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THEREFORE WHEN THOU DOEST THINE ALMS, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you they have their reward.—Matthew 6:2.

The modern girl may have her little faults but at least she has outgrown the giggles.

Civilized people are those who have to tax themselves heavily to pay for having killed one another.

Some Civil War veteran comes forth now to deny that General Sherman was ever responsible for the expression, "War is hell." Even if he didn't say that about war we are confident he said it about post-war taxes.

La Grande's Vacation Bible school, sponsored by the Ministerial Association and scheduled to start Monday, offers an opportunity that thoughtful parents will appreciate. And it also offers something the children will be quick to enjoy. A Bible school gives both recreation and religious training. Coming during the vacation period when organized supervision of children is most difficult and proper disposal of their time is a constant problem for parents, the school can accomplish much in a constructive way. It should enjoy a large enrollment and become an established event in our community life.

THE PRICE OF GOOD ROADS.

The proposed referendum of the law placing a highway tax on passenger busses and freight trucks is not being received with much favor by those who have investigated the cost of maintaining good roads and who pays the cost. The law may be very fair or it may impose too much of a tax or too small a tax, but certainly the principle is right and petitions are not going to be favorably entertained by the thinking taxpayer who realizes that a referendum will free the bus and truck companies from a more equitable share in the cost of highways for two years more.

Without doubt the bus and truck business is taking much business in passengers and freight on short hauls away from the railroads; and this will continue and increase regardless of what taxes the bus and truck companies are forced to pay. It is an economic development of transportation that is inevitable, which is all the more reason why the agencies now getting this business should bear a fair share of the cost of those highways that make their operations possible.

Interesting information on the effect that permanent roads has had on railroad business during the last few years is available at the railroad offices here in La Grande. For example, in 1917 there were 4,119,000 pounds of freight forwarded to points within a radius of 50 miles of La Grande. In 1923, when Union county's highways reached an efficient point of development, the railroad carried only 1,821,000 pounds of such freight. Also in 1917, the number of local tickets sold was 24,496, and in 1923 only 15,515. Not all of this decrease has been absorbed by bus and truck agencies operating over our improved highways, of course, but it has gone over the highways in some manner.

Another interesting bit of information is that in 1917 the Union Pacific paid \$1,169,78 in Union county highway or road taxes and in 1923 the same company paid to the same fund a total of \$39,638.92. In other words, a good share of the excellent roads we are able to enjoy in Union county have been built and maintained by railroad taxes. Now the upkeep is to be shared by the bus and truck companies who use and destroy the highways most. Certainly such taxation is just and fair and though it will not reduce our own or railway companies' taxes, it should provide badly needed additional funds for new projects and better maintenance.

OUT OUR WAY

By WILLIAMS



ATTACK ON THE OUTPOST



OFFICE CAT
By Junius

Isn't it pleasant to think of heaven as a place where you won't have to fill out income tax blanks.

Our sympathies goes out to the man who traded a balky mule for a flivver which knocked him into the gutter the first time he tried to crank it.

Some people wouldn't kick any more if they were centipedes.

The more we learn about the world the better we understand why an infant yells at birth.

Brown: "Did the doctor find out what ailed you?"
Black: "I'll say he did! He told me I needed some change, and heaven knows I was never so hard up."

The skeptic is the man who refrains from jiggling the handles of a slot machine when he passes it, to make sure that a penny won't fall out.

You may have not noticed the falling off, but there are twelve million fewer hogs in the country than a year ago.

An innocent girl is one who, when told to use rouge for her complexion, asks "how many spoonfuls should be taken at a time."

If Washington knew all he had become "father" of, he would turn over in his grave.

COVED

My girl thought that I said she "could dance just like a zephyr." I wonder what she'd think of me if she knew that I said "cheifer."

The Chinaman named Dem Li must have been named in the heat of a political campaign.

Artificial bait has caught more fishermen than fish this year.

You never learn much from a person you can see through.

Our theory is that let's wife spelled something burning in the kitchen and turned back.

They are now making leather

out of shark skins, we read. Is this a new industry? We'd say not. It seems to us we have observed for years any number of skins going around in shark's shoes.

A recent newspaper report tells about a man who fell fifty feet from a scaffolding into a truck full of sand without being hurt. We doubt, however, if this performance will bring him a job in the movies as he did not bounce.

We will believe spring is really here when the lazy young men, too tired to dress, appear on the streets all hours of the day in sport clothes.

Little Girl (speaking in quivering voice to big, heavy-browed man with glittering knife): "Have you no heart?"
Man (growlingly): "No."
Little girl: "Well, then, I'll take ten cents' worth of liver."

There isn't much difference between a keynote and a keynote speech. They both mean, "Let me in."

All the world may love a lover but no woman wants her lover to love the world.

Yesterday In Washington

(By Associated Press)
Secretary Weeks, after several weeks' illness, departed for Boston to undergo a medical examination.

