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Young people are sure that there is nothing wrong with kissing. They know it simply by looking at the people who say that they shouldn't do it.

A La Grande man who knows from experience suggests that anyone bothered by time passing too slowly should buy an automobile on the monthly payment plan.

An Oklahoma man died recently and left his estate of \$2000 and a 27-acre farm to his mule. We aren't acquainted with the mule but we've known of money being willed for purposes much less meritorious.

"Bob" Butler, this district's representative in congress, is returning to Washington for his first full term under auspicious circumstances. He is practically assured important committee appointments, and he has the additional advantages of a forceful and attractive personality, the ability to express himself clearly and convincingly. He knows Oregon and its needs, will approach problems effecting his state and district with confidence and understanding. The Observer anticipates a creditable career of service for Judge Butler.

APPROVAL FOR HOOVER

If there is anything especially significant about the first few weeks of President Hoover's term of office it is the almost universal approval that has been given his maiden efforts in the new job. Democratic newspapers as well as republican and independent have expressed commendation. They see this as a businesslike administration and seem to have forgotten party differences.

In the New York Times recently, for example, Hoover's first month in office was reviewed with outspoken commendation—and The Times is a democratic newspaper and former supporter of Alfred E. Smith. Other papers have done likewise. They like his frank treatment of newsmen; they admire his prompt, clean-cut decisions; they approve his fearlessness in discarding foolish precedents; they commend his refusal to play politics when politics will not serve the cause of efficiency.

And no small part of the general enthusiasm over Hoover's start is occasioned by the little measures of economy and modern business efficiency that have already been put in effect. Discarding the presidential yacht "Mayflower" in order to save \$300,000 a year was one thing. Eliminating the White House stables to save another \$15,000 was another. Installing a telephone at his elbow, which previous presidents had never done, is an additional example. He calls his cabinet members, saves the time formerly required for their journeys to the White House to discuss various matters. He is starting in to handle the job of president as the capable, experienced head of a great corporation would handle his. And it's a new experience for this country—an experience that its people seem to like.

As pointed out in a New York Times editorial before the inauguration, Hoover's greatest danger is the tendency on the part of many people to consider the new president a super-man—to expect more than is humanly possible from his administration. The same opinion was expressed by Judge Butler, here last night on his way back to Washington for the coming special session. But expecting too much of Hoover indicates the existence of utmost confidence in his ability—and public confidence will be of great assistance in solving any problem.

Hoover will not eliminate poverty, nor cause unemployment to vanish, nor bring about universal prosperity. He cannot, as president, make up for the inefficiency and incompetency of the individual citizen. But he will, we believe, direct his activities in such a way that government obstacles will be removed from the path of the private individual and private business, that efficient enterprise and ability will be aided and protected. No chief executive could do more; many have done less.

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ABE MARTIN



"Oh, boy, talk about luck! Jest in time to get a drink," said Miss Mame Moon, when she called on Mrs. Em Pash, who'd just varnished some porch furniture. Never count on anything turnin' up but your toes.

Farm Pointers

Successful vegetable growers in Oregon bear in mind that the primary consideration in fertilization is the incorporation of humus in the soil through stable or green manures. This is considered primary in fertilization. This is considered primary in fertilization. This is considered primary in fertilization.

In Oregon too great haste in working the soil in early spring when it is in somewhat sticky condition is often regretted later when clouds must be contended with. Soil temperatures are quite important in seed germination and root development, hence no appreciable gain results by too early planting.

Seed experts advise particular care in the purchase of alfalfa seed this year. The 1928 crop was relatively small, and correspondingly higher prices offer inducement for the substitution of seed not well adapted to the region in which it is to be grown.

ROUSTED WARDEN



For several months secret service agents played prisoners roles under faked sentences in the Atlanta, Ga., federal prison. Conditions within the penitentiary which they revealed brought about the resignation of Warden John W. Snook, above.

LOSTINE STUDENT IS STATE WINNER

Louis Martin Crow First in Contest on "Our Presidents"

By Mrs. William Wiggins (Observer Correspondent)

LOSTINE, Ore. (Special)—Louis Martin Crow, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Crow, of Lostine, received the honor this week of winning first prize from the state in the national "Our President" contest, conducted by Current Events, the national school newspaper. Nearly 20,000 pupils took part in this contest. The contestant was required to name pictures of all the presidents correctly, to give the state in which each one was born and the state from which he was chosen and the period each served. An essay was required on "Why I think the 31st president will make a good president."

Wallowa county was visited Thursday with a heavy blanket of snow which refused to leave for several days. This will stop the farming operations as some have begun plowing in this neighborhood, some of the small gardens having already been plowed ready for seed.

