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PERFECT SAFETY:—Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee, yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.—Isaiah 41:10.

All that is lacking now in Oregon's coming campaign for governor is a feminine candidate. Texas is enjoying the experience so much that we couldn't do much worse. And Oregon women ought to be as capable as Oregon men, even though not such good politicians.

If we had nothing else to do and no fear of the disasters over-eating produces, we can imagine nothing better than daily visits to such dinners as are served by the ladies of Imbler, of Island City, of Summerville, and all the other fine communities throughout the valley. Such excursions are real treats—especially when the Chamber of Commerce quartet is along to furnish music and lull the feasting hordes into complete content.

### ITALIANS FROM ITALY.

C. W. Barron, publisher of the Wall Street Journal, in an interview printed in the Christian Science Monitor recently on the Italian financial situation, remarks that the excess of Italian population that is forced out of the mother country to North and South America each year "make the best citizens and the best workers we have in the western world."

It is a statement that would at first attract quick denial in this country, but there is more merit in the contention than one might think. We might challenge the superlatives used by the New Yorker, because other countries give us very desirable types of immigrants, but the true Italian does make a good citizen and a good worker, though he is an individual not widely known in many sections.

In the United States we are prone to think of Italians as being the dark, swarthy group chiefly devoted to fruit selling in our large eastern cities and to bitter feuds carried on in the gloom of the underworld. That variety is not truly Italian. They are really Sicilians originating on their mother island which is an Italian possession. In Italy proper they are noticed in quantities only along the water front in the city of Naples and differ radically in appearance, habits, and stability from the Italian.

Thousands of Sicilians have immigrated to this country and because they are citizens of Italy they are known to most of us as Italians. The true Italian as a result suffers from our misconception. He is a much higher type, is fair skinned and, in the northern part of the country, often fair haired. He is a hard and thrifty worker and makes an admirable citizen when he adopts this country for his own. Mr. Barron is not so far wrong in what he says of the Italian as an asset in the western world.



**OFFICE CAT**  
TRADE MARK REG.  
By Junius

It was a very formal dinner. The girl of all girls sat by his side. Oysters were served. Wildly he gazed about the room. Should he use his knife or spoon? He did not know. Blushing a deep scarlet, he pulled a revolver out of his pocket and shot himself.

**HINTS ON GARDENING**  
Young Bride: "After planting a pie-plant, how long should it take to grow a pie?"  
Groceryman: "About as long as it takes an egg plant to lay an egg."

**RONDEAU**  
From you alone, I may retrieve  
Unfruitful days for me have  
My fainting faith and needed tone  
So that once more I might believe  
—From you alone,  
Unfruitful days for me have flown  
And shipwrecked on dim shores I  
grieve,  
With an fair ether to call my own,  
A booth I crave before I leave  
That let you promised o'er the  
phone,  
And so I hope I may receive  
From you a loan.

Much discomfort is caused by buying shoes to fit the occasion instead of shoes to fit the feet.

**MAYBE HE POUTED!**  
"Miss Hendricks said she met Garrison when she went to his office to ask him about insurance. She denied she kissed him or sat on his lap."—Santa Rosa, Cal. Journal.

A dance, is a place where you go with your girl, pay a dollar for a good floor and the best music in town—and then sit outside all night in a car.

If you like nastiness, you're lowbrow; if you like naughtiness, you're highbrow; if you like virtue, you're just middle class.

**THE SHORT DRESS**  
Like other fads that don't endure, it will have its little day. The girls, though, should first make sure that they are built that way.

When you start to "brighten up the corner where you are," look around and see who's there.

"Can't a man tell when a woman loves him?"  
"Sure; but she is liable to get mad."

If music is the language of love, saxophone players are rejected.

The behavior of unusually smart children indicates that they seldom are smart in the right place.

Here's some striking news for today. About 5000 matches are lighted every second in the United States.

### PRESIDENT FIGURES ON EXPANSION

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ded through in consideration of the bill by house and senate. Competition between the government and the airplane industry is not contemplated, Coolidge said in referring further to the air transportation question. He felt that with the appropriations already made and the estimate carried in this budget, the industry which he said should be kept alive for a national emergency, would be assured of a normal and proper growth.

**Would Stimulate Business.**—Returning to the fiscal affairs of the government, the president expressed hope that further reduction in taxes would serve as a fresh stimulus to general business. He believed it would produce fresh tax sources and increase or at least maintain the government's revenue requirements without the higher tax levies of the present day.

"The outlook for the coming fiscal year, 1927, is most favorable," Coolidge continued. "For that year it is estimated that the ordinary receipts will be \$2,821,520,000 and expenditures \$2,191,222,000. This indicates a surplus of \$630,297,000."

"The outlook for 1926 and 1927 shows clearly that the united effort of the executive and legislative branches of the government for economy in federal expenditures is bearing further fruit. In the last four fiscal years, there have been two substantial reduc-



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## West's Leadership Shown in this Choice Array of Xmas Gifts for Men

When picking a gift for a man this time remember that every man likes to look well even tho he won't always admit, and to be comfortable. A practical gift of some item to wear is certain to please any man, if properly chosen, and here you will find combined, in the goods you select, both the good looks and comfort so much desired. A varied selection is here so shop early.

