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NOT MEAT AND DRINK.—For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.—Romans 14:17.

When the prodigal son returns home now, he merely gets a roast.

Experience is fine. But a man with a wild son in college should get wholesale rates.

An automobile manufacturer in France has been granted the privilege of the Eiffel tower for an electric display advertisement. We are glad they have found one practical use for the structure.

The wives of an African sometimes go on strike, refusing to feed him until he promises to do as they wish. It's an old scheme. In this country the strike may not result in lack of food but it is always of such a character as to convince husbands that they are bosses in name only.

THIS "HARD, CRUEL" WEST.

The Pendleton Round-up and rodeos at various places over the country each year are always followed by lengthy comment in scattered papers on the "cruelty to animals" that such exhibits permit, with the consequent lamenting on the error of our ways and the lack of human sympathy. Now we note an editorial in a middle western paper calling attention to the national horseshoe pitching contest and comparing that sport with the cruel variety found at rodeos. Special comment is made on the cruelty of bull-dogging.

It is true that there is one event of the average rodeo program that can be considered cruel, one event that will probably be eliminated as time goes on—but it's not the bull-dogging, but the steer roping and tieing. Those interested in the prevention of cruelty to animals have some talking points when discussing that feature, yet this is the only event in which the animal is at a distinct disadvantage and hasn't a fair show with the human contestant. As far as bull-dogging is concerned, those who have seen the world's champion perform at Pendleton are much more inclined to pity the men who attempt this sport than the steers who pose as victims.

So the truth of the matter is that this "hard, cruel west," is just about as hard as some writers think but is far from being as cruel. And it must be remembered that practically all of the events to which objections are made are merely everyday occurrences to hundreds of men whose life occupations are found on the western range. Steer roping and throwing is a strenuous experience for the steer and sometimes results in a broken leg or neck, but it's part of the job in the cattle business. Of course it isn't exactly like horseshoe pitching or croquet, but neither are the men who participate in these games like those who spend a lifetime in the saddle. One's approval or disapproval depends, naturally, on the point of view; yet we are inclined to believe that those riding, roping, hard-working and hard-playing individuals who are criticized for the type of entertainment they provide contribute a bit more to the virile, fearless manhood of the nation than do those others who are striving for the horseshoe pitcher's world championship.

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PEACE HOPE RESTS UPON TOLERATION

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agreements permit the turning of such resources into the making of good roads, the building of better homes, the promotion of education and all the other arts of peace which minister to the advancement of human welfare."

Avoiding direct reference to any specific situation, Mr. Coolidge expressed the opinion that military power should be subordinated to and governed by civil authority, and continued:

"It is for this reason that any organization of men in the military service bent on inflaming the public mind for the purpose of forcing government action through the pressure of public opinion is an exceedingly dangerous undertaking and precedent. This is so whatever form it might take, whether it be for the purpose of influencing the executive, the legislative, or the heads of departments.

"It is for the civil authority to determine what appropriations shall be granted, what appointments shall be made and what rules shall be adopted for the conduct of its armed forces. Whenever the military power starts dictating to the civil authority, by whatsoever means adopted, the liberties of the country are beginning to end. National defense should at all times be supported, but any form of militarism should be resisted."

For Selective Service Act.

Advocating a selective service act which would authorize broad mobilization in emergencies of all the country's resources, both persons and materials, the president declared that in time of war power should be lodged somewhere for the distribution of prices "as far as it might be possible in justice to the country and its defenders."

"But it will always be impossible to harmonize justice and war," he continued. "It is always possible to purchase materials with money, but patriotism can not be purchased. Unless the people are willing to defend their country because of their belief in it, because of their affection for it, and because it is representative of their home, their country can not be defended.

"If we are looking for a more complete code of justice, a more complete supremacy of law, a more complete social harmony, we must seek it in the paths of peace. Progress in these directions under the present order of the world is not likely to be made except during a state of domestic and international tranquillity. One of the great problems before the nations today is how to promote more tranquillity."