The city council met recently at the office of Fred Edwards with Councilmen Dean Crow and Floyd Leonard present. Mayor Mike Crow called the meeting to order and the matter of Dan Shehan was taken up and disposed of. The dance license for Mrs. William Wiggins was considered and again laid on the table. Several other small matters were disposed with, after which the meeting was adjourned until the first Monday in May.

Max Wilson, of Enterprise, has been placed in charge of the bankrupt stock of the Mabel Conley department store and he has been taking inventory for the last few days. As much of the stock as possible will be disposed of at retail. The store has been closed for the last month.

Jay H. Dobbin, of Enterprise, returned last Friday from Snake river where he has several bands of sheep.

C. A. Warren, deputy state fire marshal, was called to Joseph Tuesday to investigate the fire of Rooney and Son grocery and market.

D. M. Hammock left Sunday for an extended visit to Portland and other cities. He went as far as La Grande with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morris and daughter, Gwendolyn, came over from Imbler Sunday and visited over Easter with Mr. and Mrs. William Wiggins.

Roe Buchanan, of La Grande, was at Lostine Thursday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gray have moved to Lostine from Joseph and are located in the Cecil Childers' house.

William Wiggins has been busy the last two weeks pruning orchards near here.

Grange members, and friends gathered at the grange hall at Lostine for a social evening Wednesday, it being the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Jim Reed, who was greatly surprised at the party. The evening was spent in playing cards and dancing until a late hour when delicious refreshments were served.

Mrs. Frank Pearce, who has been critically ill, is slowly improving to the gratification of her many friends. Mrs. MacGee has been employed at the Pearce home for the summer.

Harry Waddell and family, of Wallowa, visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bradley Tuesday evening. Mr. Waddell is driving a new sedan.

The song shop owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Ford, of Enterprise, has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Ward, of La Grande. Mr. Ward expects to travel over Wallowa county. They have had 20 years experience in this work, it is said.

The market fixtures belonging to T. L. Sherod, of Wallowa, were sold this week to Henry Hug, of Elgin. Mr. Hug expects to open a market in connection with his store.

About 640 hogs were shipped from the valley around Enterprise to Portland Saturday, which were valued at \$12,900. A car load of fat beef steers were also shipped by Johnson and Franklin, who had the cattle and half the hogs. Mr. Franklin accompanied the shipment.

George Tilton bought a new tractor at Wallowa this week. Mr. Tilton has about 275 acres of land to be plowed this spring.

Miss Ruby Leonard attended the banquet given the baseball boys of Wallowa Friday evening.

Mrs. A. C. Ferguson and sons spent the weekend with Mrs. Ferguson's mother, Mrs. Dave Hug. Mrs. Nellie Westfall and Mrs. Ashley, of Enterprise, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Foley.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Miles, of Walla Walla, spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Childers.

Mrs. S. M. Crow and Mrs. Ella McKinzie attended the health meeting at Enterprise Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Engleson were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Lewis Tuesday.

Mrs. George Gray and daughter, Miss Agnes, of Joseph, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gray Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Opal Thompson, high school teacher, at Emmet, Idaho, spent the weekend with Mrs. J. J. Chapman.

Supt. and Mrs. W. W. Crow and Miss Claudine Gerth, assistant high school teacher, attended the meeting held in La Grande last Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Crow visited over Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Myers, of Summerville, while Miss Gerth visited friends in La Grande.

Miss Elta Douns left for Portland Tuesday after spending several weeks with her mother, Mrs. Mary Douns.

Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie visited Sunday at the home of Mr. McKenzie's mother, Mrs. Ella McKenzie.

Mr. Boyd, of Walla Walla, is spending several weeks with his daughter, Mrs. Willard Lewis. Mr. Boyd has been in ill health for some time and has improved since coming to Lostine.

The Misses Eleanor and Mary Hazris were home for the weekend. They are students at the academy at Baker.

Bryan Mayfield left for Portland recently to visit his wife and daughter.

AGED MAN KILLED

PORTLAND, Ore., April 9 (AP)—George Meinger, 67, was fatally injured late yesterday when an automobile driven by H. L. Itapacz struck his bicycle. Meinger's back was broken and he died two hours later after Itapacz had rushed him to a hospital.

Itapacz said he could not stop his car quickly enough to avoid a collision because of the slippery condition of the pavement. He was not held at fault by police.

Base Honor on Cathedral

Although it has only three streets and less than 100 houses, St. David's, England, claims that it is a city because it has a famous cathedral.

The saying that women's work is never done is becoming nearly true these days, with so many labor-saving devices to keep working.

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