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THE RIGHTEOUS PREVAIL.—"And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow."—Gen. 19:29.

The man who formerly published seed catalogues seems to be editing tourist magazines now.

People overeat, overwork, and overtax their bodies and mental energies, a doctor says. Overwork is probably the least excessive.

A home economics instructor announces that dusting in the house is a peril to health. Husbands who could never see the necessity are vindicated, though probably on radically different grounds.

Among one or two other difficulties, the newspaper publisher has to deal with subscribers who expect immediate and complete printing of an article which would occupy fifteen columns of space. Unfortunately the only way they can be treated is with an expression of regret.

### MODERATION IS ADVISED.

Dr. Adolf Lorenz, the noted "bloodless" surgeon of Vienna, who has just arrived in America, is credited with saying that the way to reach old age is to indulge in all vices moderately. If one is to assume that he means vice in general, he should have added a further injunction—accept advice in moderation also. We are charitable enough to believe, however, that the famous surgeon has been misquoted or that a wrong construction has been put upon his words, for it is a strain upon intelligence to think that such advice should be taken literally, no matter who utters it. Some words always are to be interpreted with the aid of the proverbial grain of salt and the statement attributed to Dr. Lorenz seems to fall into that category.

We assume that the thing the celebrated Austrian wished to impress on all was the necessity of moderation in our indulgences such as tobacco, beverages, rich foods and the like. Anybody is privileged to interpret his statement to his own satisfaction but his alleged advice is unnecessary to those who would be inclined to take him at his word and therein find justification for unwarrantable folly. Others will censure him for even countenancing anything that savors of vice. Those for whom the statement really is meant will do well to remember that he probably desired to stress the moderation feature of his approval of some common habits.

### SPUR TO INVENTION.

As industrial activity always causes a great stir among inventors, the fact that the 1925 rush at the United States patent office was previously unequalled gives one a fair idea of the height to which the industrial barometer sealed last year.

Patent rights were issued last year on 46,540 inventions in this country, or twice as many as were granted in 1900, and more than in all other countries combined.

Congress enacted the first patent law in 1790, but the present and more comprehensive law dates from 1836. In the 135 years which have elapsed since patent No. 1 was issued 1,500,000 inventions have been patented in this country. That total is twice that of Great Britain and four times that of Germany.

Perhaps the reason for the larger number of patents here is a greater need for new inventions. Although fiction pictures the inventor as an impractical dreamer toying with the unheard-of, the vast majority of all American inventions are the fulfillment of the needs of industry, commerce and society. As the world's greatest industrial country, with the world's largest railroad system and greatest number of automobiles, and as the country in which machinery has been most highly developed and most universally applied, the United States offers the most inspiration and highest reward for invention.

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### OUT OUR WAY



THE KIDDERS.

By WILLIAMS



OFFICE CAT  
By Junius

The sides of the sphinx are reported as splitting. After years of silence the old fellow must be enjoying some good joke.

Speaking of hard-hearted villains, the worst known is the man who sharpens his knife on his first wife's tombstone to kill his second.

"I like high school students," says a La Grande man. "My only criticism against them is that they aren't in love. They just think they are."

Helpful Hints to Fish: Caution is a great asset in fishing, especially if you are a fish.

The honeymoon is over when each begins to observe how faulty the other looks in a bathing suit.

Ship News Reporter in the 1900s—A bird outside by the name of Chris Columbus claims he discovered wonderful new lands across the seas. How much shall I write on it?

Editor—Nothing—it's probably a real estate publicity gag—let him pay for his advertising!

There is no use talking you can't become a star of any kind by staying out late at night.

SALTY STUFF.  
A sailor's wife—she ran away.

In vain he tried to trip her.

It seems he took her for a mate.

Instead, she proved a skipper.

"What started the explosion?"

"The powder on father's sleeve when he came home from the

lodge meeting."  
In Anniston, Ala., a man weighs 50,000 pounds. But it is iron pipe, and he does it every day.

"They have a new name for the divorce records now."  
"Yes, 'Who's Whose in America?'"

NEITHER DO TONSILS  
"Rosa Hickory, who had his right eye removed at the Mahaska hospital, returned Saturday. He says it does not hurt near so much out."—From Cedar, Iowa, News.

Money don't talk as much as some people who have money.

Most of the farmhouses in this county now have modern improvements, including the mortgage foreclosure notice by radio.

The Man (having surrendered his seat): "I beg your pardon?"  
The Girl: "I didn't speak!"  
The Man: "Sorry, I'm sure, I thought you said 'thank you'."

Being hard-boiled is much better than being half-baked.

Billy Evans Says:

On the surface it may appear as if Manager John McGraw of the Giants got the worst of his recent trade with the Phillies, still I am willing to string along with his judgment.

