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THE LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my  
cup; thou maintainest my lot. The lines are fallen unto me  
in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.—Psalm  
16:5, 6.

## Whoa, Back Up

Yesterday the editor of the Evening Observer saw the  
Beaver creek supporters leaving town to inspect the water  
supply for the city and we would have bet our gross receipts  
against the proverbial dog biscuit that they would return  
asserting that the Beaver creek watershed is ample to  
supply La Grande with water for years to come, and that  
all needed is development.

This is one of the few times in which the Evening  
Observer must back up, for, according to some of the  
prominent members of the Chamber of Commerce, Beaver  
creek has lost its attractiveness because of the lack of  
water. Figures which the president of the chamber se-  
cured while on the watershed indicate a very serious  
shortage.

However, without attempting to go into detail, the  
Evening Observer wishes to "back up" and not leave the  
impression that the Chamber of Commerce members who  
went on the water excursion yesterday found ample water  
supply.

There will be a full and complete report of the findings  
of the committee given to the public next Wednesday,  
and in the meantime it is well to hold the mind open to  
the evidence and argument submitted by the committee.

The point we wish to emphasize in this editorial is  
that President Elmer I. Stoddard of the Chamber of Com-  
merce and his committee have not reported as yet and do  
not state that there is a sufficient water supply in the  
Beaver creek watershed for La Grande.

## Optimism

There is an old Stoic proverb which says that it is not  
things that torment men, but the opinion men have of  
them. The fact is that there is an infinite variety of  
things in every person's life, far too many to be grasped  
at once, and he must choose what he will see. In the  
same situation or surroundings one man will be wholly cast  
down because of the black outlook, while another will be  
cheered greatly by its brightness. Obviously the differ-  
ence lies not in the situation but in the point of view.

Pollyannaism has had its day, but now has fallen into  
ill repute, and rightly so. It is foolish to invent excuses  
to be cheerful, when no reason exists, and just as foolish  
to close one's eyes to the unpleasant side of things. It is  
another thing, however, to realize that there are both bad  
and good in the world, and that men are at liberty to  
choose either. When one is accosted by a pessimistic in-  
dividual who is sure that everything is approaching a ca-  
tastrophic destination, it is well to remember that he is blind  
to what good may exist.

Even were one so omniscient that he might count every  
lad and every good circumstance, he could not thus de-  
termine whether the result were good or bad. James Bryce  
has said that in an election opinions are counted not  
weighed, and that while an expert's opinion may be worth  
those of a thousand ordinary men, it is counted only as  
one. In counting good and bad circumstances, one must  
remember that they must be weighed, not counted. One  
good circumstance may overbalance a thousand bad.

## A Good Appointment

When the county court named John Wilson as constable  
to fill the unexpired term of J. M. Hilts, deceased, the  
court made an excellent selection. Mr. Wilson is a man  
of seasoned experience, has a wide acquaintance, knows  
court procedure and will attend to the duties of the office  
accurately and faithfully.

Some fellows work their way through school; others  
work their parents.

Little girls are punished for making faces. But not when  
they grow up!

If dancing makes the feet larger we soon will be a  
broad-shouldered nation.

All is expensive in love and war.

## THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



## OFFICE CAT



BY JUNIUS

Some fellows heed the call of  
the wild alright—if the call is  
from a wild woman.

## PLAYING SAFE

Harry: "Wonder why so many  
men sing while taking a bath?"  
George: "I know why I do—the  
bath room door won't lock."

My son, regard that tree.  
Touch not a single bough.  
Its switches once switched me.  
And I'm your papa now.

"Don't you think there are more  
flies this year than the previous?"  
"Really, I haven't counted them  
either this year or last."

Jack: "I was over to see her  
last night, when someone threw a  
brick through the window and hit  
the poor girl in the ribs."  
John: "Did it hurt her?"  
"No, but it broke three of my  
fingers."

Junius kindly explains a fact  
that may puzzle many, as follows:  
Some women are so sensible and  
matter of fact, that a man simply  
can't talk silly to them, hence they  
never have any lovers.

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

In very often happens that the  
mischievous touches on friendship are  
the touches for loans.

A political white hope isn't much  
of a help if he got that way from  
white-wash.

Beauty clay is just the kind.  
My wife suctions on her face;  
But let me bring some on my  
face.

She drives me from the place.  
LIQUID MACHINERY  
Machinery Salesman: "I'd like to  
interest you in this cotton gin—  
the cotton gin, you remember, was  
one of the world's greatest inven-  
tions."

