

## THE OPEN COURT

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TO THE EDITOR: Will you be kind enough to give space in your open court column to the following address by W. T. Grier, given at the funeral of his old friend, I. W. Crawford, since its subject matter would be of some general interest?

"On an occasion like this when we have met to perform the closing ceremonies that custom and affection have insured to the dead, words can carry but a partial consolation to those who mourn. Time, and that alone, can lessen and dispel grief. I know how vain it is to try to gild a grief with words, and yet if I could, I would take from every grave its four. In this world all should be brave enough to meet what all the dead have met. An silence, nature reposes all that live—the one who lived and died by faith, and the one who in reason found his guide."

"Belief is no virtue—unbelief no crime; whether orthodox or

heterodox, it is all the same, and as each and all lie down to that eternal rest, they meet with naught but nature's calm indifference. The pomp and pride of life drop here. Rank and station have found their end. Social distinctions and condemnations no further go, and all the barriers built in life between man and man, whether from diversity of thought, from race, riches or religion, here vanish forever.

"The future has been filled with fear, stained and polluted by the heartless past, and how unfortunate that the beautiful sunshine of this world has been darkened by the shadows of fear and superstition."

"Friends, it is indeed a heavy loss we are called to sustain. Our friend was one by whose deeds and services the world is made better for his having lived in it. He leaves a memory behind him that can be most fondly cherished. Our departed brother had a well cultured mind. He was one who took great pleasure in the investigations of truth. He was an admirer of nature. His mind was unusually clear, and his reasoning powers of the highest order. He was free from the blight of superstition. He accepted like an honest man what his reason approved. He was no slave to mistaken dogmas nor mythical fictions. He accepted the teachings of science as the most reliable facts within the grasp of the human mind. He was untrammelled by the chains of priestly creeds and fables. He was utterly destitute of cold dogmatic pride that often passes for the love of God. His sympathies were not confined within the prison of a creed. He could not echo with his heart the friendly sentence of eternal punishment. He was a loving father, a devoted friend. Friends, it will be a willing duty, as we journey through life to cherish the memory of him whose loss we mourn today. One who leads such a life as our friend has led has no need to fear death—has no need to recoil at leaving this state of existence. It is his actions have been governed by the principles of right and justice toward his fellow men, he dreads no angry being, no vindictive personage from whom to expect vengeance and wrath. He is perfectly willing to meet the consequences of a well spent life with calmness and composure, finding in rationalism all courage and fortitude needed to sustain him. So can and do all those whose minds have not been poisoned with fabled hell and the terrors of eternal torment—doctrines born in the brains of ignorance and savagery, but no where revealed or made manifest in nature."

"Our friend was a Freethinker, and by that term is meant one whose mind is chained to no belief that is repulsive to reason or antagonistic to common sense. Freethought contains and embraces all the knowledge that can be given as consolation for death. It removes all fear because it explodes all myths and destroys every terror attached to death. It presents death as a natural event in the universal order of things and is frank enough to admit it, and does not attempt, like faith, to deal with and explain the unknown."

"Our friend thought for himself, weighed well the claims of creeds and systems, and the world has many tested in the light of reason all he read and heard, and received nothing on faith alone. He believed every man had a perfect right to his own views, and social condemnation should never be bestowed on any person who has the courage to express his honest convictions and who follows his reason as his guide, though it leads him from the majority and into new fields of thought. He knew that no system of religion is endowed with infallibility because of the many ill world has known and the changes those in existence are now undergoing. He fought the good fight of free inquiry and triumphed over prejudice and the results of misdirected education. He worked out for himself the problems of life. His religion was of this world, the service of humanity his highest aspiration. No scripture or ancient church formed the basis of his faith. The record of his life bears testimony to his purity of heart, and the heavenly ones know not too well the treasure that is lost to them forever. His belief sustained him in health and during his illness, with the certainty of death before him at no distant period, it afforded him consolation, and in the last solemn moments of his life, when he was getting, as it were, into his own grave, it procured for him the most perfect tranquility of mind. He had no fear of the future. He often said, 'All that is born must die, and why should I fear that which must come to all living things?'

"True, his body was old, but his mind was young, and his heart like a spring in the desert, bubbling over as joyously as though it had a secret of eternal youth. But it has ceased to beat. He has lived his life. We should rejoice that he has lived so long. In nature's course his time has come. The four seasons were complete in him. The spring could never come again. The measure of his

## Blast Wrecks Building After "Black Hand" Threat



A mysterious explosion wrecked a three-story brick grocery warehouse in Youngstown, Ohio, three weeks after the manager had received a "black hand" threat. Nine men were injured and the property damage is estimated at \$500,000. This shows the smoking ruins of the building.

years was full. According to his light, he lived. To do good was his religion. There is no language to express a nobler creed than this. Nothing can be grander, he knew that the end was near. He knew that his work was done. He knew that night had come, and yet his life was filled with light.

"What is life and death? We do not know. Whence come we and whither do we go? These questions are as old as the human race, but are still unanswered. Man in his ignorance has built many systems of theology to try to explain the mystery, but all have failed. Man in his struggle onward and upward has achieved many grand victories, but to be able to free one's self from all the angry, revengeful gods is the grandest triumph of the human mind."

"My friends, to give comfort to those who mourn, to manifest a fellow feeling for each other amid the trials of life, is one of life's duties, and as the great and endless procession of humanity moves on to the inevitable end which has been reached by this father and friend, let us withhold nothing that will lighten the burdens of our fellow travelers. Let us give, that we in return may receive that sympathy which every heart craves at a time like this."

