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HE THAT IS NOT WITH ME IS against me; and he that gathers not with me scatters abroad.—Matthew 12:30.

### OUT OUR WAY

By WILLIAMS



## REGISTRATION ON INCREASE

Registration of foreign motor vehicles in Oregon during the month of June 1925, amounting to 12,659, exceeded the registrations for the month of June 1924, by 2,935. For the six months period, January 1 to June 30, 1925, the registration of foreign motor vehicles at all stations in Oregon numbered 75,592, as against 72,486 for the corresponding period of 1924, an increase of 3,106.

For June of 1925 the registrations lacked but 2,272 of equalling the total registrations for the previous five months of the year, which was 14,932. Every state in the United States, with the exception of Delaware and Georgia, was represented in the June registrations, and visitors from Alaska, Canada, the canal zone, Hawaiian Islands and New Zealand were included in the list.

California leads in the number of June registrations with 7,239 and for the first six months of 1925, with 15,534. Washington is second with 2,475 for June and 9,587 for the six months, and Idaho is third with 824 registrations for June and 2,645 for the six months period. From a distance three visiting cars were registered from Miami, Fla.; from New York, 22 from Florida; 20 from Illinois and Oklahoma, respectively; 25 from Iowa and Wisconsin, respectively; 192 from Texas; 60 from Minnesota; 12 from Massachusetts; 52 from Missouri; 45 from Ohio; and five from Washington, D. C. There were 167 registrations from Canada, three from Alaska, nine from the canal zone, 13 from Hawaii and one from New Zealand.

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16,547 automobiles, passenger cars and trucks, 2,828 motorcycles, 1,828 chauffeurs and 116 dealers were registered, from which fees amounting to \$77,592 were collected. The registration of operators did not begin until 1920 when a total of 129,368 operators were licensed. These licenses, being perpetual, are not required to be renewed and the registrations have increased to 254,673 to July 1, 1925.

From 1919, when a total of 82,322 automobiles and trucks were registered, yielding together with fees from motorcycles, chauffeurs, dealers and operators, an aggregate of \$662,239 in revenue to the state the registration of motor vehicles has grown apace, with corresponding increase in fees collected, until, in 1925, when the motor truck segregation law went into effect, there were 182,876 passenger cars, 12,437 trucks, 2,149 motorcycles, 14,258 chauffeurs, 565 dealers, and 253,718 operators and the collection of fees amounted to \$4,069,809.10.



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**OFFICE CAT**  
By JUNIUS

San Diego last year had the highest suicide rate in the country. No beyond mourning. "California, beyond mourning." "California, where life was better."

If a man thinks a woman is pretty when she has three or four front teeth out, that is sure enough love.

Whoever called the female element the top sex didn't know much about justice.

The only law needed for the next twenty-five years, is a law to prevent any more laws.

In love some men have confidence while others have rivals.

**REASON ENOUGH.**  
I can't help it, fellows. I sure have to laugh when I think of a woman as a man's "better half." But who's husband still to that theory cling? To keep her from thinking that she's the "whole thing."

Marriage—the end of the line, with no change.

Bad times to love—your automobile, your temper, your job, your reputation, your wife.

We wish all the reformers were sent to some reformatory.

Your rich relatives—the kin you love to touch.

"You've got one blackhead. I can't remove it," said the skin specialist to the colored gentleman he was treating.

**A DOUBTFUL COMPLIMENT**  
(Kentucky Paper)  
Mrs. Hiram A. Jenkins entertained the members of the Dorcas Society as well as could be expected.

The under dog gets plenty of sympathy, but nothing will help him get them under.

Sheddie by one other name would be just an undrinkable.

If it is only natural for a girl to become highly incensed when one throws perfume on her.

Say, when I was born, I was so surprised that I couldn't talk for a year and a half.

An alibi is proving you were at church when you wasn't in order to prove you wasn't at a poker game when you was.

French Academy of Sciences announced that associate inventors of the world had years. But as yet no American genius has invented a debt dodging plan as good as the one they invented in France.

A still hole by a shady bank a baited hook and a lighted pipe; they're twice as nice as paradise.

A woman who has four kids and the housework doesn't worry about her husband's understanding yet.

The man who never takes a long shot never shoots very far.

Humble and the community jingles with you, grouch and you grouch alone.

**Potato Bug Menace Feared**  
BERLIN (AP)—Fear that the potato bug, which has spread in France, will overrun all Europe, is expressed by the Berlin daily Der Deutsche, with the possible diminishing of the German potato crop by one third, at a time when the increase of the crop has become a vital question. The newspaper proposes that all persons in the empire be enlisted in a war on the bug.

If no advertises it he knows it's gone.



No. 1—Home where Bryan died. Cross at right indicates room where he was lying when the end came. Cross at left indicates porch where Mrs. Bryan was seated when informed of her husband's death. No. 2—Townsmen carrying casket into the Rodgers home preparatory to laying out the Commoner's body.

A few more weeks of drinking muddy, chlorinated Grande Ronde river water and La Grande will be "cussing" itself for not voting that water supply bond issue long ago. Next year it will be all over—but boil your water in the meanwhile and play safe.

Some of these days a philanthropically inclined citizen or group of citizens—or the entire city—will decide that La Grande needs a city park close enough to the business district to give shady rest area and a more sightly band concert location.

**TOO MANY HOME RUNS.**  
Baseball fans are complaining that too many home runs are being hit in the big leagues. There is a wide demand for the adoption of a less lively ball. Discontent in the bleachers has elicited President Heydler of the National League a denial that a livelier ball is in use.

One unacquainted with the psychology of man would ridicule the thought that there would ever come a time when a baseball fan would cease to get a thrill out of a circuit clout and yet that very thing is occurring every day this season. The major league players have been hitting so many home runs this year that the bleacherites are convinced a livelier ball is in use.

A thing ceases to be thrilling when it is repeated too frequently and home runs are quite as commonplace this year as singles. Every team in the two major leagues has one or more contenders for the crown of the "king of swat" and considerable space is required in the sporting pages of the newspaper for recording the numerous home runs made every afternoon.

That which everybody can do is no achievement. It was once considered a feat to hit the ball over the fence or into the left field bleachers because it was something few could do. Nobody would play solitaire if everybody always won. Lovers of baseball would soon tire of their favorite game if their team never lost a game. It is the uncertainty and the suspense of the game which makes it the red blooded, exciting contest it is.

It may be that baseball is developing better players. Such things have happened before and now seem natural. If the sport is producing better players and harder hitters, then perhaps it would be wise for the good of the game to make the baseball less lively.

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