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BETTER IS A DRY MORSEL, and quietness, therewith,
than a house full of merry-making with strife.—Proverbs 17:1.

Better Times

Following every presidential election is a business
vacuum lasting a few weeks. It is like a big animal get-
ting its breath after a heated race. This time the reaction
is coming sooner than usual for things are showing bright-
er in a business way.

The advance in lumber in the last five days has been
a great tonic to lumber producers. Add \$2.50 a thousand
to common lumber and there is a margin of safety, espe-
cially when the market switches daily, showing evidence
of further advance.

What does an advance in lumber mean to La Grande
and Baker and Enterprise?

It means everything just now. Yards that are filled
with merchantable lumber will resume shipping and mills
that have been idle will begin to tighten belts and oil
machinery preparatory to starting up on a winter's run. This,
in turn, means more freight trains needed to haul out the
lumber product, causing more labor to be employed.

All this is in the offing and close by. The price of
lumber is advancing right now.

The psychology of a short period of dull times in La
Grande is always worse than the actual slowing down of
business, for as a matter of fact business in La Grande
does not slow down to a point which is felt by some cities
of this size. There is always a steady business here which
means safety, then with the added influx of business
prompted by a stimulated lumber market we enjoy a brisk
condition in commercial lines.

All Fixed For Christmas

Everybody ought to sympathize with the folk who are
behind the counters of stores the last few days before
Christmas—but sympathy is not enough. In La Grande
scores of men and women, boys and girls, try their heaping
best to help you make your Christmas happy, and you do
just about as little as you can to help yourself in that par-
ticular. The tired clerk in the store must have the pa-
tience of a monument to be able to smile on the day before
Christmas at a throng of shoppers who could have come
quietly into the store two weeks before, finding a better
and larger stock of goods displayed, of course, and more
of the clerk's time at the disposal of each person.

No merchant could afford to have at midnight of Christ-
mas eve as large and varied an assortment of Christmas
goods in his store as he had on December 1. Nobody ex-
pects him to. He ought to be sold out by Christmas eve.
There are wise shoppers who go into the stores early in
December and get ready for Christmas. The whole Christ-
mas stock is before them; they have a great range of
things from which to choose. And the things they choose
are lost to the shoppers who follow them. The moral of
this is that you are serving yourself by getting down to
the stores as early as you can, to buy the things you will
need for Christmas giving. You are not only making the
Christmas burden all the harder for the merchants and
their employees by delaying, but you are actually hurting
yourself. If you have no other reason for doing your
Christmas shopping now, selfishness will furnish you one.

The stores do everything in their power, to have dis-
played at the beginning of the Christmas shopping season
a very wide variety of holiday goods. That service costs
money, and energy, and thought. It is natural that as
Christmas approaches the variety of goods should lessen,
as well as the quantity of each variety. There has been
many a shopper who planned to buy certain things for
relatives and friends, but who found, when going late to
the stores, that the whole list had to be revised hurriedly,
feverishly, simply because wiser shoppers had reached the
stores first. Disappointment in shopping is unnecessary at
Christmas time, but it happens every year, and there is
nobody to blame but the shopper.

Few people can stand prosperity, and when a man gets
a flivver, he usually shakes his old friends.

The only difference between stumbling blocks and step-
ping stones is in the way you use them.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



OFFICE CAT
By Junius

Proud Applicant: "And here is
my diploma in public speaking."
Prospective Employer: "Very
well, go out in the other room, and
address these envelopes."

"It—it" said Noah, as the two
Jews cleaned the poker game.
"This will be a flat boat."

No girl now marries a man for
better or worse, she marries him
for more or less.

HE'S NOT FUSKY
Hotel Clerk: Why, how did you
get here?
Guest: I just blew in from
Montana with a bunch of cattle.

Hotel Clerk: Well, where are
the rest of them?
Guest: Down at the stock-
ade, I ain't as particular as they
are.

Almost any man would be per-
fectly satisfied if he could find a
wife as durable, as useful, as re-
sponsive to his thoughts, and as
easily moved about as a portable
typewriter.

ABOVE THE AVERAGE
Mrs. Hippley met her errand hus-
band on the stairs.
"This is a pretty time of the
year, isn't it, being in it,"
she stormed.

"Isn't it, dear?" beamed Mr.
Hippley. "I distinctly saw two
moons myself. Yes, beautiful
night, my dear."

It is difficult to get men to go
to church because they don't give
a darn what other men are wear-
ing.

