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TOWERING STRENGTH—They that trust in the Lord shall  
be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for-  
ever. Psalm 125:1.

Furnaces and locomotives should inhale their smoke, and  
human snickers shouldn't.

If you want to know how big a country this is, just watch  
our smoke. We smoke 100,000,000 cigarettes a year.

"There's nothing in politics any more," complains an old-  
timer. True, campaign funds this year are rather slim.

When a public speaker makes a break about "men hiding  
behind women's skirts," you realize suddenly what an old  
fogey he is.

Construction remained abnormally active during the past  
winter. The new year started out remarkably well. In the  
first two months of this year, contracts awarded through-  
out the country were 15 per cent greater than a year ago.  
"Reports from architects and builders," says a business re-  
view, "indicate business ahead as far as they can see." Mean-  
while automobile production is breaking records in many  
plants, the industry as a whole is better off than a year ago,  
and Ford is now in second speed, soon to shift into high.  
10th are good signs. But the building is the more satisfac-  
tory. Automobiles wear out; buildings last long.

### CURE FOR COAL ILLS

The condition of bituminous coal miners in this country  
is pitiable, especially in the union districts where so many  
miners stand idle. Yet in one way the miners have an ad-  
vantage over the operators. Mining labor is above-ground,  
and can move. Capital invested in those mines cannot move.  
Both labor and capital in this industry must suffer more be-  
fore improvement comes. Superfluous labor and superfluous  
capital must be eliminated.

It won't do to raise the price of coal artificially, to supply  
adequate profit for all the capital and decent wages for all  
the labor, when there is nearly twice as much of both as  
there ought to be. The only soundly economic thing to do  
is to operate the coal industry, like other industries, on a  
basis of efficiency.

That means low cost of production. It means working  
the lowest-cost mines and starving out the high-cost mines.  
It seems cruel; economic law is often cruel at the moment,  
but just and therefore merciful in the long run. The in-  
dustry, the public and the government will have to acknowl-  
edge the economic law and adapt themselves to it in the long  
run, anyway. The sooner the operation is accomplished, the  
quicker the patient will recover.

Organization within the industry will help this. Volun-  
tary closing of high-cost mines by operators and voluntary  
desertion of the coal industry by unemployed miners will  
help. The government can probably do little more than give  
good advice. Public control, if it ever comes, will be dras-  
tic, and probably work by compulsion along the lines sug-  
gested. Supply and demand, survival of the fittest is al-  
lowed to work its weary way in business and in other in-  
dustry, so why not in coal?

### NORTH POWDER PERSONALS

NORTH POWDER (Special) — The son of Mr. and Mrs. Hershell Ledbetter is ill of the intestinal flu.  
W. F. White, of Telocast, was taken ill Wednesday while separating. He was removed to Hot Lake and his teeth were pulled. His condition is not much improved, it is reported. Mr. White has no use of his limbs.  
The high school and grade boys baseball teams play the Cove team Saturday.  
Wilma Wade, of Penitons, stopped over for a short visit with friends and relatives.  
May West, of Los Angeles, arrived Friday evening to keep house for her father this summer.  
Chris Johnson and family mo-

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new Telephone Directory. It may mean a lot  
to you.

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### ABE MARTIN



Elmer Small fell off a load of hay  
yesterday, and died before he could  
have his teeth X-rayed. Wilbur  
Pine got drunk today, 'k' keep from  
bein' called a fatcat.

### Taffeta Takes Lead For Evening Dress

By Hazel Reavis  
(Associated Press Fashion Editor)  
PARIS (AP)—Taffeta for evening  
is no longer the exclusive privi-  
lege of debutantes and the very  
young.  
Paris dressmakers are showing  
draped, puffed and trained evening  
dresses of taffeta for all ages of  
women. Mrs. Jeanne Lanvin even  
designs a dress of taffeta for a two  
year old baby.  
Hardly a house of creative dress-  
making fails to show a wide selec-  
tion of taffeta evening dresses for  
mid-summer. The former robe de  
style, characterized by long, full  
skirt and tight bodice, is generally  
replaced by draped skirts which  
lift to disclose elaborate petticoats  
of lace or pleating, in Watteau  
style.  
If the skirt is straight and tight,  
meant to conserve the silhouette,  
there is always a big point and  
hanging ends of silk at the side,  
or a large bustle in back, often  
with ends falling into a train.  
Another favorite form of break-  
ing the too rigid line of a straight  
taffeta skirt is a circular flounce  
added at the bottom, perhaps  
rounded and lifted at one side to  
give an irregular hemline. Occa-  
sionally the flounce is continued in  
the center-front, or side front of  
the skirt to the waistline. The  
petticoat of contrasting color is an  
important point in these dresses.

