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GOD IS LOVE:—Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.—1 John 4:7.

In addition to a good five-cent cigar, a la Tom Marshall, this country needs more parents who are on spanking terms with their children.

One of the most interesting things about football is that the best team doesn't always win. A glance at some of Saturday's scores by any follower of the game will indicate as much. And that fact is about the only source of consolation available at times.

Famous physicians who have made a study of partial paralysis and other ills not traceable to organic disorders have found that cures are effected by allowing patients to talk or write about themselves—purging their mental lives. We imagine they prescribe writing in preference to talking in most cases.

From existing depe it would appear that the candidates for the Republican nomination for governor will be too numerous to permit a very clear-cut campaign. With Patterson, Hall, Jones, Upton, Kay, and a few others busy mentioning themselves or being mentioned by others, the race should be a real free-for-all by next June.

There is only one advantage in the new curfew siren that now disturbs the peaceful evening occupations of citizens of La Grande—it should be enough to scare the youngsters home and into bed. The curfew law is a good one and should be enforced, but why do we have to endure the shrieks of that siren to accomplish such a purpose?

COMPULSORY VOTING.

Australia has passed through the first election under her compulsory voting law. The number of violators and number of prosecuted violations will not be known for some time, if ever, but these facts are immaterial. If the law works as many have predicted it would, the total vote cast this time will be about the same as in the last Australian election.

It is a curious spectacle, this making a law to force people to use the ballot. While the people of one nation are shedding blood for the right to govern themselves by the ballot, there are other countries in which many citizens neglect to take advantage of this right of self-government and speak of the tyranny of a government which would attempt to force them into the election booth. Forcing a citizen to vote when he doesn't want to or isn't interested enough in citizenship to cast a ballot intelligently is as bad as legislating that parents rigidly supervise their children. If we lack a feeling of responsibility, forcing us to use the ballot accomplishes nothing in the cause of good government.

Some years ago the Australians enacted a compulsory enrollment law. The statute provided a penalty of \$2.50 fine for failure to enroll as a voter—but no increase in the number of enrolled voters has been accomplished. It's a sad commentary on our conception of government but there seems to be no cure, at least none within the reach of our legislative bodies. Constant education is the only thing on which we can depend for improvement. And until that method gets notable results, about the only sensible legislation would be to provide a penalty for calamity howling by any citizen who failed to vote at the last election. And even that kind of a law wouldn't be practical because neither our jails nor our treasuries are large enough to accommodate the flood of convicts and fines.

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OUT OUR WAY



WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY-GREETINGS.

By WILLIAMS

EXPLAINS FIRE FIGHTING UNIT

"What is a volunteer fire department?" is a question that has been asked in La Grande more than once, according to members of the local organization. "A volunteer fire department is made up of two parts: first, the extinguishing of fire and fire prevention; and second, the personnel," is the answer. "All fire departments whether fully paid or volunteer, are responsible to the taxpayers and citizens for the protection of life and property in their respective cities. A volunteer fire department is organized along the same lines as a fully paid department, and must be highly proficient in the discharge of duty. "In a recent speech by Mark E. Ryan, fire chief of Redwood City, Cal., before the 32nd annual convention, "an excellent description of the average volunteer fire department was given." Fire Chief C. O. Marchison said today. Excerpts from the speech follow: "It is false economy to have a city only partially protected against fire, for one fire out of control of the fire department, one or two hours may destroy a city. One should look at the fire risk as it exists and not place the city at the mercy of the fire demon. "It seems that the only time a fire department comes in for a hearing is after an unusually serious and difficult fire has occurred. For often it is a fact that a large and difficult fire could have been easily controlled had the department been properly equipped. "The personnel of a volunteer fire department is of great importance, as there are many angles to keep the proper interval among its members. The men that go to make up a volunteer fire department are from all walks of life; professional, business, and laboring. These men are among the public spirited men of their city and have the interest and development of their city at heart. The duties of these men at the sound of an alarm are like those of fully paid men. "There must be a spirit of loyalty to their fire department and fire service. "They have drills once or twice

OFFICE CAT
TRADE MARK REG.
By Jenius

New York man carried liquor in his brief case. He calls it his quartfolio.