Declaring that one of the most natural reactions during the war was intolerance, he said: "A common purpose and a united intellectual front becoming paramount, Mr. Coolidge said, when the need for such solidarity is past there should be a wise and generous relaxation to return to the old and normal habits of thought."

More Handicrafts.

"There seems to be no question that democratization is used as a military disciplinary measure," he continued. "Progress depends very largely on the encouragement of variety. Whatever tends to stabilize the community, to establish fixed and fixed modes of thought, tends to foreclose society. If we all believed the same things and thought the same thoughts and applied the same principles to all the problems about us, we should reach a state of spiritual stagnation closely akin to an intellectual and spiritual paralysis. It is the interplay of ideas, the clash of disagreeing judgments, the privilege of the individual to develop his own thoughts and shape his own character, that makes progress possible.

"In the period of affliction, calamity, suspicion, and prejudice which our world country has not been exempt from unfortunate experience. Thanks to our comparative isolation, we have learned one of the international frictions and struggles from some other countries less fortunately situated. But among some of the early moral, religious, and social growth of our people there have been manifestations of an intolerance of opinion, a narrowness of outlook, a laxity of judgment, against which we may well be warned.

"It is not easy to conceive of anything that would be more unfortunate in a community based upon the ideals of which American life is the considerable development of intolerance as regards religion. To a great extent this country owes its freedom to the determination of our early ancestors to establish complete freedom in religion. Instead of a state church, we have decreed that every citizen shall be free to follow the dictates of his own conscience as to his religious beliefs and affiliations. Under that guaranty we have created a system which certainly is justified by its fruits. Under no other could we have cared to invite the people of all countries and creeds to come here and unite with us in creating the state of which we are all citizens.

"For Us to Maintain."

"But having included them here, having accepted their great and varied contributions to the building of the nation, it is for us to maintain in all good faith those institutions and traditions which have been so productive of good. The bringing together of all these different national, racial, religious and cultural elements has made our country a kind of composite of the rest of the world and we can render no greater service than by demonstrating the possibility of harmonious cooperation among so many various groups. Every one of them has something characteristic and significant of great value to cast into the common fund of our material, intellectual, and spiritual resources.

"If we are to have that harmony and tenderness, that union of spirit which is the foundation of real national genius and national progress, we must all realize that there are true Americans who did not happen to be born in our section of the country, who do not attend our place of religious worship, who are not of our racial stock, or who are not proficient in our language. If we are to create on this continent a free republic and an enlightened civilization that will be capable of reflecting the true greatness and glory of mankind, it will be necessary to regard these differences as accidental and unessential. We shall have to look beyond the outward manifestations of race and creed. Divine Providence has not bestowed upon any race a monopoly of patriotism and character.

"The same principle that it is necessary to apply to the attitude of mind among our own people it is also necessary to apply to the attitude of mind among the different nations. During the war we were required not only to put a strong emphasis on everything that appealed to our own national pride but an equally strong emphasis on that which tended to disparage other peoples. There was an intensive exploitation of animosities and hatreds and enmities, together with a blind appeal to force, that took possession of substantially all the peoples of the earth. Of course, these influences led to the war spirit. They supplied the incentive for destruction, the motive for conquest.

ANNUAL DRIVE IS UNDER WAY

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members were given an attendance of 12,224. Total indoor meetings conducted were 203 with the attendance 8012. Young people's meetings in the number of 126 were conducted in an attendance of 3464.

VICTIM OF ACCIDENT PASSES ON

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in two places where his ribs had come the nail with the elbow bone, the plucky Indian was somehow able to ride feet and walked for the better part of two miles before he had a rifle shot for help.

His horse he discovered and killed—there are stories in circulation that but that part of the story [illegible] these he dressed himself up and [illegible] on in the dark. He also discovered the tree root for help of the gate, for night came [illegible] frequently stumbling in [illegible] fact, his family thought he had fallen beside the gate for and he arose to open.

Help Summoned.

Calls for the police were issued over the wire, and the sheriff was in arriving dispatched an emergency summons for an ambulance to [illegible] Woodside the hospital. He remained conscious only for an hour or two at the Grande Ronde.

