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BEHOLD AT EVENINGTIME trouble; and before the morning he is not. This is the portion of them that spoil us, and the lot of them that rob us.—Isaiah 17:14.

Laughing yourself to death is better than worrying your head off.

Lots of times we notice that the loudest yell comes from the man who didn't vote.

Parents are usually people who think children will be corrupted by knowledge they had at that age.

Many a young man who asks for a girl's hand deserves the father's foot.

Speaking of spring tonics, there never can be any going back on this Oregon sunshine.

Blondes won the first and second prizes in a beauty contest—the peroxides of March.

In South Africa they have discovered a new blue lagoon. After looking at his picture you can readily see why he is blue.

THE PRIVILEGE OF TALKING SHOP

After attending the annual newspaper conference at Eugene last Friday and Saturday we are impressed with a number of things; chiefly, however, with the high calibre of newspaper men directing the press in Oregon, the excellent programs they are able to produce in such a conference, the hospitality of a fine city like Eugene, and the value of such gatherings of kindred souls as the conference made possible.

It is this last, the value of such gatherings to those who attend, that The Observer is particularly interested in, and we wish to give some emphasis to the statement. We do this, not because we think you are interested in the opportunities we may have to talk "shop" with our fellows who are engaged in the same business, but because it is something that applies to practically anyone no matter what his or her activity.

Nothing allows all of us to get into a perpetual rut so much as failure to come in contact with others who have the same interests, the same problems, and the same aspirations and visions for the furtherance of our chosen work. In spite of the fact that prior to the war very few farm organizations functioned with regularity or efficiency, the agriculturalist today usually does more to get that valuable contact that any other class of business men. He attends Grange meetings, he takes part in Farm Bureau work, he has a share in the agricultural Conference such as was enjoyed in Union county last week, and he rubs elbows and talks shop with his neighbor and his neighbor's neighbor at every opportunity. At least the more progressive farmer and rancher does that here in Eastern Oregon and a big majority of the total can be placed in that progressive class.

Skilled workmen and organized labor do the same thing in their union meetings at regular intervals and they try to keep in constant touch with outside conditions and problems and prepare for changes and emergencies in their own particular work as does the farmer. It is comparatively easy for these groups to get together and talk shop and that may be one of the reasons they rank high, but regardless of the reasons we are confident that they appreciate the value of such contact to an increasing degree each year.

The writer is not familiar with conditions in Oregon on the subject as it is related to business men, but in the Middle West it has been our experience to find slow, unprogressive business men whenever and wherever we found men who did not take the trouble to get out of their own environment, their own circumscribed shell, and come in contact with others of their kind who might give new ideas, new points of view, new methods, and new energy in the accomplishment of their jobs. Of course it's more difficult and inconvenient for the average business man to get away to take part in conventions, business conferences, etc., where he meets associates in other towns and cities, but it is of tremendous value. In La Grande this is recognized especially, we believe, and will grow in importance as we progress further. Certainly such association with our fellows is an investment that pays vast returns both in money and in the satisfaction we get out of doing business better and serving more.

THE OLD HOME TOWN • • • By Stanley



SPRING GIVEN REAL SETBACK

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special) — The spring-like conditions which have prevailed here for the past several weeks, received a sudden setback here the first of the week, the ground has frozen considerably during the past several nights, and some snow has fallen, however, the snow has not laid on long after falling. Some of the farmers have expressed fears that the fall sown wheat may yet become injured from the freezing and thawing. Present indications are that no farming operations will start here for some time, with the exception of some sod plowing in the valley. John Couch has been busy the past several days doing some fence repairing at the U. G. Couch ranch in the hills. Some of the farmers from this community attended the Al Thompson sale near Lostine Thursday. A large crowd attended despite the cold stormy day. The horses reserved for practically all the cattle and horses are said to have been very good. The hogs and some of the other stuff did not sell as well. Mac Gastin returned home recently from Stanfield, where he had been working for the past several weeks. Elmer Osborne and Glenn English, who have the Dick Galloway farm northeast of town, have moved their housekeeping outfit there and expect to commence work repairing fences, and getting ready to begin farming as soon as the ground has dried sufficiently. Mrs. Emma Gastin went to Lostine the latter part of the week to care for Mrs. Mary Belle Ward, who has been quite sick for the past several days. J. H. Fisher and wife returned to their home at Joseph the first of the week after spending several days visiting with P. A. Downing and wife of Leap. All the dirt roads in this section are quite muddy again, following the storm of the past week. But few automobiles are being used here yet, except where they can be put on the highway for the most of the distance.

