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SURE GUIDANCE: In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.—Proverbs 2:6.

Lieut. Wood, who lost a fortune, has also lost his wife. He appears to be a successful loser, though not necessarily a good one. General Wood should be experiencing some of the sensations that have possibly caused Theodore Roosevelt to turn over in his grave.

The engineering commission appointed to survey Seattle's municipal power project recommends that the city spend about twenty-eight million dollars in the next twenty-five years to provide adequate light and power facilities. If it is undertaken, there should be some assurance that the plant won't have to be shut down because of sand getting into and ruining the machinery as recently experienced. That's expensive inefficiency for taxpayers to have to pay for.

According to a story in the New York Times the other day the country still has 74 people who pay income tax on an income of over one million dollars a year. The number was the same last year, so we would infer that business is at least no less prosperous than it was a year ago. A notable increase has been made, however, in the number of people who have incomes of more than \$50,000 a year. Over four thousand new ones in this class appeared in the returns, which might indicate that the fry are coming into their own. If we can just put everyone in that class, the country ought to be fairly prosperous.

In the middle west some states are experiencing another period of bank failures. The five-year term on land mortgages given during the boom of 1920 expired in March of this year and many banks holding second mortgages have hoped that this year's crop would permit their farmers to liquidate to some extent. It hasn't, and the banks are closing their doors as the last hope goes glimmering. How fortunate are the agricultural communities of the west who had only a price depression to struggle with and not inflated land values, too! There is not much likelihood that there will be any foolish investments and wild speculation made in the farming districts of the country this year.

### DID NATHALIA WRITE THEM?

Those responsible for the controversy over the authorship of the poems published over the name of 12-year-old Nathalia Crane have one advantage over the instigators of the Bacon-Shakespeare debate: Shakespeare's authorship remained undisputed until long after his death, but Nathalia Crane still lives to prove or disprove the authenticity of her verse.

All this talk about who wrote Nathalia Crane's poems seems unimportant to me. Mark Twain once settled the Bacon-Shakespeare controversy by announcing that "Shakespeare's works were written by somebody by the name of Shakespeare," and the public feels the same way about the works of the Crane girl. Somebody by the name of Nathalia Crane is their author, whether the name be true or fictitious.

Who cares who wrote the poems, as long as they exist? The important thing is, are they good poetry? A work of art, once finished, has an existence all its own, independent of its creator. Into his work the artist puts all of himself, but, when the work is finished, it becomes a separate entity and must be judged for itself alone without consideration of its creator.

Because some of Nathalia Crane's rhyming is good many doubt that a girl of 12 could have written the poems she is credited with. It is in the phenomenon or the hoax and not in the poetry that the public is interested, so it happens that Nathalia's age, heretofore considered an asset, becomes a liability.

## OFFICE CAT

TRADE MARK REG.  
By Jimmie

OFFICE CAT  
Nothing less than love could make a girl give up a good job for one that pays nothing.

Dentist—You have acute pyorrhea.  
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One consolation is that they will never be able to build any billboard along the aviation lanes.

Elijah went to heaven in a chariot. Look what Henry's sending them in.

A little change, a little variety, is a thing needed by all of us. Even a dog now and then runs on three legs.

(With Profuse Apologies to David)  
A girl is my downfall.  
She caucled me to buy theatre tickets; she leadeth me to ball-rooms.

She depicted me peculiarly; she taketh a taxi for her husband's sake.

Yes, though she has a skin you love to touch, I fear it toucheth me for it rubbith my coat laps; her powder puff and vanity case annoyeth me.

With the connivance of the girl the waiter prepareth a repast for us; she ordereth the most expensive dishes; my purse collapses.

Surely perfume and powder shall rubbith on my coat laps; all the days of my life; and it seems that I shall keep falling forever.

A paragrapher is one who writes paragraphs; a paragrapher is one who rewrites the other fellow's.

Heartless Actress: What, still alive! I thought you said you were going to shoot yourself when I refused you!  
Loyalest Suitor: So I did, but I missed!

One reason why there is so much domestic unhappiness in this country is because there are too many "Maegies."

Students of the life and letters of Julius Caesar declare that an addition was later made by Caesar to his famous triplets: "I came, I saw, I conquered—and she divorced me."

The governor of a western state when informed by the nurse last week that he was the father of triplets, immediately demanded a recount.

Sometimes it seems a mistake to try to establish ideal conditions before the public is educated up to a certain level.

From the fraternity pin to the roving pin is merely a matter of time.

"A woman's work is never done," she said, as dinner came on the table half an hour late.  
"So I observe," he answered, gloomily, as he pushed away the potatoes.

It's darn easy to look pleasant when you're feeling flip;  
But the girl worth while, is the girl who can smile, with a cold-cream on her lip.

Says Daning to Humans: Like sunlight to flowers—ABERDEEN, Scotland. (AP)—Daning is just as necessary for healthy human life as sunlight is for flowers is the belief of Dr. P. L. Deane, bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney.

He regrets, however, that modern dancing tends to the "silly" side—"some of the most beautiful dances that we have inherited from the past."

"Country dances," he said, "have behind them that intangible, but definitely, yet living force—the force of national sentiment and patriotism."

## Obituary

JAMES GLASS  
James Glass, 87, of 601 City, 17th, passed on Saturday evening according to a telegram received by his son George Glass, of this city.

The decedent is also survived by his widow who is just three days older than he was at the time of his demise. Mr. and Mrs. Glass were wed 42 years before death separated then.

Friends here are extending Mr. Glass their sympathies in his bereavement.

## The Start Isn't Hard

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IS YOURS GROWING REGULARLY EVERY WEEK?

## La Grande National Bank

Head - Rollins - President  
Have the Welsh Gleemen at L. D. S. Tabernacle, Monday, November 30

## ECONOMIC CHANGE IS SEEN HERE

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Five years in increased national efficiency in these directions is impossible of measurement," the report said. "That movement is the result of a realization by every group—business men, industrial leaders, engineers and workers—of the fundamental importance of this business of waste elimination. Notable Advance Made.

"In addition to elimination of waste we have had the benefit of notable advances in science; improvement in methods of management, and prohibition."

The secretary cited labor department figures indicating that whereas in 1920 the wage rate was 85 per cent above pre-war and the wholesale price level 124 per cent above pre-war, in 1924 the wage rate had risen to 125 per cent above pre-war, while the wholesale price level had dropped to 50 per cent above pre-war.

"While wages are higher than in 1920, wholesale prices are lower," he explained. "We thus have the highest real wages in our history, and we have had three years of remarkable price stability."

"The philosophy that underlies the campaign for waste elimination has but one purpose; that is, to maintain American standards of living for both workers and farmers, and to place production on a more stable footing."

"The activity of the commerce department in this field of waste elimination was recorded in the fact that since the work was launched on a large scale in 1921 some 900 group conferences have been held under the auspices of the department, practically all at the request of the industries themselves, while upwards of 200 committees are now at work in cooperation with the department."

## Markets

PORTLAND MARKETS  
PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Cattle—strong to 50 cents higher, steers \$12.25 to \$12.25.  
Hogs—25 to 50 cents higher, light weight \$12.25 to \$12.75.  
Sheep—Steady.  
Eggs—Weak.  
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BY JOHANSEN

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