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THE LORD'S SIDE—Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said, Who is on the Lord's side? let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him.—Ex. 32:26.

Uncle Sam is getting quite a collection of reconditioned promises to pay.

"We believed in European civilization before the World War began," says Abd-el-Krim. So did we.

"A baby cries without effort," says a voice expert. Now, just think what that baby could do if it really tried.

It isn't true that there's always room at the top. The nearer you get to the North Pole, the less room there is.

When James Russell Lowell wrote, "May is a pious fraud of the almanac," he said, in the vernacular of this crude age, a mouthful.

Why all this row about Sinclair Lewis? We're willing to take his word for it that the judges had no business calling his novel the best of last year's crop.

STATE DRY ENFORCEMENT.

"I am in favor of state enforcement of prohibition being the major enforcement," says President Coolidge. Another political leader adds: "And for this reason, if a governor does not enforce the prohibition law, the people can express their approval or disapproval of it every two years. But the people can get a chance at a federal administration only once in four years."

This might be interpreted as the statement of a dry. The same position is taken by many wets. "State rights" is coming to be a big part of the prohibition issue. This may become the most satisfactory solution of the liquor problem as far as individual states are concerned. It would probably give the majority in any state what they want. But obviously it will be a new kind of prohibition. It will weaken the authority of the federal government and reduce national prohibition to the virtual status of local option among the states.

Whatever may be the merits of the plan, it is not what was intended when the dry amendment was ratified, and may eventually mean modifying or abolishing that amendment.

THAT UNION COUNTY SPIRIT.

We believe that if given the opportunity, with proper encouragement, every community in Union county will heartily back up the Union county chamber of commerce in its movement to promote greater community fellowship and a cooperative spirit between the business and professional men comprising the various commercial organizations of the county. And when we say business men, we mean farmers too, because farming today is nothing less than business.

A splendid point in this connection was brought out yesterday at the get-together luncheon held in Union by the county chamber members and quite a number of La Grande men with the Union commercial club. "We ought to get together in this way often" and I hope you will come again; we invite you to come again," said Mayor M. S. Levy of Union in his address of welcome. Replying to this, Dr. W. T. Phy, president of the county chamber, said that "it seems odd to think that we communities located right here together in the county should find it necessary to welcome each other."

The county chamber executive struck the right note. Why should it be necessary for one community to be so distant, socially and commercially, from its fellows right here in Union county, that each must act like a stranger to the other? It looks like we might attain the ideal condition here in Union county ultimately, because the Union county chamber is holding these cooperative spirit luncheons with all the communities, in rotation. Wouldn't it be worth while if, by pulling together in genuine team-work, by pooling our boosting and our developments, by backing the one cause everyone in Union county has in common, every community in the county would become solidified into "Union county boosters" and the work here could be referred to in all other parts of the state as "that Union county spirit" as a sort of lead for the other counties to follow.



A man spends a third of his life wondering what he wants, a third in getting it, and a third in wondering what he's gonna do with it.

Mistress (angrily): I never heard such impudence in all my life. You have a lot of nerve to call yourself a lady's maid.

New Maid: I don't call myself that now, ma'am; but I was a lady's maid before I got this job.

When the time arrives for the truck to inherit the earth, we predict there will be an oil shortage.

"Do you handle bread?"
 "Yes, sir."
 "Then give me some that you haven't handled."

A man arrested for begging in Montreal says he has not had a dollar's worth of silver in his pocket for six months. What an ideal taxi driver!

Marriage is a lottery with every fellow taking at it disappointed because he failed to get the capital prize.

Judging by the amount, the champion prize fighter held out for they ought to be called prize fighters.

The modern girl must wonder how her noble mother learned the things she tells daughter to shun.

Norah—Barbara, won't you give your little brother part of your apple?
 Barbara—No. Eve did that, and she's been criticized ever since.

The Bible isn't the only thing people interpret to suit themselves. There's the Constitution.

A movement is on foot to make French the universal language, because this is the only language in which "Please Heint!" doesn't mean anything.

She (waiting at door for her sweetheart to kiss her): Well, Jack, what are you waiting for?
 Jack: For the point to dry.

La Grande Son—I say, daddy, when people go to heaven do they become angels right away, or have they got to pass a lot of stupid examinations first?

UNION SHOW PLANS NEW EXPANSION

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will differ from those in the organization as previously conducted, in that heretofore membership was sold for five-year periods, whereas those who join the association henceforth will pay \$10 and become life members, with the provision that their membership may be transferred to other parties and may be willed to their heirs or agents similarly to any other personal property. The executive board of directors decided that this year association members would be granted free admission to the show. It is hoped that the offer will warrant this concession to members every year but this it is stated, will be passed upon annually by the directors. The provision to grant members a special rate of admission in future years, however, in the event of a shortage of funds in the treasury, is looked upon with favor by the executive.

Show Growing Rapidly

For, it is pointed out, despite the success of the show itself, each year it has annually grown to such proportions that it has become more difficult to be sure of sufficient funds with which to stage the next event. As an illustration, before the 1923 show there was a balance in the treasury of \$1912.42 which, coupled with receipts in 1923 of \$19,747.14 brought the total available to pay for the association the sum of \$21,659.56, resulting in an actual deficit—had the balance of \$1912.42 not been on hand—in 1924.

The figures prove conclusively, it is pointed out, that the show

more than paid for itself and if not for necessary to meet additional expense over the previous year, resulting from the growth of the institution. The members of the board were unanimous in agreement that memberships outside the city of Union proper must be accepted to create additional revenue both directly and indirectly. The small fee admitting one to membership in the association amounts to but little as such, Mr. Smith told the Observer representative, but multiply this by several hundred and considerable additional income is created. Moreover, every member will become a booster, thus swelling the gate receipts, it is believed. Gate receipts amount by several hundreds of dollars each year. Admission fees saved members will amount to good interest on the investment every year, was the declaration.

