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PURE RELIGION and undefiled before God and the Father is true. To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.—James 1:27.

Spring is just around the corner, getting her raincoat unbuttoned.

The man who admits he is wrong would be more endurable if he didn't bring it about so frequently.

The Kansas legislature is trying to repeal the anti-cigarette law. There's a reason—it has doubled the price of cigarettes in Kansas.

Someone says that women are naturally dishonest. He must have observed some of the stouter ones trying to give themselves short weight on public scales.

Another thing that keeps a man's nose to the grindstone is the high cost of living up to the standard set by his neighbors—who probably can't afford it either.

Last year prohibition authorities seized 17,000,000 gallons of liquor (and that which was intended to be). That must have put a dent in the supply available for drinking.

MANIA AND CRIME.

With manias becoming more and more in vogue, it looks as though that which formerly passed as the devil in man is slated for the discard. The scientists, or those who guess in scientific terms, have "discovered" a mania for practically every criminal tendency.

He who specializes in theft is a kleptomaniac, the arson addict is a pyromaniac, the killer is a homicidal maniac—and so on through the list. From this it would appear that there is no crime—only mania. To the clear-headed, the cultured, the educated, criminal activity may be difficult to understand. Why will men and women risk reputation, liberty, life, merely for the gratification of criminal impulses? The question defies answer. Therefore the philologist scientists or scientific philosophers hold that crime is simply a manifestation of some mania.

This view may be satisfying to the vanity of man, but the willful criminal is not so easily to be abolished. He remains a menace to society. While some so-called criminals are unquestionably insane and therefore are to be held irresponsible, it is too much to expect the average man to accept mania as an unerring synonym for crime.

A CITY'S REPUTATION.

All towns are looked upon usually as high-priced towns by a certain percentage of the people residing therein. It's a common failing. The pasture just across the fence looks a little greener and a little cheaper. La Grande, for example, has a reputation that way, and the Oregon Journal took occasion recently to refer to that reputation as a means of attacking the Dennis resolution.

Probably the Journal didn't intend slamming La Grande so much as it wished to slam our predecessor's pet legislation, but it should have taken the trouble to determine the true character of the city rather than to give too much emphasis to something that is simply "reputed" to be so.

It's true that you can get a haircut in Portland for less than it can be purchased in La Grande, but nothing is said about the difference in the price of meals, for example. The two local hotels serve a special luncheon at noon for fifty cents that could not be duplicated in Portland for half again as much, and the excellent cafeterias and cafes serving luncheons produce foods at prices that would be astounding if discovered in Portland or almost any other town of our acquaintance. And nothing is quite so indicative of local food prices as the meals that a city serves regularly.

There are a number of other very excellent examples that might be cited which have a greater influence on the cost of living than haircuts that would tend to destroy the popular belief that La Grande is a high priced town—that is, if the people who entertain that belief will investigate conditions and compare with an open mind. The Journal's editorial writer, in this particular instance, had failed to do that. Certainly a careful comparison of living costs and working costs between La Grande and the cities farther west would not bring great discredit to that which we call our own.

THE OLD HOME TOWN • • • By Stanley



One of the most comfortable places to live is just inside your income.

Village life is less straining. When you say "Gimme the drug store," you can't get the wrong number.

A horse was stolen at Baker the other day. The animal is described as being a 1919 model.

All hard boiled eggs are yellow inside.

"Your aerial is leaking," said the radio expert. "Leaking?" exclaimed the amateur. "What a pity we didn't know yesterday, when the plumber was here."

Two small boys were puzzling their brains to invent a new game. At last one of them said eagerly: "I know, Bill, let's see who can make the ugliest face." "Aw, go on," was the reply. "Look at the start you've got."

Many a girl who is supposed to be up to date is six years behind the matter of birthdays.

The closest readers of the newspapers are those who have been up to some moonshine and are watching to see if the papers gave them a "raw deal."

Some persons are so dense that the sun is the only thing that shines on them.

Gladys thinks Charlie and X. Ray are brothers.

We know a man who puts hair restorer on his shaving brush.

A timekeeper of a negro gang on the S. P. asked a new hand his name.

"George Washington, sir," replied the new man. "You're not the man who cut down the cherry tree, are you?" "No, sir," was the answer. "This is the first work I've done for a year."

Prospectus from California says blue bushes there grow forty feet high. It must be a great country where they can blue that.

Windy Wolf says: "During courtship I talked and she listened. Now we both talk and the neighbors listen."

Pathe: He was eighteen years old. He asked permission before taking the car out.