TWENTIETH AMENDMENT
"A lot of boys have been saved
since they closed the saloons."
"Yes, and now they'll have to
close the garages and save the
girls."

IMP-LICATIONS
I sent my boy to Yolo.
With a put upon the back.
I spent a few thousand dollars,
And got a quarterback.

"You are acquitted," the judge
finally announced.
The prisoner thought he should
say something, so he spoke to the
jury.

"Continence, I'm sorry to have
given you all this trouble."

A XMAS SALES IDEA
Vendor: "Buy a Christmas tree,
buy a tree and make the kiddies
happy."
Old Maid (blushing): "Sir, I
have no children."
Vendor: "Buy some mistletoe,
lady! Nice mistletoe!"

Game Association to Dine.
PENNINGTON.—When the next
meeting of the Emattilla County
Fish and Game Protective as-
sociation is held in Pilot Rock De-
cember 18, it will be part of a
program that will include a tur-
key shoot and a big banquet un-
der the auspices of the Women's
Community club. The proceeds
from both the shoot and banquet
will be used for the library fund.
Otto M. Jones, publicity man for
the state game commission, will
show the motion picture film of
Oregon wild life as a feature of
the meeting of the association.

Get Started

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new home by first getting
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own terms. It is easy to
have a lot of your very own
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Yesterday In Congress

The house shipping board in-
vestigation was resumed.

The Mayfield election contest
was again before a senate com-
mittee.

The house spent the day consid-
ering legislation for the District
of Columbia.

The annual report of the com-
missioner of reclamation was sub-
mitted to congress.

The Chicago sanitary district
case, involving removal of water
from Lake Michigan, was argued
in the supreme court.

A tentative program for em-
ployment of the Los Angeles and
Shenandoah was worked out by
navy officers.

Albert G. Williams of Fort
Worth, Texas, was nominated as a
member of the federal farm loan
board.

A cotton crop of thirteen million
one hundred fifty-three thousand
bales, valued at \$1,421,556,252,
was forecast by the department of
agriculture on estimates made De-
cember 1.

Secretary Weeks suggested
amendments to Senator Under-
wood's Muscle Shoals plan and the

Alabama senator declared an
agreement could be reached.

Hunt's Letter

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would have been recommended
for slow torture and quartering
had he been a member of the sen-
ate instead of the house.

For La Guardia's record of hav-
ing declared himself under three
distinct party designations within
one year makes the double party
affiliation charged against the in-
surgent senator seem rather mild.

La Guardia, who had served sev-
eral terms in the house as a Re-
publican from the twentieth New
York district, was defeated this
year for the G. O. P. nomination
by Isaac Siegel.

Prefering to give up the Repub-
lican party rather than his seat in
congress, La Guardia proceeded to
get his name on the ticket as a
Socialist candidate and made the
race anyway. And, as a Socialist,
he was elected.

Although the Socialist emblem

In 24 Hours Ends

Neuritis

When you've tried everything
you can think of and nothing
seems to even relieve those pierc-
ing, agonizing pains, just go to
the Red Cross Drug Co. or some
other good druggist and get a
bottle of Allenbur Special Formu-
la No. 2. Be sure you get No. 2,
which comes in capsule form, for
the liquid form is a special prepa-
ration for Rheumatism.

Take these little dark green
capsules as directed and notice
how in about 24 hours they have
considerably reduced, if not en-
tirely banished, those persistent,
nerve-racking pains that have
caused you many sleepless nights.
A few more doses and the pains
have left you forever.

While this particular formula
was compounded for the purpose
of conquering painful, Gouty con-
ditions and what is known as
Rheumatoid Arthritis—a knotty,
painful swelling of the joints—it
has proven wonderfully success-
ful in all forms of Neuritis and
P. attie Nerve Pains.

You needn't be afraid of its
containing dope of any kind—it
doesn't. Such things are only
make-shifts and can only at the
best give temporary relief.

Be sure you've got Neuritis and
then get Allenbur Special Formu-
la No. 2. Your pains will be
gone before you know it. Red
Cross Drug Co. will supply you
with orders, accepted. Adv.

was desirable as an expedient to
get his name on the ticket, after it
had served its purpose and won
him the election, La Guardia de-
clared he wasn't after all a real
Socialist and ought not to be so de-

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a Will
there was a
way to
make money

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makes money—the real
problem is to hold on to
some of it.

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aside a part of your
wages to guard against
possible idle periods such
as sickness or unemploy-
ment. Start a—

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—it's up to us to please you.

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