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OUR FATHER'S GOD—"And the Lord appeared unto him, and said, Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee. . . . Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, And Isaac dwelt in Gerar."—Gen. 26:2-6.

Perhaps boys leave the farm because dad can do all the work now with a tractor and gang-plow. Rural population has decreased, but man-hour production has increased at the same time.

Capt. Amundsen's statement that the claims of Dr. Frederick Cook to a discovery of the North Pole are as good as Peary's may have merit but it comes too late. Cook is in the federal prison at Leavenworth and actions since his memorable trip north have increased the doubt in many minds as to his sincerity.

The old-time fiddler, the old-time caller, and the old-time dancer are to have their days again. Jazz, flapper dialect, and the Charleston are relegated to the discard. The Neighborhood club of this city is to stake a fiddler-caller-dancer contest and old-fashioned ball next month to raise funds for the state federation meeting here next spring. It's a happy idea. It will provide fun and entertainment of rare character. And it will bring the breath of youth again to the dance artists of other days, the fiddler experts, the callers. The contest should draw participants from all Eastern Oregon—an unusual opportunity.

THE BLUE MOUNTAIN COUNTRY.

At the joint meeting yesterday with the Baker chamber members of the La Grande Chamber of Commerce heard most valuable theories on community welfare from the lips of Mr. Gurney and also a worthy tribute to the advantages and resources of the Blue Mountain region of which La Grande and Baker are the chief cities.

Mr. Gurney described the wonder and the wealth of Eastern Oregon in a way that would do justice to a real estate salesman or a booster artist of the highest type. Incidentally, he said that those citizens of the Blue Mountain country who have resided here since childhood or for many years are prone to blindness when considering our advantages and resources. It is true that much that is unusual and much that has potential value is discounted and disregarded because it is constantly before us and therefore commonplace. Many people of La Grande and Union county think this is a very ordinary community with very ordinary possibilities. They are able to pick flaws and make adverse criticism because the fair basis of comparison is not fresh in their minds and they look only at the one section.

The Blue Mountain country offers all the possibilities pictured by Mr. Gurney—and more. Yet its realization lies wholly with the people who are its citizens today. They will shape its destinies. If they have loyalty and vision, if they can disregard petty prejudice and selfish interests, no prediction is too bright for the future of Eastern Oregon. In a great nation, crowded with population and developed to a high point of efficiency, the Northwest country stands alone as the only remaining "frontier," the only area blessed with great resources that is new and comparatively untouched. Unlike many sections of the middle west and east, our future, as expressed in progress, growth and development, lies not behind, but ahead of us.

A Telephone Helps

Actual count shows that our La Grande Exchange handles about 12,000 calls per day at this time.

If you have no telephone, why not have one installed and join your friends and neighbors? Your application will receive prompt attention.

Home Independent Telephone Co.

Big Oil Fire



Hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage was done by fire which spread over an oil company's reserve at Everett, Mass. One tank blew up and the blast was heard for miles. Picture shows firemen trying to smother the flames.



OFFICE CAT
TRADE MARK REG.
By Junius

Nobody can say that the modern girl has no viable means of support.

A New York law office was held up five masked men who escaped after a short struggle in an automobile. The report that the robbers lost only \$700, is probably erroneous.

An exchange terms the job "the most important tool of civilization." However, the cat appears in running it a pretty close second.

A Boston lady owns a pup. One of those high-bred "fow-pers."

He never pants. He always trousers.

One sign of greatness is to have a signature nobody can read.

Here's great news for boarders. The salmon catch of Alaska may become exhausted soon.

YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING THAT:

Men living in the Southern states find it very difficult to remove their shoes without first unlacing them.

Physiologists have not yet been able to discover a woman who can swim with her mouth closed.

It is not a common supposition that the Eskimos have long been eating artichokes with a salad fork.

Almost all American college graduates can count up to ten without making a mistake.

The boys of Shanghai in China have come to the conclusion that it is impractical to fly kites in the home, particularly the garden.

No matter how hard they try the inhabitants of Paris cannot walk on both sides of the street at the same time.

None of the American senators believe in playing tap-the-lines on Sundays.

Macaroni is very soft and pliable after it has been boiled in water. That, unless you realize it by this time, the main object of all this is to be funny.

Green to Clerk—Starting ready to go home? Why, it's half an hour before quitting time.

Clerk—Well, don't I have to get ready half an hour before working time to get home?

"Is he sleep too much?" asks a writer in one of the magazines.

THE OPEN COURT

CORRESPONDENTS MUST SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO THE EDITOR IF THEY DESIRE LETTERS PRINTED.

