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HAVE ALL GOOD.—The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger; but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.—Psalm 34:16.

Statistics show that there are 11,998 more married women in London than married men. It's a fortunate woman who knows where her husband is.

Al Smith says he is out of politics and will not seek to return to the governor's chair in New York, nor will he make a try for the presidency. He even goes so far as to state that he would support Roosevelt for that high office. Perhaps he realizes that the country has a sense of humor and that young Teddy hasn't.

THE OBSERVER BOYS.

Unintentionally, and probably because all reporters were barred from attendance, one of the important social events of the season was not given space in yesterday's Observer—the Christmas dinner for Observer carrier boys given by the publisher and business manager Saturday night. It was strictly a family affair, but deserves particular mention for two reasons—first, because of the amount of delicious food consumed by all those present, and second, because of the possible presidents, senators and postmasters of the future who were in attendance. So many great men started as carrier boys that we know the Observer crew of boys includes its share of potential dignitaries.

This was the first affair of its kind for The Observer and the boys did themselves proud. They were told to bring a big appetite and they obeyed to the letter—seventeen of 'em, as a matter of fact. Mrs. Phy's kitchen staff produced delicious quantities of chicken, dressing, cranberry jelly, asparagus, sweet potatoes, consommé, shrimp salad, hot rolls, milk, strawberry sundae, and cake, and the boys did justice to it all. Everybody was urged to have "seconds" and most of them indulged in an extra portion of some favorite item on the menu. Table manners were strictly taboo to insure proper enjoyment, and, as one of the participants, we would say that the dinner was a huge success.

We are proud of The Observer carrier boys. They may not all of them be perfect carriers but they are all "100 per cent boys" and they are loyal to the paper and their jobs. The youngest one of them is 11 years and the oldest 17. One of them has carried Observers steadily for seven years and one carries a route seven miles long each evening, rain or shine, through snow or mud. Of course they miss some papers occasionally, but they freely admit that all complaints are due to the wind blowing the paper away, or a dog in the neighborhood who carries it off, or some excellent excuse. Now they have plans on foot to beat the wind and fool the dogs so that complaints will become a thing of history. We hope they are successful.

The Observer boys know all the old tricks of the trade and a good many that are strange to those of us who were carrier boys in the "good old days"—the days when type matter was hand-set and the press hand-fed, when modern folders were unknown in the smaller city and the boys folded their own papers by hand, when the papers were as likely to be three or four hours late as to be out on time, when you traded your "extra" for a piece of pie and glass of milk at some corner saloon in the cold grey dawn so familiar to the old morning paper routes. In these days we are fortunate in having better papers, better methods, and better boys. Certainly the most gratifying thing, after all, is found in the boys.

Next year we hope to have a bigger and better Christmas party for the carriers, and the boys are looking forward to it. The Observer has already established carrier routes in Imbler and Perry and similar improved service will follow gradually in other towns of the two counties. Next year we want to have all those boys join in the annual dinner here in La Grande. And they will have to bring unusual appetites if they compete successfully with the present aggregation.



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OUT OUR WAY



THE FAST WORKER.

By WILLIAMS

APES DESCEND FROM THE MAN

PORTLAND, Ore. (Special)—That apes as we know them today are degenerate from the ancestral line, which man follows more closely, is the view held by Charles Hill-Tout, professor at the University of British Columbia, in the city on a short visit. This view indicates that apes may have been descended from what we know as a human.

Professor Hill-Tout took exception to the decision of the Princeton scientist, Dr. W. B. Scott, who claims that the "Javanese ape man" was the most primitive man of which the world has record. "The fossil may be the oldest in our museums, but I think that some of the later fossils show more truly the original characteristics," said the professor of anthropology. "In my opinion the Javanese skull is a specialized type of its day, and therefore not a true example of early man."