### MADDERN'S BODY ARRIVES IN CHICAGO TODAY

CHICAGO, Apr. 29 (AP)—  
Bathed with flowers, the funeral  
car of Congressman Martin B.  
Madden, who died in Washington  
last week, arrived here today ac-  
companied by 27 members of the  
House of Representatives and three  
United States senators.  
Apparently confused by Chicago  
change to daylight saving time  
over the weekend, Mayor Thomp-  
son and his party of city officials  
did not arrive at the Union station  
in time to greet the funeral train.

You don't have to go to a zoo  
to study wild life.

Mrs. J. S. Rogers is spending  
a few days visit with her son in  
Pendleton.  
Mr. and Mrs. H. F. White ar-  
rived here Friday night from a trip  
back east.

### SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE



### LOSTINE PERSONALS

LOSTINE (Special) — Charles  
Fishback, employe of the Black  
Marble and Lime Co. is taking an  
enforced lay-off on account of hav-  
ing the flu.

V. A. Searles was very badly  
crippled last week while driving a  
tractor. In reversing the machine  
he was struck on the leg below the  
knee and a ligament was torn  
loose. He has been getting around  
with the aid of crutches.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Spencer en-  
tertained a number of friends Sat-  
urday evening at a card party. Pin-  
ocle was the game of the evening  
with six tables at play. The high  
score was made by Irvin Whitmore  
who was presented with a box of  
poker chips.

Mr. and Mrs. George Childers  
and family spent Sunday at the  
home of Mr. and Mrs. George Her-  
ring of Minam.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hamcock  
entertained at Sunday dinner. Mr.  
and Mrs. Prout of Wallowa and Mr.  
and Mrs. John Grilling of Enter-  
prise.

J. H. Jackson and son, Bill re-  
turned home Saturday from a  
week's visit at Portland and  
Salem.

Mrs. J. H. Jackson and daugh-  
ter, June, and the Misses Eula,  
Irene and Marie Crosser spent  
Friday evening and Saturday in La  
Grande shopping.

Miss Nita Willett is absent from  
school this week on account of  
having the mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Foley and  
daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard  
and Mrs. Effie Cook took in the  
preaching services at the Christian  
church at Wallowa Sunday.

Miss Mildred Cole spent the  
weekend with her sister, Mrs. Wm.  
Gooble at Wallowa.

George Wart received word this  
week that his mother was very ill  
at her home in Baker. He has gone  
to be with her.

The Community club held a no-  
business meeting at the Grange hall  
April 28th with pot luck refresh-  
ments. Mrs. Wallace Spencer is  
entertaining the club this Friday  
at her home north of Lostine.

Mrs. Ella McKinzie spent the  
weekend at Joseph with her daugh-  
ter, Mrs. Asa Craig. Mrs. Craig  
and children accompanied her  
home and spent the day in Lost-  
ine.

Miss Edna Vance and brother,  
Ray are quite ill this week. They  
have been having the mumps from  
which they have not fully recover-  
ed. Other patients who have been  
having them are Lelloy Parson  
family, Betty Downs, and Mrs.  
George Vance.

Ronald Downs who has been  
quite ill is recovering nicely.

W. C. Ploenz, suffered a slight  
stroke and a bad heart attack  
Tuesday. He is, some better at  
this writing. His many friends  
feel very anxious concerning his  
condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Council  
and two children of Ladd Canyon  
came in and attended the pinocle  
party given by Mr. and Mrs.  
Spencer Saturday. They were ac-  
companied by Miss Frances Forgan-  
son who visited her brother and  
family, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Ferguson.

Miss Edna Holmes accompanied  
by Mrs. Walter Quisenberry and  
Mrs. Kate Page were in Wallowa  
Tuesday afternoon. They went  
down to consult with Dr. Gregory.

The Hartson and Co. hardware  
store is now opened for business.  
Frank Bradley of Wallowa is in  
charge of the store.

Wm. Wiggins left for Upper  
Prairie creek Wednesday.

Clarence Wisdom of Innaba was  
visiting over Sunday with his sis-  
ter, Mrs. Mary Downs.

Several men are employed by  
the cemetery association and they  
have started work on the Lostine  
cemetery this week. They are  
cleaning the yards and preparing  
to gravel the streets and put in a  
new fence.

