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SELF-SEEKERS EXPOSED—Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?—Matthew 7:15, 16.

We hope this community doesn't wake up some day to find a passenger air route in existence with La Grande only a "whistling post" because of poor airport facilities.

Farm relief, if realized, should make the inefficient farmer moderately successful, the efficient farmer notably so. Then the government should undertake the job of merchant relief. Statistics show that 90% of the merchants in this country fail to make money—only 10% are efficient and prosperous.

There are many applicants for the three places to be sold from the New York office for the round-the-world cruise of the Graf Zeppelin. The fare is \$9,000 but what is nine thousand to a rich man who wants to be able to tell his grandchildren (not to mention his friends) that he was one of the first to fly around the world as a passenger? Maybe it's worth it to people who value the variety of thrills highly. We prefer waiting until the trip is more commonplace and the fare somewhat reduced. Some day people will fly around the world more easily than they sail around now.

For the last ten years Iowa has been known for her mud roads quite as much as for her corn and hogs. The last year or two she has decided to have pavement and at the end of this year will have more concrete highways than the entire highway system of Oregon—and only a third of the job done. Iowa's trouble has been in doing a hit-and-miss job of road building for too long. There were hundreds of miles of pavement but not one completed road across the state. It will be next year before a cross state highway will be paved all the way. Until recently Iowa had no system. That's where Oregon has been ahead of most states. A definite system of state highways was laid out here and is rapidly being completed before new units are added. The result is that Oregon roads are known as the best in the Union though in mileage they number far less than some other states.

"RUSSIA" AND "CHINA"

Newspaper headlines, even when they follow the facts as accurately as the copy-readers can make them, sometimes give a false impression. This has been the case in the recent stories telling about the Russo-Chinese difficulties.

The headlines have told us that "Russia" did this and that "China" did that; that "Russia" was prepared to take strong measures, that "China" was going to insist on something or other, that "Russia" was adopting a firm tone—and so on, day after day, with dozens of variations. On the surface, all of these headlines were correct enough. But it is precisely this kind of talking and thinking that makes us look upon war as a more or less necessary evil.

What, for instance, do we mean when we say that "Russia" was deeply offended by China's seizure of a thousand miles of railway tracks? Do we mean the Russian foreign office? If so, we ought to say so. For "Russia" is a nation of some 140,000,000 men, women and children; and at least 90 per cent of these people would not care if the Chinese Eastern Railway went up in smoke overnight.

Similarly, "China," likewise, ought to mean, not a foreign secretary and his advisors, but a tremendous land filled with 400,000,000 peasants. The vast majority of these 400,000,000 do not even know that a country named Russia exists. They neither know nor care about the difficulties in Manchuria.

Our loose usage of words gives us a false impression—the impression that the common people of both countries are really concerned in what is happening. They aren't. All they want is peace—the chance to live out their lives in their own homes, undisturbed and secure. The tragedy, of course, lies in the fact that it is precisely these unconcerned and ignorant Chinese and Russian peasants who would have to go out and get killed if the two nations should go to war.

OFFICE CAT

By Junius

Mr. Dewey really did wear long pants to court—which makes him a good American. If the ambassador is as candid in his correspondence as he is in his speeches, I imagine that a letter to Secretary Stimson would read something like this:

Dear Stim: So this is London! Well, if this is London, give me Peoria. Went to the Queen's court last night, and wore pants same as at home. What's good enough for Chicago is good enough for London.

Lloyd George came around for tea one afternoon, although I'd had it put in all the papers that I wasn't serving hooch at the Embassy. The French Ambassador called too. As it was the hired girl's day off, I took him out to a restaurant. I took the opportunity to remind him that he owed us a lot of money, and if Andy Mellon didn't have a check by the first of the month, he'd put it in the hands of collectors. Dinner on Tuesday night with Lord Highbury. He invited me to visit him in August for the shooting, but I refused. I left Chicago to get away from the shooting.

Yours, Charley,
P. S. The coffee here tastes like the Chicago drainage canal used to smell.

Then again there is the story of the Scotchman who stood on the corner of one of New York's business thoroughfares with two pieces of bread in his hands, waiting for the jam to pass.

"My mother-in-law has a habit I'd like to break her of,"
"What so? What is it?"
"Breathing."

It's hard to believe exercise will take off fat when you study some chins.

The man who can laugh at himself can also laugh at the whole world.

Mr. Smart—My, but you look like a beautiful snaphot.
Miss Plump (blushing, not furiously) How's that?
Mr. Smart: You're so well developed.