"And now, with no shadow of fear resting upon the form before us, we bestow the last tribute of affection, and bid our fellow mortals that four good bye, which in the course of time will be given to us all."

R. A. CRAWFORD.

The "Trudy" and "Rudy" mania that shook New York reached its culmination with the appearance of two popular songs, "Trudy" and "There's a New Star in the Heavens Tonight," Rudolph Valentino."

A huge seaplane with the pilot's seat on a captain's bridge well above the passenger cabins, as on an ocean liner, has been built in London.

Every man is entitled to a living wage, but this doesn't seem to apply to the women.

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The sure way to cook rice

is to add it to the boiling water a little at a time, so as not to lower the temperature. Hills Bros. follow this principle of control in roasting coffee. Only a little at a time is roasted, so that every pound gets an equal amount of heat. Superb flavor is the result.



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11 HRS.: 6 MIN.!



Georges Michel of France, latest conqueror of the English Channel. He succeeded on his 11th try in 11 hours, 6 minutes, a new world's record, and called for a big drink of whiskey as he landed. Michel is 45. The previous record, 12 hours, 42 minutes was set by Ernest Vierkotter of Germany, August 20. Gertrude Ederle made it in 14 hours, 21 minutes, and Millie Gade in 15 hours, 28 minutes.

## Baker May Improve Fairgrounds, Road

BAKER, Oct. 8.—A special city tax to raise \$5,500 for the improvement of the fair grounds property and the three blocks on the south side of the highway at this point, and a permanent half mill tax for the future care of these grounds will appear on the November ballot for approval or rejection by the voters of Baker. This has been initiated by the park board.

Friday is unlucky. It usually comes the day before payday when you are broke.

## HILGARD PERSONALS

IMBIE, (Special)—Mrs. John Skilling and children were here from Walla Walla Tuesday. They also visited in La Grande before returning home.

Joe Keown left last Sunday for Portland.

Fred Sole, Everett, Acord and Lester Posey are at Imbler for a few days.

The French brothers left for Seattle Wednesday, where they will be employed.

Miss Irene French resumed her duties at school Wednesday after several days absence because of illness.

John Birchfield finished digging potatoes Wednesday. He had a fine crop.

Several young people from Imbler went to La Grande Tuesday evening.

Lamar Westenskow started a crew picking apples at his orchard Wednesday morning.

Ed Marshall is making boxes for George Marshall at his home on Pumpkin Ridge this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Stringham are moving to Enterprise for the winter.

Nap on silk hats often comes from the fiber of millweed.

**Calumet's Double Action**

gives you a baking powder containing 2 leavening units—one begins to work when the dough is mixed, the other waits for the heat of the oven, then both units work together. Insures Better Baking, more palatable foods.

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THE WORLD'S GREATEST BAKING POWDER

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### ADIRONDACK MAPLE SYRUP

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Quarts ..... 63¢  
1/2 Gallon ..... \$1.23  
1 gallon ..... \$2.39

If a lower price syrup is desired you can reduce the cost about one-half by adding 2 parts sugar syrup and you will still have a 10% maple syrup of fine quality and flavor much superior and at lower cost than a lot of glucose mixtures sold under various names.

This item offers a concrete example of why it pays to buy quality products. The cost of the package, freight and selling cost are no higher than an inferior product, therefore the ratio of value is greater. Quality is Economy.

Kerr's Self-Rising Pancake Flour, 10-lb. sack ..... 74¢  
Kerr's Self-Rising Pancake Flour, 2 pkgs. .... 59¢  
Kerr's Rendi Cooked Oats—2 pkgs. .... 59¢  
Kerr's Wheat Flakes, Large pkg. .... 39¢  
Kerr's Cracked Wheat, rolled, pkg. .... 35¢  
Kerr's Rolled Oats, 9-lb. sack ..... 59¢  
Kerr's Yellow or White Corn Meal, 9-lb. sack, 2 sks. .... 77¢  
Fresh Ground Farina, 9-lb. sack ..... 63¢  
Jasper's Health Nuggets, 4-lb. sack ..... 43¢  
Crescent Cream Vacuum Packed Coffee, 1 lb. tin 59¢  
3 lb. tin ..... \$1.76  
Hooverized Fresh Roast—1 lb. .... 49¢  
8 lbs. .... \$1.43  
Instant Postum, 2 sizes—27¢ - 47¢  
Regular Postum, 2 pkgs. .... 45¢  
Hershey's Cocoa, 1/2-lb. .... 23¢  
Ghirardelli's Ground Chocolate, 3-lb. tin ..... \$1.19  
Cream of Wheat, 3 pkgs. .... 69¢  
Fresh Ranch Eggs, 2 doz. .... 85¢  
Armour's Star Hams—What Am, lb. .... 43¢  
Armour's Sugar-cured Breakfast Bacon ..... 36¢ To 48¢  
Armour's Picnics, lb. .... 29¢  
Eagle Valley Honey—If you want the best, 10-lb. tin for ..... \$1.49  
Netted Gem Potatoes, 100-lb. sack ..... \$2.39  
Peerless Potatoes, 100-lb. sack ..... \$1.98  
Large Sweet Onions, 8 lbs. .... 25¢  
100 lbs. .... \$1.69  
Sweet Potatoes, 10 lbs. .... 49¢  
Sunkist Oranges, sweet and juicy, 2 doz. .... 85¢  
Sunkist Lemons, 2 doz. .... 69¢  
Corn Flakes, Kelloggs, or Post Toasties, 3 for ..... 29¢  
Delicious Apples, box ..... \$1.39  
Proctor and Gambles White Laundry Soap, 10 bars. .... 39¢