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THE ROCK OF AGES—The Lord liveth, and blessed be my Rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted. Psalm 18:49.

Pendleton people, wherever they are encountered, take pains to say that they rejoice with La Grande in the new normal school. We have never thought differently. Pendleton people are good people, good sports, good neighbors. The Observer has never taken seriously the temporary ill feeling resulting from the explosion of a political friendship. Neither have the people of this community.

SENATORIAL KNOTS

Vice President Dawes stands justified. The heroic silence he maintained during the closing days of the session gave all the more force to the senate's dreadful example of unlimited debate.

The last week in the senate was a nightmare of filibustering, wrangling, confusion, ill temper and general ineptness. The senate tied itself into knots, making the transaction of business almost impossible, just at a time when it was especially desirable for that body to be calm, clearheaded and efficient.

Nearly all of that nonsense and inefficiency could have been avoided by cloture. Is there any private business organization in the world that would let a dog-in-the-manger minority block all constructive action?

15c BOUGHT A REPUTATION

For several years La Grande has had the reputation of being one of the highest priced cities in the Northwest. It was recognized far and wide. Outsiders "discovered" it, visitors broadcasted it, and citizens believed it. We were in a class by ourselves and we acquired such a position in a surprising manner—by spending 15c more for a haircut than you ordinarily do in ordinary places.

Now it's all over. No longer can we claim special distinction. La Grande drops peacefully back into price mediocrity. Haircuts are on sale at fifty cents, four-bits, or half a dollar. Shaves at the hands of our expert tonsorial artists cease to be an experience with only twenty-five cents charged. They are merely an item of grooming and the thin dime now saved sends us more rapidly in the direction of boredom.

Perhaps it is just as well. If we lose a thrill by not being able to buy haircuts at sixty-five cents, maybe we regain our reputation for being as other men. Certainly with this change goes all evidence of our being a high priced community. No one can now deny that old H. C. L. wears the same garb here in which he appears when we visit Pendleton or Albany or Roseburg or Island City. And there is some advantage in that. Another thing worth while, too—we can again invite the silver-tongued Marshall Dana to speak in our midst without fear of destroying his belief in what is just and fair—and moderately priced.

The new level of haircuts is a happy change for all concerned except the insignificant male. The barbers will enjoy a greater patronage. Feminine bobs can be given frequent and economical attention. Shops will be crowded, volume will regain its previous level, will top it. But mere man will continue to suffer in silence. Many are there of his breed who would gladly (at times) have paid a nice round dollar for a haircut if he could have avoided the long waiting list of feminine customers. Many are there who would have paid two if the price could have purchased a return to that ancient yet well-remembered barber shop consecrated to male presence alone. And now instead of being better, it promises to be worse. Sixty-five cents per haircut was, perhaps, an unfair advantage; but it may also have been a last remaining barrier. Its going may be the occasion for resounding cheers, but we seem to hear also a few unhappy sighs. The ordinary, the commonplace is with us again. Even a new hotel and normal school cannot save us from temporary despair.

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Seattle Votes For Bond Issue For Auditorium

SEATTLE, Mar. 9 (AP)—Plans for the construction of a civic auditorium progressed here today following the approval by voters at the municipal election yesterday of \$900,000 bond issue for the building. The auditorium measure was passed 25,493 to 11,357.

A referendum for the purchase by the city of the Rantier Valley car line the only remaining privately owned street railway system in the city, was snowed under by a vote of 27,527 to 13,216.

John E. Carroll, William Hickman Moore, A. Lou Cohen and Otto A. Case were elected councilmen. All but Cohen were running for reelection.

George B. Lamping was reelected port commissioner. A \$2,400,000 bond issue for the construction of school buildings carried.

TACOMA, Wash., Mar. 9 (AP)—The new city charter carried by approximately 1,397 majority, the vote being 6,844 votes for and 5,447 against.

SPOKANE, Wash., Mar. 9 (AP)—Mayor Charles A. Fleming was defeated for reelection to the city commission on the race of returns from all precincts in yesterday's municipal election here. Dr. Ralph Hendricks was reelected, leading the field of nine candidates on the same ticket and John C. Argall, former commissioner, also was successful.

3-Power Naval Conference to Be Next Summer

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9 (AP)—London and Tokyo news agencies clearly indicate that Great Britain and Japan will accept the American proposal for a conference with the United States at Geneva this summer on auxiliary warcraft limitation, are taken by officials here to mean that such a project ultimately will be brought about.

