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I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE.—
John 14:6

Ford A Coolidge Man

If any doubt for a moment that Henry Ford is not a very strong advocate of Calvin Coolidge for president, remove the doubt. Yesterday W. C. Perkins who represents the Ford interests in La Grande, received a fine picture of President Coolidge framed in a handsome design. Accompanying it was a letter from Henry Ford. It was not from the Ford Motor company, but from the personal office of Mr. Ford, and in that letter he told of his admiration for the president, asking that the picture be accepted in the spirit in which it was given.

Fine. That means Henry Ford has started the campaign. It means that every Ford dealer in the country will be presented with a Coolidge picture and a statement of Mr. Ford's high opinion of the president. Of course, it does not mean that all Ford dealers will be for Coolidge, because this is a free country and no doubt among the Ford representatives there are many strong Democrats.

However, it must be admitted that the support of Henry Ford and his far-reaching influence is of greater value to any candidate than all of the political patronage. Yet, Mr. Coolidge seems to have both.

A Shock

B. E. Anderson, at whose funeral his business and professional men of La Grande gathered yesterday, was an excellent man, a good citizen, and a man who followed his trade with the ever-present idea of rendering service and giving value received for all compensation. There is a lot to a life such as this. After all, it is the lives of men like Mr. Anderson that form the great background of Americanism. That he should have met his death from a fall is strange and shocking as well. Many times he has done work in hazardous places but this little job thirty feet in the air proved to be the one that caused the final accounting.

No one can tell when the time will come. The Masons held their ritualistic services over his remains yesterday afternoon and interment will be made in his old home town in Minnesota. Thus, the life of a good citizen went out almost in an instant. With proper tribute he was laid to rest, and the world moved along without him. Shocking, yes, shocking because of its suddenness.

Our Ink Man

We notice where the head of the California Ink company just got married. We have been buying from that guy for a long time, and little did we realize that he was so infatuated with China that when it came time for marriage he would dress as a Chinese and his bride would dress as a Chinese princess. That's what happened, according to the dispatches, and we just wonder if he is one of those extremely rich chaps whose whole thought is for something different, or is he a follower of Confucius but pretending to be an American.

Choice of Two Evils

Failure of this country to follow the vogue of the high Spanish comb which has become so popular in European capitals is attributed by designers, jewelers and dealers to prevalence of the bobbed hair in America.

The leopard may change his spots, but bobbed hair will not accommodate a huge Spanish comb of ivory or tortoise, and between the two we don't know which is the uglier—hair slopping about the eyes and ears or a protuberance on the top of the head making a woman look like a cross between a buff cochon hen and a Japanese Geisha in full holiday attire.

To those interested the difference between fundamentalism and modernism looms big just now because of the perspective from which they view the subjects, but we have an idea it won't cut much ice when it comes to separating the sheep from the goats.

A trip that formerly took two hours can be made in twenty minutes with the car. And you can spend two hours looking for parking space.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



PAW BEEBING HAS JUST ABOUT EXHAUSTED THE FAMILY FLOCK. MEET HIM, HE'S BEEN SURPRISED WITH FRIED CHICKEN.

OFFICE CAT



BY JUNIUS

A bacterior is a man who only gets 100 miles out of a pair of socks.

SURE ENOUGH
Two lines that I'll own
With me make a hit;
Habit you don't start
You won't have to quit.

"So you're thinking of a trip around the world. Won't it be pretty expensive?"
"Not as long as I only think about it."

POOR BURGLES
"John, John," whispered the alarmed wife, "wake up, John! There are burglars in the parlor and they are eating my pie!"
"Well, what do we care?" mumbled John, rolling over, "so long as they don't die in the house."

Our best little estimators have been that Johnson and Smith have spent for new equipment this year. This doesn't include the value of energy spent in causing out the state, however.

Most folks can show tremendous indignation over political wrongs—especially when they are committed by members of the party to which they do not belong.

LITERARY NOTE
There's only one sort of literature that has merit in every time, and that's the butcher's bill.

After a loud and prolonged exhortation the preacher called for testimonials. A devout young lady of color arose and shouted her story. "Last night Ah was in the shoes of de devil, an' tonight Ah is in de shoes of de Lord."

A hushed but excited voice from the back of the room interrupted her: "Got a date for tomorrow nite, Sister?"

When I see a fish, I think, The thing I most admire, However much he exercise, He never can perjure.

