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CLEAVE TO GOD—"Ye that did cleave unto the Lord your God are alive every one of you this day."—Deut. 10:1.

THE NEW HOPE



Washington reports that the nation's malt output has increased 46 per cent in the last two years. Wonder what's being done with it all?

A Missouri lawyer defends drinking on the ground that Noah sometimes imbibed—but evidently is not sufficiently familiar with the biblical story to get the lesson in it.

"Women Too Beautiful—Expert Now Advises 'Hard-boiled' Look" reads a headline. Now maybe a lot of women will go and pay good money to beauty parlors to acquire the look that blase flappers seem to be born with.

PITY THE POOR TOURIST.

Somewhere across the Blue Mountains to the southwest in the metropolitan and sophisticated district of the John Day highway lives and raves a weekly newspaper editor, publishing the Blue Mountain Eagle, who sheds bitter tears of sympathy for the poor tourists who travel the Old Oregon Trail. He expresses his sentiment in a dignified, courteous phraseology that impresses you at once with the brilliance of the writer and with his broad-minded Oregon spirit, thus:

"The Eagle recommends the Oregon Trail to tourists who want to see the 'poorest sports' on any highway in the west. These cheap sports are Baker, La Grande and Pendleton. It is worth going 100 miles out of your way to see how little men can get and how shriveled an idea a town can get. Up to the past few weeks these cheap John towns have had all of the tourist travel, and now because a few cars have come over the John Day highway they are shouting to the world 'unfair methods.' Baker, putting like a little girl that's run out of chewing gum because all cars that come west are not coming through Baker where they could come in contact with the cheapest sports in Oregon. They claim that the few cars that come over the John Day highway are routed by unfair means. Baker knows something about unfair means with the John Day highway because she resorted to every unfair means available to stop, postpone, hinder and delay the construction of this highway, and is now whining like a whipped spaniel because she does not get all of the travel. They do not realize that some tourists have no interest in such little tank towns as Pendleton, La Grande and Baker. The world is full of little uninteresting towns like that and people in cars like to get out into God's great country in the John Day district on the John Day highway and away from towns dominated by 'pin-heads' who want all the travel.

So it is that we have been fooling ourselves all along. Here are three Eastern Oregon cities who have thought that the Old Oregon Trail was really a pretty nice highway through a fairly nice and interesting country. We have even entertained the belief that these towns were populated by nice people and that the enthusiasm they showed for Eastern Oregon and its scenic wonders and resources was commendable. At least a good many people, residents and visitors alike, have thought it excusable under the circumstances. But the Blue Mountain Eagle says not. It is of the opinion that we are wrong—radically wrong—that we have just been "kidding" ourselves all the time. The Eagle editor has exercised praiseworthy restraint. He must have known all these sorry things about us for a long time and just now gives vent to his feelings. And incidentally, he will be able to do the John Day highway a lot of good if he can just reach enough of these poor tourists who might otherwise travel this direction. His style of boosting is excellent. Knocking the other fellow and the other community always pays big dividends. At least he seems to think it pays over in the John Day country and he admits that is an unusual place over there. In ordinary tank towns like Baker and Pendleton and La Grande we are slow and backward about trying such policies. If there are advantages to be had from knocking, from misinformation, from lack of dignity, let the Eagle be the first to reap the reward.

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FARMERS' NET EARNINGS UP

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4 (AP).—While there was a moderate improvement in income from farm production for the past season, 1925-26, the department of agriculture said today that farmers as a class were still at a financial disadvantage to industrial workers.

"If a conservative interest return is allowed on investment, the average farm family earned \$648 for labor or management, or \$24 more than in the preceding year," the department said. "Although this is considerably above the very meager earnings during the severe years of depression, it is still nearly 30 per cent below the earnings of 1919-20."

"Factory wage earners, on the other hand, for the past three years have earned approximately the same that they did in 1919-20 and have been able to buy about 16 per cent more than they could in 1919-20, while the farmer with his income has been able to buy about 20 per cent less."



Housewife—"The eggs you sent this morning were rotten."
Grover—"That's too bad."
Housewife—"No, the whole do-zen."

The sea of matrimony
Is something very rough,
So, for the average person,
One voyage is enough.

A young man knows of the arrival of summer by the beating of his heart. A married man knows it by the beating of the rug.

Danny—How many pieces of that candy do I get for a cent?
La Grande grocer—Oh, two or three.

Danny—I'll have three please!
In the clothes game the short skirt is woman's long suit.

A swarm of bees flew from New York to Chicago, keeping pace with one of the coaches of a train. Evidently the insects were in no particular hurry.

Jones—See you have your arm in a sling? How did it happen?
Smith—Careless driving.

