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HE THAT IS SLOW TO ANGER is better than the mighty; and he that reith his own spirit than he that taketh a city.—Proverbs 16:12.

The motor version is that two can tour as cheaply as one.

The constitution guarantees the right to pursuit of happiness, but does not guarantee it will be overtaken.

European nations may decide some day that it's cheaper to be peaceable than to pay the policeman's salary.

The next generation may have no natural resources to exploit, but there always will be suckers to trim and blue sky artists to do the trimming.

Science is reported to be experimenting with the means of ending seasickness. It is believed that it can be accomplished by removing the passenger's stomach.

People in Union and Wallowa counties who have never visited the country back of Wallowa Lake where a national park is projected should not let another season pass without going through this Wonderland. We should not wish to be like many residents of Tacoma who have never climbed Mt. Rainier or of Medford who have never seen Crater Lake or of New York who have never seen the water front. The Wallowa Wonderland is in our own front yard. We owe it to ourselves to find a fitting appreciation for it.

LOVE, HONOR AND—OBEY?

As if the collection of damages from Germany were not enough to worry about, poor France is much perturbed over the question of promoting marriages and thus insuring against a decline in the population. Two problems relating to this subject are now being considered by the government. One has to do with insurance against spinsterhood, the other with lightening the obligations of matrons.

The first of these questions has developed out of the business being done by a company which underwrites "marriage risks." On payment of premiums which in the case of young girls do not amount to more than a few cents a day this concern undertakes to insure maidens against failure to contract matrimony. If they reach the age of 35 years without being married they are paid a monthly income thereafter, which is meant to take the place of the earning power of a husband. The French government fears there may be girls who will prefer the insurance company's money to a husband and who, on that account, will deliberately enechew marriage; and so it is pondering whether it would not be well to suppress the business.

From the American point of view it seems rather laughable that the French should take the matter so seriously; but nothing that may lead to a falling off in France's population can be a laughing matter to her so long as there remains hostile feeling in Germany.

The other question has to do with a proposal in the chamber of deputies to strike from the civil code the law requiring wives to obey their husbands. Whether this is planned as an added inducement to girls to marry is not stated in the cable dispatch reporting the news, but it is said the married senators are much agitated over the proposal and are solidly opposing it, while the bachelors of the chamber favor it.

The tendency in the United States undoubtedly is in the direction of relieving women of their obligation to obey. While it is retained in the marriage vow in most cases, out of respect for a time-honored custom, it is much to be questioned if any but an almost negligible minority of American brides feel under moral compulsion to obey their husbands in the sense in which it was originally intended that they should. Requiring the wife to obey implies that the husband is the master and the wife an inferior. But that is contrary to the prevalent idea.

If French girls are as high-spirited as their American sisters, the French parliament might just as well strike out the rule of obedience; for wives will not be influenced by it, but will consult their own wishes as to whether they shall obey or not.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



DOG CHILDREN'S CHASE OUT OF THE BUTCHER SHOP WITH A DIMES WORTH OF BONES. PEAK JUST AS PERRY HUGGINS WENT BY WITH HIS DOGS.

27 YEARS AGO

Daily Morning Observer, April 4, 1898.—Attorney Robert Slater of Athena was in the city Saturday and returned home yesterday.

Attorney J. W. Knowles and wife are home again and are established residents of La Grande.

The farmers near Island City report that the cranes are becoming quite plentiful in that section. It is said there are altogether too many of them for the good of the grain fields.

J. J. Tucker, a dry goods man of many years experience arrived yesterday evening from Salt Lake City, and will accept a position with J. M. Berry in the dry goods department of his store.

Last Saturday evening Garret Tall's dancing class met in Stewart's opera house and enjoyed a most delightful evening in dancing. The attendance was unusually large and a most enjoyable time was had by all present.

The surveying of three townships mostly timber land, North and east of the Cove, will invite enterprise in that direction. If the forest up there are as extensive as have been represented to us saw mill men will soon be up there. Saw mills are persistent lovely localities, but where a saw mill once sets up its clatter in a forest region population follows.

