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CHOICE GIFTS—"And Israel beheld Joseph's sons, and said, 'Who are these?' And Joseph said, '... They are my sons.' ... And he said, 'Bring them unto me, and I will bless them.'" Gen. 45:27.

Some people would rather seem bright than pleasant.

Some day they may get radio developed so it doesn't sound as if the needle needed changing.

Perhaps the reason many of us fail to hear Opportunity knocking is because we are at it ourselves.

Men are probably inferior but they are all of the opinion that feminine squeals are not helpful to a driver in a crisis.

It will be observed that the two women convicted and sent to prison in South Dakota were guilty of robbing a bank. They did not shoot their husbands.

The man who says "I made him what he is" usually means, "I once hired him to make money for me." Employers may contribute opportunity to the rise of a man with ability but the actual "making" is most frequently accomplished by the employee.

The discussion of the Oregon normal school question before the Chamber of Commerce yesterday by Mr. Starr was extremely able. It is doubtful if anyone who heard the address can refrain from being enthusiastic about such an institution for Eastern Oregon. Mr. Starr's statement that location is not a primary consideration is in accord with The Observer's editorial on the subject some months ago. The school is the thing. Eastern Oregon needs and deserves such a school. It will provide facilities for higher education for many young people of this section to whom such advantages are now denied. We want the school approved. When that is done, there will be time enough to argue location even though we feel now that the advantages of La Grande are ideal.

A SCHOOLBOY'S VOCABULARY.

In a discussion of the use of slang by school children, an English instructor at a teacher's school declared that, "If we want our children to speak good English, they must obviously hear good English at home." No one must assume, however, that a child, just because he has heard correct English only, will speak correctly. He will make no mistake in the use of such concrete terms as "tree," or "man," but when he finds that "he" and "him" are applied to the same person, he will use the forms indifferently and is as likely to say "him go," as "he goes." With this qualification, one must agree with the lecturer that the way to learn a language is to hear it. His only complaint is that the schoolboy learns two languages, one from his parents and another from his playmates. He is in fact bilingual, with one vocabulary for the street and another from the home. It is to the street lingo, with its slang, that his teachers object.

The exposure to such influences may not after all be serious or lasting. Then there is the question what constitutes slang. "Footlegger" was once so classed, but it now bids fair to become as permanent a possession of the language as "akyscraper," while similar words, as "speak-easy," "blind tiger," and "hole-in-the-wall," which have dropped out of use, are undoubtedly slang. In most cases of this kind there is already a word in the language that would have expressed all the speaker wished to convey. Some years ago the word "ringer" was applied to any person very similar to another in appearance, as in the expression, "a dead ringer for so-and-so;" it was connected somehow with the verb "ring in;" but there had always existed in the language the word "double" to express the same idea. The habitual user of slang may be accused of ignorance of his own language.

The claim that slang is more expressive than the ordinary word for the same notion is open to criticism. It is the nature of slang to be new and so not always clear to the one who hears it. He may be, like the compiler of a dictionary of slang, who, read in an American newspaper that "a man seen out in the rain with a jag," and defined the word "jag" as "a small umbrella." But it is probably this very novelty that appeals to the schoolboy.

OUT OUR WAY



MOMENTS WE'D LIKE TO LIVE OVER—HOUSE FULL OF COMPANY.

OFFICE CAT
TRADE MARK REG.
By Junius

Corn grows when put into the ground; corns grow when a bushel of foot is put into a peck of shoes.

The grape-fruit is a lemon that had a chance and took advantage of it.

A DISMAL LOOKOUT
If I were to wed Marguerite—
But oft affection fails;
Our love would doubtless waste away
Some what like tadpoles' tails.

The hard luck prize goes to the guy who aimed at a star and hit a cheap chorus girl.

We have observed that you can get more out of a man by slapping his back than by pounding his nose.

The modern version of an old axiom seems to be "On with the dance, let ankles and hips be unconfined."

In the way of wearing apparel the modern woman never puts off till tomorrow what she can put off today.

Some people have Pullman mouths. No lowers and only a few uppers.

FAMOUS DOUBLES
Who's Who?
What's What?
That's That.
Sing Sing.

If he folds bills carefully, you may assume that he spends carefully.

Government inefficiency in accounting. The mint is making more nickels and dimes, when what we need is more dollars.

The Ball (angrily)—Are all men fools?

The Chain—No, dear. Some are bachelors.

AND THE COWSLIP
The cow stood on the railroad track
A-lookin' at the sky.
Down the track came the limited;
Oh, see the butterfly!

When Shuttering Sam went West he went by freight because his coat kept getting loose.

