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ALL NEEDS SUPPLIED:—The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me in all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.—Psalm 23: 1-6.

About the time the weather gets too cold for pleasant touring, detours will no longer be necessary. Road construction and pleasant weather must go together, it seems.

The Interparliamentary Union, which has been meeting in Washington might have received more attention had it not held its sessions at the time the country was interested chiefly in the world's series.

The statement that loveless marriages are rapidly increasing may not be well founded. When you look at what some women married you know that nothing less than love could have persuaded them to do it.

STREET LIGHTS AGAIN.

The petition to be presented to the city commissioners asking for an improvement district to provide modern street lighting in the business district of La Grande is one that will receive the careful consideration of our "city dads." There is no doubt about La Grande needing this improvement and it has been delayed a sufficient time to permit presentation of all angles of the problem. Nothing will add so much to the appearance of the city generally and any improvement of that nature at once enhances the value of property and makes various locations more desirable. Light attracts and darkness repels. Invariably a city that is well lighted and therefore attractive in appearance enjoys a greater patronage and draws from a larger territory. It is an improvement that will be welcomed by the entire city, care being necessary only in seeing that the fix fixtures companies anxious for our business do not "over-sell" the city. The Observer has commented on this angle before, and though we are anxious to see the improvement made, we are equally anxious that sensible economy govern the planning for new lighting units. There is a happy medium between gloom and expensive brilliancy—and that medium we are confident will be the goal of the city in this instance of progress.

CRIME PREVENTION.

It is an old saying that if you would reform a child, it is necessary to begin with his grandfather. This may be placing more than the warranted premium on heredity. But the problem of instructing in obedience to the regulations of society has been greatly emphasized by the prevalence of crimes of all kinds, a large percentage of which are committed by persons who are between the ages of 18 and 25 years.

The training of children cannot be left entirely to the public schools, as so many parents show a disposition to go, but the obligation rests upon the parents and society in general. Teachers may enjoin their pupils to obedience and may set them a good example of citizenship, but 30 hours a week, nine months in the year, will not offset bad influences from other sources. If boys and girls are to be saved from careers of lawlessness, there must be greater cooperation between the authorities and parents, especially in the cases of children who show a disposition to disregard the regulations which have been provided for the good of themselves and others.

One of the principal causes of crime is the freedom that is given to many boys and girls to roam the streets until late hours. The curfew plan has been tried by many municipal authorities, but it has not been found effective because many parents will not cooperate in the efforts to keep children from the streets. Juvenile courts have been established and accomplish much good in handling cases of delinquents. But the most important work is in preventing boys and girls from reaching the stage in disobedience which makes it necessary to take them into court.

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By Junius

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In starting a garden always be sure and make it small enough so your wife can do all the work.

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It's not the money that you spend
Nor the money that you earned.
It's just the money that you lent.
That never was returned.

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A newspaper report states that the hosiery market is showing an better. Why do they mix business with pleasure that way?

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A woman doesn't mind being fat if some other woman she hates is fatter.

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Northerner—"How was the cotton crop this year?"
Southerner—"I understand, sah, it produced one thousand, six hundred and thirty-two successful songs."

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What this country could do with nicely is a little less paternalism in government and a little more in homes.

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Some little girls have time to play and some have parents who think they have musical talent.

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Manager—"If customers come for pianos, flutes, mandolins, sheet music, or anything else, you know what to show them?"
Boy—"You bet I do, sir."
Manager—"And if one should wish to see a lyre—"
Boy—"Yes, sir; that's when I call you, sir."

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A lot of fat women are not going to be pleased with heaven if they're to be forced to wear the long, flowing robes that are supposed to be the style with the angels.

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Stuttering Judge—"T-t-w-w-nty-t--w-w-enty-ff-f, twenty-f-ff-ive -y-years."
Prisoner—"My Gawd. Sixty-five ears in all."

THE OPEN COURT

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FAVORS IRRIGATION.

Union, Ore., Oct. 14.

To the Editor:

Some time ago I was accorded the use of the columns of the Observer in suggestions of the possibilities of securing a water supply from Catherine creek for irrigation and other purposes. Since writing that letter, through the courtesy of the La Grande chamber of commerce, I have had the privilege of visiting the famous Yakima valley and view the wonderful results obtained there through irrigation, scientifically applied. The caravan, consisting of business men of La Grande, and some of the leading farmers of Grande Ronde valley, were royally entertained by Yakima citizens and given facts and figures regarding irrigation, the development of a water supply, methods of production and application of water and the results obtained, which ought to be an eye-opener for the farmers and business men of the Grande Ronde valley when they have been advised regarding the same.

It appears from the statements of farmers, bankers and other classes of citizens of that valley that there are two classes of farmers there, the one-crop farmer and the farmer who rotates crops and diversifies. It was stated as a fact that in that country the man who practices diversification is the most dependable from a financial viewpoint. He is the better risk from the standpoint of a banker. The rotation of crops keeps up the fertility of the soil and with a continuous supply of moisture from the time the seed is planted until maturing time, the maximum of yield is secured. While alfalfa as a crop is a source of a large income from the hay produced, in that country it is regarded as only secondary—it being used principally as a fertilizer in a system of rotation. By the employment of this method of rotation, in connection with expert handling of water, large yields are obtained—60 bushels of wheat, 80 to 100 bushels of barley or oats, 18 to 25 tons of potatoes to the acre of ground. When used as a commercial crop alfalfa yields seven tons per acre in three crops. Excepting along the river bottoms the soil everywhere is of the same general character—being a mantle volcanic ash.

The farm of the man who is diversifying and rotating crops, as a rule, does not exceed forty acres where is grown, alfalfa, potatoes, corn, wheat, oats, barley and some other crops in rotation, in connection with which a few milk cows, pigs, chickens, turkeys, etc., are kept. There is also grown some fruit for home use.

The use of the water is no haphazard proposition in that country. It is scientifically applied. The ground is kept sufficiently moist from the time the seed is planted until time for maturing of crops. And herein lies the secret of success whether the crop be one of apples or other fruit, or one grown in diversification of crops. During the whole of the growing season there is never a lack of water and moisture in the soil. Hence the maximum results.

That, with water, the same methods applied to the lands of the Grande Ronde valley in the use of water as that employed in the Yakima country, will produce similar results can hardly be questioned. While the planting season is a little earlier in the Yakima country the harvesting time there is almost identical with that of the Grande Ronde valley. All in all, I think I am safe in saying that the trip into the Yakima country by the farmers and business men of the Grande Ronde, demonstrated the the scientific application of water to the lands of the Grande Ronde will increase crop yields from 50 to 100 per cent.

Respectfully,
B. F. WILSON.

Love is the only thing we know of that can make midnight seem like 10 o'clock.

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