Mrs. George Allen was hostess to  
the Neighborhood club at her  
home Thursday afternoon. A num-

### Orator



The honor of representing Ohio,  
West Virginia, Michigan, Ken-  
tucky and Pennsylvania in the na-  
tional oratorical contest at North-  
western University during the  
latter part of April goes to Ray-  
mond D. Walters of Apollo Pa.  
He is a senior at Grove City (Pa.)  
College.

Mr. Kennedy came in from La  
Grande Friday to service the frigi-  
daires for Mrs. Wm. Wiggins which  
was damaged in moving.

Mrs. H. W. Williamson is very  
ill at her home with flu. Her  
sister is taking care of her.

W. B. Hunter is suffering from  
rheumatism in his back and is  
taking treatments in Enterprise.

W. C. Fiecor visited over the  
weekend with his daughter, Mrs.  
P. E. Mays at Joseph.

Lafe Hamcock of Stanfield ar-  
rived here Sunday and spent the  
day visiting relatives.

Mrs. Maxine Redfern drove over  
from Spokane last week for a short  
visit with her little daughter, Marie  
Carter who is staying with her  
grandparents Mr. and Mrs. George  
Childers.

Mr. and Mrs. Lelloy Parsons  
drove over to Elgin Monday  
combining business and pleasure.

Mrs. Guy Crow went to Enter-  
prise Saturday for medical aid as  
she had an acute attack of the flu.  
She remained over night with her  
parents returning to Lostine Sun-  
day.

The Fleen and Itanes orche-  
stra went to Elgin Saturday night  
to play for a dance. They will go  
out again this coming Saturday.

Mrs. Roy Ham and daughter,  
Mrs. Nolan and son Clarence mot-  
ored to Monmouth to visit Edith  
Nolan a student at the state nor-  
mal.

Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Searls have  
purchased a new Chevrolet coach  
which was delivered to them Tues-  
day.

Miss Hazel Raybeck of Portland  
who has been visiting Miss Benah  
Magill left on Thursday's stage for  
California.

Mrs. C. L. Allen and daughter  
Miss Nell were passengers on Tues-  
day's stage for La Grande where  
they went to consult a specialist  
regarding Miss Nell's eyes. They  
returned Wednesday evening.

A Justice of the peace in Atlanta,  
Ga., advertises he'll marry couples  
for \$1.25 each. Something has to  
be done to popularize that vanish-  
ing institution.

### Several Plants Work More Than Others, Report

WASHINGTON, Apr. 29 (AP)—  
Most plants are willing to work  
overtime at their fundamental  
chemical task of producing sugars  
and starches from light, water and  
the carbon dioxide gas in the air,  
but some are able to maintain their  
efficiency for longer periods than  
others without rest.

This basic phenomenon, without  
which human life as now sustained  
would not be possible, was the sub-  
ject of a paper presented to the  
National Academy of Sciences re-  
cently by Dr. John M. Arthur, bio-  
chemist of the Boyce Thompson In-  
stitute, Yonkers, N. Y., describing  
two series of experiments with  
growing plants in climates which  
were mechanically controlled.

In each experiment some of the  
plants were supplied more than  
normal quantities of carbon dioxide  
gas and the working days of all  
were controlled by use of incandes-  
cent lamps at night, to permit  
study of the effects of different  
conditions on their growth, dry  
weight production, chemical com-  
position and flowering.

"Several plants, like the red  
clover, grow well with artificial  
light even under continuous 24-  
hour illumination," said Dr. Ar-  
thur. "Most plants studied do not  
increase in weight of tissue pro-  
duced on more than a 17 to 19-  
hour continuous illumination.

"Daylength effects are produced  
with artificial light very similar to  
natural daylight. Lettuce and  
radish flower on daylengths great-  
er than 12 hours. Savia flowers  
mainly on daylengths up to 15  
hours. Buckwheat flowers on all  
daylengths from five to 24 hours.  
The percentage composition of  
carbohydrates synthesized in-  
creases with daylength usually up  
to a 19-hour working day. In a  
few plants it may increase up to  
a 24-hour day."

The University of Chicago has  
abolished the rule that college  
parties must end at 1 a. m. and  
new two parties each year can be  
held as long as desired. Two parties  
all year—that is, two semes-  
ters.

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lasts over which these famous shoes  
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building to bear the burden of another's carelessly  
kept property. Yet, it's being done! The bill for fire  
hazards and losses is too often footed by the con-  
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