Mrs. Wood was called to her husband's bedside and stayed with him while the surgeons gave treatment. Wood's splendid spirit and his rugged good physical condition undoubtedly the longer hold for the recovery. He died at 5:15 [illegible] only six hours after the accident.

Henry Wood, as he was known to the editorial staff, [illegible] for the last [illegible] years of his life, was born June 15, 1864 at Bellefontaine in Red Lodge county, Iowa. He moved to La Grande with his father in April, 1887, and there spent his entire life. He was first employed in the [illegible] and later became a [illegible] in this section and was a horseman of reputation. [illegible] he was transferred to the train service in March, 1917, and had been a brakeman from that until the time of his death.

He was a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, of the Elks lodge. His church affiliation was with the Latter Day Saints.

Besides his widow, the surviving relatives are two children, Dorothy [illegible] and Henry Wood, Jr., two sisters, Mrs. E. H. Rose and Mrs. L. W. [illegible] all of La Grande, two sisters, Mrs. Emile Hoff, La Grande, and Mrs. Rose Boston, Boise, Idaho; two brothers, J. L. Wood of La Grande and A. M. Wood, Mt. Vernon, Wash.

Wanted—Any information that will lead to the whereabouts of the old-fashioned girl who used to blush when somebody intimated that she had a pretty figure.

AGRICULTURE PROFITABLE THIS SEASON

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region, the department says.

"The east is busy with the fall plowing, potato digging, fruit harvest and fall work generally. Potato yields are disappointing. Corn growth is excellent, helped by late rains. Beans, buckwheat and other crops in harvest were damaged by heavy rains in the north. Winter grain is mostly seeded. The dairy situation is rather static but improves rather than otherwise.

South Hit by Drought.

"The south is generally under the ban of dry weather. Drought and heat here have been a great catastrophe in northern Georgia and portions of the Carolinas. The Piedmont region is hard hit. The cotton crop is spotted but generally fairly good. Picking is well along and ginning has been heavy. Feed crops have been shortened by dry weather. General conditions are fairly good enough in drought stricken [illegible].

"The corn belt has the corn harvest well along with the crop [illegible] safely ahead of frost. There is some chinch bug work in areas but to dry weather but the bulk of the crop is apparently good grain. The outlook is busy with the late harvest and fall work. Winter grain has been planted under favorable conditions. The hog and cattle situation generally prompt optimism.

"The wheat belt has winter wheat seeding about finished. Local estimates of acreage vary but general indications are of some increase over last fall. Spring wheat yields are only fair but grain is excellent quality and prices are interesting. Threshing is generally finished. The general result of the season is favorable to the region as a whole.

"The range country has the cattle and sheep movement to and well along. Stock is moving down from the high range to winter pastures. There is a lively demand for range. Many cow hands are now back on range and many still were shipped to farm ranks for feeders. Some settlers are flocking up where resources are favorable, and the whole region is improving in tone.

Fruit Doing Well.

"On the Pacific coast the apple and grape harvests are well along. Prunes are picked. Grain is mostly threshed. Fall seeding is about finished in the north, though hindered by dry weather. The same is true of winter feeds in the south. Cotton is being picked in the south. Rice and citrus fruit are developing well. The general sentiment is moderately optimistic."

The department's index of the relative purchasing power of farm products is placed at 97 for August with 91 in July, the five-year 1909-14 average of 100 being used as a base.

Obituary

QUINCY WEHLING

(Contributed.)

Quincy Zenobia Wehling passed on at the home in Los Angeles, Mrs. Ben Judy Wehling, Jr., at Alpine, April, at 10 o'clock Wednesday evening, September 23, after an [illegible] illness. She was 18 years old at the time of her death. Mrs. [illegible] from the Alpine Hotel a [illegible] which had [illegible] All who knew her loved her and, in spite of her extreme age of long standing and extremely painful she was patient and never complained to the very end. Besides the whole community of Alpine and a host of friends in La Grande, where she lived before going to Alpine five years ago, she leaves to mourn her loss her parents, two sisters, Miss Modena Pyne and Mrs. Charles Robinson all of Alpine, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wehling, Sr., of La Grande.