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Income Tax Facts

The supreme court held the national motor vehicle theft act valid.

President Coolidge handed down the award in the Tacoma-Arcata case between Shile and Fern, calling for a plebiscite.

Action of the republican majority in depriving La Follette senators of their committee ranks was debated in the senate.

The nomination of Lieutenant-Colonel James E. Fochet as assistant chief of the army air service was approved by the senate military committee.

Corn on farms March 1 was placed by the department of agriculture at \$19,809,000 bushels. Wheat was 113,928,000 bushels.

Secretary Mellon declared the treasury in settling the Atlantic Gulf and West Indies corporation taxes applied proper business principles.

Evidence designed to show the government lost millions in taxes through war amortization allowances was contained in transcripts of the hearings of the Couzens investigating committee.

Senator Couzens of Michigan charged the internal revenue bureau had tried to "discipline" him through assessment or additional taxes because of revelations in the senate tax investigation.

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FARMERS AT SPRING WORK

SUMMERVILLE (Special)—The farmers in this vicinity are busy getting ready for spring work. As some of the fall wheat was injured during the excessive cold spell in December it will be necessary to re-seed.

Ellen Arnoldus and Merrill Frizzell, Tualum high school students, spent the week-end at their homes here.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Frizzell and Miss Fisher were La Grande visitors Saturday.

The Ladies Aid of Sumnerville, which was to meet at the home of Mrs. Arnoldus will meet with Mrs. Frizes this month, as Mrs. Arnoldus has been ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bay were shopping in La Grande Monday.

Miss Hess was called to La Grande last week by the death of her brother, Farrel Hess. Miss Hess teaches at the Pleasant Grove school.

Peter Arnoldus and son Robert, were in La Grande Saturday.

Nadine Zweifel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Zweifel is up again after an illness of several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bull and daughter, Melva, were Sunday visitors at Mrs. Bull's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Arnoldus.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. George Creek, who have been sick with pneumonia, are rapidly improving.

The Pleasant Grove Grange met in regular session Saturday evening. Dr. Phy of Hot Lake was speaker for the evening his subject being "Herodity." After the address luncheon was served by the home economics committee. Chas. Bohnenkamp and Mr. Reynolds also attended the meeting.

COUPLE JOIN GRANGE HERE

GRANGE HALL, (Special) — At the Blue Mountain Grange, meeting Wednesday two new applications for membership were received. Mrs. J. A. Holman led a discussion on the auto tax and Mrs. Tilton read a clipping on Haphazard legislation. Mrs. Kittle Stringham and Mrs. Alice Hug each read articles on President Coolidge's inauguration and Mrs. Grace Groat gave a short sketch of the life of the new secretary of agriculture, William M. Jardine. The lecturer, Mrs. Carrie Spencer, carried out a good roads program which was very instructive. The Columbia River highway was described by Mrs. Ethel Sherwood, the Pacific Highway by Mrs. Bessie Ragan and Mrs. Susie Williamson stated some interesting facts about the Roosevelt road, highway, the John Day highway and the Old Oregon Trail. William Sherwood described



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the Apple Way, the famous road that was built 200 years B. C. After a round table talk on road work and good roads the lecturer conducted a grange good roads slogan contest, in which Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Tilton and William Sherwood acted as judges. "Good Roads on Grange Lane, Will Help the Farmers Have Their Grains," by Mrs. Grace Groat was the best. Mrs. Kate Redwood was appointed to make the slogan into a poster to place in the hall.

A splendid time is assured all members of the grange and their friends March 21, when Brothers Day will be observed. On this day the men have charge of the program. Bob Masterton has been appointed chairman of the committee in charge of the dinner. Ben Grotter will be lecturer and J. T. Jackson, a specialist in agriculture work will deliver the principal address of the day.

Mrs. Lucy Graham of La Grande and Mrs. Della Chandler of Prussia, California, are guests at the William Sherwood home.

Joe Anson, who has been confined to his home for several weeks because of illness, is able to be out again.

Delbert Anson, who was operated on for appendicitis at Grangeville hospital last week, is getting along nicely.

After spending the winter in Phoenix, Arizona, Charles Hamann returned home recently. He also spent several days visiting an uncle who resides at Hollywood.

Mrs. LEBB Gokeler is in with the flu. Ralph Stringham has been absent from school several days on account of having an injury. Eric Me. and Mrs. George Tilton of Louisa, and Mrs. Valentine of Oakland, California, visited Mt. Mountain Grange Wednesday.

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