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herein also are reserved.SHEW ME THY WAYS, O Lord; teach me thy paths.
Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on
thee.—Psalm 25:1, 2.

The Blessings We All Enjoy

While Thanksgiving, officially announced, has passed for this year we cannot refrain from having a heart to heart talk with La Grande people who personally knew Charlie King, at one time piano player for Sherry's theater and later a patient at Hot Lake. Charlie was overtaken with physical ailments which rendered him a wheel chair patient for years before he left the Lake. Friends helped him go back to his home in England where he has a sister. This was a long time ago and Charlie King, bright chap that he is, has been confined to his bed ever since returning to England.

He wrote us a letter a few days ago and we mention this and his present condition to make everyone ashamed who gets up in the morning possessed of physical strength and whines because some little thing does not go to suit him. We mention it to the business man who hopped up with the idea that his business is the most essential thing in the world can stop for a moment and take stock of his earthly blessings. We mention it so that the society matron who trifles her time away in an endeavor to outdo a neighbor's party worries herself to a tired state, or perhaps she is living a nervous life because in the language of the book of fiction she is "trying to keep up with the Joneses." Yes, we mention it so that all La Grande people may lift their eyes heavenward and give thanks for their blessings when they compare their happy lives in this valley of plenty with the life that poor Charlie King is leading and has been leading for years past.

"I have long been in bed," said Charlie in his letter, "and doctors give me little hope of ever getting out again. My limbs are entirely useless and are wrapped in wool blankets in a hopeless endeavor to get back the circulation. . . . I have thought of you all lately, and these have been my most pleasant moments for I am happy in retrospect of the dear, fine, splendid friends who were mine when I was in La Grande and Hot Lake. How I would love to be with you again if just for a month. I would gladly give up the rest of life, whatever it may be, if I could but be with Grande Ronde valley people for a brief time. . . . It is very hard, especially in the long hours of the night when kindly sleep will not come to me and I suffer a constant pain, for it is then more than any time in the twenty-four hours that I see once again the panorama of life. . . . My greatest consolation and comfort is my sister who is dear and brave. She has sacrificed most everything. He has to try and give me comfort, and with no complaint. . . . I often tell people here of the great-ness in the west, of their sterling qualities and generous lives. You are a wonderful people and when I think of the good Dr. Phylis doing for humanity it seems that his life is a benediction. . . . Please send me an Observer that I may, as I lie on my couch of pain, read of the people I know and love. . . . In closing, permit me to wish you all a Merry Christmas which you so richly deserve."

The Flapper

Faced, but not outfaced, by adverse criticism, the flapper, tosses her bobbed locks, reddens her lips, powders her nose—and keeps on flapping. And why not? The law that youth must be served is not qualified with any rule to the effect that feminine youth must be reserved. She may be a bit daring in some of her ways, but she has the virtue of frankness. If she wishes to add artificial roses to her cheeks, she does so—and does not care who sees her putting them there. Girls will be girls and flappers, the indignation of her elders to the contrary notwithstanding.

The defect in much of the criticism of the flapper is that it overstates the superficial. Many an elderly critic among her sisters used rouge in youth—but did not apply it openly. So why place marks against the flapper for doing what, in varying degree, has been done for ages? The girls bobbed their hair in King Tut's era and rouge and powder boxes have been on smilady's dressing table from time immemorial. The flappers are much as were their sisters of the past generation, and will be the mothers of the next. Feminine nature does not change overnight.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



Keep busy—two-thirds of promotion consists of motion.

Irate La Grande wife: John, I just got hold of your check counterfoils, and it was high time I did. Who is this "Cash" person you've been spending so much money on?

TWENTY-THIRD PSALM OF RADIO

Radio is my hobby. I shall want no other.
It maketh me to stay home at night.
It leadeth me into much trouble. It draweth on my purse.
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Yes, though I understand it perfectly, it will not oscillate. Its concerts and speeches they comfort me.

Yet, it will not work in the presence of mine enemies.
I anoint the coils with oil.
But the tube spitteth over.
Surely the radio bug won't follow me all the days of my life.
For if it does I will dwell in the house of poverty forever.

The only reason some of us don't settle down and take a wife, says a local man, is because we don't know whose wife to take.

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Hunt's Letter

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gelist, choir girls in the Mount Vernon Methodist church walked out on strike. It took all the diplomacy of the pastor, plus an open appreciation of bobbed-haired girls as "a mighty fine lot" to win them back.

Only on formal occasions do statesmen and diplomats in Washington don the shining, tall top hat—the "plug" hat—which a generation or so ago was affected by every legislator from the sticks who came to the capital.

But there is one person in Washington who holds fast to the fashion of the old days.

Charles C. Lancaster, lawyer and son-in-law of the late Samuel J. Randall, who was speaker of the house from 1877 to 1881, never walks abroad without his shining "plug."

Winter and summer, rain or shine Lancaster's towering figure in his towering hat, is one of the sights of the city—a touch of what

the capital looked like in the good old days before high buildings came in and high hats went out.

If you have visited the capital building any time in the last three or four years, you doubtless paused to watch the interestingly attired painter person who, apparently oblivious to the rubbering crowds around him, was engaged in restoring the brilliantly colored mural decorations of the big building.

If you came today, however, you'd miss him. For the artist fell in love with one visitor who paused to admire his work and today they are honeymooning.

The painter, Charles A. Ayer Whipple, has given a touch of color to the gray old building where congress meets that will be remembered by visitors when they have forgotten what the decorations on the walls looked like.

In his painter's smock, a Tam O'Shanter cocker artistically over one ear, a long stemmed pipe in his mouth and a big palette slung with vivid colors and sluck full of brushes, he himself made a picture more striking than any of the pictures he painted.

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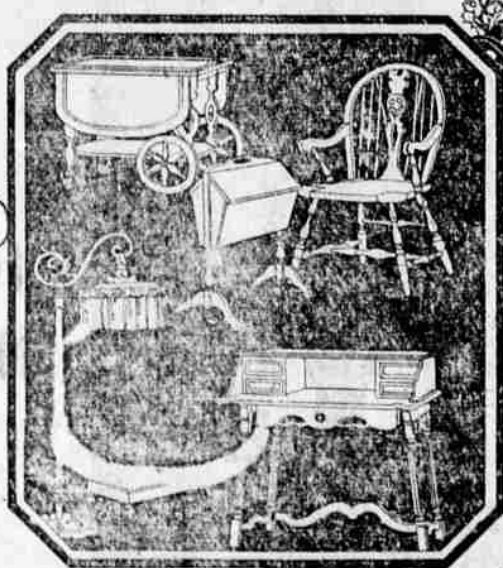
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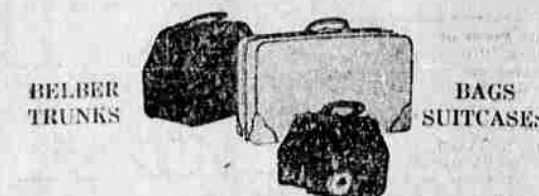
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