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TRUST AND OBEY. "Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people."—Ex. 19:5.

One of the reasons why we have so few great statesmen is because \$50,000-men seldom seek \$3000-jobs.

THEY ARE PEEVED.

Amundsen, polar explorer, has been rebuked by the National Geographic society because, after visiting Dr. Cook in Leavenworth penitentiary, he said in public, a few kind words for his unfortunate co-explorer. The society invited Amundsen to speak before its august body and then recalled the invitation after the explorer's call on Dr. Cook, although what Amundsen had to say suffered no decrease in value through that visit.

Apparently members of the society will have nothing to do with those who befriend the man who once buncoed them; or by whom they claim they were buncoed. If the geographers feel that the Danish explorer was taking sides with Dr. Cook against them, they should have better concealed their displeasure and embarrassment by outwardly showing respect for a man kind and courageous enough to give comfort to a forelorn friend even at the danger of self prejudice. And yet, the role of the "good sport" is a difficult one when one is made the butt of a practical joke or a fraud.

The geographers might be generous enough to concede that even though Dr. Cook didn't reach the pole he did a lot toward "placing it on the map" and toward giving an impetus to the general exploration business.

FIFTY YEARS OF THE TELEPHONE

Yesterday was the fiftieth anniversary of the first patent taking by Alexander Graham Bell on the telephone. Today, with the telephone an accepted necessity of modern society, it is difficult to conceive of the time when its convenience was unknown, and more difficult to conceive of the hardships of communication that had to be experienced a half century ago. And only in the latter half of that period has its possibilities been fully realized.

The telephone is no longer a luxury. It is no longer a mere convenience to be used or not as one wishes. In keeping with other modern methods of communication the telephone has become a business and social necessity. Far removed from civilization, indeed, is the home or place of endeavor that is not in constant touch with friends and the outside world generally by means of a telephone instrument. We no longer think it anything unusual to talk to people in Portland or Spokane or to a distant ranger station in the heart of mountain wilds whenever the need arises, and it is becoming a common matter to have a conversation half across the continent at very moderate cost. A few years ago a Wallawa county citizen talked from Enterprise to Amherst, Mass., and people marveled at the accomplishment.

A marvel it is, truly, but a marvel that becomes less marvelous and taken for granted more and more each year. As the wireless 'phone message across the Atlantic yesterday will become an ordinary thing within the next few years, so has the existence of the telephone (and many other wonderful inventions, as well) become unnoticed and little appreciated. The old days of long waits for calls, wrong numbers, crossed wires, and other difficulties characteristic of telephone development are gone, the we accept the present efficiency unconsciously. Here in Union county, for example, we are particularly fortunate in having a service of unusual excellence. But it is a condition seldom brought to mind because we lack standards of comparison that would help show how well we are really served. It is merely a part of modern progress. Another fifty years will, we suppose, give us equally marvelous aids to comfortable living that will be equally disregarded except when an anniversary rolls 'round to remind us of what we have and what we do.

MARCH 27TH

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OUT OUR WAY



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OFFICE CAT LIKES DIGNITY

By Jenius
Couldn't you call a girl who sits up and cuts a big box of candy on you a stuffed cat?

Confessions of a friend are terrible things to listen to. They sound so much like your own.

The person who formerly found it popular to criticize a girl's clothing now has an opinion about Florida.

Fashion experts tell the ladies: "Never conceal your personality." And how well the ladies are responding to the advice!

Even the adage, "Paint heart never won fair lady" doesn't hold good any more. The newspapers last week recorded a wedding where the bridegroom fainted three times before the ceremony was over. They received him each time and proceeded with the ceremony.

Our imagination fails us when we try to picture a girl tripping on her own skirt.

MAKING HAY
The whole world knows the story of how Maude raked the hay. And passed to watch his judgment.

As he centered on his way, Of how she went on raking With a melancholy grin. And sighed, "The saddest words of all Are those: It might have been!"

Maude would have been much wiser.

Were she making hay today, She would flash an automatic.

And the judge would hear her say: "You will have to cough up, Daddy. Or I'll be compelled to shoot!" And he'd have to move the scandal of a breach-of-promise suit.

EVOLUTION LAW SIGNED
JACKSON, Miss., Mar. 11 (AP)—Governor Henry L. Whitfield today signed a bill prohibiting the teaching of certain theories of evolution in the state supported schools of Mississippi. The bill specifies theories setting forth that man "ascended or descended" from a lower form of animals.

Beauty Censor
Dr. Frank B. Broderick is now De troit's beauty censor. The city go all excited over an unfounded report that a woman had been electrocuted in a downtown beauty parlor, so Dr. Broderick was appointed to supervise the city's 1200 beauty parlors.

