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AND NOW ALSO the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.—Matthew 3:10.

Every wise husband apologizes frequently to his wife, but he seldom knows what for.

Because he was disgusted with the way legislation was going at Albany and Washington a New Yorker committed suicide. It is well that the rest of us who are similarly disturbed at times do not adopt such a tragic means of escape. It might cause the elimination of the American people.

The Des Moines Register has removed all crime news from its front page and segregated it on an inside page of each issue. The change has been inaugurated as an experiment but will probably become permanent. The paper is receiving floods of commendation on the improvement; and deservingly so. It is a step forward in journalism that must eventually be copied by all except the yellow journals whose only means for existence is in playing up sensational news. The better class of the American people does not desire crime news thrown at them from every column of their daily paper. As a matter of fact, we believe they desire anything else but that and the experiment of the Des Moines Register should prove the desire conclusively.

THE CITY'S SPECIAL ELECTION

The special city election scheduled for June should have the most careful consideration of every citizen of La Grande. Some of the most important problems that will confront the city in many years will have to be pondered and decided at that election—problems that intimately concern every resident, whether or not he or she happens to be a taxpayer.

Voters in any and all communities, for some reason, have a natural aversion for bond issues. It is a natural thing because most of them have experienced, under varying circumstances, some unnecessary over-expansion and over-development that appeared in the form of bond issues and transformed themselves into excess tax burdens. And taxes are a serious matter under any conditions. Yet they are not the most serious that can confront the voters of a city.

More serious than a question of taxes that a bond issue may add is the question of city health, city convenience, city economy and city future. All of these questions are uppermost considerations in the special election to be held in June. They should be studied with utmost care by every voter, each side should be weighed without prejudice, the community's best interests should be primary and the individual's selfish interest secondary. Every voter should determine the facts and make his decision on that basis.

The question of water supply, sewage disposal, and fire protection are of paramount importance to any city. Determine for yourself the answer to these questions: What will happen to the city of La Grande in the next few years if these public improvements are not made? What will the benefits be if they are made? Which will prove most expensive to the city eventually, making adequate improvements along these lines now or taking the chance of delay and making them later? Will the improvements proposed tend to lessen or increase the city's growth and progress that is anticipated for the next generation?

A great deal of time and effort has been expended by the city commission in pondering these questions and they believe the city's interests—personal and financial—are to be best served by the proposed improvements. The public whom they seek to serve should devote the interval between now and election in determining the merits of each proposition to be voted on at that time.

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THE OLD HOME TOWN • • By Stanley

OFFICE CAT

By Junius

Addition is the cause of a great deal of slander. Putting two and two together has started many a rumor.

* * *

Mary had a Thomas Cat
It warbled like a Caruso;
A neighbor swung a base-ball bat
Now Thomas doesn't do so.

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"You need more exercise," said the doctor. The patient laughed. He was director for a symphony orchestra.

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He—Life is a bore.
She—Yes, and how much you remind me of life.

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What an awful mess Nebuchadnezzar would have started had he lived in the Hawaiian Islands and started eating grass.

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A Western couple had their wedding ceremony performed in a lion's cage. In a year or two the young man will look back and realize what a cozy place a lion's cage really is.

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Many people who court with accidents these days would meet almost damages than they do repairs.

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The Kodaks camera may be all right, but it's not as comfortable as the old kitchen stove when you back up to it on a cold day.

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Because a girl is easy to look at is no indication that she is easy to look after. Ask Ma. She knows!

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"Hey! That's the third time I've told you 'No Smoking Allowed.'"
"Ain't I smoking quietly enough?"

* * *

There were three at the little table in a La Grande grill—a girl and two men. Suddenly the lights went out and the girl drew back quickly.

An instant later there was the smack of a compound kiss. As the lights went up each man was seen smiling complacently.

"I thought I heard a kiss," said the girl, "but nobody kissed me."

Then the men glared at each other and flushed.

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A Liberty, Missouri man, 90 years old, says he has never chewed gum, eaten ice cream, seen a motion picture, taken a drink, been on a train or in an automobile, seen a "girl" show or a building more than four stories high, or moved. But why, do you suppose, a man like that wants to bother to live?

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Marriage is a failure only when men and women make it so.