Oregon Fair To Be Largest In History, Belief

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 5 — With the \$150,000 grandstand nearing completion, the grounds undergoing an extensive renovation, and entries for exhibits and races already coming in from all over the northwest, the 68th Oregon State Fair, to be held here September 23, to 28, promises to be the largest ever held.

With a seating capacity of six thousand, the grandstand, a new feature of this year's fair, will afford an excellent view of the half-mile racing track on which the speed and running contests will be held.

Entries in the speed contests, which closed July 15, have exceeded those of any previous year, according to Mrs. Ella S. Wilson, secretary of the fair board. Feature races at this year's fair are the 2198 pace, the 2112 trot and the free-for-all trot and pace. Entries numbering 139 have been made from stables in Oregon, Washington, California, Montana, Colorado, Utah, British Columbia and Saskatchewan.

The finest of agricultural exhibits from Oregon and all over the northwest, are expected to be shown here during the six days of exhibition, as well as numerous commercial and artistic features. Premiums and purses amounting to \$50,000 are to be awarded the prize winners at the end of the judging.

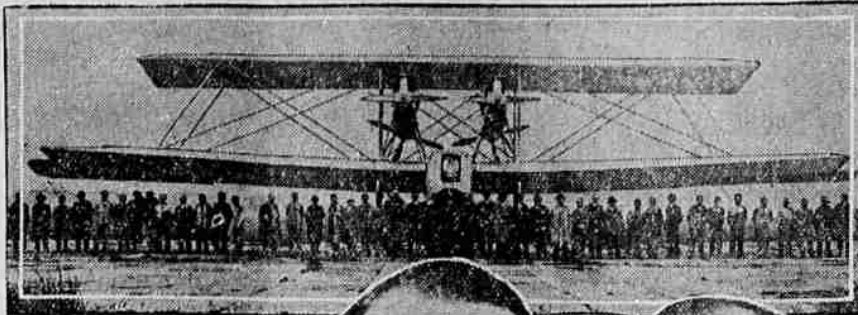
One of the most important and interesting features of the fair will be the exhibit and demonstrations given by the boys and girls of the 4-H club contest, who will have agricultural, domestic art and science, and stock exhibits here, and will give demonstrations of judging, cooking, sewing and many other accomplishments.



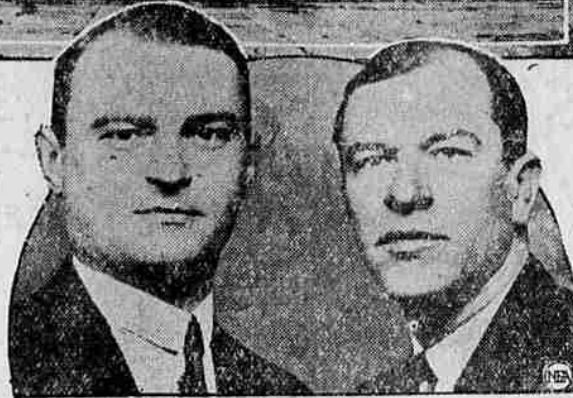
Somewhat or other children who call 'safety' pins seem to prefer the open ones. 'Women's' work is never done is right.' She's allus rubbin' 'off or comb' apart.

The New York Merchants' Association is trying to discover the seven wonders of Manhattan. We have a hunch these might be found among the night club customers.

Chicago Via Atlantic Is Goal of Polish Airmen



Chicago may have two air-minded visitors direct from Europe soon. The noted Polish aviators Kowalezyk (left) and Klisz are making final preparations to fly from Milan, Italy, to the mid-western American metropolis with only one stop en route—at Dublin, Ireland. Above you see the mammoth biplane Polonia in which they expect to make the eastward hop over the Atlantic. Nearly 50 persons grouped beneath the craft give a vivid impression of its tremendous wingspread.



Health Talks

SUDDEN CHANGE IN DISPOSITION SIGNIFICANT IN DOGS.

By J. C. ANDERSON, M. D., State Health Officer, Austin, Tex.

As long as stray dogs are allowed to roam the streets half starved and unmuzzled, just as long will rabies be prevalent.

Dogs, particularly stray dogs, must be placed under restraint if the lives of humans are to be safeguarded against rabies. Dogs are so frequently the playmates of children, that every such dog should be constantly watched for any of the following symptoms:

1. Refusal to eat.
2. Change in voice.
3. Unusual nervousness or irritability.
4. Sudden change in disposition.

5. Tendency to leave home.

6. Tendency to snap or bite without provocation.

7. Weakness or paralysis of the legs or lower jaw.

Any dog, known to have been bitten by a rabid dog, should either be killed, or quarantined for a period of three months.