The erection of saw mills are followed by roads and along roads people make homes. It is not at all a visionary idea that the opening up of that region to settlement will intensify the necessity of a railroad from La Grande to Cove.

Mrs. Herbert Kittridge and children left last evening for Corvallis, when, after visiting a short time, she will go to Lathrop, near Stockton, Cal., where she will remain until the health of the baby girl has been restored. Her trip is made in the hope that the mild climate of that section will be beneficial to the little girl. The professor has many friends who join with the Observer in wishing that Mrs. Kittridge may soon return with the little ones in perfect health.

Another letter from Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bohnenkamp, mailed off Norfolk, Va., March 27th, contains many interesting facts. It reads: "If I remember rightly I took you with me to Christobol (in the last letter printed). We

BOHNENKAMPS VISIT HAVANA

landed in Havana at 8 o'clock on a lovely morning but it was eleven before we could get off the boat. We sailed directly over the spot where the Maine was sunk. "Havana has many points of great interest for Americans. On the spot where Columbus first held services there is a little chapel, and they have always kept a tree growing where he found one under which they rested.

When on the road to Recovery do not turn off at a crossroad

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OFFICE CAT

By Junius

Wife—"John what do you mean by coming in so late in the morning?" Her husband—"Ish not sho late wife. I just heard three clocks strike very distinctly."

"A house divided against itself cannot stand." Yes, one half is usually knocked over with a rolling pin by the better half.

The markets have one language, baseball has another. And now comes fashion. A recent edict from the cloak suit and skirt manufacturers, says: "The stenderizing allomitic continues the foundation for the new season's styling."

If we can't elevate zunk, we can at least lower some of those high notes in the national hymn.

The highest explosive on earth is made by uniting a selfish man with a woman who has a quick temper.

THAT LITTLE HAND. Last night I held a little hand So dainty and so neat; I thought my heart would surely break So wildly did it beat.

No other hand unto my soul Can greater solace bring Than the one I held last night— Four ones and a king!

BEAUTY HINTS. Mind your own business. Never argue with a large man. Never call a man a liar if he is heavier than you are. Never brag about your pugilistic ability.

Wait until the car stops. Never get married.

Railroad men say a fortune awaits the man who can take the click out of railroad rails. A bigger fortune awaits the man, however, who can take the 2 a. m. squeak out of the household stairs.

REACHING A DECISION. She wanted to name the baby Mildred after her mother. He wanted to name the baby Gertrude after his mother. It was quite an argument. Then the baby arrived and they decided on Fred.

BAH! BAH! Cross words, cross words—have you tackled any? Many! That J have, sir; Too dancet many.

And tell me, do you find it, soir, Worth the time you lose? I learn a lot of funny words which I can never use.

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

Editorials From Over the Nation

MOONSHINING.

Enterprise Record—Chieftain.—Men who are familiar with the facts say that it is possible for Wallowa county to stamp out moonshining and bootlegging in a month. All that is necessary is for those persons who know of violations of the law to report them promptly to the officers. The person giving information will be amply protected; his identity need not be known. If the officers are told where moonshine is being made and who is peddling it, they will do the rest, but they can make little progress without this assistance.

After a raid or an arrest it is common for people living in the neighborhood to say they knew about the case before, and perhaps they believe the officers for not acting sooner. It does no good to patiate about such matters after an exposure; it will do a vast amount of good to report the facts beforehand, and it is a duty of citizenship to give this aid to officers of the law.

Republicans who are trying to draft Gen. John J. Pershing for the battle to hold Missouri's one G. O. P. seat in the Senate, seem to feel that Senator Selden Spencer will be unable to swing another victory in that border commonwealth.



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YOUNG MOONSHINER SHOT EUGENE, Ore.—A moonshiner who refused to give his name was shot in the back and leg by deputy sheriffs during a raid upon his still near the state fish hatchery on the McKenzie river, 30 miles above Eugene, and he is now at the Pacific Christian hospital. The attending surgeon said he would be able to be out in a few days. The still, said to be the second largest ever seized in Lane county was found by deputies last Sunday and the raid was planned. Another man seen at the plant escaped in the brush. The man in the hospital is about 26 years old.

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