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HE WILL SWALLOW UP DEATH in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth; for the Lord hath spoken it.—Isaiah 25:8.

There are thousands of men in the country who can tell the farmer and rancher just how agricultural problems should be solved. They all live in cities.

About the only hope of providing sufficient parking space in Portland is to invent automobiles that will wrinkle and fold up. Some of the present ones wrinkle enough but the darn things won't fold.

It doesn't take long for those who lose their seats with the mighty to drop from the limelight. Senator Brookhart, of Iowa, came so close to defeat in the last election that he has a hard time breaking into print in his hometown paper.

HOUSE-TO-HOUSE PEDDLERS.

La Grande is similar to every other city and town in the country in that peddlers of all kinds and dispositions infest it at all too frequent intervals. That has been the case the last few months. And the peddlers have profited while a great and bargain-loving public unconsciously takes a direct slap at the entire community—themselves—and no actual saving of even a thin dime can be shown.

The Observer's position regarding house-to-house peddlers who have no established place of business in the city, who pay no taxes in support of our city government, and who contribute absolutely nothing to the upbuilding of the community is briefly and bluntly stated: We are against them. We are so confident that their operations are detrimental to the city's good that we believe some city legislation should be fostered at once to establish a peddlers' license fee for the city that would either be sufficient to offset lack of other revenue from that class of business or sufficient to keep them from operating within the city limits at all.

From the standpoint of an organized community, the peddler has no excuse whatever for existence. Actually many of them are sincere, hard working people who have confidence in the goods they sell and the bargains their offerings are supposed to represent. We do not know just what quality is available or what a true price comparison would reveal because we have had very little contact with the peddler variety of goods. We do know, however, enough about the contracts and agreements made with peddlers by manufacturers or wholesalers to be confident that the profit the peddler makes from a sale is of sufficient size to make two or three so-called "middlemen's" combined profits look like a piker's by comparison.

There are a few exceptions in any arbitrarily selected class, but peddlers are a nuisance for any city. In practically every instance the same merchandise offered by a peddler can be purchased in some store in the city and at an equally attractive price. Suppose the peddler DOES save you a dollar or convinces you that there is another dollar's worth of quality in his article for the same price (and it would take three Philadelphia lawyers to convince us that either is very probable), what happens to the money you give the peddler for his goods? How much of it goes for city government, how much for support of the schools, how much for city fire protection, how much for police protection, how much for rent and wages to others, and donations to charity and church contributions and general support of your community activities?

People who patronize peddlers liberally and frequently usually do so, we believe, without deliberation and careful investigation of what could be bought of similar character at an established local store. They do not take into consideration the fact that it's very difficult and inconvenient to return merchandise that has gone bad to an unknown peddler who has left town or who has changed his residence, his business, or his mind.

As a matter of protection, both to individuals and the community as a whole, the city commission would do well to investigate this problem and various methods of solution. It deserves their early and serious consideration.

THE OLD HOME TOWN By Stanley



HEALTH

PREVENT CARBON MONOXIDE GAS POISONING

(By Dr. Frederick Stricker) 1. Never go to bed with a gas fire burning in a bed room. 2. Never attempt to warm up an automobile in a closed garage. 3. If you have a gas heater, see that it is frequently cleaned, inspected and that it has ample flue connections.

Just a few mornings ago seven persons, six of them members of a prominent Portland family and the seventh their physician, were overcome by carbon monoxide poisoning. Three deaths occurred recently on the east side of Portland from an unvented gas floor heater. Such occurrences demonstrate the urgent necessity of further education of the public in the proper use of domestic gas heating appliances.

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BE IT RESOLVED, By the Oregon State Board of Health that this Board recommends: (1) The effective venting of every gas-fired room heater and instantaneous gas-fired water heater to the exterior of the building; (2) the removal of all gas-fired water heaters from bathrooms, kitchens, and similar quarters; (3) the discontinuance of the use of gas-fired cooking stoves or ranges or hot plates for room heating purposes, unless same are effectively flued to the outside air; (4) also, that teachers and textbooks having to do with the subjects of hygiene, psychology and household economics, and similar branches, shall emphasize the principle and correct use of and the necessity for adequately venting all gas-fired appliances for the better protection of the health, safety and lives of the users thereof.

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Yesterday In Congress

(By The Associated Press) The House refused to accept the senate postal pay bill in place of its own measure.

A \$10,000,000 veterans' hospital bill was reported by the house veterans' committee.

The senate confirmed the nomination of William M. Jardine of Kansas, to be secretary of agriculture.

The senate passed the District of Columbia appropriation bill, the final major supply measure of the year on.

The United States, it was learned, has approached the principal powers on the subject of a new armistice conference.

The senate voted against reconsidering the legislative appropriation bill, carrying salary increases for members of congress.

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Chairman Norris of the senate agricultural committee expressed doubt his committee would have time to consider fully a co-operative marketing bill.

A special naval board reported that the battleship remained the final arbiter in sea warfare and that the airplane would never assume paramount importance.

The house aircraft committee voted to ask Secretary Wilbur for a confidential report of the 1923 bombing tests against the battleships New Jersey and Virginia.



OFFICE CAT By Jenius. "What caused poor old Festus Pester's collapse," we solicitously inquired, "It is said he is suffering from a nervous breakdown."

Why try to kill two birds with one stone, when a shot from a shotgun will bring down a whole flock.