In sending Jack Bentley and Wayland Dean to Philadelphia for Jimmy Ring, McGraw parted with two players who cost him in the neighborhood of \$125,000.

Without going into details it would seem that McGraw paid a

pretty penny for the veteran Ring who has already seen service with four major league clubs.

McGraw doesn't jump at conclusions. You can wager he carefully considered the proposition from every angle before he went through with it.

I venture to say that McGraw would be frank enough to admit that Dean and Bentley will be far more valuable to the Phillies than Ring. On the other hand, he figures Ring will be a greater asset to him than the two players with whom he parted.

McGraw says it, doped that his pitching must be greatly improved if he is to be in the running this season. He prefers a certainty

rather than a gamble.

McGRAW SELDOM ERRS.  
While Jimmy Ring has never had what could be called a big year in the majors, I have always regarded him as a corking fine pitcher.

It is a rather interesting fact that only twice during his career has he finished better than the 500 mark. In 1920 with Cincinnati he won one more game than he lost, while three years later with the Phillies, his wins topped his losses by two games.

Jack Bentley, on the other hand, during his three years in the majors has always been well above the 500 mark. In his first year he won 15 and lost 8, in his second he captured 16 victories against five defeats, while last season his mark was 11 games won and only 4 lost.

However, Bentley is the type pitcher who is most effective against clubs with a certain batting style. Jack wasn't dropped in at random, rather the spots were picked for him.

To illustrate the breaks it is possible for a pitcher to get Bentley who allowed better than five earned runs per game last year won 11 and lost 4, while Luque, who ranked first in effectiveness, could win but 16 while he dropped 18.

### SOME INSIDE DOPE.

No doubt Dean has been a bitter disappointment to McGraw. He started with Louisville, the same year Earl Combs, now of the Yankees, was the big noise in the outfield.

It is said the Yankees and the Giants were the chief bidders for the two stars. Their spirited efforts to land the players caused the prices to soar.

I have it that the two clubs at a conference thrashed out the matter, the Yanks needing outfielders worse than pitchers dropped out of the bidding for Dean, while the Giants did the same on Combs.

At the time, I talked with a number of players from the American association and they all thought the Giants got the best bet in the league. It now looks as if the Yankees got the prize.

Perhaps the earned run column explains why McGraw parted with Bentley and Dean. Allowing the position five runs per game won't win many contests unless a pitcher is getting plenty of breaks.

W. M. Wilkie Arrested at Salem, Ore.—Cross country officers arrived here after W. M. Wilkie, who is wanted at Marshfield.



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THURSDAY  
FRIDAY

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on a charge of giving a worthless check in payment for a police dog. Wilkie was arrested last night on a telegraphic warrant. Wilkie is an ex-employee of George L. Cleaver, ex-state prohibition director.

### THE REASON WHY

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## SOUSA AND HIS BAND

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### To the People of La Grande and Vicinity--

On Sunday, Jan. 31, Lieut.-Com. John Philip Sousa WITH HIS ORGANIZATION OF 100 MUSICIANS WILL BE IN Baker, Oregon

TO PLAY A MATINEE AND NIGHT PERFORMANCE.

Baker, Oregon, will be the only town in this part of the country in which John Philip Sousa and his famous band will stop.

The Old Oregon Trail highway is in a splendid condition and the Management at the Clarick Theatre at Baker, Oregon, feels confident that there are numbers of music lovers in La Grande and vicinity who would like to hear this famous internationally known band.

Therefore, in order to accommodate this class of people, Mr. K. L. Burk, Manager of the Clarick Theatre at Baker, Oregon, will be in La Grande at the Foley Hotel, Thursday, January 21, to take reservations for this splendid attraction. Below are some of the numbers to be played during this engagement:

Matinee Starts at 2:30	Evening Starts at 8:30
Overture, "The Last Day of The Reign of Terror"	Overture from "Tannhauser"
"The Carnival"	"Centennial"
"Cuba Under Three Flags"	"El Capitan"
"I Am Titania" from "Mignon"	"The Charlatan"
Love Scene from "Feuersoth"	"The Bride Elect"
March, "The Liberty Bell"	"Shadow Dance" from "Dinorah"
"Jazz America"	"The New World"
"I Want to Be Happy" from "No, No, Nanette"	"Sunday Evening in Alsace"
March, "The Black Horse Troop"	"On the Mississippi"
"Morning, Noon And Night"	March, "The National Game"
"Sheep and Goats Walking to Pasture"	"Pomp and Circumstance"
March, "The Liberty Bell"	"Nobles of the Mystic Shrine"

DON'T FORGET TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, AT THE FOLEY HOTEL