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FOR HE THAT EATETH AND DRINKETH unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.—1 Corinthians 11:29.

He gets the crowd, but who wants to be a high-diver?
In adjusting your lights and otherwise complying with the new Oregon headlight law, it's probably advisable to go to a competent station for full instructions rather than to attempt interpretation of the law for yourself. Perhaps you, too, have discovered that the authorities sometimes fail to put just the same interpretation on some clauses. And they make such discoveries too expensive.

No more beautiful nor more ideal residential city in the world can be found than Tacoma—or at least that is freely admitted by residents who are already there. It is, indeed, a charming city of homes—smooth, velvety lawns, luxuriant roses that rival those of the Rose City in spite of less advertising, varied shrubs and a home atmosphere that speaks volumes for the pride in property that is characteristic of the city. And perhaps this is considered partial compensation for the encroachment on Tacoma territory of her business grabbers, Portland on the south and Seattle on the north.

COAST CITIES OF THE FUTURE
With Seattle promising the world a population of half a million in 1930 and Portland making plans for a city of the million class during the next generation, the Northwest can look forward to becoming a metropolitan center that will look no longer to the east for leadership and recognized urban supremacy. Much of the talk of our two chief cities as to their probable future size may be boom propaganda or real estate publicity matter but certainly the Pacific Northwest is due for a development that cannot fail to attract population to these communities in heavy measure.

Naturally there is much jealousy between the Oregon and Washington leaders, yet it is largely unwarranted because of the different factors effecting the growth of each. Both Seattle and Portland look upon their port facilities as their greatest asset, the Washington metropolis now having the edge in that respect as it has in the matter of population. Seattle has profited greatly by the tremendous importance of Alaskan trade during the last decade, and this is a source of wealth that will grow rather than diminish in the future. Portland, on the other hand, is moving ahead more slowly in the harvest of wealth from shipping, but draws on a much larger and richer "back-country" than does her northern rival. While Seattle benefits from the Alaskan trade north and develops industries and eastern connections with that in mind, Portland will advance with equal speed from greater agricultural and timber development and a rival trade with the Orient.

Whether we shall see the day when undisputed leadership will be gained by one city of the Northwest is doubtful, but it is an interesting and extremely keen competition between two fine cities—ex cities of such size go—and those of us who cast our lot in the smaller communities and tributary lands may have the satisfaction of knowing that our contribution is of no small importance in the building of this corner empire of the nation.

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By Jimmie
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Kansas is delirious catfish to make them safe for anglers. The timid ones might appreciate it, too, if the wiggle were taken out of the worms.

Health note: The thin after 35 live longer than the fat after 40.

Doctor—Do you talk in your sleep?
Patient—No, I talk in other people's. I'm a clergyman.

I certainly believe in evolution. I am sure the turtle was once a bedbug.

Pastor: A preacher who has to live on what's left by the evangelists.

An apple a day doesn't keep the doctor away—if they are green apples, as little Johnny soon learns.

- S. P. MEANS
Stuffed Passion—to the Spinster.
Sincere Prayer—to the Hen-pecked Husband.
Social Prestige—to the Clumsy Scholastic Perfection—to the Phi Beta Kappa.
Southern Pacific—to the Traveler.
Swell Party—to the dance Trotter.
Subtle Poison—to the Movie Fan.
Stung Proper—to the Small Brothers.
Serious Proposition—to the Business Man.
Shy Proposal—to the Hopeful Washington.
Silent Partner—to the Wife.
Sanguine Prospects—to the Young Business Man.
Salt Petre—to the Restaurant Owner.
Silly Polak—to the New Yorker.
Smooth Petting—to the Heartless Youth.

A very shy young La Grande man experienced considerable difficulty in summoning up sufficient courage to propose to the girl of his heart.

One day he took her to walk in the cemetery and stood awkward and tongue-tied in front of the family tomb.

At last he blurted out: "Ladies and gentlemen—would you like to sleep here some day?"

Counting your chickens before they hatch isn't as bad as not making them count afterward.

1813: "Let's go across." 1925: "Let's make 'em come across."

All of us have heard of the man who hid his light under a bushel. We know several characters of like temperament, who could hide their light, were they so disposed, under a thumb.

A pale satin moon shone above them. The silver rays caressed her face, and their light gave her the appearance of an angel, not of an earthly being.

He whispered, "Faring, I love you. You are far more precious to me than life itself." He took her in his arms; their lips poised for a more traction of a second.

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The smaller the town the more it needs big men.



