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HE THAT KEEPETH HIS MOUTH, keepeth his life, but
he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.—Proverbs,
13:3.

Get Your Auto License

That annual, easily forgettable need, next year's auto
license, is upon the motorists of La Grande. For weeks
officials have been calling public attention to this impor-
tant matter. While there has been some response, thou-
sands of motorists are apparently going to delay until the
last day and when their licenses cannot be issued "while
you wait" will start to cuss.

Obviously the thing to do is for motorists of the state
to make their application now. There is no indication that
any respite will be granted delinquent motorists after Jan-
uary 1. Ample notice has been given. The auto division
has been ready for a long time to issue the licenses. If
part of the public chooses to ignore the opportunity, they
will get no sympathy if after the first of the year they
are arrested for carrying antiquated license plates.

Work Brings Results

Solomon once remarked that "there is nothing new
under the sun," and then proceeded to contradict himself.
From that day to this there have been many with less
wisdom who have believed as Solomon preached, but un-
like Solomon have meekly surrendered to their belief. That
man is doomed to failure and mediocrity who believes that
everything that can be done has been done by those before
him, and legion are the doomed.

Strickland Gillilan, poet and humorist, writing recently
in a periodical of national circulation, congratulates the am-
bitious on the little competition they meet in life. He
reasons that it is comparatively easy to gain eminence be-
cause of the small number of entrants in the race.

They are few in number who have no ambition to gain
either fame, fortune or power, but innumerable are those
who, though possessed of the ambition, are persuaded that
opportunity is dead and that "there is nothing new under
the sun." Deluded souls! Lack of confidence in them-
selves has left them out of the race to the advantage of
others, perhaps less capable but surely more farseeing.

This year a man received \$1,000,000 in royalties on a
simple toy invented by him, another made millions on an
ice cream confection, another gained immortality from his
pen. Is there any better proof that opportunity is more
alive than ever? Every new day brings new opportunities
for the men and women who recognize in the new day
the time to do "something new under the sun."

Carelessness

In the fiscal year ended June, 1924, 17,000,000 letters
were destroyed by the dead letter office, most of them fail-
ing to carry through because of incorrect or inadequate
address or absence of sender's address. More than 17,000,
000 writers sent letters that never reached those to whom
they were written and mailed. More than 17,000,000 per-
sons failed to receive communications addressed to them.

The makings of tragedies are in those figures. Thou-
sands of the destroyed letters were of great importance.
They carried information or asked questions that might
have affected the lives of many; that might have ex-
plained away torturing misunderstandings; might have
eased heartaches, might have lightened loads on weary
minds, might have chased shadows from groping spirits.
A few more strokes of the pen, a little more care in writ-
ing the name of the person or city or street or in marking
the number, and most of those letters would have gone
through. If a letter is worth writing, it is worth address-
ing properly.

Postmaster General New suggests that in addition to
care in addressing letters the address be supplemented by
descriptive and designative clues as to the identity of the
sender. This is a good suggestion. It is made in the in-
terest of the public that the postal department serves.

Kentucky professor who says that cross-word puzzles
afford a continuous intelligence test hasn't overlooked the
collateral feature of the test of intelligence of those called
on to help in the solution.

Resolution

One New Year's resolution fit and proper for all to
make is to resolve to get in six months of energetic and
unceasing productive labor before the hot weather and vaca-
tion season opens in July. In the words of the street
the period beginning January 1 and ending July 1 is "the
time for the worker to 'get in his best ticks'."

The first six months of the year are peculiarly adapted
for work. During the greater part of that period the
weather, being cold, is, itself, conducive to efficient toil.
The outdoor attractions are few if any, and indoor work-
ing conditions are an inducement to work. And then there
is only one widely observed holiday during the entire six
months to interrupt and disorganize the long siege of hard
work.

Work is not so smooth going and easy during the last
six months of the year. July, August and September are
the hot weather and vacation months of the twelvemonth
and work cannot compete with hot weather and the vaca-
tion urge except on the farm. As for the final quarter
of the year, football, hunting, Thanksgiving Day and the
Christmas holidays conspire to slay all desire to work.

So nature has given the north the six months from Jan-
uary to July in which to labor industriously and save
thriftyly that when spring comes he may buy himself a new
automobile in which to spend his vacation.

When Man Is Doomed

Psychologists and sociologists studying the mental pro-
cesses responsible for the epidemic of banditry and rob-
beries are united in the belief that these most vicious
criminals have become so through a perverted philosophy
that life without great wealth is not worth the living. To
gain that wealth they risk the life of others, dare the
electric chair or the gallows and face years of imprison-
ment. Is there any greater gamble?

The fault is not essentially with the victims of this most
fallacious logic. Somebody must drink the dregs of a so-
ciety which finds happiness on material wealth and meas-
ures material wealth by money in that quantity which al-
lows of extravagance and dissipation.

Man is doomed when he cannot find happiness and con-
tentment in honest labor and a living wage.

Satisfaction over the payment of the last installment
of the income tax is marred by the thought that in three
months there will have to be another report filed and ap-
other payment made.