Peanut Diet

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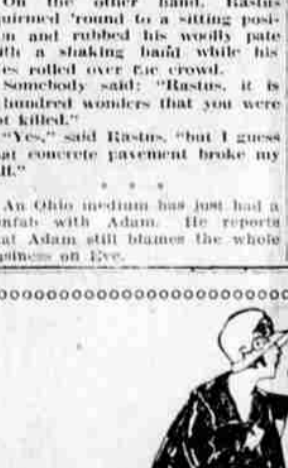
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OFFICE CAT By Junius

The chances are that the two Brooklyn men who swapped wives will be cursing each other as long as they live. Being an easy mark saves a lot of wear and tear on the disposition. When all women have been made perfectly beautiful as promised in the magazine advertisements, we want to know who is going to darn a man's socks. "Wanted—A cowboy. Christian beliefs. Methodist preferred." "Literary Man. Must have profound knowledge of the classics. Needed to write the ads for a new tooth paste." "Matrimonial Bureau. Customers everywhere. We furnish counts and marquises. Honestly guaranteed for those who request it." "Well known actor. Will dedicate postal cards: 'Affectionately, three shillings; 'Cordially,' four shillings; 'With Kisses,' five shillings; 'With Love,' seven shillings; 'With Love and Kisses,' ten shillings." "Wanted—A girl of fifteen, with much experience in life, to look after a child.—Want ads from an English newspaper. The average married man with three suits and one closet, looks wonders where a man would ever find places to hang eighty suits. Mazie: "I was in a ticklish position last night." Bazie: "Tell me about it." Mazie: "A House of David's man kissed me." Hubby: "When charity is needed, I am always the first to put my hand in my pocket." Wifey: "Yes, and you keep it there until the danger is over." A negro window washer was working on the fifth story of a building when his life belt broke which caused him to fall into a scummed heap on the sidewalk below. Horrified spectators rushed to his assistance expecting to find him dead. On the other hand, Rastus squirmed round to a sitting position and rubbed his weedy pate with a shaking hand while his eyes rolled over the crowd. Somebody said: "Rastus, it is a hundred wonders that you were not killed." "Yes," said Rastus, "but I guess that concrete pavement broke my fall." An Ohio medium has just had a confab with Adam. He reports that Adam still blames the whole business on Eve.

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Norton's Kiddy Shop

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Things which happen in the dark generally make the lightest reading matter. Friend: "Isn't it rather difficult to officiate at a double wedding?" Clergyman: "Not at all. It's only putting two and two together." After trying other means to attract attention, some men raise whiskers. HOUSEHOLD HINTS Do not feed the goldfish cinnamon. According to scientists, it causes rheumatism. The moonshine of today takes all the sunshine out of tomorrow.

Editorials From Over the Nation

CLEAN PICTURES AND SENSIBLE CENSORSHIP Christian Science Monitor.—In a recent speech made in Hollywood to a group of motion picture directors, Will H. Hayes, president of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, Inc., put the matter of clean pictures before his audience with a clarity that must have come startling to many ears. He told these leaders of film destiny that he understood and sympathized with the many legitimate problems that lay before them, and he assured them that he had no intention of laying down formulas for what they should do. "I simply lay before you one formula," he said, "and that of what you must not do. You must not offend common decency. That's all." There can be no doubt that Mr. Hayes struck the vital spot of the 1925 picture situation when he summed up the whole question of censorship and film policy in this one forcible dictum. At a time when books and plays are becoming more and more emboldened in the presentation of salacious subject matter, it is an amazing thing to consider that the "movies" are almost automatically and unilaterally straightened up. Such a pronouncement as Mr. Hayes' argues a state of affairs that is practically without precedent. This cause of clean pictures is not being figured on from a purely moral basis either. The picture world is recognizing that it is as much a matter of good business as of sound morals to have a clean screen spread before the public. As if in answer to the general thought summed up in Mr. Hayes' pronouncement comes the credo from one company to the effect that this concern is out to make only clean pictures. He realizes the value of such a policy from a sound business standpoint and is pushing his slogan of "studios where clean pictures are being made." This may seem to be the "straight and narrow path" for this company, when on the neighboring lots the pursuit of the easy box office dollar through sensational films is going on apace. Yet the cry of clean pictures is in the air and the support of the public is assured. The only explanation of the curious protection that has guarded the moral tone of the screen almost from the beginning lies in the fact that it is the first art to have ever been dependent on the voice of the majority for its existence. There can be no paucity of the tastes of the few in this picture game, because the production and distribution aspects are so interdependent. It is also the first art form that must be strictly businesslike to succeed. If there is more business than art involved in the motion picture today, it is no harm to the art in the long run. Perhaps the older arts have something to learn, after all, from this upstart of the present century, which is able at twenty to conduct its affairs with a decorum more or less forgotten by its artists. There need be no fear that in observing the requirements of common decency all originality and appeal will be driven from the screen. Rather will absten-



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NEWS FROM THE PARK THE PARK (Special)—Friday, 13th gave us about 4 inches of snow. George McDowse is fanning seed grain in readiness for planting soon.

Prominent La Grande Man Called By Death (Continued from Page 1) Mrs. Mary Skiff, one brother, G. J. Skiff, of Union, two sisters, Mrs. Carrie H. Shelton, of Washington, D. C., Mabel Skiff, and several other relatives.

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