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THE SON OF MAN shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity.—Matthew 13:41.

Too many people think that culture consists in reading rot written by some ancient who got by because he had no competition.

Almost anybody can write a movie scenario, but it's hard to find an author who can keep the director from making a new story out of it.

An executive might be defined as anyone who is free to think the weather too nice for office work and seek the cool breezes of the golf course or trout stream.

The proposal to perfume the Paris subways isn't made because they are now odorless, as any former American doughboy who sojourned in that gay city can testify.

Whether you contribute one dollar or a hundred toward the Union county quota of the American Legion endowment drive, the income from your contribution will be devoted to the care of the state's crippled children and the orphan children of World War veterans.

AN EPIDEMIC OF LAWS.

Somebody has said that "the best laws which have been passed have been those by which some former laws have been repealed." If the rule holds good the evidence points overwhelmingly to an acute famine in such "best laws," for several authorities on the question estimate that the United States now has in the neighborhood of 2,000,000 federal, state and municipal laws. It is self-evident that the lawmaking bodies have been working overtime legislating new laws and have maintained a very effective repeal strike.

Congress has a law-production of 300 a year. It is estimated that the state legislatures pass 15,000 new laws every biennial. The efforts of congress and the legislatures are augmented by 18,000 municipal bodies which are grinding out new laws fifty-two weeks in the year. Every year the nation's statute books are "enriched" by 200,000 new laws.

The Memphis News-Scimitar objects to the deluge of laws on the grounds that "there seems to be one law for the rich and one for the poor, and about two million for the middle class." All three classes—rich, poor and middle—complain of a superabundance of laws on the grounds that too many of them are idiotic, unnecessary or impossible of enforcement, ill-advised, radical or erratic, and conceived by zealous minorities for the "good" of the majority.

A weekly periodical suggests that each lawmaking body be matched with a repealing body whose duty it shall be to rescind two laws for every law enacted. The recommendation would have done well to have given the repeal body a special long session while the legislating bodies were granted a long recess.

OUT OUR WAY By WILLIAMS

OFFICE CAT

TRADE-MARK REG.

By Junius

Some people live beyond their means, others live down to their meanness.

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Correct this sentence: "Yes, it's a forty-two," said the clerk, "but it makes you look girlish."

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HYMN OF HATE

I hate spinach. I'm not ashamed because I hate it. It's damp and slimy; it looks like seaweed, but it hasn't such a good flavor. It is dark green but not a nice green. Sometimes it is served with an egg. Anyhow the egg doesn't fool me. It spoils the egg. I leave the spinach on my plate. I don't like it. The man who first tasted spinach hated it and he gave it to his children as a punishment. They tried to leave it on their plates and he told them it was good for them. It contains iron, but not nice iron. I don't like it because if I did like it I should eat it and I don't like it.

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Man is but a worm: he comes along, wiggles about for a time, and then a chicken gets him.

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WE NAME NO NAMES

A fair contrib has sent us
A bit of scrambled verse.
She says, "You're free to change this
For better or for worse."

We toiled till early morning
With many a stifled curse—
We may have made it better,
But we couldn't make it verse.

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Faith in human nature is fine but at that you had better lock your doors when you retire at night.

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In the spring an old man's fancy fondly turns to thoughts of golf.

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If they are going to clip a day off each month and make a new calendar, we suggest that they clip off the first.

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Another mistake a lot of men make is to say to their wives: "I'll fix your clock." It generally means that a quiet Sunday afternoon is spoiled.

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An upstate editor is in hiding since he published the following tribute to a local society woman: "She has always had mangy friends."

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A successful wife: Any woman who can manage to look awed while her husband is doing his evening bragging.

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The man who can run a mile and only move two feet is the real wonder guy.

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THESE STYLES

Peaches: "I'd like to try on that rose dress in the window."
Salesman: "Sorry, Miss, that's the lamp shade."

Sturdy Outdoor Women Expert in Embroidery

LONDON (AP) — The modern girl is taking a more intelligent interest in needlework than did the early Victorian, according to Mrs. Mary Anfrobus, who is restorer by royal warrant of the tapestries in Holyrood, Windsor Castle and Buckingham Palace.

