he had removed two
of the tags from bags in trans-
it to the guns and added that he
had not seen any of the Missis-
sippi's gun crews do so.

F. J. Ryner of turret No. 2, who
was so seriously burned by the
flareback that it was believed that
he might die, Wednesday was re-
ported improving aboard the hos-
pital ship Lehigh. His testimony is
expected to throw valuable light on
the cause of the disaster.

Governor Pierce Will Speak at Linn Reunion

EUGENE, Ore. (AP)—Govern-
or Walter Pierce of Oregon will
be the principal speaker at the an-
nual reunion and picnic of the
Linn county pioneers at Brown-
ville June 18 and 19 and 21, ac-
cording to announcement by the
committee in charge.

This reunion and picnic has been
an annual affair with the pioneers
of that county for the past 30 years
and is usually attended by thou-
sands from all over the Willamette
valley.

READ THE CLASSIFIED ADS

National Forest Timber For Sale

Sealed bids will be received
by the Forest Supervisor, Bak-
er, Oregon, up to and includ-
ing July 21, 1924, for all the
merchantable dead timber
standing or down, and all the
live timber marked or desig-
nated for cutting on an area
embracing about 270 acres
within secs. 19, 20, and 30, T.
3 S., R. 41 E., W. M., Mill
Creek watershed, Whitman Na-
tional Forest, Oregon, estimat-
ed to be 2,758,000 feet B. M.
more or less, of western yellow
pine, Douglas fir, western
larch and white fir timber. No
bid of less than \$3.25 per M.
feet for yellow pine, \$1.50 per
M. feet for Douglas fir and
larch, and \$1.50 per M. feet
for white fir, will be consid-
ered. \$250.00 must be de-
posited with each bid to be
applied on the purchase price,
refunded, or retained in part
as liquidated damages, accord-
ing to conditions of sale. The
right to reject any and all
bids reserved. Before bids are
submitted, full information
concerning the timber, the
conditions of sale, and the sub-
mission of bids should be ob-
tained from the Forest Super-
visor, Baker, Oregon.

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