Jones—Auto?
Smith—No, nail.

A Union county farmer hadn't paid his bill for a year.
"Look here," said the impatient man, "I'll meet you half way. I'm ready to forget half of what you owe."

"Fine. I'll meet you. I'll forget the other half."

Breaking Rod Cause Of Wreck
PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 4 (AP).—Herald of the Goldendale local train of the Spokane Portland and Seattle system at 1:45 yesterday was derailed by official investigation was attributed to the main rod on the right side of the locomotive breaking off and dropping a couple of feet ahead of the switch tearing it out. When the locomotive turned on its side George Wheeler, fireman, was killed and Frank Gutcher, engineer, was burned and his head injured. No passengers were injured.

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Taxi Drivers Fail to Identify Mrs. Anderson

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 4 (AP).—William Brookhouse, taxi driver, and A. S. Moore, his guide, were unable to identify in police court today Mrs. Elmer E. Anderson who had been arrested last night charged with refusing to pay legal taxi cab fare. Mrs. Anderson was released.

Swimming Claimed Aid to Youth



"Swimming keeps one young," declares Mrs. Anna E. Van Sike of Santa Monica, Cal., training for her annual 16-mile swim in the Pacific on her 57th birthday. Here she is with Wally O'Connor, coach, hitting it up on the beach in training.



THIS FUP WEIGHS 133 POUNDS, which puts him in the light heavyweight class. His name is Cuno, and he's a Harlequin Great Dane. He has won many championships at Chicago, his home, and other shows.

DIAMOND LAKE MEET HOT ONE

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Aug. 4 (AP).—Thinly-veiled animosity between the forest service and the national parks service came to light at a hearing here last night as the president's coordination committee heard testimony from both sides relative to the proposed inclusion of Diamond lake within the confines of Crater lake national park.

On the one hand was Stephen T. Mather, head of the national park service, fortified by the testimony of Colonel C. G. Thomson, superintendent of the Crater lake national park.

On the other hand was Colonel W. B. Greeley, head of the national forest service, taking but little active stand personally.

Thomson Attack Center.
Colonel Thomson became the center of attack following his assertion that Crater lake had reached its limit in accommodations and must find a recreational outlet whereby people would be enabled to round off a stay in the park by a fishing and camping privilege in Diamond lake.

A. R. Renner, local salesman, asked Thomson if it were not a fact that the general public at the present time enjoyed the freedom of the lake and its surroundings, professing inability to see in what manner the public would be better served by including the lake within park boundaries.

Hotel Company Mentioned.
A heated charge that the only persons to benefit by the proposed change would be the Crater Lake Hotel company was made by Dr. George I. Wright, representative of the Klamath Sportsmen's association.

"At present," he said, "any visitor to this section for a day or so is free to hire a car and go up for today's fishing, either from Medford or Klamath Falls. If the lake is made park area, the Crater Lake Hotel company would be given an extension of its present monopoly and visitors without cars of their own would have to adjust themselves to schedules maintained by the company."

Averill Opposes Plan.
Averill, speaking for the state game commission, bitterly opposed the proposed change.

Money taken from Oregon fishermen paid for stocking Diamond lake and made it the attraction it is," he said.

"If the national park service takes it over it becomes property of the nation. Citizens may fish in it free of all restrictions, but the park entrance fee, and its trout eggs may be shipped to all parts of the United States. Oregon is now importing eggs from four states and needs all it can get."

Here Mather interposed that the right of the state could be protected by charging a license fee to fish in the lake.

Members of the commission left this morning and will visit the lake today.

WALLOWA PERSONALS

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special).—Thomas Scott has finished counting his winter wheat crop in the Dry Creek section. He received a yield of slightly more than 50 bushels an acre. A number of others have also been cutting the past few days. Oscar Maxwell has cut his crop on the U. G. Couch ranch in the hills east of here. The yield running around 25 bushels an acre for the Forty Fold and Triplet varieties, while the yield from a field of Hard Federation is thought to have been somewhat better.

Ed Bell was busy the first of the week binding his own and the C. A. Hunter ranch in the hills.

Leslie Bell and Guy Wenzel have been helping George Cusins finish putting up his hay.

F. A. Downing, of Leap, recently dug a well at his farm. He

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Mrs. Hector McInnis and her mother, Mrs. Johnson, of La Grande, were visiting at the Charles Cunningham home at Leap the latter part of the week.

Miss Arietta Couch, of Leap, spent the week end visiting friends in town.

Visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Gastin, Sunday.

George Coleman and Ernest Westman, of Powwaskia, were recent business visitors here.

Owners of some of the threshing outfits in this section have been repairing their machines.

Eugene Gastin and West McGlinch, of Powwaskia, were visitors here Sunday.

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