AN UNUSUAL PEDDLER is James E. Reynolds, Salem, Mass. He sells catnip, a weed that the cats like, and housewives along Salem's streets flock out to buy daily to buy a little "nip" for their pets.

OUT OUR WAY

By WILLIAMS

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and then two souls melted into one in the flaming passion of love's sweet kiss.

No, gentle reader, the "she" was not his daughter, nor his mother, nor his pet monkey, nor anything but a real honest-to-goodness woman.

That's one time we fooled you. We nearly fooled ourselves.

Maybe we'd better be nice to France, or she might offer us a mortgage on Morocco in payment.

He used to part his hair in the middle, but now he doesn't part it at all—he has parted with it.

John D. Rockefeller now is 85 years old and hasn't lost interest in trying to break 100 occasionally in his golf game.

Often a heavenly looking girl is no earthly good.

New Theatre For Moscow

MOSCOW, Idaho.—M. Kenworthy, proprietor of the Kenworthy and Idaho Theatres, has purchased of the concrete building on South Main street occupied by the Neely cinema and will construct a moving picture theatre. The building 40 by 120 feet, was purchased from the Portland Trust and Savings bank. Mr. Kenworthy will expend \$125,000 on the building in addition to furnishings.

The building will be erected with the exception of the side walls and 20 feet of roof. The roof will be of Spanish type, with the entrance occupying the south half and a small store the north of the lobby.

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Chicago Would Train Mental Delinquents In Farm Colony

CHICAGO, (AP)—A standing offer to rid of more than 5,000,000 population, or all crime, by permanent segregating 3,000 mental delinquents who are marked offenders is in final form for the next session of the Illinois Legislature.

The offer is from Chief Harry Wilson of the Municipal Court of Chicago, and Dr. William J. Hicholson, director of the Court's Psychopathic Laboratory in which delinquents in years than 40,000 criminal cases have been examined during the last eleven years.

The experiences of the laboratory has brought Judge Olson and Dr. Hicholson to the conclusion that crime prevention is more a problem in psychology than in police administration, and that the root of the problem is the mental delinquent whose debility renders him incapable of interpreting punishment as retribution.

Instead of committing offenders to prisons and reformatories for short sentences, and then throwing them on society again, to commit a greater crime, Dr. Hicholson proposes a permanent industrial farm colony where the delinquents could live lives adjusted to their possibilities.

He would make the colony largely self-sustaining, and in addition would give upwards of \$7,000,000 annually of Chicago's \$15,000,000 budget for polling and criminal courts.

The laboratory's records show mental deficiency as the prime factor in Chicago crime, and also that in a large majority of the delinquents, the criminal bent is manifested in some minor offense during the period of adolescence.

By segregating the offenders of stability, the Olson-Hicholson program would prevent their later and more serious crimes.

Many records are cited by Dr. Hicholson in support of his theory

that public-mindedness is a major factor in crime.

Of 262 boys arrested in one term of the State's Court, 63 percent were morons, and 22 1/2 percent sociopaths. Only 1.9 percent rated average intelligence.

Less than five percent of the boys have been in school until past 14 years of age, 83 percent have not reached seventh grade.

Many personal histories were investigated in this group. A large percentage of the boys were found to have been the offspring of mentally defective parents, some of whom had long criminal records in Chicago.

"At present the law presumes the criminal to be sane until proven insane," said Hicholson. "When recent studies in criminology are incorporated into the criminal code of the United States, every criminal will be presumed insane until he proves himself sane."

"The mentally deficient repeaters are responsible for virtually all vicious crimes, such as, murders, robberies, bank hold-ups and criminal attacks on women."

Legislation to provide such a colony as Dr. Hicholson proposes has been prepared by a volunteer committee of civic leaders for the Legislature.

GETS AUTO PLATES EASIER

ROSE, Idaho.—Idaho automobile owners will be able to get their 1925 license plates direct from the county assessors when they make application and pay their fees in cash. This was decided upon in an informal conference between the assessors and P. A. Jeter, secretary of state, on a more practical way of dispensing the plates rather than have the applicants wait 30 days to be mailed from the capital.

Idaho assessors will meet at Lewiston next January for the first time in 10 years, it was decided at a meeting of the assessors following the adjournment of the meeting of the state board of equalization.

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named the thoroughfares and stood about for hours with newspapers and racing papers in their hands discussing "form" and to make matters worse, he contended, "most of the people to whom I have referred could not afford to bet. When they do so they neglect their caves at home."

The three principal defendants were fined \$100 each.

From the Editor, La. Leader: Those possessing new Ford's this week are: S. Craft, R. Powell and Rev. M. J. ...

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