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THUS SAITH THE LORD, Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not. Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth.—Jeremiah 33:2, 3, 6.

A Glasgow professor says he can prove the earth is 8,000,000,000 years old. That's old enough to know how to act better.

The action of Tennessee's legislature and governor making it unlawful to teach the theory of evolution in that state is an example of the extreme to which lawmakers may go in producing absurdities. One would think that modern intelligence had passed that stage, that thinking people had learned more about the theory and practice of present-day education than such action indicates. Of course the real explanation may be that neither the Tennessee governor nor the assembly possess either intelligence or the capacity for serious thought. Such a thing could happen.

### A NEW OREGON GATEWAY.

In his talk before the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday, Mr. Gilbert touched on a road project that The Observer believes will become one of the major developments for these two counties and the entire state within the next few years—the proposed highway from Lewiston to Enterprise. With the growing popularity of the Wallowa country as a resort, motor traffic west from Yellowstone National Park will eventually demand an opening from the east into Oregon through Wallowa. What such a development will mean to Wallowa and Union counties and to La Grande is something worthy of a large imagination. It would bring two transcontinental highways through La Grande, would attract additional thousands of visitors each season, and would bring into Oregon those same vast numbers that now are deflected by the mountain wall largely into the Spokane country. It is a project worthy of the utmost consideration in the state's development.

### SIX MILLION FOR HIGHWAYS.

According to latest predictions from state highway headquarters the Oregon commission at its meeting tomorrow will lay out and at least partially adopt a plan for the spending of six million dollars on the highways of the state this year and part of next. The expenditures as now anticipated will not provide for any major project in Eastern Oregon with the exception of filling in the gap on the John Day highway in Baker and Malheur counties.

That Eastern Oregon is not to benefit directly by the expenditure of state highway funds on these various projects is not unusual nor is it unfair—UNLESS some of the projects contemplated are unnecessary at this time or lacking in sound reason. That is a consideration the people of Eastern Oregon should give all state highway programs; it is the only way the interests of all parts of the state can best be served.

Whether or not the proposal to spend half a million in straightening the lower Columbia highway approaching Astoria will be approved at this session is doubtful. That project was not listed as a probability in Sunday's Oregonian. Certainly to drop its consideration, as The Observer pointed out some weeks ago, would be a very wise move at this time. The plans do include, however, an expenditure of \$75,000 to straighten some curves in the Pacific highway between Portland and Salem due to the heavy traffic demands of this stretch. Again it would seem to The Observer that there are many projects in Oregon today needing BUILDING vastly more than this stretch needs straightening. With a legal speed limit of only 30 miles an hour and with a smooth pavement that will stand several years of hard wear the elimination of mere curves seems to be of small importance comparatively. If Pacific highway traffic observes the state speed law it will not be seriously hampered by a sharp turn here and there along the way.

Sooner or later the serious need and growing demand for pavement on the Old Oregon Trail between La Grande and Baker must be recognized by the state commissioners and will offer a project deserving of the necessary state expenditure. Again we say there is no stretch of macadam road in Oregon carrying more traffic and being maintained at greater expense than this mileage. Pavement here is an inevitable state economy. Eastern Oregon influence should concentrate toward the early accomplishment of this end.

### THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



### OFFICE CAT

By Junius

The surest sign of spring Junius has observed in La Grande is the gathering flocks of men at the street corners to enjoy the March winds.

And by the way, it is a pretty custom to tip your hat to a lady these bright spring days. This convenient courtesy shades the eyes and enables one to get a better view of the girls in question.

The meanest man in La Grande has been found. We won't name him but one girl tells us that her boss recently raised her pay 85 and fired her, just to make her feel worse about losing her job.

The public speaking classes of America might find a fine subject for debate in investigating the question of whether golf or radio made Annama such a liar.

**RUBBING IT IN!**  
La Grande Man: "What are you crying for, my lad?"  
"Cause father invented a new soap substitute and every time a customer comes in, he washes me as an advertisement."

**GONE ARE THE DAYS**  
When a nickel bought a good cigar.  
When an eye could be trusted.  
When a wrist watch was a riot.  
When ankles were a crime.  
When we were acquainted with our neighbors.  
When paint was put on houses not faces.  
When a hair cut cost a quarter.

"Fats and warms" looks a lot better now than it did last summer.

"What I want to know," one fellow asked Junius yesterday, "is who were those girls who walked down Adams avenue with their dresses knee high, their knees painted, and dizzied if I know whether their ears were or not!"

Optimism failed. Nothing much done. A drug on the market will not be a drug on the market.

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### FARMER ASKS EQUAL CHANGE

WASHINGTON (AP)—An equal opportunity with other businesses is a "constant monkeying" with his own by the government, is held by Secretary Jardine to be the chief desire of the American farmer.

The sound "farmer-business man," he declares in an interview to be published in the next issue of the Nation's Business, organ of the United States chamber of commerce. Instead of seeking legislation to fix prices and regulate details, wants only legislation that will assist him in "getting reasonable credit on sound security" and in developing machinery for marketing his products successfully, and that will "put him on a par with other business men."

As a "business man" with a greater capital investment than the average retail merchant and a "business vastly more complex," the farmer must, in the opinion of the secretary, pay more attention to improved marketing methods. Pointing out that there are already 5000 co-operative grain marketing associations in the United States and about the same number of similar livestock shipping organizations, he emphasized that the hope of the producer to get a larger share of the consumer's dollar "lies mainly in co-operative effort."

