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O LORD, THOU ART MY GOD; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou has done wonderful things. . . . Thou has been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat.—Isaiah 25:1, 4.

Dr. Coe's Statues

La Grande will never receive a statue from Dr. Henry Waldo Coe, but there is so much comment over his offferings to the city of Portland that we feel like offering an opinion on the matter. The worthy doctor, having reached the age when he desires to part with some of his piled up wealth, and being prompted probably by a desire that his name shall live, even on the base of a statue as a donor, insists that Portland taxpayers furnish the bases for such monuments. Now, Portland has it troubles in proportion to its size, the same as La Grande has, and we can readily see where this "matching funds" system is a hardship.

Our advice to Portlanders would be to hold a reception for the doctor, eulogize his generosity, speak highly of his attainments and then suggest in a most friendly manner that he furnish the base as well as the statute. Somehow, knowing Dr. Coe, as we do, we believe he would furnish both without further worry.

The Low-Down Of Attack

Under these stirring prohibition days, when John Barleycorn has so many friends in private and so many enemies in public, it is interesting to note when a row is on that the final, hidden weapon to use on a man is that "he bought whisky illegally."

Right now there is such a case claiming the spotlight of publicity in the state. An official has been removed from office and the main, outstanding charge is that he purchased a bottle of whisky from some policeman.

Of couise, under the eighteenth amendment and under our drastic state laws on liquor, which were largely written by an aggregation of well-meaning but intensely prejudiced people known as the Anti-Saloon league, no citizen should either buy, sell or drink alcoholic liquor. However, it must be remembered that by statute we are attempting to reform a condition that has stood in the world almost since the first man appeared upon it. We may all join in the effort; we may beat the tom-toms and parade the streets with banners, but until the present generation dies off there will be a few now and then who seek to buy liquor, and from indications there will also be a few who seek to sell it.

This being a practical thought thoroughly understood by people who think does not yet take away the crime of selling or the crime of purchasing liquor. But, we must disagree with anyone who in an endeavor to "get" their man resort to stories of liquor purchase or of character assassination.

In the days when we were all embroiled in war, it became quite common for one enemy to seek ruination of another by starting a story of German sympathy. So, in these days when there is a disposition to get some one out of the way, it is quite common to start a liquor story on him, or in some other way attack his character which will be equally as bad.

In state affairs this is unpardonable. It shows a smallness that will eventually react, but likely after the man whom they are after is safely shelved by the public mind which has formed its opinion through articles of attack appearing in the press.

From every angle it can be viewed it is indeed small stuff, and the state of Oregon needing statesmen, as it does, rather than the back-biter and the character assassin, should be mighty careful how far it goes with dangerous work.

The pay of postal employes should be increased. Everyone in La Grande positively knows that it is but fair to give the people who handle our mail a living wage. But Coolidge is right when he demands that there be some method adopted to create more funds for the purpose before the wages are raised. Just raising wages and increasing expenses without due consideration is pinching many a business today and the government has the power to prevent such a condition in the case of the postal employes.

Another good thing about radio concerts is the lack of encores.

THE OLD HOME TOWN . . . By Stanley

OFFICE CAT

TRADE MARK REG.

By Junius

Speaking about cross word puzzles, what does one usually have when one has Hiker? Six letters. Begins with "pod." And who is it that we know isn't Santa Claus and cracks his shin on a chair in the dark and curses? Six letters.

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The fashion dictum a few days ago declaring 10 to 15 inches of legs below feminine dress bottoms was probably the most important news of the week, especially to the male population.

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And now Junius hears that a certain person went to a recent operetta two nights—each night with a different partner.

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A youth seated himself in a La Grande dentist's chair. He wore a wonderful shirt of striped silk and an even more wonderful checked suit. He had the vacant stare that goes with both.

"I'm afraid to give him gas," the dentist said to his assistant.

"Why?"

"Well," replied the tooth puller, "how will I know when he is unconscious?"

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Although he was a particularly long suffering parent, there were times when his nerves cracked under the fire of the innumerable questions of his small son.

"Dad," asked the lad one night, "am I made of dust?"

"I think not," was the weary reply, "otherwise you would dry up now and then."

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"I'd like some ice cream for my little grandchild—that is if it is fresh," said an old bar fussy lady.

And the vendor replied, sarcastically, "Well, do you think I warmed it over from yesterday?"

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A few weeks after the elopement, the impetuous benedict begins to wonder what all the rush was about.

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Woman (talking over telephone): "Send up a bale of hay."

Feed Merchant: "Who is it for?"

Woman: "The horse, of course."

Advertising Club Planned

EUGENE, Ore. — Local merchants are planning to organize an advertising club in the near future, according to announcement here. Professor W. F. G. Thacher, head of the advertising department of the school of journalism at the University of Oregon, will assist the merchants in their preliminary plans to organize.

Who crossed the Delaware in ten letters and an open boat and was the father of his country?

Yesterday In Congress

The house considered the navy appropriation bill.

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The senate indicated a preference for private operation of Muscle Shoals.

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Joseph W. McIntosh of Illinois was nominated as comptroller of the currency.

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The national conference on street and highway traffic made recommendations and adjourned.

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An attempt to override President Coolidge's veto of the postal pay bill was blocked in the senate.

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President Coolidge, it was said at the White House, does not believe an investigation of the navy necessary.

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Representative Crisp of Georgia, a member of the debt commission, told the House no new concrete proposal on the French debt had been submitted.

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It was indicated at the department of justice that the Atlanta federal penitentiary removal case might involve a wider development.

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State department officials declared the protest of Soviet Foreign Minister Tchitcherin on the operations of the czarist Bear would not be answered.

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The American embassy in Mexico City was instructed to investigate the shooting of Deputy Sheriff Joseph Pierros of Webb county, Texas, near Nuevo Laredo.

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The senate campaign expenditures committee dismissed the report of a "million dollar Republican slush fund" purported to have been handled through four western reserve banks.

Have You a Bad Back?

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Does your back ache night and day;
Hinder work; destroy your rest?
Are you tortured with stabbing pains when you stoop, lift or bend?
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More troubles may soon appear.
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Use Doan's Pills.
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BUS FEE RISE PLANNED

ALBANY, Ore. — Judge L. L. Swan, one of Linn county's representatives to the Oregon legislature by the last election, has announced one bill which he will push in the next session of the law-making body. His bill concerns the licenses and fees of passenger auto busses and his figures while the most conservative, show that the passenger bus does not pay near in proportion to what the private car owner and operator does in taxes and licenses.

Mr. Swan would raise the licenses for passenger busses and thereby even the tax on privately-owned cars and the commercial cars, which he says is now unfair to the owner of a private car.

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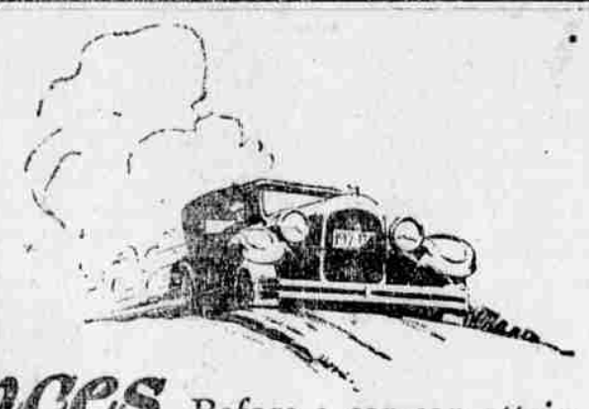

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