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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.

Oregon's Metropolis

Portland.—This metropolis of Oregon is pushing right along and she is bound to be a big one.

No longer do little things interest the big operators here. They speak of millions just as we of the Grande Ronde valley would mention hundreds. Here the people know they are on the way to success with a capital "S."

I have been asked a hundred times "how are things up your way?" but usually that is only a passing question or a salutation, and the answer is never listened to, because the city is moving along. Business is liquid and revives quickly from depression or dies almost instantly and is forgotten, while farming and stock raising occupy a decidedly different place in the world. When I state that it will require several years for farming and stock raising to "come back" even under favorable circumstances, the Portland business man seemingly cannot understand why so long a time is necessary.

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Prosperity in lumber circles is again singing a cheerful song. Lucky, indeed, are such cities as La Grande that have timber supplies. Oregon as a state is to benefit from what seems to be a good, long period of good prices for lumber.

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Somehow, a country boy like ourselves, cannot get over marvelling at the traffic situation in Portland. The congestion is unbelievable on an ordinary day and should the city have a celebration with a large number of visitors the dead and maimed would equal a battle. Either automobiles must be barred from downtown districts or overhead traffic must be established. It is a mighty hard job for us to get across the street even where a traffic officer holds forth. The biggest problem Oregon's metropolis has to solve is the traffic problem.

Bruce Dennis

Why A Land Office?

When congressmen from the effete east decided a few days ago to do away with about all the land offices in the west except one now and then in a ten thousand mile radius the question arose at once, "Why a land office, anyhow?" Easterners immediately echoed the question and they said here is a chance to use economy. But for the work of the western congressmen headed by Nick Simnott those easterners would have laid low forever most of the land offices in the northwest.

Let us see, "why a land office?" A few days ago there were lined up in the La Grande office transacting business with the government of the United States the following people: Albert Lewis, Earl E. Chandler and Edward Black of Elgin; F. G. Giles, Otto R. Schiller and Lee L. Schiller, who came from 35 miles out of Baker; John Collins, Fred Rosson, Role Van Biber of Spray, which is 50 miles southeast of Heppner.

These men came to La Grande to look after their lands. If there had been no land office here they would have had to travel on to Ontario, then take a branch line road and go to Vale or to Burns, whichever land office remained after the eastern congressmen finished their whittling. It would have meant days more travel, heavy expense to the land owners and would certainly have saved the government little or nothing because more help would necessarily have had to be employed in the few offices that would have been left.

We give this to show how in the spirit of economy people who do not understand a condition may go entirely wrong in their views.

Incidentally it might be also mentioned that the local land office causes considerable business to come to La Grande, for every man who travels any distance stays here for a day or two, makes purchases and scatters some of his money in the cash registers of La Grande.

It was an act of wise economy all around for the eastern congressmen to have been defeated in their endeavor to kill the western land offices.

THE OLD HOME TOWN - - By Stanley

FIRE CHIEF OTEY WALKER POSTS A REWARD FOR THE RETURN OF THE TWO RED LANTERNS STOLEN FROM THE HOOK AND LADDER WAGON

OFFICE CAT

TRADE MARK REG.

By Junius

Critical Guest at Party: "My dear, these cakes are hard as iron."

She: "I know. Didn't you hear our hostess say 'Take your pick,' when she handed them around."

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Some people enjoy their leisure, but others insist on taking a kodak on the trip.

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Alice: "The photographers never do me justice."

Jack: "You want mercy, not justice, dear."

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No man is a hero before breakfast.

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Many of the girls who persistently powder their noses let their necks care for themselves.

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Bride (to salesman): "Please sir, I'd like a little oven."

Salesman: "Er—pardon me. Not while your husband's along."

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Women crave equal rights. But the girl who thinks smoking a cigarette will make a man of her is mistaken.

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Sign in restaurant: "We have an agreement with the banks. We are to cash no checks. They are to serve no meals."