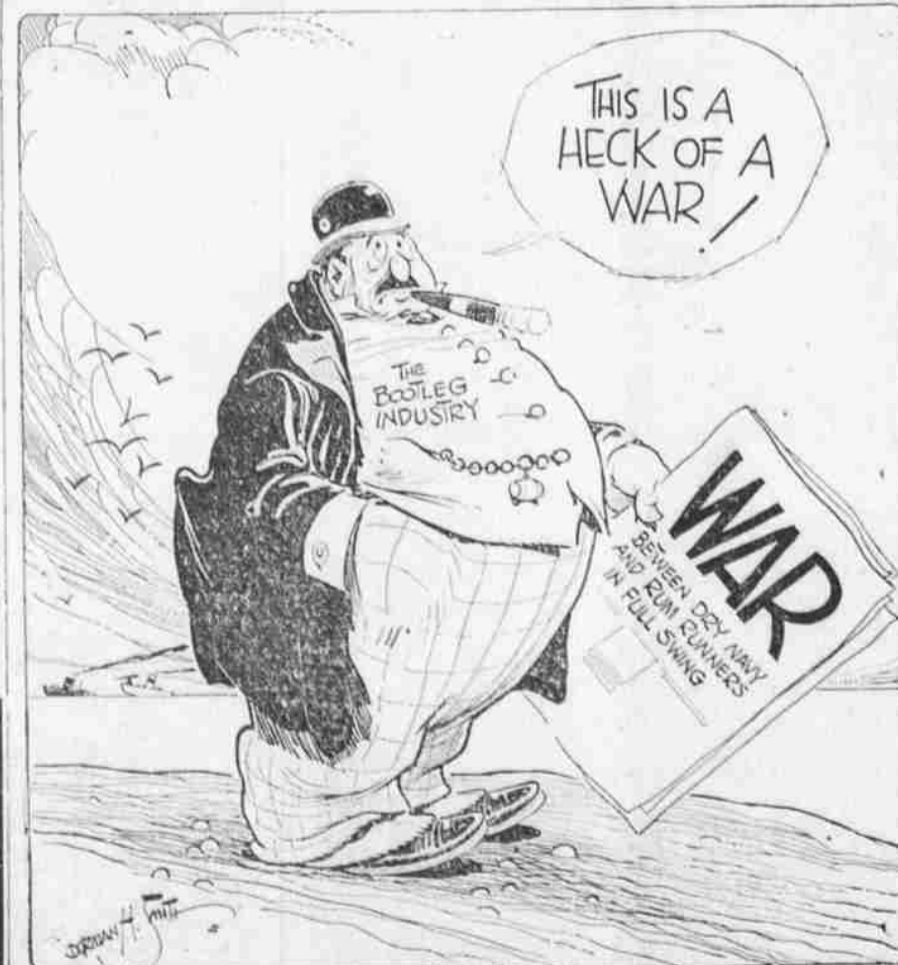
Secretary Hoover presided over a conference of representatives of coastal states called to discuss conservation of sea food.

Delay in funding of the Belgian debt was seen by treasury officials as a probable result of the overthrow of the Brussels cabinet.

President Harding of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey declared there is no danger of a real exhaustion of the country's oil fields.

The Swift and Armour companies moved in the local courts for complete abrogation of the passengers' contract degree, while the government sought the right to appeal from the recent decision.

Sherman Was Right



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HEALTH

Catch 'Em Young!

(By Dr. Frederick Stricker)
Examinations of over nine thousand (9327) school children in three counties of Oregon (Columbia, Douglas and Jackson) showed that about thirty percent (2816) were substantially free from defects. The other seventy percent of the children shared something like one and a half defects apiece among them.

The main imperfections were those of teeth and of tonsils. Each of those affected about a third of all the children examined (32.3 and 34.5 per cent, respectively). Underweight and impaired vision came next with 29.4 and 16.4 percent apiece. In Douglas and Jackson Counties, a little over one-tenth of all children showed enlarged thyroid glands. While these figures may, at first sight, seem rather startling, they are really just the reverse. In the first place, most of these defects can easily be corrected. In the second, a number of them have already been eliminated, and the figures given present something of an improvement.

The low percentage of bad teeth is especially noticeable. Not that it is not high enough as it is; but still it is less than one-half of the amount usually found. This is due, in part, to previous examinations in schools, bringing this condition to the attention of the parents. It is also due to the work done by dentists in educating people to see the great importance of keeping their teeth well looked after, and having defects found and corrected at an early stage.

If we can get parents to see the equal importance of watching eyes, tonsils, weight and so forth, and the advantage of correcting defects while they are small, we shall in a few years show some improvement over the staggering figures revealed by the draft during the World War. As you all know, these figures showed that two-thirds of our young men, in the prime of life, were defective physically, and that one-third were incapable of military service.