Service were conducted Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Community church of Alpine with the La Grande Masonic lodge in charge. Interment was made in the Alpine cemetery.

GEORGE THOMAS

The body of George Thomas, who died Monday at the Good Hope hospital, was taken to Joseph for interment. Funeral services were held at Joseph on Tuesday afternoon at 2 p. m. at the Methodist church, with interment in the Enterprise cemetery.

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DAYS OF '49 TALK SUBJECT AT LUNCHEON

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Harding Memorial association, announcing a meeting of the organization at the Presbyterian church parlors at Milton next Thursday night, urged that all local business men who possibly can attend do so, and briefly explained the plans of the association. Some time ago a tract of land well before a Harding Memorial park near Mountain and the park will be dedicated for a proposed issue of soldier bold bonds which will soon be [illegible]. This matter will be laid before congress at the coming session, it is anticipated.

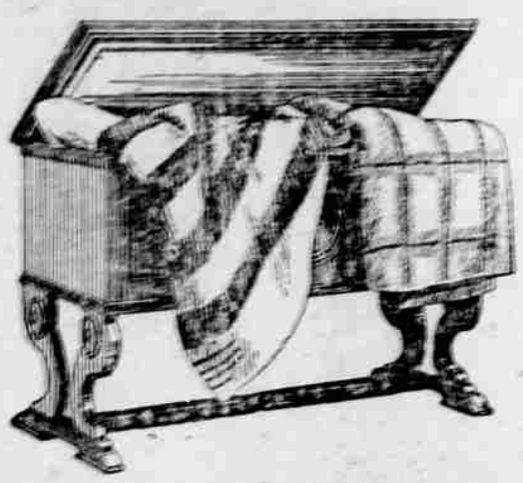
W. C. Perkins, president of the chamber of commerce, announced that plans for the Yakima carnival had been completed and that a representative group of Grande Ronde valley farmers had signed up for the trip. He urged that more business men join the carnival which will leave here Thursday evening.

Captain Brickland of the Salvation Army explained the plan that would be followed here in the annual drive for funds, now under way, and asked the support of the business men.

Would Save Prizes.

Dellie Green asked that the chamber of commerce endorse a campaign to secure funds for restoring the historic frigate "Constitution" and announced that La Grande's quota is $75, which, it is proposed, will be raised by a tag day, ensure the school children. The forced thanks.

Blanket Time Is Here



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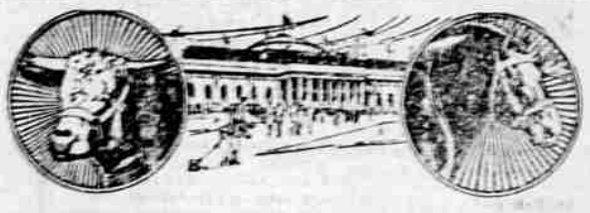

Stabilizing the Farm Income

ALTHOUGH but one of several important ways of stabilizing the farm income, diversification of crops, combined with the addition of a well balanced dairy herd, is of no doubt the most important. The workability and soundness of this method is the same as that exemplified by the business man who scatters his investments so that a single failure cannot exhaust his resources.

In our association with the farmers of this section, the La Grande National Bank has seen the benefits of diversified farming indelibly impressed upon the progress of this community. We believe that more general practice along this line will do much to permanently better local agricultural conditions and are therefore disparaging in our encouragement in this regard.

Are you going to the Pacific International Livestock Exposition at Portland, October 31st to November 7th? It is an unequaled opportunity to benefit in livestock raising by the experience of others. The very best in the country will be featured in Beef and Dairy Cattle, Horses, Hogs, Sheep, Goats and Poultry; also Land Products Show and the thrilling Horse Show.

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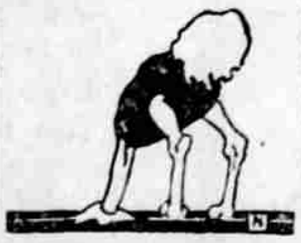

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