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The four-year-old was away from home. At bedtime she knelt at the knee of her hostess to say her prayers, expecting the usual prompting. Finding the lady unable to help her out, the child concluded thus:

"Excuse, God, excuse me. I can't remember my prayers and I'm saying it with a lady who don't know any."

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The old-fashioned man who used to carry a tire pump on his bicycle whenever he went out riding has a son who wears both a belt and a pair of suspenders.

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The worst possible is the unspeakable creature who begins a telephone conversation with "Hello! Whez this?" and next is the kink who chortles payaway, "Guess who this is."

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Corpse (which has come to life): "Undertaker, let me go home!"

Undertaker: "C'mon, be a good scout, and swallow this embalming fluid."

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AND THEY'RE WILD ABOUT EACH OTHER

He—"Would you?"

She—"Did I say I wouldn't "

He—"You didn't say you would."

She—"Did I say I wouldn't "

He—"But you wouldn't say you would."

She—"Did I say I couldn't if I would?"

He—"You didn't say you would if you could."

She—"But I didn't say I wouldn't if I could."

He—"Would you if you could?"

She—"Did I say I could?"

He—"You didn't say you would."

She—"But I didn't say I couldn't."

He—"What did you say?"

She—"What did you ask for?"

Intermission.

She—"Oh, ask me again, and don't take so long."

Yesterday In Congress

(By the Associated Press)

The house approved appropriations fixing the size of the army at 119,000 men.

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Agreement was reached by house leaders to vote next week on the rivers and harbors bill.

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Railroad consolidation was taken up at hearings before the senate interstate commerce commission.

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Hearings were reopened on the Cramton bill concentrating all prohibition work under one bureau.

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Secretary Hoover sketched to the farm co-operative organization his theory of an agricultural policy.

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President Coolidge was asked by the senate what protests had been made against battleship gun elevation.

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Secretary Weeks told a house committee that aircraft funds were insufficient for an adequate air force.

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The senate passed the treasury postoffice bill carrying $762,000,000 and the agricultural bill carrying $125,000,000.

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The naval appropriation bill, carrying $289,000,000, and the deficiency bill, totaling $157,000,000, were approved by the senate appropriations committee.

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Senator Dill, Democrat, South Carolina, withdrew from the senate record his recent speech blaming Democratic members of congress for the November defeat.

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The senate naval appropriations committee reported that the country need not be alarmed about reports that the American navy has fallen below the 5-5-3 ratio.

Rotorship Inventor Promises Land Application of His Theory

KIEL (AP)—The Flettner rotorship and the statement of its inventor that the principle of cylindrical towers to secure power from the air will also be used in harnessing the wind on land, continue to be discussed here.

Herr Flattner is reticent about his plans to utilize wind power on land, saying only that within a year he hopes to exhibit models which will enable irrigation plants, factories and municipalities to take power directly from the wind through the use of the discoveries he has worked out in his study of air currents and their effect upon revolving towers. Towers for use on land will be high, as the constant winds are far above the earth's surface. Herr Flettner is confident that eventually there will be a great saving of fuel through the use of air currents.

The inventor declares also that small sailboats of all kinds, including pleasure craft, can be fitted with one rotating tower that will propel them successfully on rivers, bays and lakes.

We bought a new auto and the first week got a crick in our neck looking to see if it was still out front.

Wonder how congress can tell when it is not in session?

27 YEARS AGO

Daily Morning Observer, January 7, 1898.—The infant son of O. R. Hindman died in Baker City.

Deputy Sheriff John Blize, of Union, was in the city today on official business.

Mr. Goodbroad of Union shipped two cars of winter apples yesterday to Commission Merchant Hobbs, of Chicago.

William Couch of Island City will leave tomorrow for Elgin to remain for three months in the employment of the Elgin Mercantile company.

The Klondike fever is running rampant in Baker City, but most of the people who are going do not intend to engage in mining, says the Republican.

