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HOW EXCELLENT is thy lovingkindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and they shall make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.—Psalm 36:7, 8.

The ideal man, it seems, is always married to some other woman.

"In choosing a dog," says a canine expert, "consideration must be given to where you are going to keep him." What's the matter with the neighbor's lawn? And though that answer to the consideration is not a general one in La Grande, yet it is sufficiently so to cause lovers of pretty yards and shrubbery to despair in their efforts to beautify their homes and the city generally. Dogs are lovable and desirable creatures but care should be taken to see that we do not make them a nuisance to everyone else.

THE WALLOWA VALLEY

It's impossible for anyone to drive the seventy-five miles of highway between La Grande and Joseph without being impressed by the beauty and productive value of the Wallowa valley. And while emphasis is being placed on the unusual scenic qualities of the Wallowa lakes and mountains beyond, no true Eastern Oregon booster is going to overlook the economic qualities of the farming, grazing and timber lands through which you pass on the road to the Wonder land. Although agricultural and livestock operations have gone through a serious period the last few years and still have many problems confronting them before the greatest prosperity can be assured, there is no doubt about the future development of such a fertile country as Wallowa county affords. Like most of the great Northwest country, its making lies undeniably in the future; only a small part of the progress that will be accomplished in Wallowa's history has been realized up to this time. Its people, like our own here in the Grande Ronde Valley, are only on the threshold of development. Broad vision and organized effort hold the secret of its extent.

SYNTHETIC EDUCATION

Blinders are placed on spirited horses to prevent them from seeing what goes on behind and on either side of them. But no liberty-loving, intelligent man wants to be a horse—especially a horse with blinders.

Nevertheless, through legislative and executive decree blinders are being placed on the school children in four southern states. The teaching of evolution as a theory (only as a theory and not a fact) is forbidden in these states because it is at variance with the teachings of religion. Although the theory of evolution has never been taught in the schools as a proven or disproven explanation of the existence of the universe and man, it is now to be excluded from the schools of these states because the law-makers and job-holders disagree with the scientist. Science, education, and even religion are there made the business of politicians and legislators rather than the business of educators and theologians.

Two hundred years before the time of Bryan, the fundamentalist who was a scholar and a free man said to another thinker, "I do not believe what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it." In four southern states many thousands of boys and girls in high schools and colleges (the theory of evolution had never been taught in the grade schools) are to be denied the right to know the scientific point of view and to hear one theory as well as another and to be able to have broadened educational stimulus that such teaching would make possible.

The proponents of the theory of evolution, in which class we do not necessarily place ourselves, should give thanks to those who have been responsible for inculcating in the minds of our youth, women, and children, the ambition to know something about this terrible theory of which the guardians of their morals and minds have decreed they must remain forever in ignorance.

Yesterday In Washington

Thomas E. Woodcock was sworn in as a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The war department announced additional rivers and harbors adjustments aggregating \$40,000,000.

The state department and the Netherlands navy signed an agreement to arbitrate over Las Palmas Island.

Reorganization of executive duties in the Treasury was announced, designed to afford closer supervision of tax and prohibition problems.

Officials on the Pacific Mail Steamship company conferred on the situation growing out of the sale to the Dollar Lines of government vessels it has been operating.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



THE OPEN COURT

CORRESPONDENTS MUST SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO THE EDITOR IF THEY DESIRE LETTERS PRINTED.

TENNESSEE CONDEMNED

Covey, Ore., March 31, 1925.
Ed. Observer:—The Tennessee action against the question of Evolution, it is a pity it should so notoriously proclaim its if the most ignorant state in the Union—so regrettable behind the times.

How is Tennessee going to be able to teach any sciences whatever without undermining the belief in the old Babylonian legends and traditions that the Jews appropriate itself the most ignorant I would like to know, as all sciences demonstrate the fact of evolution in a million different ways. As the word science means the truth or proven knowledge what will poor old Tennessee do until the notorious law is repealed?

I would like to ask Mr. Garrick what there is about evolution that conflicts with the belief in man's Divine Origin? Perhaps we may have to alter this belief as to the Jewish and Babylonian traditions and mythology; but that would not necessarily compel up not to believe in a Divine origin, nor in a deity as venerable as the crude conception of those ancients.

Do we attribute the phenomenal growth of the United States to the fact of the Jewish mythology or the Christian religion—I wonder? The United States in its Declaration of Independence and Constitution emphatically declared itself non-religious, and provided for a complete and permanent separation of the church and the state which as a keynote started this country on the road of free investigation, freedom as to worship, which all were conducive to evolution of the United States as they now are.

It is a constant wonder to me, that in this day and age among civilized peoples, anybody should cling so tenaciously to the childish ancient beliefs when man tried to explain his existence in his crude and ignorant way and when it is so palpable evident that they created a creator but little above themselves in any respect and when we do know that if a "creator" is behind it all, the whole Persian and Babylonian story of the creation in the Bible is pure myth—the god of the Earth, earthy; but plain.

THE OPEN COURT

Keep Shovels of Silver And Trowels of Gold

NEW YORK, (AP)—What becomes of gold trowels after use at cornerstone layings, or of silver picks and shovels after being used to break ground for some new lane or public work? These commemorative tools almost invariably end up in the institutions concerned, where they are carefully preserved, say manufacturing jewelers in answer to questions arising since Mayor Hylan recently used silver to turn the first earth for a new subway division.

Jewelers say these implements of luxe could scarcely be thrown aside or melted up again, their material and artistic, as well as sentimental value, being too high.

A gold trowel, for all it has but a few brief minutes of actual use, costs as much as \$1,500, according to the price lists. Silver trowels command \$150; silver picks, \$50. A pick or shovel fashioned out of solid silver would stand any committee on opening day arrangements a good \$500; even a plated tool costs \$150.