BEING A GOOD SPORT.

I find, in going through this world, much depends on being a good sport. To be a good sport, one must be a good loser as well as a good getter. It is a sure gamble in any game of life, some one must lose. In entering a game of basketball, this is known, and in most cases, the players are the best of sports—but occasionally we meet an exception.

This happened one night last week when the Imbler girls basketball team went to a neighboring town for a game. Before the game was finished, the girls had sticks thrown in their dressing room and a cordial invitation was given to them to step out and try their skill in the manly art of fighting. If the invitation had been accepted, some of our girls would be crossed out this week, trying to be around what had once been a lovely Grecian one. Further, our girls were accused of using "probable language." This more than all else, in the evening's reception, is objected to, since we wish it distinctly understood that we are all good Methodists and it is strictly forbidden in the rules and regulations that any member should use, no matter what the provocation. So this is firmly and emphatically denied. Imbler believes in athletics, but does not yet carry in No, we don't! There is an amateur saxophone player across the street.

MARY

Mary, Mary, quite contrary, Had for your tresses green; For these tresses and nuts, 'Twixt their clips and cuts, 'They's made you a holy show.

It is true that monkeys chatter incessantly. But this doesn't prove that Owen was more than half right. The men are still in the chair.

The greatest piece of fiction nowadays is the label on a Scotch whisky bottle.

When a woman wants to get rid of a man she'll find no surer way than marrying him.

If a man doesn't fear the law he's not likely to respect it either.

More often the fool and his money get together.

Ambassador Arrives in Washington



M. Hesse, newly appointed French ambassador and his wife, photographed as they arrived in Washington, D. C.

Large Stocks of Goods Contribute to West's Leadership

Everyone likes variety. You want variety especially when choosing those things that contribute most to personal charm and your feeling of well-being. A large variety of merchandise from which to select is pleasing to you because it allows the exercise of individual tastes --it lets you make the most of the money you have to spend.

It is for that reason that West's have long sought to offer you the largest stocks of quality merchandise in Eastern Oregon. We believe that you have a right to demand variety and wide choice -- and we give it to you as few stores are able to do.

We have gained a reputation for large stocks, a reputation that has contributed much to the outstanding leadership of this store. It is only one of the things to which our attention is devoted to make your buying at West's a pleasure and a satisfaction in every way.

New Spring merchandise is already arriving and will emphasize anew the variety and excellence of choice to be had at "La Grande's Leading Store."

N. K. West & Co. Inc.

La Grande's Leading Store For 25 Years.

Its course of study, boxing or first steps in pugilism, are only readied of Imbler who qualifies in this line is a police dog owned by the writer. This dog is generally called to check anything from a grizzly to Jack Dempsey. On leaving the hall to return to their homes the girls had sticks and tin cans thrown at them by the friendly enemies. The last said "If this cheek smite them turn them the other cheek also" but the Lord never mentioned tomato cans--so the girls rather resented this "Say it with Cans" farewell.

With a score in favor of Imbler--It was hard to smile--but there was no occasion for the demonstration of affection shown by the opposing team. Our girls may have the score swung against them the next time and with this lesson in poor losing--we know that they will prove to be the good sport that Imbler knows they are.

Auto Kills Man in Road. NORTH BEND, Ore.—Lars Peterson of Charleston was fatally injured by an automobile driven by Boyd Arnet of this city as he was returning from work on the night shift in the veneer plant at Marshfield. Peterson was lying on the pavement near the rails of the Southern Pacific track not far from the port dock, which is midway between North Bend and Marshfield, and due to fog the driver of the automobile could not see the prostrate man until too late to miss him.

Peterson was taken to a hospital here, where he died two hours later.

Pendleton Gets No Winter. PENDLETON, Ore.—Pendleton has had no real winter weather yet and as a result sports that require ice and snow have not been enjoyed. Sunday a number of families took advantage of the snow in the Blue mountains and organized a party for skiing, snow shoeing and coasting. The snow at Madman pass was 15 inches deep and at Meacham it was reported to be three feet in depth. Madman pass is about 15 miles from Pendleton.

\$5000 in Coins Stolen. FALLS CITY, Ore.—A collection of coins with a face value of

\$2000 and said to be worth \$5000 because of the rarity of the pieces was stolen from the home of Henry Wagner, a bachelor living alone here.

The intruder broke through two heavily locked doors to gain entrance to the home, then pried the hinges off the outer case of

the collection and smashed the glass of the inner case. Mr. Wagner was attending a picture show at the time of the robbery.

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There's no reason on earth why you should permit that cough to make your life miserable. Stop it by taking

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