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Who remembers the old fashioned traveling man who used to make a living selling buggy whips?

Havana Takes Steps To Limit Fire Danger

HAVANA (AP)—Carrying out an established policy of the city of Havana, orders have been issued by the mayor for demolition of many wooden buildings within the city limits. Doors, window frames and furniture are generally the only wood to be seen in the majority of Havana's houses and office buildings. Floors are tile.

Visiting American firemen have said that Havana is the best constructed city they have ever seen when fire risk is considered. The Spanish style of architecture is generally pleasing to the eye and residences with ceilings 15 or more feet from the floor are the rule. This provides greater coolness during the heat of the summer days. An even temperature, falling below 75 only on rare occasions and generally never reaching above 85, makes heating arrangements unnecessary.

NEW POSTAGE RATES GIVEN

WASHINGTON (AP)—Reminding the public that congress has decreed that the users of the postal service must help pay the increased salaries of postal employes which became effective January 1, Postmaster General New has issued a statement setting forth the new postage rates which go into effect Wednesday, April 15.

"So far as the rates on first class mail are concerned," the postmaster general said, "there are no changes whatever except in the case of private mailing cards, including souvenir post cards. The rates on second, third and fourth class mail have been increased in certain contingencies, but this increase is very slight and will not work any hardship on the mailing public. The excess revenue derived from such sources will enable the post office department to meet its obligations, and at the same time provide increased compensation for the army of faithful employes."

Some of the changes in rates which go into effect April 15 follow:

First class mail: Private mailing cards, including souvenir post cards, whether bearing written or printed matter, increased from 1 cent each to 2 cents each. The present 1-cent postal cards will continue in use, the new rate applying only to post cards other than those issued by the government.

No other change in the first class rates of postage have been made.

Fourth class (parcel post) mail: "The same matter weighing more than eight ounces as handled in third class mail. Limit of weight 70 pounds in first, second and third zones, and 50 pounds in all other zones. Present postal rates in the various zones have not been changed.

Service charge of 2 cents in stamps to be affixed to packages in addition to postage has been imposed for each parcel except those collected on rural delivery routes.

Special handling charge of 12 cents in stamps, with the words "Special Handling" written or printed on the wrapper, or by use of the new special handling stamp. 25-cent stamp in addition to postage and 2-cent service charge, secures the same expedition handling, transportation and delivery for parcels as though handled as first class mail.

Registered mail: Minimum registry fee increased from 10 cents to 15 cents on all domestic registered mail, including that to insular possessions of the United States and the Canal Zone. For the present the increased rate does not apply to registered mail to Canada, Cuba, Mexico, the Republic of Panama, or other foreign countries.

Democrats Preparing For Next Campaign

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Instead of holding the nominating convention in midsummer, he'd have it along about the time of the first frost. Tempers as well as the weather would be cooler then, he thinks. That he believes would be helpful, although many hold that the difficulties at the last Democratic convention weren't due so much to the heat as the stupidity.

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Filibustering probably is always alluring. A straight talk hasn't nearly the effectiveness as one that is distinctive and unique.

Senator Carter Glass of Virginia, who has a hot southern temper that is always set on hair-trigger, vents about the most biting [illegible] heard around the capital. When Carter is going at full pitch, the punch and venom he can pack into his [illegible] "Indecent" makes Charley Dawes' "Hell an' Maria" sound almost like a benediction.

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Hostilities between the presiding officer and the senate are not new. The recent collision between Vice President Dawes and the senatorial elders recalls the clash that occurred on the occasion when the doughty "T. R." first took up the gavel to preside over the upper house.

When Roosevelt was sworn in as vice president, the senate, as was the case with Dawes' inaugural, had been called into extra session for the purpose of confirming appointments.

Roosevelt, wearing a flaming red necktie, perhaps as a challenge to battle, mounted the vice presidential dais, seized the gavel and brought it down in three resounding thumps that sounded like pistol shots.

"The Senate of the United States," he said in his crackling staccato voice, "will be in order for the transaction of such business as the people of the United States may direct."

Senator Morgan of Alabama, a jealous guardian of senatorial dignity and prerogatives, rose slowly to his feet.

"Mr. President," he said, "The Senate of the United States will be in order for the transaction of such business as the Senate may direct."

From that moment Roosevelt's battle with the Senate was on.

