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REMEMBER NOW thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.—Ecc. 12:1, 13.

Twelve and one-half billions was the value of the farm products last year. Quite a business notwithstanding there were some troubles connected with it.

THE STORE CLERK AND YOU

It makes quite a difference what kind of service you get from the people who hand over goods to you in a retail store. Do they just hand them over, naming the price and then turning away with a kind of indifferent look? Or are they so anxious to sell to you, that they do not stop to consider what your wishes and needs are, but just try to put over on you whatever they think you will buy, and do it in the least possible time?

Those kinds of service you frequently see in stores when you go away from home, where the clerks never saw you before and never expect to see you again.

When you buy stuff in La Grande you get personal attention, because the home store people know you, or at least wish to do so. They consider not merely selling you this time, but pleasing you so well that you will come again.

BELONGERS

Some one, as a popular cartoonist frequently reminds us, is always taking the joy out of life; and among the most implacable purveyors of gloom are the concocters of statistics. Most of us can take figures or leave them alone; but these infatuated persons are helpless addicts of the vice, and the issuance of a statistical report is enough to send them on a debauch of analysis and deduction. They are mildly intoxicated, for example, by the mere announcement in a census bureau bulletin to the effect that during the year 1923 the American public spent \$10,500,000 for emblems and insignia of the multifarious organizations of the country.

Well, what of it? What if this does corroborate the traditional charge that the American is by habit a "jiner," a slave to the gregarious instinct and a psychological urge to "belong" to something or other, especially if membership endows him with a glittering uniform? The wearing of a society's regalia is surely an innocent diversion, often symbolic of a lofty idealism. Besides, there is nothing that has a more beneficial effect upon sufferers from an inferiority complex. Let a man be conscious of his obscurity in the social scheme, or of subordination to a stronger personality in his family relations, and what could be more soothing to his mind, more stimulating to his spirit, than the privilege of appearing from time to time in uniform and with a sword, even astride a charger? Democracy does make life a rather drab affair, and an occasional parade of richly caparisoned citizens is really in the nature of a public service. We have known men who satisfied desires in this direction by hoarding the badges and buttons acquired at political conventions.

Anyway, why this implication of the statisticians that the traffic in insignia is a deplorable extravagance? Can it be that their disclosure is inspired by the women, a subtle act of reprisal for department of commerce reports reciting feminine expenditures for face powder and lipsticks?

Yesterday In Washington

(By the Associated Press)
An effort to postpone confirmation of the sale of the five presidential-type ships was blocked in a shipping board meeting.
Agitation was revived for action by the United States to hasten the return of the French fleet to its base in connection with the particularly that of France.

THE OLD HOME TOWN • • • By Stanley



OFFICE CAT
By Junius

"I wish to complain," said the bride haughtily, "about the flour you sold me. It was tough."
"Tough, madam?"
"Yes, tough. I made a pie with it, and my husband could hardly cut it."

In the good old days he won a bride by applying stone to her head instead of her finger.

Some people live fifty or sixty years with tight shoes always hurting their feet.

About the only time we hear of some stores and places of business is when they catch fire or the sheriff sells them out.

"What would you like, young man?" asked the La Grande storekeeper. "Some candy?"
"Yes," responded the youngster. "But I suppose I'd better get what ma told me to."

"Yes, this happened in 1914, D. V."
"What do you mean by D. V.?"
"Before Volstead."

LIVING IN HOPES
The joyous feeling I never had, but one I've often sought is to learn that I have in the bank
More money than I thought.

An Oregon judge gave a man four days for being a "dumb bell." Some well-known folks may soon become fugitives from justice.

Wife heard husband fumbling at the front door knob late at night and asked him what he was doing. "My dear," he explained, "I am trying to get KDKA."

A movie actress has been divorced from two men, neither of whom understood her, she says. An interpreter should go with her the next time.

If the treasury department really wants to make silver dollars popular, it should insist on their meeting the people half way.

A bride is all right when she's well groomed.

It doesn't cost so much to live but it costs a good deal to keep up appearances.

Tonsillitis and appendicitis are bad enough, but they are not as bad as cauliflower ears.

Every household has a way-and

means committee. The man presumed to furnish the means and the woman ways of spending it.

"Would you like to take a nice long walk?" she asked.
"Why, I'd love to," replied the young man caller joyously.
"Well, don't let me detain you."

State Fuel Tax Gains.
SALEM, Ore.—The state tax on gasoline and distillate collected on sales made during February aggregated \$281,509.25, according to a statement compiled here by the secretary of state.

As compared with February of 1924, gasoline sales increased approximately 35 per cent, while distillate sales increased 70 per cent.

Up until March 1 the motor vehicle fuel tax measures have returned to the state \$3,087,766.50, of which \$242,759.64 has been returned to individuals and firms exempted from payment of the tax.

This tree of knowledge you hear about has limbs which break off if you go out too far.

Social Diseases Blamed

SALEM, Ore.—Social diseases are blamed for the commitment of between 12 and 15 per cent of the inmates of the Oregon state hospital, according to Dr. L. P. Griffith, assistant superintendent of the institution, who was the principal speaker at the weekly meeting of the Rotary club held here. The principal cause of insanity is weak heredity, Dr. Griffith said. In 60 per cent of the cases in the hospital weakness can be found somewhere in the patient's heredity.



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