**Co-operation Necessary.**  
"If applied in the right way," he says, "co-operation can make of American farming a big, voluntarily unified, permanent and dependably profitable business in a way that no paternalistic legislation could possibly do."

"What we all need to do is to talk less to ourselves and throw fewer monkey wrenches into other people's machinery. We want to stop trying to line up one group against other groups. We want to work together. Americans should be co-operating, not quarreling with each other over the interests of this group or that."

Discussion of curtailment of production to improve the farmer's position is described by Mr. Jardine as "foolish talk." Even if the curtailment of agricultural production were practicable, he thinks it would not bring the present sought, although "the acreage of certain crops should be adjusted from time to time, now increased, now cut down."

**KANSAS GETS PRISONER**  
SALISBURY, Ore.—Governor Pierce refused to bail the extradition of Moses Hind, alias William Johnson, who was arrested here March 3 on a charge of larceny professed by his first wife, who is a resident of Fort Scott, Kan. Hind's second wife is a resident of Salem.

At an extradition hearing held here Hind alleged that he had received a letter from wife No. 1, the contents of which indicated that she had received a divorce. It was after receiving this letter, he said, that he married the woman with whom he was living when arrested by the Marion county officials.

Sheriff Cook of Scott county, Kansas, left here with his prisoner. It was said that Hind has four children living in the east.

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### POWDER MAN HURT IN FALL

NORTH POWDER (Special).—Clarence Hess, who has been assisting in the construction of the Elmer Jacobs house, fell from the roof to the ground, a distance of about 16 feet, recently. It was thought at first that he was only badly shaken up and bruised but on the following day he suffered much pain and one side of his body seemed to be practically paralyzed. He was taken to Hot Lake and an X-ray picture was taken and it was found that the pelvis was torn loose from the spine. He was reported to be swelling rapidly, but he will probably have to remain in the hospital for some time.

Hoover Bidwell shipped a carload of horses to a point in Kansas Monday. Mr. Bidwell accompanied the shipment east.

B. F. Sorenson shipped three carloads of cattle and Walter Gower two carloads of cattle to Portland Saturday.

Virginia College to Open Summer School in Mexico WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (AP).—When the College of William and Mary opens a summer school at the University of Mexico, in June of this year, the second oldest institution of learning in the United States will make an effort to promote better understanding and friendship between the two nations by studying the civilization of Mexico at its hub, the oldest university in North or South America. It will be the first instance of mutual recognition between the University of Mexico and an American college, officials have declared.

The agreement with the Mexican university was obtained in line with the policy of William and Mary to enlarge its foreign student body. A group of students, under the guidance of C. E. Castaneda, of the Spanish department of the college, will spend six weeks in Mexico City. Regular courses in Spanish subjects will be offered by four members of the William and Mary faculty, but the students may avail themselves of any of the branches of study offered by the University of Mexico.

**IRISH ISLANDERS SUFFER AS STORMS SWEEP COAST**  
DUBLIN, Eire, Ireland (AP).—The inhabitants of the Blasket Islands, off the coast, who ran short of food recently during the

### Predicts Quake



Professor Kirtley M. Mather of the Department of Geology, Harvard, claims that another earthquake, comparable to the last one in intensity, is due in North America in a few months. He says there is no real danger to be looked for.

zales which swept over this part of the world, in bonfires at night as signals of distress. The fires were seen by people along the coast and life savers were sent to the rescue. The islanders who were able to travel were brought to the mainland, and food was sent to those who remained behind. A bad fishing season, due mainly to the storming weather, was the principal cause of the distress among the island inhabitants.

**Press Club to Care For Tomb of E. A. Poe**  
BALTIMORE (AP).—The tomb of Edgar Allan Poe in the graveyard of Westminster church here has been placed in the care of the Baltimore Press club.

The grave had been neglected of late because the Edgar Allan Poe association, which had been caring for it, was without funds. An offer by the Press club to maintain the tomb as a literary shrine was accepted, and a transfer of obligations made by the Presbyterian Committee of Baltimore, owners of the burying ground.

**London Sets For Its Picture**  
LONDON (AP).—Airlines flying high above the city will shortly take 1000 photographs for the purpose of making a big air map of greater London. The pictures will be fitted together to form a vast mosaic giving a birdseye view of an area of 100 square miles.

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**Women's Fashions of 1925**  
Trend to Stone Age Artistic

ROTHENHAM, Eng. (AP).—That there is little new under the sun, even with regard to women's fashions, was pointed out by Elizabeth Brouil, curatrice of the museum here in the course of a recent lecture. Referring to an illustration of women dressed in the scale of a Spanish cave, he said these paleolithic bodies were very near to the present day women with their high lady's elgions, tight waists and bell-shaped skirts. These cave pictures were probably the earliest fashion plates in the world, and were drawn about 29,000 years ago, declared Mr. Brouil.

Another illustration from Spain showed a costume very much akin to that of the modern flapper.

**KLAMATH PLANS REED UP**  
BLANCKETT VALLEY, Ore.—Fortnite arrangements of the plan of the Shevin-Hixon company to reclaim Klamath county will not be made at present, according to Thomas McNeill, general manager. In four distinct communication here with their high lady elgions, tight waists and bell-shaped skirts. These cave pictures were probably the earliest fashion plates in the world, and were drawn about 29,000 years ago, declared Mr. Brouil.

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