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WITHHOLD NOT THOU THY TENDER MERCIES FROM ME, O LORD; LET THY LOVING KINDNESS AND THY TRUTH CONTINUALLY PRESERVE ME.—Psalm 40:11.

How Things Have Changed

La Grande has two guests—Anna and Jennie McConnell, daughters of the late Thomas McConnell—and they both agree that La Grande has undergone many changes since 42 years ago when Miss Anna McConnell visited what is now La Grande with her father.

She came here on the stage from Meacham. Only a farmhouse—the old Grandy home—marked the present townsite of this city. But today she returns with her sister and finds a modern La Grande, brisk and growing with elegant homes, a good business district and prosperous people.

She recalls very vividly the old stage coach that transported herself and father to the city, but probably the most impressive was the trip when she left La Grande for San Francisco. The roads were almost impassable. With six horses, the stage driver wheeled his stage into action and it was with great difficulty that they proceeded. Every few minutes the old stage driver would pull from his pocket a flask of Old Crow whisky, take a big drink and then, with true western courtesy, offer her a drink from the same bottle.

Those were the olden days when people were pioneering and Miss McConnell recalls them, not with criticism, not with any feeling of harshness, but rather with a joy that she was permitted to live in that epoch.

By the way, these two ladies, who have traveled all over the world, who have seen the sights worth seeing, are decidedly interesting. They know the ills of humanity, the ills of government, the dangers that cross the pathway of the growing generation, but this knowledge has not made them hysterical nor has it prompted the desire to go out and reform the world. On the other hand, they believe that things will work themselves out for the best and they see a lot of good in every human being they meet.

They are decidedly welcome visitors to La Grande and this city would indeed be proud to claim them for permanent residents, which would deprive Sacramento of two estimable ladies.

Liking for "Figures"

All those who have gone to school—relatively few native born Americans have not enjoyed that privilege—will recall with fresh wonder the one or two abnormal and in a manner eccentric pupils of the class who like mathematics from number work to calculus and farther. With the majority it is still difficult to reason why anyone could find anything fascinating in this branch of academic learning.

It is quite natural for the youth of this generation to have a distaste for mathematics, as for more than a century this science has held no interest for the lay mind and has served only as the instrument of the engineer and astronomer and as the dilemma of students. It is hard for modern believers in the superiority of the adding machine over the human mind to vision a time 200 years ago when the profound "Principia" of Newton was a best seller running into 18 editions and several translations. Obviously there was a generation or two of our English ancestry which devoured higher mathematics with as much avidity as the twentieth century reader pours over the popular novel.

M. Picard, secretary of the French Academy of Sciences, says: "Too many persons believe mathematicians are strange beings, buried in the symbols and lost in their dreams and that mathematics are a strange and mysterious science. They overlook that it develops in us an esthetic sentiment of order and harmony and plays an essential part in the development of natural philosophy."

But the large sale of quite abstract treatises and reviews on the Einstein theory of relativity and a perceptible increase in popularity for astronomy affords hope that mankind is coming back to an appreciation and knowledge of the science of "figures."

Dr. Frederick A. Cook pleads that he is a pauper, but, being in jail, he should have no fear of going hungry.

Golden Rule Week is fixed to begin December 7. There was method in placing it after the election.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



OFFICE CAT



BY JUNIUS

Johnny (Looking from window)
—Mom, there's some girls on horseback and they've got those funny looking clothes on.
Mom—What? Kulkers?
Johnny—"Oh, no, mama, they're all white people."

BEAUCOUP DIFFERENCE!
One time—I can recall it still—
When granddaddy of today were missus,
To him who had a dollar bill
The dollar looked as big as
THIS IS.

But in this day of stress and change,
When people mostly seem
Myopic,
A dollar bill—this passing strange
Is little more than
Microscopic.

Some New Yorker might be elected president if he didn't think the United States was a suburb.

An uneducated youth is one who wonders indifferently if she will have him.

Apparently the average flapper does not know the difference between bare skin and hair skin in winter.

A model husband is one who knows enough to put soap powder in the water before he washes the dishes.

A choir was rehearsing the sacred anthem, "As Pants the Heart." The leader found that the male singers did not sustain a certain note long enough. At last he cried: "Stop, stop, gentlemen! Your 'pants' are far too short."

Man is a dissatisfied and discontented animal. Those who have inside jobs long for outside work, and those who have the outside job think they would do better if they worked inside.

THE HARVEST
There is always a harvest for those who work.
There is always a time of reaping.
There is never a harvest for those who shirk.
But at a time of weeping,
Endeavor and earnings go hand in hand.

The prize is for him who earns it.
But nothing accrues to the man who seeks.
There is work—and willingly spurs it.
There is always a harvest for those who work.
There is always a storehouse filling.

With sheaves of gold as the years unfold,
For the hands that are always willing.
Success and labor are close teammates
Together for fortune flying;
And there's nothing on earth that is out of reach.
To the man who'll keep on trying.

28 YEARS AGO

La Grande Gazette, July 17, 1896—J. W. Scriber visited in Union yesterday.
H. T. Williams was a visitor to Union Monday.
D. Summer and family were up from Elgin Wednesday.
County Assessor Cowan was a visitor to La Grande Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Crawford were here from Union Tuesday.
Contractor Ed. Murphy has been on the sick list the past week.