We cannot change these facts by shutting our eyes and refusing to acknowledge that they exist. But we CAN do something about it if we face conditions as they are, and set out to improve them.

At least half the imperfections which lower physical efficiency in adult life can be prevented if they are dealt with in childhood, during school and pre-school years. They cannot be dealt with unless they are found, and found while they are still insignificant. This means that they cannot be left to be discovered by chance when they have grown so evident that even a road parent will notice them. They must be revealed by a thorough examination by someone who is trained to give it, and can find them when they are not far advanced.

Two Sentenced at Eugene, O.—Frank Vandenberg, alias Frank Johnson, pleaded guilty to the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses and was sentenced by Judge G. P. Skippworth of circuit to serve three years in the state penitentiary. George Hval, indicted yesterday on a charge of uttering a forged check, pleaded guilty and received a similar sentence. Both men were taken to Salem this afternoon.

Sarah Ghosh, a Hindu, left \$5000 so two artists' models could buy some clothes. Good Ghosh! suspending it.

John W. O'Leary of Chicago was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States at the concluding session of its annual convention.

FARMERS LIKE RECENT RAINS

Medical Springs (Special)—The farmers in this vicinity welcome the rain. They are busy irrigating the grain and gathering cattle to put on reserve for the summer.

Mrs. Foster, who has been at Union for dental work has returned home. While at Union she was the guest of Mrs. V. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. F. Miller and Lester Miller of Pleasant Valley, Mrs. N. Darrow and Mrs. L. Miller, of Cove, and Mrs. Bert Van were guests of Mrs. George Looney recently.

Mr. and Mrs. George Looney are the parents of an eight pound son born May 12.

Mrs. L. A. Chandler, who has been convalescing from an attack of the "Flu" at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kennedy, returned to her home Monday morning, with her husband, who spent the week end at Medical.

Mrs. Foster and daughter, Mrs. V. Hogg, with her three sons motored to Baker Monday to have the boys tonsils removed. Mrs. Hogg will teach school at Newport next term.

Miss D. Miller, of the Park, was a guest of Mrs. J. E. Kennedy recently.

O. Wordson purchased a home from Arthur Bowman Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. E. Whitten and Miss Edith Turner will leave Monday for Portland where they will visit relatives and friends until time to attend the state game.

George South was a business visitor at La Grande recently. About twenty Japs from Baker spent a day at Medical this week. Kenneth Vanorder has a ford roadster. He plans to spend the evening riding now.

Mrs. Emma Duncan, Miss Edith Turner and Miss Edwards and Bruce Turner were business visitors at Baker Monday. Miss Edwards left Monday evening for her home in Southern Oregon.

Several from this community attended the picnic at Dobby's ranch Sunday.

Mrs. W. Lane is staying at the home of George Looney. Marvin Looney is enjoying a visit with his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Miller, at Pleasant Valley.

F. Whitten is doing road work on the Catherine Creek road. Mr. and Mrs. George South, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Bloom and Mr. and Mrs. E. Whitten spent the evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kennedy recently.

George South was doing repair work on the telephone line Wednesday.

O. Wordson, J. R. Wankler and Kenneth Vanorder have been busy gathering cattle this week.

Joe Lay from the Park has been hauling hay from the Myers ranch here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Bowman were callers at the Wankler ranch recently.

Miss Genola Wankler was at Keating recently.

Mrs. J. E. Kennedy and daughter, Jean, spent Monday at La Grande, returning home Tuesday afternoon. She was accompanied by her daughters, Mrs. L. A. Chandler and Miss Lilliefor Kennedy.

Mrs. F. Whitten was a dinner guest of Mrs. J. E. Wankler Tuesday.

Winn Duncan and daughters, were business visitors at Baker Tuesday.

The farmers in this vicinity have their sheep shorn and some wool has been sold for 42 cents a pound.

Chinese Cooks Trained in U. S.

Popular in English Households LONDON (AP).—Chinese cooks are in demand in England, and in several instances they have been brought from the United States after having mastered the American way of preparing food. In families where the Chinese servants have been for years they are looked upon as nearly equal to the English family butler and most of them consider that they have their jobs for life.

Summer School

Classes in ENGLISH HISTORY And 8th Grade Subjects if recommended by grade principal. Enroll at High School office this week. Classes begin Monday. Enrollment closes Tuesday, May 26th. Payment in Advance Miss Mabel Bennett



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Pine Valley Fair Date Set. HALFWAY, Or.—At a meeting held at Halfway the date for the Pine Valley fair was set for September 24 and 25. A new board of trustees was elected. Tom Whitely was chosen president and Bruce Danack vice-president. Both are farmers and five of the others are farmers. The association voted not to hold a Fourth of July celebration but to join with Eagle valley in celebrating. Auto bumpers on telephone poles may be the next step.

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