HEALTH
VIRULENT SMALLPOX.
(By Dr. Frederick Stricker)
Smallpox varies from a few pustules to the most extensive eruption covering the entire body. Confluent or black smallpox has an extremely high death rate, at least one-half of the cases die. Hemorrhagic smallpox is the most formidable and malignant form of this disease. For all who contract a well marked attack of this type there is absolutely no hope.

Within the past few years there has been in this country many outbreaks of smallpox of a virulent type with a mortality of from 10 to 45 per cent of the cases. In the 1924 outbreak in Detroit of the 1910 outbreak has an estimated death rate of five years, and of the 162 deaths not one had been vaccinated within ten years. In February there were three hundred and twenty-nine cases of smallpox in Los Angeles, and sixty-three of these cases died of the virulent or malignant type.

With people coming into this state by train and automobile there is no telling when a virulent type of smallpox may be brought in, but should it be brought in, it will have no chance if you are alive to your obligations as a good citizen. If you have not been vaccinated within five years you should be. If you have a "take" you need the protection. If you have an immune reaction, you have the assurance that you are protected.

Vaccination is harmless. There is no need for infection if the procedure is properly done. A simple scratch, drill or needle puncture is a safe and painless procedure. Hundreds of thousands of vaccinations have been done without infections. It is only necessary to exercise the ordinary rules of cleanliness. A loose bandage consisting of a double fold of a three inch bandage, four inches long, fastened above and below by a strip of adhesive gives all the protection that is necessary. This should be renewed within one week.

If you contract smallpox you are responsible. If your child contracts the disease, no one is responsible but yourself, for you could have protected both yourself and your child.

The fact that smallpox exists at all in the enlightened state of Oregon is not a fact to be proud of. That there were 855 cases of smallpox and two deaths in 1925 is not the best advertisement to the world.

Every individual or citizen is responsible for the prevention of smallpox in himself or immediate family. There is no chance for smallpox to spread in any well vaccinated community.

Sheriff's Party Takes L. W. Drumsmith, Still

L. W. Drumsmith and a wash-bowling party with colls complete that was concealed in the wall of the attic of his home in Ladd Canyon were taken into custody by Sheriff Jesse Broshers and his deputies, H. A. Klinghammer and Amos Helms, last night. Drumsmith went to county jail in default of bonds set at \$1000 for his appearance in justice court at 10 a. m. Saturday, when he is to enter his plea.

Negro Fatally Stabs Penitentiary Guard

MOUNDSVILLE, W. Va., Mar. 11 (AP)—Earl Langfitt, of Parkersburg, W. Va., guard in the West Virginia penitentiary was stabbed to death today by a convict, he had repudiated for his conduct in the dining hall. Henry Jackson, negro, serving a life sentence, attacked the guard with a crudely made knife.

Klamath Falls Medic Sentenced to Island

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 11.—Dr. H. B. Graves of Klamath Falls was sentenced in federal court this morning to serve two years in McNeil Island prison for furnishing narcotics to an addict.



QUAINT AND VERY INTERESTING, isn't it? This is Syd Chaplin, who is a perfect lady in the movies.



A NEW KIND OF WAR PAINT for the Indian. Clement Soldier, former student at the Carlisle Indian School, is now a Washington policeman. He's the capital's first Indian copper.



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SHIP BOARD BILL OPPOSED

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11 (AP)—President Coolidge was told by Senator McNary, republican, Oregon, today there was little prospect of action by congress at this session on legislation to curtail the powers of the shipping board and place operation of the merchant fleet under a single executive.

Mr. McNary, who is a member of the senate commerce commission which has jurisdiction over such legislation, said a majority of the committee was opposed to reporting a bill to carry out such a program as recommended by the president.

Another committee member, Senator Edge, republican, New Jersey, who also called at the White House, expressed the view that action was improbable.

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 11 (AP)—United States Senator McNary will do all in his power to defeat the bill increasing the membership of the interstate commerce commission.



A conversation between two working men: First—Dollars are hard to get. Second—Why then don't you save them? First—how? There are things to build around our place. That takes lumber and nails, and then there is our fuel. It also costs money. Second—Did you ask me how? Well, that is easy. Just buy from the Pratt Lumber Company, La Grande, Oregon. They give you service along with anything else for twice your dollar's value.

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Oregon Fire Losses In February \$435,965.55

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 11 (AP)—Fire losses in Oregon, exclusive of Portland, for the month of February totaled \$435,965.55, according to Will Moore, state fire marshal. Losses of \$10,000 or more were:
Eugene mercantile building and contents, \$25,000; Pernale school and contents, \$20,000; North Bend Lumber mill, \$300,000; Umatilla county school and contents, \$14,749.

De Valera Resigns Sinn Fein Presidency

DUBLIN, Mar. 11 (AP)—Eamon De Valera, Irish republican leader has resigned the presidency of the Sinn Fein following rejection by the ard Chieft, or republican general assembly, of his motion favoring republican representation in the Dailiaran and Hailster parliament.

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