Agnes ago, Josephus said—"Our chief ambition is for the nurture of children," but of what avail is the most watchful and tenderest nurture if rabid dogs are permitted to roam at will over the public highways?

Rabies is spread almost exclusively by stray dogs, and control of the disease is, therefore, contingent upon the control of this large proportion of the dog population. When rabies becomes epidemic in a locality, house dogs are likely to become infected. The best method of control yet devised consists in the enforced restriction of the lib-

erty of dogs.

Vaccination against rabies has been advocated in certain cities and states, the value of which has not been thoroughly established. The countries free from rabies require that all dogs be muzzled. Vaccination is a useful measure of control if the procedure is repeated at frequent intervals.

UNION PERSONALS

By Mrs. L. Z. Terrall (Observer Correspondent)

UNION, Ore., (Special) — Mr. and Mrs. Orval Jensen recently enjoyed a visit with Mr. Jensen's brother, Randolph and his family from Salt Lake. They made a stop over in Union on their way to Portland and other coast cities. Mr. Jensen is a professor in the University of Utah. While here he and his family made a trip through the

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mill of the lumber company plant at Pondosa and pronounced the experience one of real educational value.

Miss Lillie Lewin who has spent the last week at the home of her mother, Mrs. Helen Lewin, returned to San Francisco Monday.

Cyrus Williams loaded a car of cattle at the Junction on Saturday to ship to Portland. He went down with the load and will return on Tuesday.

Maxine Harris came up from Caldwell last week to spend a couple of weeks with her father, John Harris, in Union.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Pursell Jr., and small daughter spent Sunday with Mrs. Viola Parker in Union. They are returning to their home in Bend, Ore., after a vacation at Wallowa Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Fisher and son Roscoe of Mullan, Ida., have been visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. Belle Busick. On Friday the Fisher's, Mrs. Busick and Miss Doris went to Wallowa Lake for the day. They report that the Wallowa Valley farms were uninjured by the recent storms and give prospects of a wonderful harvest.

They paid L. Couch a visit and report him making rapid recovery from injuries sustained in an auto accident some time ago. He is Mrs. Busick's brother-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Rees are moving from the West property that was sold last week to the Harry McVay house near the M. E. church.

Mrs. George Winship and Anna Mae returned Sunday evening from a two weeks visit in Pendleton.

Mr. Bell Wright and Mrs. Edith Ply motored to Baker, Tuesday to visit Chas. Wright and family.

MRS. BRITTEN NOT SO WELL

SOUTHAMPTON, Aug. 6 (AP)—The condition of Mrs. Fred A. Britten, wife of the chairman of the house of representatives naval affairs committee, who underwent an operation on the liner Leykathian in mid-Atlantic last week, was not so favorable today as it was yesterday.

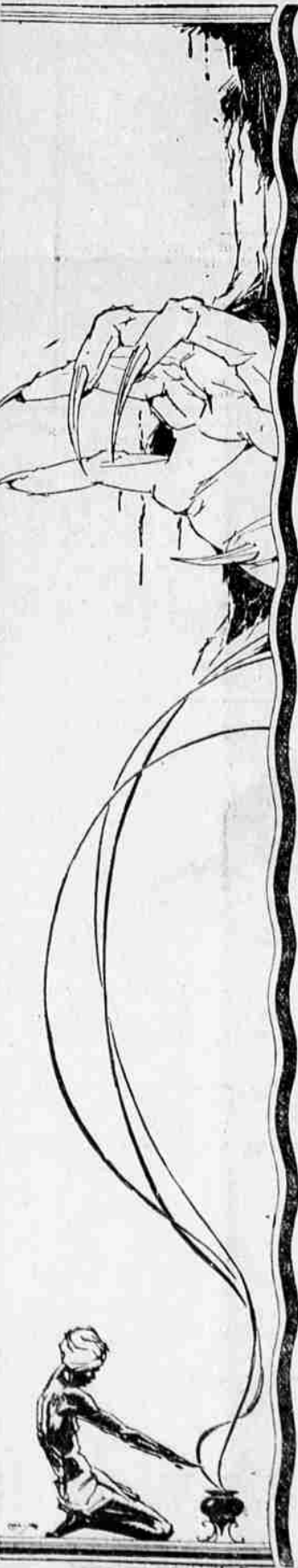
Patrolman Tony Linham of Atlanta has walked a beat 42 years yet made less than 20 arrests. He rules smilingly—but rules.

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