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TRUE HOSPITALITY—"And there came two angels to Sodom; and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night."—Gen. 19: 1, 2.

"Big Bill" Haywood is reported running a coal mine in Russia, this being a complete reversal of his policy in this country, which was to prevent our industries from operating. Russia would change the policies of most anyone.

HEROISM AT SEA.

Stories of heroism at sea never fail to arrest attention and arouse the emotions not only of those who have lived through the thrilling experience of a storm in mid-ocean, but also of the host of others living inland. The simplicity of sea tales gives them strength. The bare facts of a rescue serve to stimulate the imagination and stir the deep emotions of bravery and chivalry. The code of the sea is in itself an emotional appeal to all of man's finest qualities.

The names of Capt. George Fried and the crew of the President Roosevelt of the United States Lines have been written indelibly into the stirring epics of the sea. At the sacrifice of two members of their own crew, and after battling four days with a storm-tossed sea, they rescued the crew of the British freighter Antioch.

Equally heroic and scamanlike were Captain Wurpf and the crew of the North German Lloyd line steamer who stood by another British freighter, the Lariston, and succeeded in rescuing six of its crew before the disabled vessel went down in the dark.

It was only a few months ago that the President Harding, a sister ship of the President Roosevelt, rescued the crew of the Italian ship Florian. Two such rescues in one season is no small accomplishment for the American marine and gives the people of the United States legitimate cause for satisfaction and pride in their seamen.

HIGH COST OF BOOKS.

A chronic complaint among book readers in this country is that book prices are too high for the average purse. When the literati scold the American public for its indifference to good literature, the usual retort is that its cost is prohibitive to all except the wealthy.

There is some foundation to this complaint against the high cost of reading. Popular novels cost on the average \$2 and many are priced higher. Biographical and autobiographical works, of which the past five years have produced many worthy ones, range in price from \$5 for single volumes to \$10 and even \$25 when published in two or more volumes. The average price for other books is probably \$3.

If good books could be had for less money there is no doubt that more people of moderate means would have larger libraries. Under the prevailing market many poor but ardent book-lovers must exercise forbearance until the desired volumes make their inevitable way into the second-hand book stalls.

For those who had hoped for cheaper books in 1926 there is no solace in the statement of George Palmer Putnam, New York publisher, that the price of books is low in comparison with theater tickets and sheet music and will not come down this year. This comparison would put book costs in a better light if it could be shown that the same people patronize books, sheet music and the theater and if there were no complaint against the cost of drama and music.

Our Service Means

MINUTES instead of HOURS.

A message by telephone will travel the fastest. Your time is valuable—save it.

Home Independent Telephone Co.

Doesn't Pet, but Popular



Martha Miller, sociologist at the University of Wisconsin, doesn't pet, doesn't smoke, won't be for him and thoroughly approves of chaperones—but she has been elected queen of the annual Junior prom from this year. Her home is in Peking, China.



Here And There

On the other hand, look what the balloon pants have done for the low-legged boy.

Always thinking what you say is much better than always saying what you think.

Early rising's appetizing. It helps the circulation. A tub, a rub, a little scrub. And then some recreation.

Any town is a rotten town to a man whose name doesn't mean anything on a dotted line.

The pessimist is a man who knows nothing, sees nothing, hears nothing, but is forever talking.

"If You Wore Your Garters Around Your Neck." Just think how long your neck would be!

He—"May I have this dance?" She—"Certainly, if you can get somebody to dance with you."

No present day school child could possibly learn all he's taught.

We don't hear much of this man Charlie Duwee.

Oh, he's gradually becoming Vice-President.

Short dresses are long on display.

Some men seem to think they can't be interesting without being vulgar.

Just because an aviator wears a hat, it doesn't mean that he is a high hat.

Glady—"Is your husband away? I haven't seen him for ages." Ethel—"Oh, don't you remember? I shot him."

What's wrong with this sentence? Once upon a time there was a movie star who got mad every time she saw her picture in the paper.

There are lots of men who play a fair game of strip poker—if you keep your eye on them.

A BOY we hate is Henry Hatch. He never likes to loan a match.

"What is the principal cause of divorce?" one writer wants to know.

Well, for a rough guess, we should say "Marriage!"

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If a man empties his purse into his hand, no man can take it away from him.



"NO NEED TO FEAR SNARES," says M. K. Brady, Washington, D. C., who collects reptiles from all parts of the world and keeps them in his apartment where he studies them. He is shown with a legless Russian lizard.



West's Leadership Expressed In The Newest Spring Coats For Sport Wear



The utmost in style—the newest in materials and colors—the most exclusive designing and tailoring. Such is the service to be counted on at this—La Grande's Leading Store. Combining this with the quality and value for which West's Store is noted, your buying satisfaction is assured. The new coats offer a striking example of this superiority.