It's an awful thing to say, but it may be that she is called the village belle because she has the most rings.

A La Grande man contributes this one. "Did you hear of the shipwreck on Main street?" "No."

Edna: "Do you know father has never spoken a hasty word to mother." Ed: "How is that?" Edna: "He stutters."

WERE FOR HIM. Wife: "I cannot understand, John, why you always sit on the piano stool when we have company. Everyone knows you cannot play a note."

Typical street in a small town: Filling station, garage, drug store, restaurant, garage, filling station, filling station, ready to wear, drug store, garage, filling station.

Customer: "I want to get a corset to put on around the house." Clerk (absent minded): "How large is your house?"

There are a lot of people who object to the spelling of Christmas "Xmas." Why not spell it "smas" and be done with it?

A man need not be a stenographer to take dictation. All he needs is to be well and properly married.

Judge: "Didn't I tell you the last time you were here that I never wanted to see you here before me again?"

Defendant: "Yes, your honor, that is what I told the cop, but he wouldn't believe me."

GETTING TO FAT? TRY THIS—REDUCE. People who don't grow too fat are the fortunate exception. But if you find the fat accumulating or already cumbersome, you will be wise to follow this suggestion, which is endorsed by thousands of people who know. Ask your druggist for Marmola Prescription Tablets and follow directions. One dollar is the price the world over. Get them from your own druggist or send price direct to Marmola Co., General Motors Bldg., Detroit, Mich. By doing this you will be able to reduce steadily and easily and pleasantly, without starvation diet or tiresome exercise. Start taking them today and get slender.—Adv.

COVE LODGES 25 YEARS OLD

COVE (Special)—The local I. O. O. F. lodge and the Wild Rose Rebekah lodge celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of Lodge No. 521 here recently. Four charter members were present for the evening: Mr. and Mrs. William Reynolds, John Mitchell and Geo. McDaniel.

The occasion also served as a birthday party for Mrs. Nellie H. Grace, who has been an honor member of the lodge for the past twenty-two years. She is now eighty-one years old. The Rebekah lodge presented her with a huge birthday cake with eighty-one candles and the I. O. O. F. lodge gave her a silver pencil.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Conklin had as their guests recently Mr. and Mrs. F. Miller, Miss Bess Kelly, Mrs. I. B. Carter and Jean and Donald Miller.

Mrs. Mae Kelly returned Friday from a visit to her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Shanley.



REV. NELSON KNIGHT

Reverend Nelson Knight is having wonderful success everywhere he conducts revivals. Entire neighborhoods are awakened and from the way it looks, many people will be standing, ere the meeting continues a week longer in La Grande. Practically every seat was taken at the meeting last night. Many people were made to weep, as the evangelist described, "How God So Loved the World." I am going tonight, are you? Corner X and Spruce, New Church of God Chapel.—Adv.

The FLORSHEIM SHOE

THE FLORSHEIM Shoe is a picture of smart style that attracts favorable attention to the well shod feet of the man who wears a pair.



The Rugby \$10. N.K. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE. The Florsheim Shoe.

Miss La Verda Millering of La Grande has been a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Conley for the past week.

The Cherry Chapter Easter Star Lodge enjoyed a social meeting at the lodge rooms Wednesday. A dainty luncheon was served by Mrs. P. M. Ellis and Mrs. J. W. Itolina.

Three Don'ts To Remember

We DON'T sell junk. If you DON'T want good merchandise DON'T buy here. Once a customer—always one. There's a reason. BE ONE OF THE MANY.

Norton's Kiddy Shop

Romance

YOU often hear people refer to the "dear old days of romance"—to the time when knight-errants roamed the earth to do honor to a lady's blue eyes.

These folks say we are living in an age of realism! An age of "realism" where the human voice is hurled across the world without wires; where the temperature of Mars is taken more than thirty million miles away; where tons of steel and people ride easily and safely through the air or under the sea!

An age of realism! Why this is the most romantic of all ages! The advertising columns of this paper are full of romance—of the romance of men who have devoted their lives to bringing new comforts, conveniences and pleasures for mankind.

Advertisements tell these stories, not with the romantic exaggeration of a jongleur, but with the calm, simple words of sincerity. Here is a firm that spent millions to develop a product that makes your baby comfortable. Here is a company that has labored fifty years to cut a single hour of toil from your day's work. Here is a man who has searched the Seven Seas to produce a new flavor for your dinner.

Romance—this age is full of it. Not just empty romance, but the true romance of achievement, of progress, of the betterment of mankind.

Advertisements tell you what the romance of business is doing for you. Read them.

Balloon Tires. OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT ON ALL FORD MODELS AT ONLY \$25 Extra. SEE THE NEW MODELS. Perkins Motor Co. Corner 4th and Adams Phone M-500.

MARKET JOEL'S GROCERIES. PHONE MAIN 759. SOAP SALE. 2 Packages of Peet's Washing Machine Soap \$.80. Thor's Crystal White Soap .20 \$1.00. 5 Bars Crystal White Soap—FREE. 12 Bars Crystal White Soap \$.60. 1 box Peet's Machine Soap .40 \$1.00. 3 Bars Creme Oil Soap—FREE. The soap market is raising. Buy a large supply before the advance. This soap deal will be on ONE WEEK. FRESH FISH OF ALL KINDS.

A Reliable Bank. Reliability that means helpfulness as well as safety—no matter what the emergency. La Grande National Bank. Sound, Reliable, Progressive.