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HE THAT IS SLOW TO ANGER IS BETTER THAN THE
MIGHTY; AND HE THAT RULETH HIS OWN SPIRIT
THAN HE THAT TAKETH A CITY.—Proverbs 16:32.

This Weather

As a rule hot weather is welcomed in Eastern Oregon but this is one of the "offest of the off years" and these burning hot days are taking their toll from an already very dry area. Lack of moisture has rendered this portion of the great Inland Empire almost a proverbial desert this season, and we had just as well face the facts.

Union and Wallowa counties are probably the most fortunate in securing rain, but in the Grande Ronde valley where a failure is unknown to man the crops will be light. In Baker county no one can yet estimate the loss by the season for that county is intensely dry and the stockmen are planning to dump every animal that will do for slaughter on a market which is not the best.

This is a year when we are not the victims of the weevil, nor the political reformer, but the weather has dealt us a poor hand. Each day a brassy sky tells of the prolonged heat with no indication of rain, and each day the crops continue to shrivel and shrink.

Truly, the path of the farmer is a hard one, but this year it is extremely hard.

Those War Songs

From the early days of the Civil war even to the present "John Brown's Body" has been a popular marching song. It was a song that caught the popular fancy in the stress of war and few, probably, thought or cared who wrote it. A Boston paper has delved into its origin and the result appears to be that it was not written by any one person, but, like Topsy, it "grew."

It had its beginning, according to the account given, with a glee club among soldiers on defense duty in Boston harbor in 1861. It was not a spontaneous production, several persons contributing. Thus it was an evolution with no thought, probably, on the part of those who had a share in arranging it that they were producing a song that would be sung by many thousands of Union soldiers on many a weary march. An improvisation, it finally took form and was published and it survives to this day. The Boston soldiers went away singing "John Brown's Body" and it soon spread to all the loyal forces.

In the same connection the setting that inspired Julia Ward Howe to write the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" is noted. In company with her husband and other friends Mrs. Howe attended some reviews in Virginia near Washington. Riding home at night through the Virginia woods with Union soldiers marching by their side singing "John Brown's Body," while the moonlight glittered on their bayonets, the spectacle provided the inspiration for the battle hymn. Thus there is a connection between the two famous songs, products of the civil conflict. The difference is that one grew, the other was an individual product.

The many personal friends of Eugene Holmes, who was taken ill in La Grande several days ago, are pleased to know that he is fighting the fight for life in a most noble manner and that the change of late is for the good. Indications now point to the bettered condition as permanent and that he will gradually gain back his physical strength and be himself once more. This thought is decidedly refreshing and pleasant, for Mr. Holmes has a multitude of friends in the state whose sincere wish is for a speedy recovery.

La Grande will not celebrate at home tomorrow, but her people will be found scattered over different celebration grounds in Eastern Oregon. The spirit of the day is in the hearts of our people if we did decide to celebrate with our neighbors this year.

A German has invented a means by which grand opera may be transmitted by telephone, providing all the thrill for those not present except seeing how the women are dressed.

Tomorrow the highways will be jammed with traffic. Took after your brakes before you start and leave the moonshine out of the trip.

The straw hat bravely keeps up the uneven struggle.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



ELEGANT ROOMS WHO JUST RETURNED HOME
AFTER EIGHTEEN YEARS' ABSENCE, WAS SO MANY SILK SHIRTS
AND NICE THINGS HIS MOTHER WASHES TWICE A WEEK
SO THE NEIGHBORS CAN ALL GET A GOOD LOOK.

OFFICE CAT



BY JUNIUS

Another invention needed in this sweltering weather is something that will keep a kiss from skidding.

But at that it isn't hot in La Grande. Not Over-In Pendleton, they tell us, the housewives don't build fires to cook with—they merely put the egg in the frying pan and hold it up to the sun for three minutes.

Now is also an ideal time to procure that handsome summer vacation complexion.

"She's sure a hard-boiled female," said the nightster as he gazed at Venus de Milo.

First Little Girl: "Do you believe there's a devil?"
Second Little: "No, it's like Santa Claus. It's your father."

