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GOD'S GENEROSITY—The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. Psalm 103:8.

Possibly the real trouble with business lately is an over-supply of business prophets.

Higher education in this country is seriously threatened. The supply of coonskins is running short.

At last some genius has solved the farm problem. The farmers would be prosperous if city women would stop reflecting.

Twenty-five thousand road-builders gather at Cleveland, from all over the United States, to discuss road-building policies, methods, materials and machinery and to see the latest equipment.

The American Road Builders' Association spends \$2,000,000 bringing those exhibits together and setting them up for inspection.

This gives most of us a better notion of the magnitude of the road-building industry today. As for importance—it is possible that such a gathering means as much to the future progress and development of this country as if it were a fraternal or political convention.

Or is that putting it too mildly?

MENTAL TESTS Psychology tests are mostly hokum, says Dr. H. M. Johnson of the Mellon Institute of Industrial Research, to a gathering of American psychologists.

He maintains that most of the so-called intelligence tests given nowadays, are only 8 to 15 per cent effective. Psychology, in its efforts to become a practical science, is resorting to bluff and "sorcery."

"By what method," he asks the psychologists, "can they hope to measure the immeasurable?"

"Can a person's interest in a lecture be measured by the time he refrains from blinking?"

"Can one tell whether a dog has ideas by noting whether it behaves along lines we have decided to call idealistic?"

"Can one tell how much pain an earthworm suffers from an electric shock by noting the time the worm takes in getting away from the contact?"

If he asks us, we're frank to say we don't know. Also that we doubt whether anybody knows.

The practical psychologists evidently have some good ideas, but they're pushing them too hard and often drawing conclusions about school pupils and college students and factory and store employees that are unjustified.

Even with the ingenious keys they have devised, it's hard to get inside of human minds, and still harder to get inside of animal minds.

PERRY PERSONALS Ontario recently Mrs. Frances Smith was shopping in La Grande Tuesday.

Herbert Myers was a La Grande visitor Monday. Marie Lou Stephenson, Reba Kail, Darlen Tripp, Joe Smith and Everett White are absent from school this week because of illness.

Fred Robertson, of La Grande, attended the dance at Perry last week. Miss Clara Johnson, who is making her home in La Grande with her sister, Mrs. Henry Hoos, and attending the high school there, spent the weekend at Perry with her parents.

Mrs. Ole Mathison and son, Theodor, were business visitors here last week. Mrs. Thomas Veas visited recently with Mrs. Mark White and children, who live on a farm west of Perry.

Carl and Mildred Robertson, of La Grande, made a trip to

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"Well, he'll come in mighty handy if she ever knocks her husband off," said Squire Marsh Sunlow, when he heard that Mrs. Lafa Bud's granddad had gone crazy.

"I'll say this for Herbert Hoover—he's one o' th' best men Woodrow Wilson ever discovered," remarked Jake Bentley, today, in discussion of political outlook.

La Grande, were recent Perry visitors. Mrs. Mary B. Kail received a letter recently from Mrs. Howard Robinson, of Wilma, Cal., stating that they were settled in their new home and like it there.

Perry people who were hiking in the hills north of Perry over the weekend report seeing six deer.

Mrs. Mary Murray visited her daughter, Mrs. Harry Wilson, who is at the Grande Ronde hospital, the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Holden were La Grande visitors recently. Hermap Johansen visited relatives in La Grande recently.

Mrs. L. Wheeler was a La Grande visitor last week. Guy Tripp and family were Sunday visitors in La Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Harris and family were visiting in La Grande recently.

Opa and William Deibel, of La Grande, spent the weekend at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Deibel, here.

Dr. E. G. Kirby was a visitor here last week.

Girl Elopes With High School Coach

FAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18 (AP)—"Revelation" year-old Dorothy Roberts, pretty and brown haired, applied to borrowed clothing and wearing one black and one brown shoe, told United States Commissioner Francis Krull today that she had eloped from Fairfax, Wash., with Joseph J. Cochran, 24, athletic coach at Fairfax High school.

Cochran then pleaded guilty to a violation of the Mann act. Police said he had a wife and two children in Tacoma, Wash. He declared the girl "pestered" him. "I don't know why we ran away," he added.

"I wanted him to marry me," the girl declared. "He said he couldn't for the said he'd try to find me a husband."

REAL MEN NOW PATTERSON, N. J.—College athletes these days are of the human variety, take it from an expert, Knute Rockne. Out of the picture, he told the Kiwanians, is passing "the Hollywood athlete, the boy with the cut, the fur coat, the over sized hip pocket, slicked hair, and delicate shade of rouge and sweet essence of narcissus."

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C. O. D. Gifts Vex Sedate Educators

MARSHFIELD, Jan. 18 (Special)—School officials have joined the police of Marshfield in a man hunt. The "fugitive" isn't a murderer, kidnaper or robber. He, or she, is what is technically known as a practical joker.

The jest in this instance took the form of ordering by telephone several consignments of miscellaneous goods from groceries, department, hardware and drug stores and having them delivered, c. o. d. to the principal and teachers of different schools.

One slightly bald professor received four bottles of hair tonic, ordered by telephone and charged to the account of the school where he taught.

Several women teachers were recipients of packages of nails or hammers. A gray-haired male instructor opened a joker package in the class room to find a fancy silk teddy bear garment and dainty women's underwear.

Operating sight-unseen by telephone, the jokemsmith has left no clues.

FINGERPRINTS DISAPPEAR IN MURDER CASE

CHICAGO, Jan. 18 (AP)—Doris Kirk's fingerprints, upon which police sought to connect her with the Betty Chambers murder, have disappeared, if, indeed, they ever existed.

When the former church organist was arrested two days ago police said her fingerprints corresponded with those found on adhesive tape bound about the mouth and nose of the slain woman. The revelation is now made by Dr. Joseph Springer, police criminologist, that there are no fingerprints at all on the tape.

This development favorable to the accused woman had no duplicate in the case of her husband, James Kirk, jointly charged with her. Mrs. Hattie Olson appeared at police headquarters and identified Kirk as her husband and demanded an opportunity to place a binary charge against him.

Apparent collapse of the fingerprint evidence has given impetus to the police search for the slain woman's husband, Gordon Chambers, with whom she quarreled a few days before her death.

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COURT RULES AGAINST CITY AMATEUR TAX

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—Municipal ordinances designed to regulate amateur radio transmissions have been held unconstitutional by a district court in Kentucky.

The ruling was made by Judge A. M. J. Cochran, who found against the city council of Wilmore, Ky., which had passed an ordinance requiring that amateur stations be licensed at a fee of \$100 a year.

In reporting the decision, QST, official publication of the American Radio Relay League, said that the decision was considered important because various cities had begun "to pass local ordinances seeking to restrict and control the operation of amateur and broadcast transmitters within the city limits."

Judge Cochran in his decision stated: "The tax provided is not on the property of the radio operator, but on the business of radio broadcasting. Radio communications are all interstate, though they may be intended only for intrastate transmission of such communications may be seriously affected by communications intended only for intrastate transmission. Such communications admit of and require a uniform system of regulation and control throughout the United States. And Congress has covered the field by appropriate legislation."

"It follows that the ordinance is void as a regulation of interstate commerce."

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