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THIS IS THE CONFIDENCE that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us.—1 John 5:14.

A bird on the hat is worth ten on the dollar.

Additional paving of streets north of the tracks cannot be undertaken, we understand, until the storm sewer problem for the city is solved. Hasten the day when that is accomplished. La Grande has a beautiful city park and tourist campground on the banks of the Grande Ronde River, but the street approach must be paved if either local citizens or motoring visitors are to be enticed to its entrance.

HARD TIMES AND SOFT TIMES.

Here in La Grande and throughout the Valley you hear frequently—too frequently, probably—about times being a little hard and business dull. On one side you hear the plight of the rancher and farmer who has experienced the agricultural depression, on another side the dismay of the business man who misses the old-time railroad payroll and peak crop prices that made maximum volume, and on still another the lament of the laboring men at layoffs and slack industries.

All of which is more or less true. The man who depends upon the soil for his livelihood and profit has had too little of one and nothing of the other for a stretch of four or five years now. His buying power has been reduced in proportion. The railroad payroll is lower than it used to be in the day when small engines and many short trains were the rule across the Blue Mountains. And due to readjustments from the peak period throughout the country industries have suffered, railroads have not had as large a volume of freight to carry, and therefore unemployment has become a more serious problem in a city as industrial in character as is La Grande.

Business is dull and conditions are bad—but only in comparison with the business and conditions of the peak war period. Considering 1925 and the future, both business and conditions are good and every indication points to greater improvement next fall and the following year. Things might be better—or worse. Certainly crop prospects are most encouraging and industrial activity promises to be tremendously improved by fall. And with bettered conditions over the nation, now indicated for the latter part of the year, railroad labor demands will be considerably increased. Business experts of long experience anticipate a period of prosperity within the next few years that will rival the post-war record.

Present business and agricultural conditions in La Grande and Union county are not peculiar to this area. The same, and worse, conditions prevail in Baker, in Pendleton, in Walla Walla, in Portland, in Spokane—and practically throughout the nation. The Middle West is just beginning to recover from an agricultural depression, the depths of which we can little conceive without close contact with those states. No matter where he may go, the pessimist will find cause for concern and destructive comment.

All of which should help to encourage careful planning, judicious buying, sensible economy, and doubled energy. Spreading pessimism and shouting distorted rumors of hard times from the house-tops does an actual and unnecessary injury. Certainly it does not speed the return to a higher level of prosperity. Today Oregon stands on the threshold of a tremendous development. The extent to which it will reach is probably beyond our power to determine, but the time required depends upon its people—their vision and their desire. And these qualities can be only clouded and stifled by our unintelligent capitulation to rumors of "hard times."

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OUT OUR WAY

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THE SUBSTITUTE LOOK



OFFICE CAT

By Julius

'We wonder if the President of France has Paris supporters.

Another proof that they are the talkative sex, is that you never saw a woman pantomime.

'There's very little going on here today,' remarked the life guard on the crowded bathing beach of a fashionable sea-side resort.

Too many public offices are too private.

SUCH IS LIFE.

The tadpole tripped in his childish glee

And started his little tail and dreamed of the time to come when he

With his music would regale A sweetheart listening on the bank

And casting her glance fond At her lover there in his refuge dark

Ver' looking the little pond.

When time had passed and his tail had split

And his springy legs had grown

He would sit and sing and sing and sit

With the sweetest girl ever known.

Then his piping voice was rounded out.

To a sweet profound hum till it melted through the woods about

As it rounded off into space.

He wooed her then with his deep chest note

And his big expressive eyes

And he swore that he would never deviate

To supplying her with flies

Yes, his sweetly whistled, his leading voice

The others, and so she made her choice

Of real outstanding love.

But what they found that their love was doomed

By a father heartless Fate.

For one dark night while his deep voice boomed

In a love word to his mate

He was snatched, oh, woe! from her loving side

In a mighty crash way!

And two days hence he was drowned and freed

And served in a small cafe.