If you don't believe that the world is going to the dogs, ask the older inhabitants.

"Darling," he cried in tender tones, "I never have loved but three!"
"Then we must part," the maiden said.
"No amateurs for me."

City Man: "Have you a wireless set in your home?"
Henpeck: "Well, we have a broadcaster and a receiver. Henrietta does the broadcasting and I do the receiving."

Some modern children, however, are considerate enough to refrain from bawling out their parents before company.

Three Graces in Disguise
The heights of faith: The young man who sends flowers to a girl who has broken a date on account of illness.

The heights of hope: The man who calls a girl for a date at 8 o'clock Saturday evening.

The heights of charity: The girl who suggests they go to the movies.
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Grand Jury Indicts Three.

EUGENE, Ore.—The Lane county grand jury indicted three men and adjourned until call of the court. Charles Brown was indicted for burglary in a cigar store. He waived time for sentence and was sent to the state penitentiary for three years. Chris Broden and Ed Horsted were indicted on a charge of possessing the worm of a moonshine still. It is alleged that they were connected with the operation of a still seized near Oakridge a few days ago by deputy sheriffs and federal prohibition agents.

Insurance Fees Larger
SALEM, Ore.—Receipts for the state insurance department for the first six months of 1924 aggregated \$561,853.34, as against \$312,586.27 for the preceding 12 months, according to Will H. Moore, state insurance commissioner.

The increase in this year's receipts is due to the levy of a tax of 2 1/2 per cent on gross returns of the various insurance corporations, instead of a tax of 2 1/2 per cent on the net returns, as was levied prior to the last session of the legislature.



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BUICK MODEL IS JUST OUT

The question which annually presents itself to motorists, and the answer to which is generally looked forward to with keenest interest, is: "What is Buick going to do?" This is partially answered this year in an announcement just made public to the effect that the car made in Flint, Michigan, is to add another six-cylinder model to its line. This news was given out to the members of the press, and the public will have its first view of the new Buick six immediately.

It is called the Standard Six, and to show that it is a car of ample size it need only be stated that the wheel base is 314 2-3 inches. Other high spots in connection with the details are that it has a completely self-lubricating valve-in-head engine, four-wheel

brakes, and low pressure tires. The new engine is a model of simplicity and accessibility with several improvements that go to show that no matter how complete and advanced the work of Buick engineers may be from year to year, there is still room for betterment.

The new chassis will offer eight body models as follows: A five-passenger touring; the same with an enclosed body and heater; a two-passenger roadster; the same with a closed top and heater; a five-passenger sedan; and a four-passenger coupe. The permanent tops which can be obtained with the open models are of glass and are fitted tightly to the tunnel. These models have either leather upholstery or may be had with durable cloth lining.

The engine is a valve-in-head type with automatic lubrication throughout and with the cylinder head removable. The clutch and transmission form integral parts of the engine which is suspended at three points from the main frame. The crankshaft is drop-forging, extra heavy and balanced with four large bearings. The pistons and connecting rods are properly

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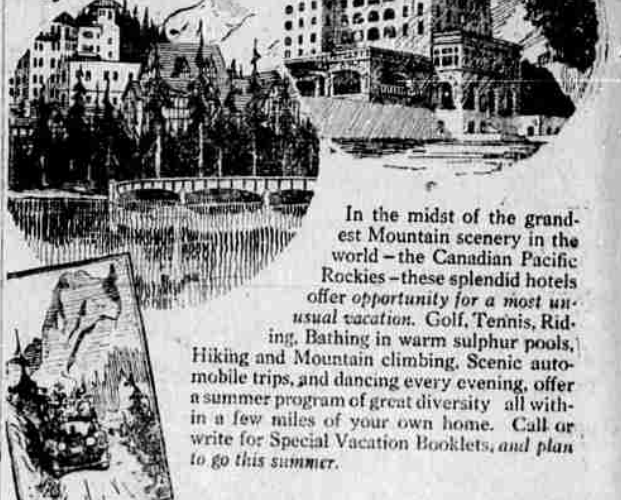
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