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Decision by William Jennings Bryan as to his future role in the Democratic party may come after the conference on Democratic reorganization to be held in Washington on April 13.

There is open speculation that Bryan may seek to supplant Duncan U. Fletcher of Jacksonville, in the Senate when the latter's term expires next year. Both Bryan and Fletcher are 65. Fletcher is a native son of the winter resort commonwealth. Fletcher has held the seat three terms and will make a hard fight to retain it.

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Stockholm Evicts Tenants Who Pay Too Little Rent

STOCKHOLM (AP)—A landlord who puts out his tenants when they become too prosperous, in order to make room for poorer ones, [illegible] the city of Stockholm. As there is a shortage in housing, the city has ordered those who can afford to pay higher rents to move, in order to provide homes for those with low means, many of whom are now living in temporary shelters.

It is only after careful investigation, however, that the city authorities give a tenant notice. Thus out of 800 families suspected [illegible] only [illegible] have been evicted. There are chiefly bachelors or childless couples whose incomes are out of all proportion to the low rent they pay, and special consideration has been shown for aged couples who have lived for a long time in the same quarters. By next fall the city hopes to have adequate dwellings for all the war-time squatters.

Further bad Germany news is they can show movies in daylight but you can always hold hands in an auto.

Wonder if we just think working girls more sensible because we never see them in evening dresses?

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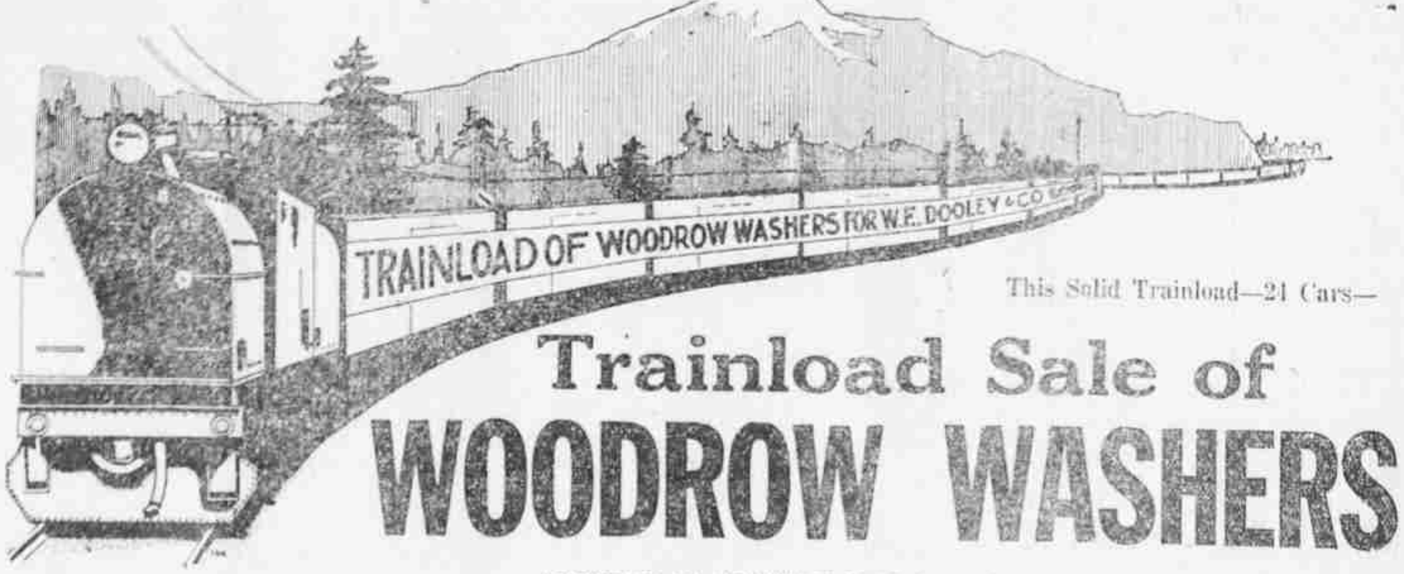

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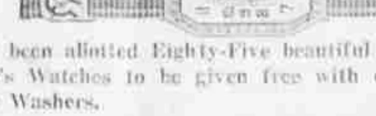

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