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FEAR THE LORD AND SERVE HIM in truth with all  
your heart; for consider how great things he hath done  
for you.—1 Samuel 12:24.

## Are You Patriotic? Then Vote!

On November 4th a National Presidential  
Election will be held in the United States. The  
only right way to select a President (and other  
executives) is for everyone to signify his or  
her choice. Consider it a sacred duty to your  
country to go to the polls and cast your vote.

## Fire As A Servant

Fire is man's most useful, faithful servant. He is a  
glutton for work and never tires. No day is too hot or  
too cold for him. No task is too hard. Call on Fire to do  
a job and he does it—one hundred percent.

You enter your home, built of wood, baked in fire, and  
of boards sawed by fire. It is heated by fire, lighted by  
fire. Your food is cooked by fire and the stove that con-  
tains it was made by fire.

Fire, controlled, is the great constructor.  
But Fire is a brainless fellow, headstrong, impetuous,  
unrestrained. He can't think, and wouldn't if he could.  
He expects you to do the thinking for him. If you do,  
he will do your will. If you don't he may run all over  
the county.

Fire, uncontrolled, is the great destroyer.  
Fire builds the skyscraper, even proof against itself.  
But Fire levels the city. Fire serves his master, man, but  
will serve him badly if permitted to run amuck.

When Fire is on a rampage men blame him, curse him.  
But Fire never cuts loose on his own accord. Man, ashamed,  
likes to pass the buck by calling him Spontaneous Combustion.  
But man piles up the oily waste that brings Fire  
into being.

This is Fire Prevention Week. It might better be  
called Fire Control Week. This big job ahead for all of  
us is to realize that what we need to do is to control  
fire. Only that will prevent fires.

In America we have the finest system of education in  
this world, and the most shameful record of destruction  
by flame. If we were savages, or a race of morons, there  
might be some excuse for us. But we have the brain  
to think for Fire, if we will only use it. That's all that  
Fire asks us to do, to think a bit.

The demon statisticians will tell you that during the  
last half of the last decade, from 1916 to 1920, destruc-  
tion by flame in the United States totaled \$1,672,722,677.  
And they will tell you that that would have built 334,540  
dwellings costing \$5,000 each, supplying homes for 1,672-  
720 persons. Or it would have constructed 16,727 modern  
\$100,000 school houses. Or it would have built 10 trans-  
continental highways from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Fire won't do our thinking for us.

## Back to the Soil

The city industrial worker has one chance in eight of  
living to be 70 years old. The farmer has one chance in  
three. So reports a committee of the United Hospital  
Fund, New York.

There, in a nutshell, you have a graphic picture of what  
civilization is doing to us.

Health is close to the soil.  
The time is not far off when cities will in large part  
break up, factories moving to the open country and taking  
workers with them. Either that or man heads for extinc-  
tion.

Some boys work their way through college, and some  
work their dads through college.

As a symbol of authority, there is nothing quite so  
distinctively American as the swivel chair.

About the hardest thing to cure is injured feelings.

## THE OLD HOME TOWN By Stanley



FEW VOTERS TURNED OUT TO HEAR CANDIDATE  
FOR SHERIFF ED WAGGERS FIRST BIG SPEECH

## OFFICE CAT



BY JUNIUS

An insufferable peep is a man  
who insists upon telling you his  
golf score when you want to tell  
him yours.

A pessimist is one who is never  
satisfied with all that he has,  
but thinks continually of all he  
hasn't.

### THEIR RETURN.

There's a scuffling and a shuf-  
fling.  
Along the beaten track,  
The lads who left the farm last  
year,  
Are just now coming back.

The only waistline that seems  
satisfied to stay where the good  
lost put it is the one on the  
wasp.

The motto of the painter is  
that if "you save the surface you  
save all." Modern flappers ought  
to be entirely saved under the  
same plan.

"Mamma, is it lunch time yet?"  
"No, darling, not for another  
hour."

"Well, then, my tummy must  
be running on fast time."

One step won't take us very far,  
We've got to keep on walking.  
One word won't tell folks who  
we are.

We've got to keep on talking;  
One inch won't make us very  
tall.

We've got to keep on growing;  
One little deed won't do at all.  
You've got to keep on doing.

In the old days gentlemen  
kissed ladies' hands. In this day  
that would be looked upon by  
both parties as a waste of time.

### OR SLICK

If she won't talk she is a sick  
woman.

"Lightning hits Cleveland, Ohio  
Wedding 'twice," headline. Why  
don't these young people tell the  
truth?

### NOR THE NEXT.

He was a thief, forever brand-  
ed. He had stolen and had been  
caught in the act. At heart he  
was honest. This was his first  
offense, but he was firmly re-  
solved to do it again. "It's worth  
it," he remarked as he pressed  
his lips to his for a second time  
—but he did not have to steal  
that.

### WE CALL TOO—BUT NOBODY RAISES.

The merchant calls it profit.  
And he thinks it interest.  
The banker calls it interest.  
And he thinks it profit.  
The landlord calls it rent.  
And he thinks it in his bag.  
But the honest old burglar,  
He simply cuts it away.

"What under the sun do you  
girls do at afternoon teas?"  
"Gossip, gabble, gobble and  
gig."

Customer (looking dubiously  
at box from which he is being  
served)—"These cigars are smat-  
ter than they used to be."

Shopman—"Yes, sir. You see,  
the manufacturer noticed that the  
last inch of the cigar is always  
thrown away, so he's making  
them that much shorter."