"Escape: 'Is that not? Well, you  
can send me up a dozen bottles,  
I'll try anything once.'"

NOT ALWAYS  
"They say a man's first thou-  
sand dollars is the hardest to get."  
"Well, I don't know about that.  
An oil stock promoter got mine  
easily enough."

Our own beauty expert declares  
that getting money before spend-  
ing it is the most effective way of  
preventing gray hair.

Many a man's early belief in  
Santa Claus is in time replaced  
with a belief in seed catalogs.

Tact consists in saying things  
that people like to listen to, and  
listening to things that people like  
to say.

Probably that Washington print-  
er who left such a large fortune  
made a specialty in subpoenas.

When the girl bandit got her  
hair bobbed the barber must have  
given her a crime wave.

Switzerland Bars Germans Cars  
Unless Electrically Equipped

BERNE (AP).—The federal  
railway administration has an-  
nounced that in the future only  
electrically equipped German rail-  
way coaches and sleepers will be  
permitted to cross the Swiss fron-  
tier in transit to Italy. The or-  
der was issued as a result of the  
railroad disaster last April at the  
Berna exit of the Simplon tun-  
nel, in which Dr. Heffrich, for-  
mer German finance minister, was  
among the killed.

Gas lighted coaches were said  
to be responsible for the fire,  
that started immediately after the  
crack.

## Tom Sims

Says

"Shot by Stiller"—headline. The  
savior didn't suit her so he de-  
cided to shoot her.

In Bulgaria, the king works his  
own garden plot, which is much  
better than working international  
plots.

We would hate to be rich  
enough to have our daughter  
want to run away and marry the  
chauffeur.

You hear a lot about old maid  
reformers, but who wants to re-  
form an old maid?

New York society woman  
wants divorce, saying she doesn't  
know where she is, but maybe  
she hasn't looked at home.

Agency finds married men  
make the best collectors, perhaps  
because they know all the ex-  
cuses.

Los Angeles professor who says  
most people are only 12 years  
old must think he is 14.

Several million Russians are  
homeless. Several million Amer-  
icans couldn't be home-less.

Detroit woman had a man ar-  
rested because he pinched her,  
but the charge wasn't "imperi-  
ousing an officer."

Nothing hurts your back like  
thinking it is bad.

A small travels a foot in four  
minutes, reports an investigator.  
But contrary to rumor, this is not  
as far as a street car.

A 700-pound shark killed by  
New York bathers may have been  
looking for Wall Street.

The stone-age man had his  
wife at his feet. The modern  
man has her at his heels.

Every bald man is a prospect  
for tonic while he continues fond-  
ly to call it a "spot."

Optimism is a fine thing unless  
it takes the form that Providence  
will end the lawn grass.

## NEW LAMP BURNS 94% AIR

Beats Electric or Gas

A new oil lamp that gives an  
amazingly brilliant, soft, white  
light, even better than gas or  
electricity, has been tested by the  
U. S. Government and 25 leading  
universities and found to be su-  
perior to ordinary oil lamps.

It burns without odor, smoke or  
noise—no pumping up, is simple,  
clean, safe. Burns 94% air and  
6% common kerosene (coal oil).

The inventor, V. M. Johnson,  
181 N. Union Ave., Portland, Ore.,  
is offering to send a lamp on 10  
days' FREE trial, or even to give  
one FREE to the first user in  
each locality who will help him  
introduce it. Write him today for  
full particulars. Also ask him to  
explain how you can get the  
agency, and without experience  
or money make \$250 to \$500 per  
month.

## SCHOOL DAYS

Save your money on  
School Supplies, at the

## Prescott Drug Company

The New Drug Store  
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## SCHOOL OPEN NOW AT ELGIN

Enrollment Largest in  
Many Years—72 Reg-  
ister in High School,  
178 in Grades.

ELGIN, Ore. (Special to the  
Observer).—School opened Mon-  
day with a registration in both the  
high school and grades consider-  
ably in excess of any opening reg-  
istration in the Elgin schools in  
many years. In high school 72 en-  
rolled, distributed as follows: Sen-  
iors, 14; juniors, 11; sopho-  
mores, 18; freshmen, 29.

In the grades 178 enrolled on  
the opening day. These registra-  
tions will no doubt be augmented  
later in the fall when the harvest  
season is over.

