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COMMIT THY WAY unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.—Isaiah 38:10.

An experienced wife is one who can dream of other things while pretending to listen to her husband's description of his latest symptoms.

Grand Duke Nicholas is willing to lead a crusade to overthrow the Soviet in Russia. Now all he needs is enough followers to help him do it.

By the time some of the Middle Western state get their road building programs finished on a par with Oregon's of today the world will be riding in airplanes.

The next war will be one of wholesale extermination, a speaker declares. As we remember correctly some experiences in the last one we would venture to say that it qualified in that respect.

Union county's quota of \$1800 for the Legion Endowment Fund for orphan children of World War veterans is indeed a small amount for such a cause. Whatever you feel your share should be, give it—but give something.

That bulletin of the Department of Agriculture which read "The cat crop ranks third in importance" indicates that some proofreading in the government printing office isn't much better than boasted by the average daily newspaper. At least the average newspaper printer knows the difference between cats and cats.

### PASSING OF THE PORCH

Another great American institution is passing. Once thought deathless, it is rejected by the rising generation. Only a decade ago it was indispensable to the American home but today it is wholly foreign to that home. For centuries it was more than an institution, it was a national tradition and an honored ideal. Today it is ridiculed, maligned or, what is still more ignominious, forgotten.

This tragic victim of progress is the front porch. No longer is it considered by architects in the drafting of their plans for the modern home, and with the "new" home-builder it is as obsolete as the woodshed and the out-kitchen.

While the solarium and roofless porch which grace the modern home have replaced the old-fashioned front porch, they can never fulfill the ancient duties of the old "front porch." Once the home was judged by its veranda. Formerly it was a coveted privilege to rock in a chair on the front porch to see and be seen, but in the revolutionary of ages it is considered very bourgeois to expose one's self in such an idle mood and relaxing posture to the curious crowds. The porch has been abolished, so the household can not sit out to see the world pass by on parade, and to perfect the conspiracy against the front porch, high walls and hedges now prevent the "parade" from looking in.

Some through sentiment will miss the old front porch along with the hitching post, sign store Indian, watering trough and blushing maiden, but the viewers-with-alarm with their customary pessimism will see in it a confirmation of the report that people don't build porches because the modern home is only a place to sleep in and the report that the automobile has supplanted the porch as the great American perspective and rest-resort.

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Christianity? Something preached in the churches and practiced nowhere.

**BEAUTY JOE**  
She may not be good looking, or have a winning way; but when it comes to sweeties, she has a new one every day.

What has become of the old-fashioned girl whose last task at night was to brand her hair?

You can wander in the United States, but you must go to Italy to Rome.

A Michigan girl made \$10,000 in one year running bootleg whiskey. She was arrested for it recently and sentenced to twenty days in jail. Truly the way of the transgressor is hard.

Many a lady hates to go to her husband's office because she knows she will not be dressed as well as she should be.

**LIMERICK**  
There was a young fellow named Tom,  
Who dropped a big dynamite bomb  
And now he's in Mars,  
They are saying "My Stars!  
Where on earth did he emigrate from?"

Man who says he is the ideal one for love isn't covering enough territory. It has been an observation that any one is the ideal age when it hits one.

Speaking of combinations, has the hobby been driven them entirely out of existence if you know what we're talking about.

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**THE MAJORITY MODEL**  
"Yes, my friends," said the theological lecturer. "Some admire Moses, who instituted the old law; some Paul, who spread the new. But after all, which character in the Bible has the largest following?" As he paused, a voice from the back bench shouted—"Ananias!"

The only trouble with beginning at the bottom with a lot of fellows, is that they stop there.

Persons who have known Mr. Coolidge intimately for some time say he is growing to resemble Mr. Coolidge more every day.

### Obituary

**WALTER E. PRATT**  
Walter E. Pratt, son of James and Julian Pratt, was born in Knox county, Missouri, March 2, 1862, and died at the family home near Alsea, Ore., May 11, 1925.

At the age of 14 years he crossed the plains with his parents and settled in Walla Walla county, where he lived the next few years. On November 12, 1887 he was married and to this union was born two children, Mrs. Alta Howell, with whom he was residing at the time of his death, and Earl, who passed away at the age of six weeks.

He leaves to mourn his passing his widow, one daughter, one grandson, three brothers, one sister and a host of other relatives and friends.

