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ABE MARTIN



"Show me a heroin pill and I'll show you the make-up of a potential criminal," said Constable Finn, today in discussion of the "brains" of the Skunk Hodge bank robbery. When we do see a nice, well-kept, prosperous looking farm we find that it's the plaything of some town politician.

LADD CANYON STUDENTS TO ENTER L. H. S.

By Mrs. Charles Grandy (Observer Correspondent)
LADD CANYON (Special)—All three of the young folk who wrote on the eighth grade examinations passed with a high average and are planning on entering high school in La Grande this fall. They are, Lee Ferguson, Francis Beale and Twila Purshell.

Those from here who attended the Eastern Oregon Livestock show at Milwaukie were the only one in this section to enter any stock, having his beautiful Shire stallion in the parade all three days. Alex Ferguson is busily engaged painting his residence.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Y. Beale left early Friday morning for Klamath Falls and other points on a two week vacation. While on their trip they will attend the Oregon state insurance convention at Myrtle Point as delegates from the Ladd Canyon grange. They started in their new sedan and were accompanied by their son, Donovan and Mrs. Beale's mother, Mrs. Emma Poole, who had been visiting here from her home at Milton.

Mr. and Mrs. George Tilton, of Astoria, visited here recently with their daughter, Mrs. Henry Council.

Mrs. Mary Council was at Joseph, recently. She accompanied her husband, H. E. and W. J. Scott, who were here from Home-ville, Idaho, visiting her.

Mrs. Frank Poole entertained the Get-Together club ladies at their last meeting June 5, one day earlier than the regular meeting date owing to the stock show at Union. The afternoon was spent very pleasantly. Mrs. Alex Ferguson and Mrs. Fay Munsell conducting two very interesting contests. Mrs. A. E. Pedler won the prize for the first and Miss Lois Benton in the last contest. Mrs. Frank Poole and Mrs. Claude Beale's names were drawn to furnish the amusements for the next club meeting which will be at the home of Mrs. W. O. Sherwood, June 27. Mrs. Poole closed the afternoon by serving a delicious luncheon.

JERUSALEM, June 10 (AP)—Sungsters are believed to have murdered the French archaeologist, Darius, a high official of the antiquities department of the Syrian government, who was found dead with three policemen at Tel Abiad, Syria. The murderers escaped and it was supposed their motive was to repay M. Darius for recent attempts to suppress smugglers of antiquities out of Syria.

Bill Dollar Has Called On Many Citizens In Short Time In City



"Bill" Dollar has been working for the people of this city for a short time, but during the period of his existence he has called on many citizens. He has seen commercial life as it really is for he has been in many different kinds of establishments in some other city. He proves by his action that he has lost faith in his city. He knocks La Grande when he spends money that he earns in La Grande in some other city.

Many citizens have used him to purchase a dollars worth of goods from their own merchants, and he with his many brothers can keep the circles complete as long as they are permitted to remain in Union County. Like a chain that is only as strong as its weakest link so a community is only as strong as its purchasing power. Money earned in Union county should be spent in Union county. There is no excuse for buying goods away from our county when they can be purchased here. It weakens the chain.

There are stores of most every kind in this community with goods of different grades and prices, and if the citizens were as arduous in looking through the stores for what they want as they are in studying the printed matter from another city to make their purchases they would find anything they want to at the price that want to pay.

"Wouldn't La Grande be a funny place," said "Bill" Dollar, if the people were to bank their money by mail in some other city? It is just as logical, though, as it is to send money to some other city for goods on sale in La Grande.

"Why do people bank their money in La Grande said "Bill." "Instead of in some other city? It is because they know their banks and trust him and go to him when they want money accommodations. They know that the banks are loyal to La Grande; that they buy their goods in La Grande stores and do everything that is possible to help the community grow. The cordial feeling that exists is due altogether to the fact that there is cooperation."

"A bank is a mercantile establishment and has goods to sell the same as any other store, and the men and women who buy there are citizens of this section. When a man reaches the stage that he has to borrow money from a bank in some other city, he usually moves there, because he has proven himself to be a poor business man in his own community. Then, why, if a person wants to buy merchandise in some other city doesn't he move to that city? He proves by his action that he has lost faith in his city. He knocks La Grande when he spends money that he earns in La Grande in some other city.

"When the loyal citizen thinks of our city he thinks—La Grande first, last and all times. The time was never better than the present for the accomplishment of the many things that makes a city great and the people who believe in La Grande will carry to a successful conclusion the things that they have started."

"Not everyone agrees with the people who are constructive thinkers—those who have accomplished many things and will accomplish many more. Every community has those who are continually trying to tear down the structures built by willing hands.

