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WHEN THE RIGHTEOUS ARE IN AUTHORITY, THE
PEOPLE REJOICE; BUT WHEN THE WICKED BEAR THE
RULE, THE PEOPLE MOURN.—Proverbs 29:2.

France Comes Back

The vital statistics of nations are not of much interest
to anyone except real statesmen and members of the medi-
cal profession. However, if the showing by one great
nation attracts world attention more than another it is
that of France. Because so much of the heavy fighting in
the Great War was on French soil, and her losses were
proportionately larger than any other nation, the vital statis-
tics of France have received increased attention since
the armistice.

It is gratifying to the well wishers of the gallant re-
public to learn from a report of the French minister of
labor that in 1923 France made progress in the right direc-
tion. The outstanding feature is the death rate, which was
at 17 per thousand last year, the lowest ever recorded in
that country. The total decrease was 27,000 compared with
the previous year. In the matter of living births there
was an increase of 2,000 although marriages de-
creased by 27,000 as compared with 1922.

In 1913 the population of France was 41,486,272, against
39,209,518 at the close of 1923. The largest number of
marriages in any year since the war was 623,860 in 1920,
and the smallest 356,501 in 1923. Possibly the explanation
for this wide difference may be found in the fictitious
prosperity which France enjoyed in the former year when
she was in the midst of her rehabilitation activities, based
upon high expectations of receiving reparations from Ger-
many, while the falling off last year may have been based
upon a conviction that payment for war losses will be
slow, if ever, and the country has had to face increased
taxation which tended to raise the cost of living.

Another interesting point in connection with statistics
just made public is the revelation of the increase in immi-
gration (counting only manual laborers) that has occurred
in France since the war. In 1921 1,500,000 entered the
country and last year the total exceeded 2,000,000. This
movement surpasses any ever experienced by the United
States. The largest number in our history was 1,285,349
in 1907, the year which marked the climax in a periodical
business boom. The second largest annual immigration to
the United States was 1,208,480 in 1914, from which
total there was a drop to 110,818 in 1918. It is not im-
probable, now that the rehabilitation boom has completely
subsided and financial difficulties have arisen over cur-
rency inflation, that an exodus of common laborers from
France will occur this year, and possibly that country will
be confronted with a problem similar to that which has
occurred in the United States, resulting in a revision in
immigration laws, which went into effect this month.

Let's Get to Business Now

National conventions have been held. Those who had
contemplated a possibility of a change in administration
at Washington now think differently and the fight be-
tween the two old political parties starts so unevenly that
Coolidge's election is assured and business can proceed
without the long wait until after March 4th.

We believe all sides are rather pleased at this phase
of the matter. Had the Democratic party avoided the re-
ligious issue and nominated McAdoo the campaign might
have become an active one.

The powder was spent at the convention and cannot be
spent again. Senator Davis, the nominee, is a fine man,
an able man, but no man in all the nation could accept
the nomination after such a row with any hope of success.

As for the vice presidential nomination, no comment
is necessary. Governor Bryan is not national size and
apparently was placed on the ticket only to appease his
brother, William J. Bryan, whose political influence has
long since subsided.

But why review the late unpleasantness? Is it not
sufficient to repeat again and realize that Calvin Coolidge
will be the next president regardless of what any indi-
vidual may think of him or his party. And this being
true, let's settle down to active business and try and pull
the nation out of the depressed business condition which
appears in several spots.

"A circular movement is noticed in the flounces of new
frocks." Probably accounts for the fact that some of the
latter gowns seem to make us dizzy.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley

Editorials From
Over the Nation

THEY DO NOT THINK

Omaha World Herald: Suspicion, jealousy and death—strange things to follow in the wake of unselfish love, yet they resulted after an act of affection of a Chicago youth for his mother.

It was Mother's day, and he bought her flowers, even arranging them in a vase, perhaps, as an anonymous surprise. When she could not tell her husband from whence they came, he shot and killed her—and then himself.

Such is the human race now that it considers itself grown and competent. This husband is not the only one who has shot and thought later. Nations do it, too. And it is all because people do not think.

If people ever find out they have to think—not day dream—they'll think a hole clear through the cause of conflict and find out what truly means.

These "men of action" are great fellows and proud. Writers of fiction have exalted them many times over, because without thought on the author's part exciting actions can be conceived.

Millions learn of the Chicago incident and are nauseated. They know they would not have acted that way; yet those among them who do not think do many things as irrational.