THE OPEN COURT

CORRESPONDENTS MUST
SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO
THE EDITOR IF THEY DESIRE
LETTERS PRINTED.

Salem, Oregon,
July 15, 1924.

To the Editor:
As a probable member of the House in the next legislature I am deeply interested in the statement that my personal friend Mr. Burdick has been selected for speaker. Not being and never having been a candidate for that position I feel entirely free to express myself fully and vigorously against the practice of selecting a speaker before the members of the House are elected and meet in their official capacity to carry on the work of the session.

Every experienced legislator knows, and the general public ought to know, that the power of appointing the standing committees carries with it the opportunity to control all legislation, both good and bad, in a House, the members of which are divided between those who are sincere in the work of reform and those who seek to profit, either for themselves or for some interest they secretly represent. It is, for this reason, that those interested in irrigation bonds and contracts, in public corporations, promoters of schemes for making money out of the people in various ways, are always vitally interested in seeing that only men who may be depended upon to appoint committees favorable to their interests are selected to preside over the House and Senate. Committees so appointed can always be depended upon to co-operate in the work at hand, by making reports favorable upon the bills which, in the interest of the public welfare, should be reported adversely; by holding bills in committee until the lobby can get the situation well in hand or so amend meritorious bills that they fall of the intended purpose, or are too long delayed for consideration. All great interests in the state likely to be affected by legislation inevitably compose their differences to secure for speaker of the House and president of the Senate dependable men, and in making selection no consideration whatever is given to the public welfare.

The failure of the last legislature to respond to the reasonable demands of the people was largely caused by the fact that the speaker of the House was selected, as the speaker of the next House seemingly is now to be, not by due consideration of the interests of the people, but by interested canvassers whose interests lie, not in the promotion of the common welfare, but in legislation predatory in its general character. We would naturally suppose that if the members of the House were sincere in their promises to the people they would insist upon a general canvass of the situation at some time before "infinitely promised" cures. The public is entitled to have the advantage of consultation among all the members upon every point affecting the public welfare and every item of representative government is opposed to the selection of prodding officers as it is now proposed to select them and as they have heretofore usually been selected. It is not enough to say that the majority of the members have agreed upon Mr. Burdick, because such agreement if made, violates the provisions of the state constitution, the spirit of the Corrupt Practices Act, and upon general principles contravenes public policy.

Section II of Article 4 of the state constitution provides that "Each house, when assembled, shall choose its own officers," but it is now proposed that widely separated individuals without being assembled for consultation and long in advance of election shall irrevocably choose the speaker! Legislators are trustees of the public and are vested with authority to manage public property, not as individuals, but as an assembly, and their acts are morally justified only when they act as a board legally assembled for the purposes for which they were elected. The people have a right to, and the intent of representative government is, that they shall have from legislators a conscientious consideration of every proposition coming before the legislature and that no matter affecting the public shall be decided except at an assembly of all the members, in which every member shall have an opportunity for free and open discussion.

When the framers of the constitution adopted the article providing that officers shall not be chosen until the two houses shall have assembled, they attempted to provide against the identical evil of which I now complain, and no man who has pledged his support to Mr. Burdick can carry out that pledge without violating that clause of the organic law so plainly expressed that it needs no interpretation.

If, after the House has assembled and there has been given to all members opportunity for open discussion a pledged member shall then hedge, that the interests of the public will be best subserved by electing Mr. Burdick, the members can legally and morally support him. But until such meeting is held, until all obtainable light is thrown upon the situation, and the members of the House are fully advised on irrevocable pledge can be made without violating the spirit, as well as the letter, of the organic law.

In the face of these obvious facts, some candidates are now and long have been trafficking for places on committee in total disregard of their duty and their actual or implied promises to the electors. They are traitors for the public, have power to take from the people millions of dollars and apply it to purposes sometimes meritorious and at other times in utter disregard to the common welfare. This great power should be placed only into the hands of men who are keenly alive to the great moral responsibility which they are individually and collectively endowed. I feel that no man who will thus place into any man's hands the great power for evil that is a prerogative of the speaker is alive to the situation here presented and I trust that the gentlemen who have made this agreement with Mr. Burdick will reconsider their promises and wait until we can all meet and obtain exchange of ideas and plans and then do that which a conscientious regard for our duty as legislators dictates.

I am not making war upon my friend Burdick, nor attempting to prevent his selection as speaker.

Dr. W. T. Phy.

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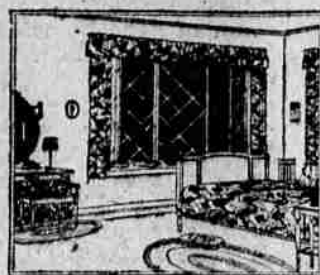
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L. H. McMAHAN.

Dear Editor: Is there anything that a person can write to induce the general public to use their utmost endeavors to do away from setting our beautiful and valuable forests on fire? Valuable have been written on this subject, many have been posted on the various thoroughfares throughout the forest, and yet we have fires on every hand.

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