### BELTS

The popular wide type belts now in vogue are here, in a beautiful Gift Box, with sterling buckles; also a number of other belts to choose from, in all leathers.  
**\$1.00 to \$2.00**

### TIES

Popular novelty numbers in a large and varied assortment of Holiday neckwear. You are sure to find one to please—and they are sure to be appreciated.  
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**SOCKS**  
Socks of fiber lisle, silk and wool, and all wool in medium and heavy weight in fancy plaids and checks in blue, tan, gray and black, of famous Interwoven make.  
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### PAJAMAS

In all silk, fiber silk, and pongee with frog trimmings and one or two pockets. In all colors and sizes. Mostly Manhattan made.  
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## Make His Hours At Home More Comfortable—with a Bathrobe or Dressing Gown.

These beautiful new patterns in both dressing robes and bathrobes are sure to make a hit with any man. Each one the product of some famous maker—Pendletons, Oregon Citys and Beacons. The "Hombre" in a new and novel robe in stripes, in a number of pleasing colors. Silk dressing robes in shades of brown and purple, with silk cords and silk collars and cuffs in brocaded patterns.

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In bordered and plain patterns in all colors of silk and linen. Also the new jacquered pattern pocketkerchiefs of Cheney silks.  
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A number of styles, both high and low patterns in felt and leather with padded and solid leather soles and heels in all colors and Danish greens, too.  
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### MUFFLERS

Smart mufflers in chenille effects and wool plaids are shown in broad stripes and checks of red, blue, coddan, tan, black and gray, all with fringed ends.  
**\$3.50 to \$5.00**

### SHIRTS

Smart numbers are being shown in all silk, fiber, madras, English print and English broadcloth in both collar attached and collar to match styles; also a number of neckband styles. In all colors and patterns of stripes, plaids and plain colors, with button and French cuffs. Any man is sure to appreciate these smart shirts.  
**\$2.75 to \$11.00**



New novelty stripes and plaids in pull-on and coat style sweaters for indoor or outdoor wear. These are warm, comfortable neat-looking sweaters that any man or boy will appreciate.  
**\$1.50 to \$9.50**

### SHOES

What would he appreciate more than a snappy pair of shoes or oxfords. We have a varied selection in the new tan shades and blacks with the newer broad toes, in Florzheim and R. J. & R.  
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tion in taxes. We have estimated the people a part of the money which we required of them to finance the world war. We are sure in that favorable position of enabling further restoration. The budget and accounting act contemplate that under the fortunate conditions in which we now find ourselves the chief executive will make recommendations to the Congress as to the disposition of the estimated surplus of revenue. I therefore recommend in the Congress that there be a further reduction in taxes. The submission of the chief executive is having opportunity to make such a recommendation I know is shared by the Congress whose cooperation with the chief executive in the preservation of public funds has made such reduction in taxes possible.

**Touches on Revenue Bill.**  
"The ways and means committee of the House of Representatives has been informed of our prospective surplus for 1927. That committee has prepared a tax reduction measure. While this measure would not reduce the budget. These estimates reflect the continuing pressure for economy in federal expenditures. We have about reached the time when the legitimate business of government can not be carried on at a less expenditure than that which it has required. With regard to our legitimate business the operating costs have been reduced to nearly a minimum. The normal expansion of the business of the government in keeping pace with a growing nation will involve added expenditures from year to year. The effort for economy, however, must continue. So far as it lies within the power of the chief executive it will continue."

**Would Expand Coast Guard.**  
The president said he would send to Congress later a request for funds to expand the coast guard as a part of his prohibition enforcement program. The plan will include construction of ten new cutters and a number of smaller craft, with complete personnel and equipment. The cutters would serve in part of prohibition enforcement.

Federal road aid was discussed by the executive and by denuded Congress that any further expansion of the nation's commitments in that direction must take more money from the people through both federal and state taxes. He suggested that while no change could be made in the government's policy for the time being, he believed that later the federal participation should be confined to construction of primary or interstate highways.

Coolidge adverted to the changed indications of receipts and expenditures which had been estimated for the current year and said that instead of refunds totaling \$30,000,000 on taxes illegally collected, present indications point to refunds of \$151,500,000.

Rehabilitation of Storm Area Under Way  
CHICAGO (AP)—The annual Red Cross roll call made this week estimated just finishing its biggest disaster relief job of the year—in the section of Missouri, southern Illinois and Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee, swept by the disastrous tornado of March 18.

Nearly two million dollars has been spent by the Red Cross in assisting the residents of the affected areas in rehabilitating their communities and a "back to school" campaign is now in progress.

One of the biggest problems is to overcome the fear of the children of ever entering school buildings from which so many of their classmates were taken out dead and mangled. The least part of wind-up is over.

These still are 200 injured in need of medical attention, 266 of them at West Frankfort. It may be a year before some of these cases are completed.

Thousands of families have been assisted in restoring their homes and farm buildings, especially in the towns of Gorham and DeSoto, Ill. and Griffin, Ind., which were destroyed by the storm.