GRAZZING A TENDERFOOT.
Raffan Record: According to the late Ed Pierce, then editor of the Record, this is how the boys handled fresh tenderfoots twenty-five years ago:

"A young man who wore a pair of yellow alabaster shoes and a cash and door vest went up on the Cannon hill train as far as Cavalier and intermediate points last Monday to sell face curtains and back plaster to the dealers along the line.

"He was out of sight of the deep sea and its blue roar for the first time, but he didn't care about everything knowing it, so he rode in the caboose and spit over his chin at the stove and gave the conductor a cigarette and led in the conversation. He told some quiet, stumping stories, and punctured his remarks very nicely by spitting on the stove, and picking his teeth with an extension case knife.

"There were other traveling men on the train, not from Boston but from St. Paul. One in particular had traveled over this country before it had been discovered by the railroads, and he, like the rest of the men in the caboose, was getting tired of listening to the face curtain dispenser paring his stories in the middle and walking down the part. So the pioneer traveling man asked one of the brakemen if the place they were then passing was not where Prairie Grass Jack and his gang had held up the train the last trip. The brakeman looked at a mark in the window to designate the place and said it was, and that counting back they had orders to stop and pick up the remains of some traveling men from New York who kicked on giving up their money.

"Someone saw one of Prairie Grass' men riding a horse in the distance. Several short, unwatched stories were hastily told, and the express messenger in the forward end of the car got out another revolver and drank some cold tea.

"The engineer blew the whistle to warn some cattle to move on. This was taken by the traveling man who had been doing the spitting as a general alarm, and he put up his knife and gave the conductor a dollar to allow him room with the dope pill and the log chains under the cupola for the rest of the trip. He hired a guide at Cavalier and drove to Hamilton and is now on the back track."

Wild Birds Nest in Confidence.
YORK, Pa. (AP)—The unusual sight of a family of partridges nesting on the roof of a six-story office building in the heart of the business section of the city, is attracting attention here. The roof is of pitch covered with a half-inch of gravel. One of the birds is mothering her brood of two young ones.

Those who go to the roof to watch the birds can do so without disturbing them, as the instinct of the partridge prompts it to still when danger is sensed, and to rely upon its natural camouflage for protection. According to workers in the building, the birds have been coming there regularly for several years.

It's a very weak cause that must quote Lincoln or Washington to justify itself.

OFFICE CAT



SO HE DIED YOUNG.
Customer: "I would like to see a pair of shoes that would fit my feet."
Salesman: "So Would I."

Up at our boarding house there are two children, a boy and a girl. The boy is the living photograph of his father, and the girl is the very photograph of her mother.

HE WAS PARTICULAR.
School Teacher (to boys): "Now, all you desire to go to heaven when you die, stand up!"
Little Jimmie remained seated.
Teacher: "Why, Jimmie? Don't you want to go there, too?"
Jimmie: "Yes, ma'am, but not if that bunch is going."

Jimmie: "They're not delivering any mail to Cleveland!"
Jimmie: "Why's that?"
Jimmie: "He's dead!"

A boy's idea of a hypocrite is another boy who runs to school every morning.

Q: "What can I do to avoid falling hair?"
A: "Jump out of the way."

The average man's idea of interior decoration is a square meal.

A La Grande man recently sent a faithful home to his family in the country. The next week he received a letter asking him when a rover from New York.

JUST ARRIVED

New Stock of

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U.B. Thrifty says—

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A man can live on less after he's married.

La Grande NATIONAL BANK
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the ears were coming.

An optimist is one who can enjoy his car without thinking of the mortgage.

Mankind is no longer safe. A Cleveland woman dry agent arrested a man while he was taking an abettage.

MEET 'EM EVERY DAY.
"Don't you find it hard these times to meet expenses?"
"Hard? Man alive! I meet expenses at every turn."

Mother to Sister's gentleman friend: "How did you scratch your face?"
S. G. P.: "A cat scratched me." Little brother: "Bigger, he called you a cat."

The old fashioned woman who used to think of nothing but her house now has her bobbed hair to look after.

Probably the main reason why so many pretty women marry homely men is that there are so many homely men.

It is better to have loved and lost than to have married and been shot by a jealous spouse.

One advantage of a radio concert is that you can smoke, while, or drum with your feet without being annoyed by the usher.

As to Mary Garden signing a contract to play a wordless role in a new play she ought to do well. It wasn't words that made Mary famous.