While there has not been much doubt as to the Japanese attitude toward such an arrangement, British sentiment in the past generally has been against any limitation of anti-submarine craft as long as her continental neighbors refuse to limit submarine construction and officials have looked to Great Britain to remove the greatest obstacle in the way of a three-power party.

France and Italy who turned down the American proposal for a five-power naval limitation conference which Great Britain and Japan favored, probably will be asked to send observers to the three-power meeting, formal invitations to which will be held up pending replies from the latter countries.

Oregon to Have Branch of I.C.C.

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 9 (AP)—The Interstate Commerce Commission has established a permanent branch office in Portland. It will be in charge of Stephen J. Mayhew, agent of the commission with offices in the county court house.

WAHNS INSURANCE BUYERS
SALEM, Ore., Mar. 9 (AP)—Warning to the people of Oregon against purchasing insurance through the mails from non-resident companies now soliciting the state was issued this morning by Clare Lee, state insurance commissioner.

REVIEW REFUSED

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9 (AP)—The supreme court today refused to review the appeal of Frank W. Keeler, of Portland, Ore., seeking to recover from the Multnomah county sheriff of Multnomah county certain papers seized by them.

COMING TO ARCADE



The above scene is from Jules Verne's famous novel Michael Strogoff, which is showing at the Arcade theater Thursday, Friday and Saturday in picture form.

General Lord Has No Tip-Money Left

DES MOINES, Ia., Mar. 9 (AP)—The bootblack who shined General H. M. Lord's shoes yesterday, went without a tip. The allowance which the director of Uncle Sam's budget had made for tips during March is exhausted.

Budgeting to General Lord means "no budget." His note book yesterday carried these items:
Two newspapers 65.
Shoe shine 10 (tip fund exhausted).
Weighing self 61.

U. S. Rests Case; Sinclair's Side Presented Today

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9 (AP)—The jury which will determine whether Harry F. Sinclair should be punished for contempt of the senate today heard the oil operator's side of the controversy which grew out of his refusal to answer questions before the committee which investigated the leasing of the Teapot Dome naval oil reserve.

After having occupied only one day in presenting its testimony, the government rested its case today and George F. Hoover, chief of Sinclair's counsel, opened for the defense with a recital of the points to be raised on behalf of his client.

The defense attorney asked the jury to remember that Sinclair had testified before the senate committee five times before his refusal on March 22, 1924, to answer a series of questions propounded by Senator Walsh, of Montana, prosecutor of the senate inquiry, and Senator Adams, of Colorado.

Another point raised by Hoover was that after Sinclair declined to answer, the committee did not direct him to answer as it had on another occasion when the oil man raised the question of relevancy of one point which he was interrogated.

NEW GOVERNMENT SET UP

ROME, Mar. 9 (AP)—Every vesting of self government in the Italian north-African colonies of Tripolitania and Cyrenaica is destroyed by a new organic law for their administration approved by the cabinet this afternoon.

COOLIDGE INVITED

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9 (AP)—The news that President Coolidge intends to spend this year's vacation in the west has brought to the white house a new flood of invitations from communities in that section, covering everything from speaking engagements and banquets to furnished mansions.

British Cruiser Proceeding Up River to Wuhu

SHANGHAI, Mar. 9 (AP)—The British cruiser Emerald sailed today from Nanking up the river to Wuhu, where a mob yesterday looted the customs house following occupation of the town by the Cantonese.

The American destroyer Preble is standing by, the destroyer Non is at Nanking within call and others are at Chekiang and Kiangnan.

The majority of the women and children had been evacuated from Wuhu before the Cantonese took possession. The American women known to have remained prior to the rioting include six attached to the Methodist mission and a few to other missions. The normal foreign population of Wuhu is approximately forty.

SHANGHAI, Mar. 9 (AP)—The result of Marshal Chang Tso-lin's attempted drive southward through Hunan province toward Hankow is believed likely to be the deciding factor in the struggle between the north and the south. If the conflict is decided by force of arms and not by treaty.

Chang's Manchurian army must pass through a hostile cavalry and deal with hostile armies before reaching the outpost of the nationalists, entrenched in Wuhan, on the Hunan-Hubei border.

The presence on the Honan-Shensi border of Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang's Koomintang force, which is ready to move, renders the north-south position more difficult, while a further menace is the doubtful attitude of Yen Shi-shan, military governor of Shansi, whose cooperation with Feng is considered probable.