'Why do you go to church so often?

'Man, it is a beautiful sight to see one man keep so many women quiet for such a long time.'

America has in percent of the world's gold and 71 percent of its steel and iron.

Editor: I'm five and mother says if I am good and eat lots of corn I'll be six my next birthday.

'Two tons of gold flow in an average day.' That flows have always proved lighter than air too.

TOUGH LUCK.

Sophie: Did you hear about the woman who had triplets one day and twins the next?

Edna: Hub!

Sophie: Yes, one of 'em died.

If all the world is a stage, most of us are stage hands.

Hub: Everything appearing in a great newspaper.

BOONE FAMILY TO GATHER AT CELEBRATION

LEXINGTON, Ky., (AP) — Beginning of Kentucky's history 150 years ago, with the glances cast upon it by memories of Daniel Boone, the pioneer American, whose name is on the bill never looking the Kentucky river, will be celebrated the first week of June.

Stamps are being stamped, captioned "The Battle of Lexington," to put us with notice in the celebration. The stamps were issued by the government in commemoration of the battle in Massachusetts, the "shot heard 'round the world."

Followed by a great celebration in the Blue Grass of Kentucky during the entire week of June 1.

NEW MAYFLOWER HOTEL MAY PAY

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do apartments like this cost?" I asked. "By the year," Merry replied. "Twenty-five thousand." "And this?" I continued, following him into a considerably larger one—a regular Buckingham Palace, in fact. "Twenty-five thousand." These prices aren't high compared with the prices of similar accommodations in New York, for instance. But New York is more than 14 times larger than Washington, and there are mighty few New York hotels that couldn't be set down in the Mayflower's lobby for the porters to sweep out.

Washington for the site is a good hotel town. Lots of transient guests. But \$25,000 or \$30,000! And the Mayflower must have lots of customers at such rates.

Gloomily the bondholders sought counsel from Merry, a hotel doctor in New York. He undertook to pull the Mayflower out of the hole. His first job was into the kitchen, already finished and fitted up. "Tear all that out," he ordered. "It's badly arranged—unscientific." "Great Scott," wailed the bondholders. "It will cost five cents." "It'll cost a jump more than that to run it the way I'm ruled Merry."

So the kitchen was yanked up by the roots and replanted in his way. Through the whole house he went in the same fashion. Gosh! but it cost! But when he had finished he had a hotel.

"Now you've got to stay—stay—stay in it," the bondholders announced. "Oh no," objected Merry. "I got my fix out of construction, and the daily grind of management." Nevertheless the bondholders wanted the job on him.

Still, "You never can make it pay," skeptics warned him at a meeting of a recent dining city one of these croakers called early to catch a train, passed the Mayflower.

Outside was Merry inspecting his bondholders' facade through an opera glass, to make sure every thing was square. He felt. "So you do things like this right along," inquired the astonished passerby. "Sure," said Merry. "It's the way to run a hotel." "What I said I take back," the skeptic assured him. "This hotel's going to be a handling success." "I'll have it paying by next year," Merry told me. He spoke like a man who knew.

The battle for provisions will be required in a pilgrimage to Boone's last resting place, a trip to Boone's town, his fort, a ceremony at Transylvania University, where Lafayette visited in May, 1825, and services in memory of Boone in parent, addresses and dedication of tablets.

Boone, who blazed the way from the Atlantic coast through the wilderness to Kentucky, will be the central figure commemorated. Gov. W. J. Friedel invited 2,000 members of the Boone Family association, scattered over the nation, to hold its first family reunion here and William Boone Douglas, Washington, D. C., acting president, accepted Kentucky's cordiality.

EMPLOYMENT IN DECLINE NOW

PORTLAND, Ore. (Special) — Further and sharp decline in the demand for help from nearly all industries on the west coast was noted at employment centers last week and labor turnover reached the lowest point of the season, according to the 41 weekly employment service letter published here today. Reports from the various logging districts indicate that many companies are preparing for a shutdown in the near future.