The heavy enrollment finds the  
faculty inadequate to handle the  
satisfactorily and new additions to  
perhaps both grades and high  
school will be made. In the elec-  
tion of teachers last spring the  
board reduced the teaching force  
by two, basing their needs on last  
year's enrollment. The heavy at-  
tendance at the opening day this  
year, however, makes it necessary  
to employ additional teachers in  
order to properly and efficiently  
handle the added class work.

Principal McCormick, Hudson  
L. Johnson and Mrs. Chas. Cross  
are handling high school work, as-  
sisted by some of the grade teach-  
ers. Those in charge of the  
grades are: Mrs. E. S. McCormick,  
Mrs. Ethel Nicolson, Mrs. Evelyn  
Schaudies, Miss Mildred Schaefer,  
Miss Nellie Bush, Miss Blanche  
Aubert and Miss Stella Mayfield.  
With additional teachers to  
lighten the burden now borne by  
the faculty in handling unusually  
large classes, the Elgin schools  
will start on a year that bids fair  
to be one of the most successful in  
the school's history.

## HUNT'S LETTER

(Continued from page 1)

Bryan will succeed to the presi-  
dency.

Rather than permit Bryan to  
step in as chief executive, in this  
event the Democrats are confident  
the Republicans will make possible the  
election of Davis.

From the purely Republican  
viewpoint, from the viewpoint of  
business interests which believe  
Davis' economic theories mean  
"water" and more reasonable than  
those of Bryan, such a coalition  
doesn't sound altogether unreason-  
able, at that, if one accepts all the  
hypotheses on which it is based.

Republicans wouldn't actually  
have to vote for Davis. In a few  
of the states where party control  
could be "unavoidably absent,"  
these absences would give the  
Democrats a voting majority in  
such states and the votes of these  
states would then go for Davis in-  
stead of Coolidge.

Half a dozen Republican absten-  
tices at the right time could turn  
the trick.

Republican hostility to Bryan is  
counted on as so deep-seated and  
bitter that such a course might  
seem to them almost a "necessity."  
They would help elect Davis, not  
because they loved him more, but  
because they hated him less.

And the Democrats don't cry HOW  
it's done, just so it IS done!

The good life young, so you never  
know whether they would have  
remained good.

A board of inquiry usually finds  
that it happened—the way the  
newspapers said it did.

Men talk, of course, but you'll  
notice it is called the mother  
tongue and not the father tongue.

Some cats are domestic, and an-  
other kind abominates house-  
work.

## PRUNE CROP SHORT

Local orchardists practically all contracted to  
Eastern markets. The Anderson Crop will be  
offered to local people at Quantity Prices.  
Packed in crates weighing from 18 to 20 lbs., at,  
69c Per Crate.

Obtainable at THE HOOVERIZED GROCERY  
or at the Anderson Farm.

## TOO EAGER, WAS INCARCERATED

BREMENHAVEN (AP).—Paul  
Krupp, 18 years old, is now in  
jail here for ten weeks because  
of his persistent endeavors to  
reach the United States as a  
stowaway. Each of 11 endeavors  
has resulted in failure.

But Paul is not discouraged.  
He says he will next try to ship  
from Hamburg, where he is not  
so well known. He prefers  
American ships for his ventures  
because the officers are easier on  
stowaways than men of other na-  
tionalities. He is striving to reach  
Springfield, Ohio, where is elated  
to have friends.

Young Krupp is typical of  
scores of German youngsters who  
haunt the docks at Bremerhaven  
and seek an opportunity to slip  
into ships bound for the United  
States. Paul has been trying for  
three years, and is well known to  
the emigration authorities at  
New York. They promptly sent  
him back on the ship that  
brought him over. During his  
last trip back on the President  
Roosevelt, he painted all the ma-  
chinery on the main deck.

Another way to become cheerful  
is to visit the country and observe  
the acres and acres of grass you  
don't have to mow.

How pitiful it is when an avia-  
tor or a southpaw loses control.

## Obituary

S. E. WALLACE.

(Continued)

Death called one of the best  
known citizens and one of the

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of shoes and know that we sell high-grade goods  
for less money.

## NORTON'S KIDDY SHOP

"Better Togs for Little Tots"

## U.B. Thrifty says



Sharp practice  
has cut off many  
a man's chance  
to succeed

Don't let the other fellows  
talk you out of your own  
money.

It is the result of a whole  
year's hard work and as  
such should be carefully  
spent and carefully invested.

When you need any ad-  
vice or counsel on financial  
matters feel free to call  
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