Wife: John, wake up, a burglar is downstairs." Sleepy: "Tell him to put 25 pounds in the lee box and we will pay him tomorrow."

SURPRISES

Life is not "One darned thing After another." As defined by an ancient Philosopher: But it is, Just one surprise After another. Whether pleasant or unpleasant Depends on the attitude. One takes toward them. Surprise! They are what makes life interesting.

How legs are a sign of courage. Take Alexander the Great, Cromwell, Napoleon and bulldogs. We advise that bow-legged girls be petted with caution.

Note from the Jacksonville Bugle: "Our distinguished citizen, Colonel Guzzler, the Civil War Veteran, recently celebrated the fortieth anniversary of his marriage. The colonel tells some interesting stories of the great conflict."

The gold-digger who depends upon her fancy silk hose to make her more attractive might well be called a hydraulic tinner.

THE FIRST MAN.

A New York school boy was asked: "Who was the first man?" "George Washington," he replied. "Nonsense," said the teacher. "What make you say that?" "Because," said the boy, repeating a well known quotation, "he was first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

"That may be," commented the teacher, "but nevertheless Adam was the first man."

"Oh!" retorted the boy with fine contempt, "if you're talking about foreigners, that's different."

Be careful each and every day. What'er you do or plan. So men may point to you and say: "He is a Safety Man."

OUTLOOK BRIGHT. RAILWAY OFFICIAL POINTS OUT

NEW YORK (AP)—H. E. Byram, co-receiver for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, says conditions in the road's territory indicate larger freight traffic the business of the year than a year ago. He expected net railway operating income for 1925 would about equal that of 1924. Wheel should begin moving soon, he said, and with the crop crop should contribute to increased earnings.

BAKER BUDGET READY SOON

BAKER, Ore.—The Baker county budget for the coming year will be adopted when the court and budget committee hold their second meeting to hear proposed changes and to take final action. So far as known, the only important change to be proposed is an item of \$1000 for support of the Baker county Red Cross. The court went into session today for consideration of the monthly county bills.

Only time some men think they have no kick coming is when it comes time to kick in with some cash.

Here And There

CASCADE LOCKS—Contract let for new school building, to cost \$15,952.

Two thousand men working on Southern Pacific Natron cut-off with only 25 miles of track still to lay.

Klamath county's experimental crop of sugar beets yielded 2400 tons, worth \$8 a ton.

EUGENE—S. P. freight division is to be moved here from Junction City next year.

LA GRANDE—Local grower ships eight carloads of potatoes to California, at \$47 a ton.

STAY TON—Santiam Woolen mills report excellent demand for pure wool goods.

HARRISBURG—S. P. and Harold Shutt buy and will publish "Harrisburg Bulletin."

BAKER—Daddy Lode Copper company will prospect for six months on promising copper property.

SALEM—October building permits reached \$70,850.

CHEWELL—A. W. and W. A. Priests sell "The Chewell News" to Charles E. Loomis.

Benton county public schools cost \$231,355 last year, or \$32.90 per pupil. Marion county paid

\$1,194,242, or \$110 each; Lane, \$1,103,192, or \$104.90 each; Multnomah, \$9,650,282, or \$118 each.

Seven school districts plan a union high school at Imbler.

Lane county valuation, exclusive of public utilities, is \$37,664,620.

Oregon gears auctioned on New York market bring up to \$5.20 a box for fancies.

THE DALLES—Over \$50,000 spent on municipal improvements this year.

COTTAGE GROVE—New garage, 100 by 100 feet, will cost \$29,000.

SALEM—Bids open November 12 on \$175,000 state normal school building at Ashland.

PORTLAND—Oregon Life Insurance company, with \$40,000,000 insurance in force, buys new business home.

ESTACADA—Snyder sawmill opens, to cut 15,000 feet a day.

WALLOWA—Five thousand acres heavy timber may be added to Wallowa national forest.

State highway board contracts 25.2 miles Lapine-Coral Springs unit of The Dalles-California highway for \$203,000.

PORTLAND—Pacific International Livestock exposition has 1600 horses, said to be largest horse show in America.

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