Employments in the pine districts east of the Cascades has reached seasonal height, the letter states, and there will be little new work offered there until harvest begins. Condensed reports from the various centers follow:

PORTLAND — Out to a large amount of down-logs in the woods and with the seasonal fire hazard approaching, several falling and bucking crews have been laid off at the Long-Bell camp at Hyderwood. Some commercial loggers at the Columbia river and adjacent districts are making preparations to close camps next week. Nearly all Portland sawmills have returned to the six-day week. High water in the Willamette river today caused an enforced shutdown of the Portland Lumber company's sawmill here. Calls for mill help are few and there are few experienced millmen now unemployed. Highway work is active and many men who have been laid off at camps have hired out in road crews although there are still many unemployed loggers in the city.

SEATTLE — With the laying off of several more logging crews last week Seattle's unemployed was noticeably increased. The sawmill of the Puget Sound Mills & Timber company, Port Angeles, has been shut down for an indefinite period. Building and construction in Seattle and district are very active but there are more than enough laborers to fill all needs.

SPokane — There is at present a scarcity of skilled pine sawmill help and lumber graders, but a surplus of all other kinds of labor. A majority of the larger sawmills and planers in the Inland Empire are operating two shifts, as is usual at this time of year. Highway crews are well filled. The demand for all kinds of unskilled labor during the past week has been confined to a few replacements.

RENO — Local sawmills are operating two shifts six days per week. Resident mill workers and loggers are well employed. A small amount of highway construction is being done this summer. Several itinerant workers have drifted into Reno recently expecting to get work on the projected railroad lines in central Oregon. The work will not begin for some time.

KLAMATH FALLS — Pine sawmills and box factories in this district are busy with the season's cut. A night shift was put on last week at the Big Lakes saw plant. All of

Yesterday In Washington

Newspapers were upheld by the supreme court in the publication of income tax lists.

The Nickel Plate merger hearings were resumed before the interstate commerce commission.

Further unseasonable weather was forecast by the weather bureau for a large section of the country.

President Coolidge returned from his week-end yachting trip apparently thoroughly recovered from his recent illness.

The supreme court ruled that a fair average value of a corporation's assets must be used in assessing federal capital stock taxes.

July 4 was selected by the war department at the suggestion of President Coolidge as the date for the national defense muster this year.

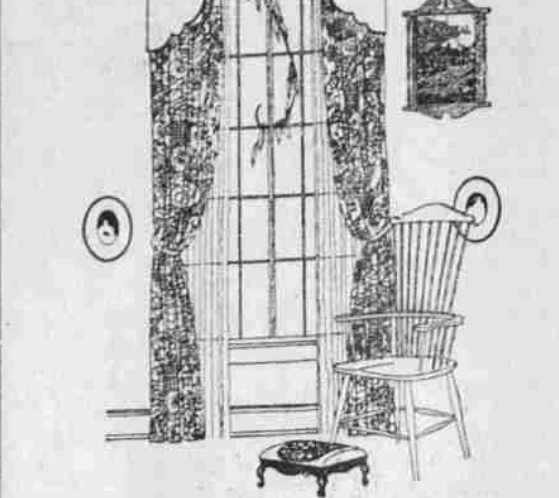
W. H. Strauss of Chicago accepted appointment as American commissioner to the special conference on Chinese customs provided for in the nine-power treaty.

The supreme court held that Antislavery is not entitled to naturalization even though they served in the army, navy or coast guard during the world war.

The Polaris bay camps are running. Lumber shipments for May will total a good high average. Resident woodsmen and sawmill help are well employed.

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A little Polish boy, without telling his parents, changed his name the first day in an American school. He had a fine Polish name, but he was in a new world, and he wanted a name that would symbolize his great change.

European women, upon coming to America, quickly revolutionize the manner of things they buy for their tables and their homes. An authority has estimated that foreign-born women ask for goods by their advertised names within two weeks after they have begun house-keeping in America.

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