No man is master of his home  
if he insists that all correspon-  
dence be sent to his office ad-  
dress.

A real hick town is where they  
call a revolution a reiteration in-  
stead of a reading.

A regular advertiser is a de-  
pendable merchandiser.

## Tom Sims Says

A Mount Vernon (Ill.) man who  
poisoned his wife may find he  
made a mistake in not being a rich  
man's son.

Another Senate committee is  
making another probe. This is re-  
garded as a sure sign of a hard  
winter.

One big vote getter for Cool-  
idge in the Washington baseball  
team did so well this season.

Think of the Washington base-  
ball team winning so many games,  
and the field probably covered  
with oil.

The auto industry uses more than  
50 per cent of the rubber supply,  
the rest probably being used for  
tacks.

Women are good looking, but  
tummy. One in Illinois who poi-  
soned her husband says she loved  
him.

Robbers stole a Springfield (Ill.)  
bank's safe, the building itself be-  
ing too heavy to carry away.

What people want to know is  
not, "Will it kill the color of  
onioms?" It is "How about the odor  
of bootleg?"

The papers are so full of the  
presidential campaign news it is  
hard to find anything to read.

Bobbed hair is about like all infor-  
mation improvements. It isn't the  
initial cost. It is the upkeep.

There is talk of a balloon trip  
to the north pole. Well, the pole  
will be near here before long.

A puncture in the ego is harder  
to fix than one in the auto.

Jackie Coogan has gone to Iru-  
sala, which is an awful place for  
any little boy who likes to eat.

London's match tester is dead.  
He struck to matches a minute  
during working hours. Many pipe  
smokers beat that record.

Robbers entered two help-your-  
self stores in New York and help-  
ed themselves to the safes.

A senator says one vice presi-  
dential candidate is a common  
liar. That will make any politi-  
cian mad, calling him common.

What's in a name? In Selma,  
Ala., Mr. and Mrs. Luckie, after  
being married, drove from the  
church into an auto wreck.

Don't blame a man for hanging

around downtown until you learn  
if he is getting out of working  
his son's arithmetic.

There is hardly a barber chair  
footrest in the country now that  
hasn't had a woman's feet on it.

Scientists in Europe find ants  
elected sixty million years ago,  
probably starting with the first  
picnic.

Many of the young shobos are  
wearing belts two inches wide  
which are just above where they  
should be used.

An eye for an eye may be all  
right, but the modern girl wants  
a neck for a neck and a mouth  
for a mouth.

Kissing a tall girl standing up  
will cure flat feet.

A couple sitting in the same  
chair doesn't leave much room for  
argument.

## HUNT'S LETTER

(Continued from page 1)

the romance. It hadn't been ex-  
pected to announce the engage-  
ment for a couple of months yet,  
and the wedding wasn't to have  
been until January.

But could even the most able fi-  
nancial wizard keep his mind on  
reparations in Europe, while his  
sweetheart was back in Louisville,  
Ky., U. S. A.

Gilbert and Miss Todd decided  
that he couldn't. At least that he  
shouldn't have to try.

A sweetheart in Louisville. It was  
agreed, would be a bigger handi-  
cap than a bride in Berlin.

So the date of the wedding was  
advanced four months, the hurried  
invitations sent out and Gilbert re-  
served the bridal suite on a liner  
for France.

Much mystery has been main-  
tained as to the reasons, if any,  
back of the recent week-end visit  
of Senator Medill McCormick and  
Mrs. McCormick at the White  
House.

Medill, having just been defeated  
for renomination as senator from  
Illinois, it is figured would hardly  
be called in for a political con-  
ference.

"What then?" the curious asked.  
"Ah! Maybe an ambassadorship."

The fact that McCormick is a  
"flame duck," it is held, would be  
no bar to his eligibility for a dip-  
lomatic post. Frank Kellogg was  
picked as ambassador to Great  
Britain after having been defeated  
for re-election to the senate by the  
youthful Farm-Laborite, Hourick  
Shipstead.

As a member of the Senate Com-  
mittee on Foreign Affairs, McCor-  
mick has had a finger in shaping  
our diplomatic policy. And he is  
a dependable Republican "regular"  
on all questions touching our  
foreign relationships.

Also, which is a controlling fac-  
tor in the selection of ambassa-  
dors, he has enough millions to  
enable him to accept such a post.

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## U.B. Thrifty says



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work and save  
than to  
spend and slave"

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ing up for the future.

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ing you to get ahead.

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### 2 ASHLAND BOYS INJURED

ASHLAND, Ore.—Two accidents  
occurred here in which two  
youths were injured. James Brain-  
ard, 12-year-old student, while  
riding a bicycle during recess at  
Junior high school, was run down  
by the Blamath Falls-Medford  
stage. His leg was broken above  
the ankle and he suffered general  
bruises.

Johnny Freeman accidentally  
shot himself in the hand while  
hunting. The hand was ampu-  
tated at a local hospital. He was  
climbing over a fence when the  
accident occurred.

### MISS DONNELLY ACCEPTS POST WITH JEWELERS

Miss Agnes Donnelly, formerly  
of Seaside, Oregon, has accepted  
a position with J. H. Pearse &  
Son, jewelers here. Miss Don-  
nelly is an expert in the jew-  
elry trade and managed a store  
at Seaside prior to coming to La  
Grande.

"We are constantly striving to  
give our patrons better service,  
and with Miss Donnelly associat-

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