**England Approves Authority Given by Cable for Marriage**

**LONDON (AP)**—Marriage authority by means of cable has been officially approved by the British government. It was announced recently that the foreign office, upon payment of the cable charges, will authorize marriage officers resident abroad to marry couples whose names have been published for the requisite three weeks in a British register office.

A bride who recently was forced

**OXFORD, England (AP)**—Oxford tradesmen are gravely concerned over the increasing tendency of undergraduates to pay cash for their purchases. The new fashion saves the postage on the customary 15 monthly duns, but it means the loss of the extravagant custom of the young Verdant Greens of yesteryears, who ordered silk dressing gowns by the half dozen in the serene belief that bills due three years hence are really no proper bills at all.

Tradesmen are discovering that the man who buys for cash buys carefully and stints the more exotic cravings of his fancy. Worse still they are discovering that he prefers to do his buying in London, where a shopping excursion is a very desirable excuse for a restful afternoon in one of the music halls. Landon competition is far from pleasing for it was long ago settled that Oxford prices should be set well above those of the metropolis during term time, to carry over the lean vacation when streets are deserted and tradesmen recline against their sturdy oak counters in sad and wistful boredom.

The increase in cash purchases is indicative of a shifting of social standards. Fewer undergraduates are now the sons of choleric and unbusinesslike old country gentlemen with gout and ancient lineage; more and more from the very recently acquired country seats of moneyed men of business, who are better judges of accounts than of horses and Madras. In the universality as elsewhere the easy-going credit system based on the unimpeachable honesty, solvency and respectability of the settled country families is giving way to the rule of ready cash.

### American Methods for Teaching Blind Lauded

**BERLIN (AP)**—America is leading the way in educational methods for the blind, in the opinion of Miss Betty Hirsch, director of the school for the blind founded during the World War by Germany's famous oculist, Geheilmratz Siles. "The city of Cleveland," she observes, "has found the ideal solution of the problem, in that education for the blind is not carried on in special schools for the blind, the blind pupils are interspersed among the sighted children. This procedure is of the greatest benefit not only to the blind children, but to the others as well, in that it accustoms them to getting along with their less fortunate fellow pupils and shows them that a blind student can do fully as well as a sighted one."

"The feeling of human pride is quite as pronounced with blind people as it is with those enjoying eye sight. Self-confidence can be encouraged among the blind only if they feel that they are being offered an opportunity to show that they can hold their own in competition with others. If the blind are separated from the sighted, this confidence can never be instilled in them. America is absolutely right in mixing the blind in with the sighted."

Iowa City prohibits bathing suits on the streets. Doesn't matter. They are too warm for summer.

to leave England to join her fiance in South America before the three weeks elapsed applied to the foreign office, which met her wishes and upon her arrival in South America she found necessary authority awaiting her there.

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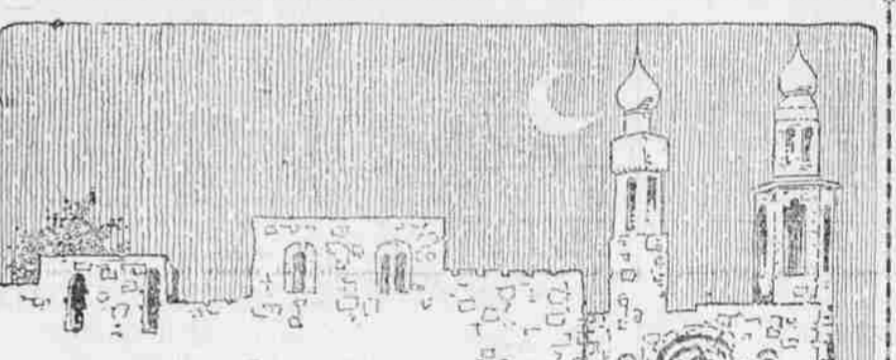
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**Sausage Meat Causes Death Of Baby Elephant in Berlin Zoo**  
**BERLIN (AP)**—German sausage, it is believed, was the cause recently of the death of Mamppe, an African baby elephant, which, with his twin brother Karl, was given to the Berlin zoo a few months ago. The twins had become the pets of the elephant house, but since the death of Mamppe the other is inconsolable and refuses to eat.



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