Request Court To Oust Appeal Made by Kelley

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9 (AP)—Oregon asked the supreme court today to disbar the appeal of Elsie John Kelley, convicted of killing John Sweeney, a guard at the penitentiary at Salem.

Counsel for the state argued that no federal question within the jurisdiction of the court had been presented, but the court having granted counsel for Kelley an extension of time in which to file his brief, said it must withhold action until the papers were received.

Belgium has an officially recognized "School for Taxpayers" to teach contributors the law's intricacies.

A man in Boston was fined \$150 for selling liquor to his father. Maybe they were only celebrating Father and Son Week.

The Anti-Horse Thief association sponsored a bill in the Kansas legislature to curb roadside "potting."

Hoosier District Is Unchanged in Hundred Years

INDIANAPOLIS, Mar. 9 (AP)—Indiana is rapidly becoming an industrial commonwealth, but within an hour's ride of the Hoosier capital the traveler may encounter a community almost as primitive as when the state belonged to the northwest territory.

Log cabins, ancient well sweeps and horse drawn vehicles typify the mode of life in Brown county's wooded hills. Except for one railroad which cuts across a corner of the county and a state highway which intersects it, the region is much the same as when Van Buren was president.

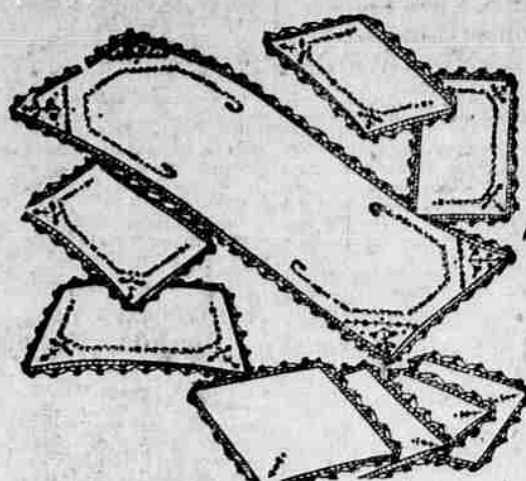
And its history runs farther back than that, for an abandoned graveyard at Nashville, inland county seat, contains blackened and fallen headstones recording deaths as early as 1837. Until lately the only jail in the county was a two-story log structure built in 1828.

The inhabitants are as picturesque as their dwellings. Abe Martin, Kin Hubbard's fictional sage of the Indiana hills, has many prototypes. Farming is on a small scale, for steep hill and rocky subsoil make agriculture difficult. Corn, tobacco, and hogs are grown, and in recent years some of the cleared hills have been made accessible for fruit culture by newcomers.

Ben Blossom Hill, Earl Wallow, Clearwater "York" and the hamlets of Trevise and Needmore survive as names a century old. Except on the main roads automobile travel, even in good weather, is hazardous.

The beauty of the country's hills and valleys, untrammeled by progress, have attracted a growing colony of artists and writers. Brooks, winding cow paths, and fences of rails like Abraham Lincoln heaved

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farther south, are fertile subjects for the painter. Many of the old cabins have been rebuilt as summer cottages, one remodelled from a wayside inn built in 1830.

Texas is the country's cattle state with 5,135,000 head. Iowa is second with 4,022,000, and Wisconsin third with 2,075,000.

British co-operative organizations have sent a shipment of 70,000 barrels of herring, 70,000,000 fish, to Soviet Russia.

King Alfonso is coming over to America next year. We suspect it's a propaganda by the big onion men.

COVE GRANGE GAINS 4 NEW MEMBERSHIPS

COVE, Ore., March 9 (Special)—A meeting of Mt. Fannie grange was held Saturday, March 5, at the grange hall. Nineteen members were present and four new members were added to the roll—Mr. and Mrs. C. Bertch, Mrs. Helena Lincoln and daughter, Neva.

The grange is planning a birthday celebration for the next regular meeting, which will be Saturday, March 19.

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"CHOW TIME" AT THE CHAPLIN MANSION



Mother and dad are much concerned over litigation these days, but the sons of Charlie and Lita Grey Chaplin remain interested mainly in "eat." Here they are, Charlie Junior perched on his mother's knee and Sydney in the high chair, having a lot of fun in the Chaplin mansion at Beverly Hills, Cal. The picture is one of the first ever made for publication in the palatial Chaplin home. The boys "eat like little pigs," Mother Lita says.

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