By way of acquainting the public which supports it with the cost of successfully running the show the secretary gave the following figures from his financial report to the association for 1923.

Remained Receipts

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| State appropriation | \$ 2,800.00 |
| Union County, do | 500.00 |
| City of Union, do | 500.00 |
| Book advertising | 204.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 50.50 |
| Rent, concessions | 140.00 |
| May sold after show | 40.75 |
| Premium donations | 124.00 |
| Stock show dances | 124.00 |
| Gate receipts | 5,361.85 |
| Bal. from 1922 | 1,912.52 |
| Total | \$ 12,558.47 |

Remained Disbursements

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| Races | \$ 2,215.07 |
| Sports | 1,757.87 |
| Premiums on stock | 2,707.30 |
| Grounds, rental | 1,909.45 |
| Grounds, feed | 324.55 |
| Publicity | 212.02 |
| General expense | 225.19 |
| Classification book | 45.00 |
| Music | 122.00 |
| Secretary's office | 198.52 |
| Total | \$ 11,741.20 |

This shows an actual balance left over from 1923 of \$817.27. The state appropriation of \$2,800 a year for two years, Mr. Smith explained, was made by the legislature. Union county and the city of Union each appropriate \$500 annually toward the cost of the show. The state's \$2,800, however, must be exclusively for premium awards on stock exhibited at the show but it will be noticed that the association last year awarded in such stock premiums \$797.50 more than was allotted, us by the state.

Only Event of Its Kind

"At the present time the Union show is the only event of its kind in all Eastern Oregon. The Position Round-Up is a big affair but one of an entirely different nature, being merely an entertainment."

The Union show, Mr. Smith added, is recognized to the extent of receiving appropriations for premium awards from such national organizations as the American Hired Breeders' association, the American Shorthorn Breeders' association, the Horse Breeders' association of America and the American Hound dog association. Exhibitors pay no entrance fee. Excess-room rent and feed for stock is furnished exhibitors free of cost the three days of the show. The exhibitors anticipate that should a large enough membership become possible, the great amount of publicity from this source will make the show famous throughout the northwest to a point far beyond the status the event now enjoys.

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Board of Directors

The executive board of directors is composed of L. A. Wright, Dr. W. T. Phy, M. S. Levy, George Benson, W. H. Vogel, Robert Wilbycombe and J. F. Hutchinson, while Governor Walter M. Pierce, W. R. Ledbetter, Thos. Brasher, T. R. Johnson, J. E. Reynolds, Herbert Chaddler, A. R. Hunter, Floyd McKennon, J. E. Mills, Willis Joss, William Polman and Wes Tibball, with the executive board, comprise the honorary board of directors. Two other officers of the 1924 show are C. L. Cadwell, vice-president and Will H. Vogel, manager.

The committees in charge are: Finance and budget—L. Z. Terrill, J. F. Hutchinson, W. W. Stevens.

Publicity—F. R. Connor, George A. Schird, T. B. Smith, Premiums—M. S. Levy, Floyd Edwards, L. A. Wright.

Admissions—T. T. Cook, L. Z. Terrill, F. R. Connor.

Grounds—W. H. Vogel, C. L. Cadwell, Robert Wilbycombe.

Sports—George Benson, C. L. Cadwell, Floyd McKennon, Dan Clark.

Races—H. C. Bidwell, J. W. Spencer, W. R. Phillips.

Music—L. A. Wright, George Baird, H. C. McClay.

Dance—G. L. Hess, Lewis Bieder, Floyd Churchill, Newell Martens, Adolph Lewin, H. C. McClay, Clarence Rosewall.

Transportation—M. S. Stearns, James Webb, Charles Miller.

Judges—Robert Wilbycombe, A. Hunter, Leon Levy.

Information—George Baird, Lewis Bidler, W. F. Connor.

Stalls—W. H. Vogel, Roy Conklin.

Ribbons—Rev. C. A. Quinn, Rev. William Murray Bradner.

Decorations—Walter Cook, Floyd Edwards, Edward Caster.

Boys' and Girls' Club—H. G. Avery, county agent.

Students' Judging—H. C. Emmet.

Department Heads—Light bonded horses, H. C. Bidwell; draft horses, Floyd McKennon; beef cattle, A. R. Davis; dairy cattle, Dr. W. T. Phy; sheep, W. M. Holby; swine, Bert Knight.

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SECOND BOMBING AS REPRISAL IS OF LITTLE AVERAGE

WEST BRIDGEWATER, Mass., June 2. (AP)—The bombing of a home here, looked on as an act of reprisal by its sympathizers, today threatened to cut shorter the lives of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, condemned murderers who have won the support of radical organizations throughout the world.

Spurred by yesterday's attempt to dynamite the home of a relative of one of the witnesses against the men, District Attorney Winfred M. Wilbur announced he would seek immediate sentence of death for them. Their motion for a new trial is pending in the courts.

Police who have investigated the dynamiting were inclined to think the blast with others which have followed in the wake of the conviction of the two men.

While the spider crabs of Japan often measure three feet, the U. S. has some mighty big crabs.

It certainly is nice that every Sunday falls on a holiday.

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pletely exhausted, he said. Aside from \$100 or so damage to the roof and ceiling, and the spoiling of sweet dough and whole wheat bread batter, no further damage was done, though work in the bakery was delayed several hours. Had the fire spread it would have engulfed the rear of the Eastern Oregon Meat company market, owned by H. M. Rode. The Delap building was covered by insurance.

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