MANY PLEDGE FAITH IN GOD

UNION (Special)—The Paris E. Wells evangelistic meetings which have been going on here for the past few weeks are steadily gaining in attendance and interest. During the last week there has been an average of about eight converts each night, mostly the young folks. Monday night of this week the Rev. Mr. Wells gave what he called his unpopular lecture on popular amusements and the church was packed, even to the galleries. This series of meetings will close next Sunday. The meetings have been held under the auspices of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches.

Last Saturday evening the Boy Scouts of the L. D. S. church put on two or three short plays at the church and those who attended said the boys had an interesting program.

Joseph Beach, has been seriously ill at his home in North Union for the past few days. The doctor now believes that the aged man had a slight paralytic stroke. He had been some better the last day or two, but was worse Monday.

L. M. Jones, who went to West-ern Oregon about a week ago because of the serious illness of his brother, returned home Sunday.

Genevieve Baker, who has spent the winter at Vale visiting with three of her children, returned home Sunday and will live at her old home in South Union with Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Irwin.

Fish Eggs Hatching.
There are about three million eggs in the troughs at the state fish hatchery here and they have just begun to hatch out. These eggs are practically all of the rainbow trout variety for distribution in the lakes and streams of this part of the state.

There is quite a little apprehension among trout men in this vicinity over the fact that the extremely mild weather for this time of the year is bringing out many of the buds.

The Union high school students and many basketball fans are looking forward with much interest to the doubleheader here next Saturday evening when the boys and girls will meet the La Grande teams in the first games to be played here prior to the tournament. The following week the boys will make their trip into Wallawa county for

Troops on Duty in Lexington



One thousand national guardsmen were on duty in Lexington, Ky., when Ed Harris, negro slayer, went on trial. Photo above shows a machine gun emplacement guarding the approach to the court house.

three games: Wallawa, Enterprise and Joseph.

Mrs. Frier and her daughter Dick, who went to California last fall to spend the winter, arrived home last week. They left California on account of the ill health of the daughter.

Wind River Bridge Open.
CASCADE LOCKS, Ore.—The river suspension bridge, which crosses Wind river a few miles above Carson, Wash., is completed and open to traffic three weeks ahead of schedule. The bridge is of steel and replaces a wooden structure. The cost was \$12,000, which was shared jointly by the Columbia national forest and Skamania county.

February 12 Holiday.
SALEM, Ore.—In a proclamation issued today Governor Pierce designated Friday, February 12, as a legal holiday in Oregon. The proclamation was issued largely in response to a request from banking interests over the state, who pointed out that Lincoln's birthday is observed as a legal holiday by all the other states in this federal reserve district.

THE REASON WHY

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CAROL'S ACT ONE OF MANY

BUDAPEST (AP)—Prince Carol's row with Queen Marie and renunciation of the succession to the Rumanian throne is no novelty in European royal families, to most of whom Carol is related either by blood or marriage.

The king business has palled on a good many heirs to important European thrones. Even Frederick the Great made an effort in his youth to escape from Prussia and the harsh treatment of his father, King Frederick William I. His effort to get away to England was frustrated by his father who had two of his son's accomplices executed.

But Frederick the Great's affair with Barberina, the Italian dancer, after he had ascended the throne of Prussia, was kept under far better control than the love affairs of Prince Carol. When Frederick suspected the dancer was mixing in politics he dismissed her from the court.

Ludwig I of Bavaria, told his cabinet he would rather give up his throne than break off his relations with Lola Montez, the dancer. One of Ludwig's ministries was called the "Lolaministerium," because Lola Montez had named it and directed affairs of state at will. She finally lost her political hold and had to flee. A little later, Ludwig had to surrender his throne to his son because of the scandal.

Lola Montez became a wanderer, appearing on the stage in most world capitals. Her notoriety, however, soon had-drawing power and she died in obscurity and was buried in Brooklyn.

Princess Louise, of Saxony, died of life at the Dresden court, eloped with the French tutor of her sons, M. Girou, in December, 1902. Two years later, her husband succeeded to the throne of Saxony as King Frederick Augustus III. Like Prince Carol, of Rumania, she apparently was not constant in her love. She divorced the Frenchman and married an Italian musician, whom she also divorced. She is now living in straightened circumstances in Belgium.

Princess Louise of Belgium who died at Wiesbaden in 1924, married Prince Philip of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, but deserted him in favor of an Austrian cavalry officer. This apparently was a true love affair, as Princess Louise endured poverty with Captain Mattaesch and nursed



Freddy Spencer, 17, of Kearney, N. J., is thanking Dr. Adolf Lorenz, orthopedic wizard, for enabling him to Charleston. Freddy was a "shopless cripple" until Dr. Lorenz operated on him.

him during his final illness in 1916, a short time before her own death. She tried without success to break the will of her father, Leopold II, who left much of his property to his mistress, the Baroness Vaughan.

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