Mayor Ralston scored 59 Wednesday at the bowling alley, the largest score made on that day.

William J. Church of Island City bank, is assisting in the La Grande National bank during the absence of Cashier J. M. Church.

Self denial week commences among the Salvation Army people next Sunday. During this week all soldiers belonging to the Salvation Army vie with each other in making personal self denial for the good of the cause.

Mr. J. S. Matthew of Flora, Wallowa county, leaves this morning for his home with a four-horse load of groceries for the firm of Baker and Clark, merchants of Flora. It requires considerable nerve to undertake to carry freight over the mountains this time of the year, but Mr. Matthew says he is equal to the task.

The crap dealers are thinking seriously of boycotting all married men as several of the would be sports' wives through their own, and in some cases through the efforts of their attorneys, have seen fit to demand the losses. Yesterday the proprietor of one of the games, after giving the matter much thought, refunded $240 to a woman who will carry the purse until her husband becomes sufficiently proficient in mathematics so he can figure that the percentage against him is too great for a man of his means to speculate with.

Union. — Major South and son, George, were down from the Park Wednesday. George has just returned from an extended trip in Ohio, where he went to take a thorough course in shorthand and typewriting. He secured his diploma after taking first honors in that institution. George is the coming young man, and has had heretofore considerable experience in teaching in our public schools.

AMERICAN WOMEN COME TO AID OF SULGRAVE MANOR

NEW YORK (AP)—The ancestral home in England of George Washington, Sulgrave Manor, in Northamptonshire, will henceforth be maintained and preserved by the income of a fund of $100,000 raised in this country by the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America.

In making this announcement, Mrs. Joseph R. Lamar, national president of the society, explained that the organization was directed under the terms of its constitution, to preserve and restore buildings connected with the early history of the United States. Before the world war it sent $3,000 to England to restore the manor.

Committees were organized to collect this sum of money, in 40 states and the District of Columbia, and all worked under the national committee, of which Mrs. William Adams Brown, of New York was chairman.

The sum desired was fully subscribed, and will shortly be placed in the hands of permanent trustees. Already the income is going forward to England, there to be expended for the physical care and preservation of the house whence came the ancestors of Washington, and the gardens and grounds surrounding it.

The greater part of the $100,000 was given by the Dames themselves, but generous aid was also received from the public. Not a dollar has been deducted from the subscriptions on account of collection expenses, all of which were paid by the societies or by individual Dames.

Bonus Policies Received.

PENDLETON, Ore. — The first paid-up insurance policies issued by the government under the terms of the adjusted compensation law to be received in Pendleton by veterans of the late war were delivered.

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HUGE SUM IS COST OF SEAT

SAN FRANCISCO (AP). — The highest price on record for a seat on the San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange, $25,000, was paid here recently by Carl W. Stever. This is said to be the highest figure for such a sale outside of the New York Stock Exchange, where a seat was sold recently for $161,000.

The bond market in the Stock and Bond Exchange of San Francisco is second only to that of New York, while the volume of business in stocks is reported to exceed that of Boston, Philadelphia and other large exchanges.

Since the hectic gold days of more than 70 years ago, San Franciscans always have been speculators. There now are two exchanges here, the Stock and Bond and the San Francisco Stock Exchange. The latter is really the city's old mining exchange, which still handles many mining stocks reminiscent of the colorful early days.

Trading in stocks on the San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange has increased from 479,559 shares of the market value of $20,927,166 in 1900 to 6,845,625 shares with a market value of $102,778,333 for the first nine months of 1924. During the same period the values of bonds dealt in annually rose from $5,330,210 to $38,426,000 the first nine months of 1924.

Slide Closes Highway.

SALEM, Ore.—The Oregon state highway commission announced that the Coos Bay-Roseburg highway was had been closed to through traffic because of a slide at Sitner mountain, five miles east of Myrtle Point. It was expected that traffic would be resumed later in the week.

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