Obituary

BAKER MAN DEAD.

BAKER, Ore. (Special)—Jackson W. Heninger, a leading citizen and well known citizen of Baker, died at the St. Elizabeth hospital at 2 o'clock Friday morning, following a set-in of complications resulting from an operation for appendicitis performed early Monday.

The deceased had resided in Baker for twenty years having come here from Chilhowie, Virginia, where he was born April 1, 1869. He had been in the employ of the Stoddard Lumber company and in municipal affairs had served several years in an efficient and capable manner.

Mr. Heninger was a member of the local Elks' Lodge 335, and the I. O. O. F. No. 25. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p. m. Sunday at Elks' Temple with the Rev. A. J. Starnier officiating.

FORMER LA GRANDE RESIDENT.

Word has been received here of the death of Francis Key, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Key, of Western Springs, Illinois, formerly of La Grande.

Her death, which occurred at the school of which she was a member, was very sudden, following an illness of only a few moments from heart failure caused by an attack of acute indigestion.

The remains were brought to Astoria for burial in the family plot of Mrs. Key's parents.

100 Tourists Reach Ashland.
ASHLAND, Ore.—Ninety-eight cars of tourists, bearing nearly 400 persons, stopped last night in Ashland's auto camp. California had more than half of the machines in the camp, Oregon had 33, and Washington 7. One was a rover from New York.

July Sale

The FLORSHEIM SHOE



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SALE ENDS THURSDAY JULY 17

States Complete Sharply For New Device of Death

LONDON (AP)—A winged incendiary rocket which the inventor, Ernest Welch, declares will spread a rain of molten metal over a wide area with devastating results, has been given preliminary tests with satisfactory results, according to persons who were present. Full government tests are to be made shortly.

The British, French and American governments have displayed interest in the invention, it is declared, and a definite offer is reported to have been received from America. Mr. Welch asserts that the explosion of the rocket will destroy everything in its range, penetrating even steel and asbestos.

ated from the high school of Hughesville near here this year, traveled more than 4500 miles on horseback during the four years of her school course she estimated, having ridden a pony from her home to school and back each day. Last year Miss Hessler rode 1630 miles from the time school opened until commencement. She declared the exercise "brushed the dust" from her brain and made her able to think and work better.

Pony Helps in Education.
WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP)—Miss Pauline Hessler, who graduated from the high school of Hughesville near here this year, traveled more than 4500 miles on horseback during the four years of her school course she estimated, having ridden a pony from her home to school and back each day. Last year Miss Hessler rode 1630 miles from the time school opened until commencement. She declared the exercise "brushed the dust" from her brain and made her able to think and work better.

PUBLIC SALE

THE UNDERSIGNED WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION, ON THE OLD JOHNSON PLACE ONE AND ONE-HALF MILES EAST OF THE LONE PINE BO XFACTORY, COMMENCING AT 10:30 A. M., ON

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, TO-WIT:

9 HEAD HORSES 9

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| 1 Bay Mare, 6 years old, wt. 1500 lbs. | 2 Bay Geldings, 6 years old, Wt. 1350 Each. |
| 1 Sorrel Horse, 7 years old, Wt. 1400 lbs. | 1 Bay Mare, 6 years old, Wt. 1400 lbs. |
| 1 Gray Gelding, 7 years old, Wt. 1550 lbs. | 1 Black Mare, 6 years old, Wt. 1600 lbs. |
| 1 Gray Gelding, 6 years old, Wt. 1550 lbs. | 1 Sorrel Saddle Pony (gentle) 7 years old. |

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CONSISTING OF

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| 2 Wagons, Half Trucks | 10 Extra Horse Collars |
| 1 Hay Rack, 1 California Grain Rack | 1 3-Section Harrow |
| 1 Deering Mower and Rake | 1 Van Brunt 16-6 Grain Drill, Seeder Attachment |
| 1 7-ft. Deering Binder | 1 Monitor, 22-Hose Grain Drill |
| 1 P. & O. Sulky Plow, 16-inch | Double Trees and Log Chains |
| 1 P. & O. 3-Bottom Tractor Plow, 14-in. | 50-Gallon Gas Tanks |
| 1 John Deere Tractor Plow, 3-Bottom, 14-inch. | 1 Gasoline Pump Engine |
| 2 Walking Plows | 1 Pump Jack |
| 1 Set Heavy Single Cart Harness | 1 Steering Device for 10-20 Titan Tractor |
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