Mrs. Anfrobus acted as one of the judges at an international needlework contest here, and is considered one of the greatest authorities in Europe on these materials. Hunting women, and the girls who play hockey and tennis and take an interest in outdoor sports are, as a whole, the women who do the best embroidery today, in the opinion of Mrs. Anfrobus. Needlework fulfills a side of their lives which sports do not, she says, because sports are not creative and needlework certainly is.

Kiel Canal Traffic Grows.

BERLIN (AP)—Traffic through the Kiel canal last year had more than tripled since the close of the World war and the total tonnage surpassed that of 1913. In the latter year 52,382 vessels with a total tonnage of 30,349,929, passed through the canal. The number of vessels in 1918 was 15,929 aggregating 4,720,000 tons.

Last year's traffic showed 42,373 vessels with a total tonnage of 32,424,167.

The London zoo has mice smaller than bees, which may look as big as horses to some women.

Yesterday In Washington

Impressive honors were paid Lieutenant-General Nelson A. Miles in a funeral ceremony attended by President and Mrs. Coolidge.

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Gaston B. Means surrendered to the local court and asked to be sent to Atlanta to begin a two-year sentence.

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Officers of the submarine S-19, which grounded last January at Nauset beach, Mass., were ordered courtmartialed by Secretary Wilbur.

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Senator Watson of Indiana announced that a final effort to make prohibition effective had been decided on by the administration.

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Members of the Couzens committee criticised prohibition enforcement methods.

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The department of justice announced it would appeal the decision of the St. Paul court in the Harvester dissolution case.

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Announcement that Belgium would institute debt-funding negotiations brought an optimistic reaction from high government officials.

A straw vote shows a majority will have new hats before long.

Great Britain's back on the gold standard. So are our deadbeats.

CLOVER CREEK TERM CLOSES

CLOVER CREEK, (Special) — Miss Bernice West closed a very successful term of school on Clover Creek May 15. She expects to remain in this vicinity for a week or ten days then return to her home near North Powder. She will enter Normal school in June for a five weeks course. She will teach school here again next year.

Henry Herman of Island City, came to Clover creek recently to get his water tank and fanning mill, which he had stored at the Holmes place. Mr. Herman was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Carnes while here.

The grass is very good on the range at present. Three fourths of the shappirell brush was killed by the winter cold. The deer browse on this brush. Some of the young growth of yellow pine trees were also killed.

Standley Shaw was a recent business visitor to La Grande.

Charles Scott of Union, was here recently visiting at the home of his daughter and transacting business.

Axel Bowen, of North Powder, was a business visitor in this vicinity last week.

A number of horses were brought here a few days ago from Pendleton. They will be used in construction work on the Baker-Cornucopia highway. They belonged to John Temple, who leases horses for construction work. The man accompanying the horses reports an abundance of grain around Pendleton, but that nearly all of the alfalfa was killed by the cold during the winter.

Mr. Sorensen of North Powder, was a visitor at the Talbott farm recently.

Several species of migrating birds have passed through here recently on their journey north.

Two trucks of furniture were taken to the Jacobs mill this week. They expect to begin work there soon and many families are planning to move here from Union.

Chris Peterson, Jay Gowa and Albert Hutchinson came out from North Powder recently and rounded up and sorted out some cattle to take back with them.

Thursday and Friday the eighth grade state examinations were given.

The frequent showers of the past week have been very beneficial to the crops. Gardens are looking fine.

Miss Lydia Sailor spent the week end with the DeVore family. Miss Sailor taught school in La Grande the past winter.

The Gardner family will leave for Nyssa, Oregon, Monday. Sam Anchey will also go up to help through haying.

The crows in this vicinity were much annoyed Sunday by the efforts of some of the sportsmen to destroy their nests.

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Muskrat Led in Value Furs Produced in Canada Last Year

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In point of aggregate value the muskrat was the most important fur producing animal, contributing 2,955,395 pelts worth $3,440,362, followed by beaver with 169,173 pelts valued at $2,542,992, and mink with 213,641 pelts worth $2,113,568. White fox and silver and red foxes ranked next.

Haircuts are up in Chicago, maybe due to the spring rush.

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