"If you live in La Grande," said "Bill," "for goodness sake be loyal to it. If this city furnishes you with the food and shelter and the joy you crave, speak well of it, stand by the things that it is try-

ing to do. In a pinch an ounce of loyalty is worth a ton of clever knocking. If you must vilify, condemn and eternally disparage, pack your trunk, and when you are on the outside, knock to your heart's content. But as long as you are a part of La Grande, be a real man and do not condemn it.

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Both the farmer and the townsman murmur a prayer of thanks when it rains this time of year. The farmer for better crop prospects, the townsmen for one evening's freedom from lawn sprinkling.

The Observer regrets the decision of Mr. Robert Eakin to discontinue his membership on the school board. Although a thankless and demanding job, a school director renders a fine service to his community and Mr. Eakin's record during the past year as chairman of the board has been most gratifying. The district is unfortunate in losing his services.

Nearly a third of a century ago the record speed for a human to race a hundred yards was established at 9 3-5 seconds. It was no mean accomplishment in the realm of sports and efforts to equal it and break it have been made year in and year out by thousands of ambitious sprinters. A few equalled the feat, but until Saturday afternoon in Chicago no one had been able to gain official credit for covering the distance in less time. Now the record is down to 9 2-5 seconds, with a young man from Ohio State the uncrowned king of speed. Some day it will be nine one; some day nine flat. We would hate to think otherwise. The world is progressing and there is nothing to make us believe the next thirty years cannot produce a super-sprinter capable of clipping a fifth of a second off any world speed mark. Records are made only to be broken, in athletics as well as other things. To feel that they could never be bettered would be a serious injury to a world that thrives on competition.

THE URGE TO SNOBBISHNESS

The advice of an eastern college professor to members of a graduating class that they cultivate snobbishness has caused no small amount of comment in various newspapers. Editorial writers are fearful that the professor's urge will be taken literally, it seems, and that the more happy democratic attitude toward one's fellows will lose in popularity.

We may be wrong, but we doubt if there is much danger in the admonitions of this commencement orator. Snobbishness, as commonly considered, is the unpleasant and irritating manifestation of a feeling of superiority. It is the opposite of an inferiority complex become obvious and obnoxious to those who come in contact with it. And our experience has been that snobs, or those having a tendency toward snobbishness, are born, not made by the advice of some college professor trying to be unusual in a commencement speech.

There is nothing quite so distasteful to the average person as a snob—usually because the one so afflicted has very little to warrant his or her snobbishness. And there is nothing quite so pleasant in personal contacts as the individual who has superior intellect and ability sufficient to justify snobbishness yet is friendly with everyone, always approachable and considerate—"common as an old shoe." The snob and his opposite are the products of two distinctly different types of temperament and intellectual capacity. And while college professors may aid an increase in intellect they haven't yet been able to show marked ability in changing temperament.

Failure to make close observation and analysis, however, can sometimes lead us to brand someone a snob who is not deserving of the name. Self confidence and self aggression are often interpreted wrongly, as are those temperaments that are positive in likes and dislikes. Positive characters may make themselves distasteful to many people—are absolutely sure to do so if their contacts are at all numerous—but their followers or opponents are not determined by class or creed or collateral as in the case of the obnoxious snob.

Those who ponder the outward or inner urge to be snobbish, whether a member of a graduating class or not, cannot, after all, help but be impressed with the more attractive and more pleasant course available in the opposite direction. A superiority complex must be a most unhappy companion, especially if one considers the joy and satisfaction of a wide variety of friendships, the stimulating qualities of pleasant contact with many points of view, the peaceful relief that comes from tolerant acquaintance with the mediocrity and the extremes of human personalities.

We cannot be worried about those who are urged to cultivate snobbishness. A few will cultivate it without urging—and will find an isolated existence most unhappy. The remainder will profit by approaching life without undue mental barriers, and will find it much more interesting and worthwhile.



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WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY

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Why Do You Tell Children To Save Their Money?

You know, of course, that it's important to save and earn. You naturally want to teach your children to save—but do you tell them why they should save?

The "rainy day" of a generation ago isn't as vital a reason as it used to be. You are more practical, and you must provide practical reasons for your children to save.

Give a child a worthwhile goal toward which he can work and saving is more easily accomplished. If a boy's heart's desire is a bicycle or a girl's is a cedar chest, let them save for that purpose. If they look forward to a college education, let them save with that as their goal.

Even though you are able to provide it for them, they learn to save for a purpose. They quickly acquire new reasons for saving—and the foundation of a thrifty life is laid.

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