Though the metal itself might be reclaimed, jewelers say, not so the art work the best of these souvenirs represent. The chased work and engraving, the latter giving names of dignitaries and an inscription of the event, peevish workmanship of a high order and would make them prized among collectors.

As proof of sentimental worth, jewelers report that gold trowels used as laying of cornerstones of churches are usually placed afterward with the old communion wafers. Sometimes, in cases of establishments which outgrow a first expansion and have occasion to solemnize a second cornerstone, the first trowel is used again to reinvolve the blessing it seemed to have bestowed originally.

Most cross words are anything but uncertain as to their meaning and application.

People are becoming so honest it may be possible to reduce the income taxes again.

OFFICE CAT

By Junius

One thing no one has ever heard of and that is a woman horse doctor.

Ann Apolis, MD, is not a lady physician.

"Whadya mean he died like a barber?"

"Oh, he cut off all his hairs."

It usually does not take a half truth very long to become a full fledged lie.

It's a long road that has no turning—and an easy one to do some one-arm diving on.

Who cares whether Helen of Troy was a blonde or not? The reason she is famous is because she was the first woman to get her goods from Paris.

The Miser—I never give to the missions.

Collectors—Then take something out of the bag, sir, this money is for heathens.

Father—My son, it gives me great pleasure to present you with this \$25 for your good behavior.

Son—Why don't you give me \$50 and have a heck of a good time.

There's nothing in a name when it's a secondhand car.

If the saloon came back it would have to reckon with the radio and the modern moving picture. Still some of the movies would drive a man to drink.

A VIOLATION OF LAW WHICH MANY CRIMINALS HAVE "SAW"

I saw a good man sitting, yesterday.

A juror in a case where an offense was charged which shocked this citizen's good sense.

Of morals in the most astounding way.

After the verdict he was heard to say—

The punishment for crime should be intense.

Hard labor sentences, plus the expense—

As a deterrent guilty hands to stay.

This morning as I walked along the street.

And turned the corner where the great crowds stay.

Who do you think it was I glanced to meet.

Driving my good friend's car most recklessly?

My good friend's daughter, who is not sixteen?

Now you vile criminals, go vent your spleen.

Judge—You are charged with stealing Colonel Jule's chickens.

Have you any witnesses?

Uncle Moses—Ah, heh, not. Ah, don't steal chickens, boys, witness.

A La Grande man had received to word in ten days from his wife who was away on a vacation. He wired:

"Are you sick?"

She replied:

"Have cold. Can't talk."

He wired back:

"If you can't talk, come home."

Love is a disease that's more prevalent in the spring, but hate has all seasons for its own.

A Kansas City plumber has been sent to the pen for 12 years. They must have a pipe that needs fixing.

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Keeps Senate Seat in Possession of Family

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the state and junior senator, is a cousin of Mrs. Bayard and the two families are closely associated.

For that matter Mrs. Bayard is a cousin also to Mrs. du Pont, which further interweaves the relationship.

At first thought it may seem strange that one family should obtain such lasting political domination over a state.

When one turns to the census figures, however, and discovers that the total population of Delaware is less than that of the average single congressional district in most states, it seems less surprising.

Rhode Island, the smallest state in area in the union, has almost three times the population of Delaware.

The population of the District of Columbia, less than 10 miles square, is twice that of Delaware.

In such a restricted field, the prestige and influence of a family that for generations has dominated it politically is hard to combat.

To elect a Bayard to the senate not only seems the proper and natural thing to do in Delaware, it seems almost inevitable. It has been done so long it has become a habit.

Tom Marshall, philosopher and former vice president, has been "riding up" the present occupant of the White House who succeeded him as a wielder of the senatorial gavel.

Tom himself always was quite a talker. He was one of the most quoted men in public life during his time in the limelight.

But his study of Coolidge seemingly has impressed him with the advantage, that at times, comes to those who "say little but saw wood."

"In my judgment," says Marshall, "Coolidge is one of the most astute politicians ever in the White House."

"He knows that silence is the one unanswerable argument."

Spring cleaning's due. Wash the windows on the inside only so you won't need any shades.

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First Line Ships Set Gunnery Mark in Test

SAN PEDRO, Cal. (By the Associated Press)—A gunnery record unequalled in American naval history has been achieved by the 12 first-line battleships of the United States fleet, says Vice Admiral Henry A. Wiley, commanding the battleship divisions of the battle fleet, in a letter of commendation made public here Tuesday.

"The commander, battleship divisions," states the letter, "takes the occasion on the conclusion of the gunnery year to express not only his satisfaction with the excellent work of the ships of the battleship divisions, but his sincere appreciation of the efforts put forth, individually and collectively, by the units of the force."

"So far as I have been able to determine, the performance of these ships as a whole has never been equalled."

Radio doesn't work so well in summer. But you mustn't mind that. You don't work as well either.

Use of Detour Advised.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.—Until snow is cleared from the Sand creek hill section of The Dalles-California highway north of Fort Klamath junction, it would be advisable for vehicular traffic to utilize the five-mile detour around the snow-covered hill, engineers of the State highway department announced.

Automobiles have been piling through the snow on the hill and frequently slipping into the ditches from which they have been pulled by highway tractors.

School Principal Suspended. MARSHFIELD, Ore.—O. L. Rhinesmith, principal of the Madison high school, was suspended by the board of directors upon complaint by Garnet Hathaway, a 16-year-old student, that the principal kissed her while they were together in the high school laboratory. Principal Rhinesmith denied the girl's statement. The board will have a full hearing on the charge and until it is met Rhinesmith will draw pay though off duty.

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