A La Grande head of the family wants it understood that when

he comes down stairs and puts out the cat, it's time for the young man to go home.

What this country needs is fewer schools for the deaf and dumb and more for the strictly dumb.

WARY
Stage Hand: "Did you say these stage directions called for a window or a widow?"
Manager: "I said 'window,' but they're much alike. When I get near either of them, I always look out."

A far-away look in a maiden's eye does not necessarily indicate that she is distant.

Benjamin Franklin got his picture on the \$100 bill, but a La Grande resident would be satisfied if he could get his hands on some of them.

Church Receives Gift

MEDFORD, Ore. — B. P. Van Dyke, a trustee of First Methodist Episcopal church, is in the hospital suffering from serious injuries sustained Saturday night in an automobile accident while returning home from special services in the church.

The congregation of First church sent a messenger to the hospital to extend its sympathy. When the messenger returned, he brought back a voluntary subscription of \$500 from Mr. Van Dyke to be included in the \$25,000 raised at the dedication service. This sum cleared the indebtedness on the \$105,000 investment on the new edifice and equipment. When the gift was announced the congregation burst into tears.



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BAKER WHEAT CROP IS LESS

Yield of County Expected to Be About 75 Percent of Last Year; Dry Grain 40 Percent.

BAKER, Ore. (Special) — Cutting of grain in Baker county started July 15. The county average of irrigated wheat will run about 75 per cent of the 1923 yield, with dry wheat averaging not to exceed 40 per cent of that of last year.

Grain production of Eagle and Sine valleys will be near normal. In former years prodigality of water prevailed and water has gone to waste and the dryness of this season has only diminished the supply to an amount amply adequate to the needs of the users. Other sections of the county, however, have encountered an all-season water shortage.

Yield of alfalfa hay promises around 65 per cent of a normal tonnage. However, with the heavy shipping surplus and the heavy carryover from 1923, no serious shortage of hay supplies is anticipated by livestock operators.

Timothy and wild hay cutting and stacking are progressing under excellent weather conditions and no loss is encountered from rain on down hay.

High range is reported in good shape, but with a prospect of grass drying out late in summer. Stock on the mountain range is in splendid condition generally but the feeding prevails that fat beef may not be expected in numbers this fall. Cattle on the high range are being driven to the lower country for water.

It was reported last week that horses in the foothills back of Baker, where the range is fenced off from the valley by barbed wire, were already suffering from lack of water, as all streams in that vicinity were dry, and unless immediate steps were taken to provide access to water the horses would die.

INQUEST MAY CLEAR UP DEATH MYSTERY

MARSHFIELD, Ore. — Baffled at every turn in their investigation of the fiendish mutilation and probable murder of Timothy Pettis, colored, whose body was found floating in Coos bay Saturday, officials were hopeful additional information might be revealed at an adjourned session of the coroner's inquest. An autopsy failed to reveal whether Pettis, who disappeared July 6, following a fight with sailors from a visiting United States destroyer, died from drowning or from loss of blood previous to having been thrown into the bay.

UNION SCHOOL REPORT GIVEN

SALEM, Ore. (Special)—The annual report of Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, school superintendent of Union county, has been received by J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools. It shows that there are 174 teachers in Union county and an enrollment of 4067 pupils. The attendance was 3586.

Men teachers received an average monthly salary of \$156.58 and women teachers \$116.30.

A total of 209 pupils were promoted from the eighth grade to the high school at the end of the year outside the city of La Grande. According to the report, there are thirty-six one-room schools

To Build Willamette Valley River Bridge

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—The highway commission Tuesday awarded a contract for the construction of a Willamette river bridge at Albany to the Union Bridge company, of Portland, on bids of \$245,300 submitted June 12. Construction will start at once and is expected to be finished by October 1, 1925.

African Bishop to Preside. WENATCHEE, Wash.—Bishop E. S. Johnson of Capetown, Africa, will preside at the Columbia River Methodist Episcopal conference here September 3. Bishop Johnson has been a resident bishop for eight years in Africa. In his official capacity he has traveled 23,000 miles in one year.

PROTEST O.A.C. CANNED GOODS

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—Charging that the student instruction cannery of the Oregon Agricultural college has temporarily demonized the canned fruit market by offering lots of student-canned fruits on the commercial markets at cut prices, the cannery operators of the central Willamette valley have protested to President Kerr.

There seems to be a growing belief that the Constitution guarantees every man the inalienable right to hold a public job.

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