Professor Hill-Tout bases his contention on the accepted law of captivation, which says that the young of a species live through ancestral forms. The human foetus takes on and loses successive ancestral forms during development and the ape foetus follows almost the same line, so that it is almost impossible to distinguish between the skull of a human baby and of a baby ape. The ape, however, develops along a different line of maturity while the human baby keeps the same general characteristics. Therefore, says Professor Hill-Tout, the human baby follows the ancestral line and the ape baby degenerates or goes off on a tangent. Judging from these facts, the original ancestor of both lines was human and not ape.

"This fact is often disregarded by American scientists, and I do not think that Dr. Scott has taken it into consideration in his decision that the Javanese fossil is the most primitive man."

Professor Hill-Tout is a member of the executive board of the School of American Research, a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, and holds several other titles. He published recently a volume entitled "Man and His Ancestors," which outlines his views and knowledge on the subject of human descent.

Horsemeat Becomes Luxury to Frenchmen

PARIS (AP).—Horsemeat, formerly "the poor man's beefsteak," has become a French luxury. Scarcity of butcherable animals is given as the cause of its enormous increase in price.

One pound of choice horsemeat at the local markets recently was quoted at 3.50 francs—about 40 cents. Pork chops could be had for \$50, roast beef for 9.00 and mutton for 7.50.

Besides the gradual disappearance of horses "on the hoof" available for the markets, a tax of one franc twenty-five centimes per pound placed on the meat was said to have influenced high prices.

Horsemeat is recommended by physicians for persons suffering from tuberculosis and all diseases of anemia of the blood. The sanatoriums of Southern France have been severely hit by the rise in price.

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AGED MINISTER DIES.

WASHINGTON (AP).—The Rev. Dr. George Williamson Smith, aged 89, until recently one of the assistant rectors of St. John's Episcopal church here from 1882 until 1904, president of Trinity college, Hartford, Conn., died Sunday in George Washington university hospital.

Present-day traffic congestion, according to the Christian Science Monitor, is fulfillment of the vision of the Prophet Nahum, centuries ago, when he said: "And they shall jostle one against another in the roadways."

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By Junius

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"Let the girls have their fun, as well as the boys," says a prominent woman. "We haven't met anybody lately who was having any success in stopping them."

A woman always has a reason for everything, but usually it isn't the one she gives you.

It's easy to be as wise as an owl, the chief qualification being the ability to stay out all night.

What hurts a woman worst in losing a man is the fear that some other woman will find him.

Quietest Provoked for Week and Wears in Constantinople. (AP) Constantinople has become a model city for persons with weak nerves or irritable dispositions.

Under a majority edict, the hours between midday and two in the afternoon and between midnight and morning are to be regarded strictly as hours of rest for the population.

During the periods residents of houses are not to be disturbed by the playing of birds, girdles, photographs or pianos, or by the rattling cries of peddlers, knives, sharpeners, old clothes hawkers, or itinerant lucksters generally.

Under another edict, housewives are forbidden to beat carpets, chop wood, or to hang out washing in the public streets except on Thursdays. In a third ordinance it is forbidden to stretch oneself out on the pavement or in the roadway, or to ride either a horse or a bicycle, or to drag a handcart on the pavement.

The old poets stood in the gutter and looked at the stars. Modern ones stand on the stars and look into the gutter.

Movie Directors List Ten Qualifications

HOLLYWOOD, Cal. (AP).—Ten qualifications necessary in a feminine film actress are listed by executives of several movie studios here.

Character is the first requisite, with personality second, beauty third and intelligence fourth. Imagination is rated fifth.

Grace, poise and carriage come sixth, in the opinion of the film executives, and a knowledge of drama is held an important asset if one is to reach the top.

A girl's environment is given rating, as the home life and surroundings of a potential actress carry much weight in the selection of an applicant.

Age ranks ninth, with education and training tenth.

Various ways of determining the qualifications were employed. At one studio the applicant walks the length of the employment manager's office and is scrutinized before speaking. A ruler is suspended from the wall, near the entrance. As the applicant passes it, the manager judges her approximate height. She is asked to remove her hat. Thus her style of hair dressing and the manner in which she takes off her hat are noted. Her carriage and poise are revealed when she is asked to get a book from a shelf.

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