The Colors:

Among the many new enticing colors are Sable, Rosewood, Gray, French Gray, Sand, Peppermint Green, Golf Red, Carrot and Gracklehead.

The Materials:

The materials all lend charm to the styles this Spring. Among the leading ones are Lustrosa, Needlpoint, Cumberland Tweeds, Montebello, Vette and Suede-like fabrics.

\$16.75 to \$93.50

JUST RECEIVED! Clever new accessories—Gloves, Bags, Hosiery, Shoes, Millinery, etc., that will add a distinct note to your new Spring costumes.

N. K. West & Co. Inc.

La Grande's Leading Store For 25 Years.



REEDSFORT—Construction begins on Umpqua falls railroad spur. Mills are to open about March 1.

BANDON—80,000-yard fill ordered for local port.

MEDFORD—Local capital will develop scenic and resort facilities at Odell Lake.

MYRTLE POINT—Bank and savings deposits increased largely during 1925.

FALLS CITY—Local cannery ships full carload canned pears to Iowa.

HEPNER—State and federal aid bureau will spend \$50,000 on Spruce road.

TILLAMOOK—Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company will spend \$20,000 in Tillamook county improvements.

Oregon exports for third quarter of 1925, reached \$12,859,121.

PORTLAND—Pacific—Argentina line-trial line of six freighters sold to McCormick Line at \$4,900,000 each, with bond for five-year North Pacific service.

SPRINGFIELD—Southern Pacific relaying old Naרון line with heavier rails.

Oregon's forest fires for 1925 covered 61,576 acres, 16,884 acres being merchantable timber. Loss was far less than in 1924.

BROOKINGS—C. & O. Lumber Co. has 25,000,000 feet of lumber ready for market.

GRANTS PASS—State let contract for 7 miles Redwood highway. George ranch to Deer creek, for \$49,025.

SALEM—F. W. Leadbetter buys control of local paper mill. Plant a job is a position where the fellow fits it.

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North Bond citizens raising \$7000 for gymnasium and auditorium.

Bond has 25 years of pine timber waiting in sight, at present rate of 275,000,000 feet a year.

HEPNER—M. Johnson buys Wade spruce, 20,000,000 feet, on Smith river.

Bonanza will spend \$700 for city-built marking pillars on main highways.

HEPNER—Wool mill will \$700,000 business during 1925.

Oregon's farm area increased 577,222 acres from 1920 to 1925.

Beer Drinking Increases in Mexico, Tax Reports Indicate.

MEXICO CITY, CAP.—Tax reports indicate increased beer drinking in Mexico. Breweries paid almost 2,500,000 pesos in federal income taxes for 1925, according to recently announced figures. This exceeds former records.

All Mexican breweries are conducting elaborate advertising campaigns. Some urge the theory to substitute malt for hard liquor in order to prevent the possibility of prohibition.

"Drink beer and thereby nip prohibition in the bud," is one of the slogans.

CUPID SHUNS WIDOWS. LONDON—Vital statistics for the current year show that few widows are remarrying now that at any time in the last 50 years.

To the small boy Utopia is a place where it is possible to teach school without any pupils.

February 5, with "Neil Gwyn," an English-made film starring Dorothy Gish, as its feature offering.

Miss Gish will be present in person for the opening. The theater was begun about two years ago by the Lasky-Famous Players company and is a handsome stone building with every modern convenience and a magnificent pipe organ.

AMERICAN-BUILT MOVIE Opens Soon in London

LONDON (AP)—London's first American-built moving picture house, The Plaza, on Piccadilly Circus, will throw its doors open



Drug Sundries

It's always best to be ready. See that your medicine chest is prepared for the emergencies of dangerous winter and damp spring.

Red Cross Drug Store



You Only Can Decide

There is only one person who can decide whether you are to be a success in life or not. That person is YOU! And the very first determining factor is—CAN YOU SAVE MONEY?

If you can, PROVE IT! Open a Savings Account with this bank tomorrow. \$1.00 will do so and obtain a Liberty Bell Savings Bank, the most unique home safe we have ever seen. In its base is a slot where coins of every denomination can be dropped—even bills can be inserted. We are building one for you.

La Grande National Bank
La Grande, Oregon

Children's Dresses

Dresses for school and party wear of Silk, Balbriggan, Wool and Gingham. Priced low to insure quick sales.

Children's Shoes for every need. Infants' to 16 years 50c to \$3.95

Boys' Tug-Tog Suits, age 3 to 8. Each suit has belt like Dad's, and made with short or long pants \$1.50 to \$4.95.

Norton's Kiddy Shop