The reason some girls would rather have a position
than get married is because they can resign the one,
whereas they would have to become resigned to the other.

This year 22,000 persons in the United States have been
killed and 678,000 injured in traffic accidents. The slaugh-
ter of peace is not less than that of war.

Ability to mix well brings more dollars than scholar-
ship, an investigator contends. The mixer usually has
need of more dollars, too.

In a small town, feminism manifests itself only as an
anxiety to pay off the debt on the churen.

An executive is a man who thinks the lunch hour
means an hour and forty-five minutes.



A La Grande girl, wears curls
when her hat is on but when she
takes her hat off she wears a boy-
ish look.

It was found that when she had
her hair bobbed she saved her
cups and pinned them on her hat.

YOU FIDGITY THING YOU!

They sit on the sofa.
Quiet and still.
And looked at her mamma,
Said and said.

Her mamma went out soon
Some business will;
They sat on the sofa—
Said and said.

A gold fish may not have any
petrarch, but it at least doesn't
have any money neighbors to fer-
ret out its income tax return.

A good wife will forgive her
husband for smoking provided he
has no other very bad habits when
he smokes.

When a wife meets her hus-
band's attorney the following odds
are offered:
2 to 1 she wins by a knockout.
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Maybe some war veterans is drink-
ing him.

Employer thinking a look at
new "Married of course."
Applicant for job: "No, sir, I
fell down a flight of stairs yester-
day."

REWARD IN HAND
"Now I've had my revenge,"
said the girl-student prospective to
his friend, as a customer left.

"Revenge? How so?"
"Well, the young lady who just
went out is a telephone operator.
I gave her the wrong number."

According to the paper a man
found a quarter while driving
the roads. If this doesn't result in
all roads in our country being
drugged this week, I know the
givers, remarks a La Grander.

The annoying thing about buy-
ing a bunch of loaves watching
the job is that they make it so
difficult to pick out the foreman.

A man must not only hold his
own character, but he must em-
ploy a night watchman to guard
it.

Mother Hubbard Up To Date
Old Mother Hubbard
Went to the cupboard
To get her big drink of gin.
When she got there,
The cupboard was bare,
And the old man was wiping
his chin.

When my better half came of their
hands then went. This happy
is not always true of their better
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SALE

Friday, January 2nd.

SINGERS LOSE
DUE TO RADIO

DRESDEN, (AP)—Another con-
cert season like the present and
German artists will be ruined, in
the opinion of Dr. Rudolf Cahn-
Speyer, chairman of the executive
committee of the Federation of Con-
cert-Giving Musicians of Germany.
These factors are blamed for the
unfavorable condition of the con-
cert market: the radio, an indi-
cument, public, and an unjust sys-
tem of taxation.

From the moment the govern-
ment lowered the fee for radio
services to 50 cents a month, there
was a sharp increase in the num-
ber of subscribers. From 7,500 the
number rose to 400,000 within half
a year. "One can easily under-
stand," Dr. Cahn-Speyer observes,
"that with a large part of the pub-
lic the difference both in quality
and condition between a concert in
a hall and one heard over the ra-
dio is not sufficient to outweigh the
comfort of hearing a concert with-
out one's own home. The latter in-
volves no necessity to dress up or
leave the house, and enables one
to smoke a cigar or sip a cup of
coffee while listening."

The indifference of the public to
good concerts, in Dr. Cahn-Speyer's
opinion, is evidenced by the fact
that concerts even of big stars
are seldom sold out, and that com-
plementary tickets are no longer
being used.

The state is unduly severe on
the artist in matters of taxation,
Dr. Cahn-Speyer holds. On all but
office receipts he must pay both a
turn-over and a luxury tax. These
receipts are, as a matter of fact,
never enough to pay for the costs
involved in giving a concert, save
in the case of stars of the first
magnitude. Most artists pay a con-
siderable sum of money out of their
own pockets for the pleasure of giv-
ing a concert, since it is essential
to their future artistic career that
they have a number of musical
criticisms from the press and musi-
cians to their credit. Even on free
tickets a luxury tax is exacted. In
any commercial business free tick-
ets would be charged to advertising,
and would be exempt from tax-
ation, but the poor artist is gouged
for them by the tax officials.

DE MOLAY DAY SEE

The grand council, Order of De
Molay with headquarters in Kan-
sas City, Mo., has set aside Sat-
urday, January 2, as De Molay
day of comfort throughout the
world. On this day members of
the organization will supply flav-
ors, candy and various delicacies,
and furnish entertainment for the
members of hospitals, orphanages,
homes for crippled children, old

folks' homes, old soldiers' homes,
county farms, reform schools, de-
tention homes, and sanitariums.
This is an annual affair with
De Molay and is in line with the
organization's objective to spread
good cheer wherever possible.

Pine Valley Trappers Busy. Some 50 obtain the greatest number of
youthful trappers will be on duty hidden. Nearly all boys in the to-
in Pine Valley during the holi- cal high school even their up-
days and considerable rivalry is money in this enterprise.

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U.B. Thrifty says



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

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

SAVINGS ACCOUNT
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amount from one dollar
up.

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amount in reserve that
will carry you over the
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power is cut off.

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