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FRUIT DEALING—Now you are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.—John 15:24.

Through the kindness of an old resident of La Grande we are privileged to read the seventh copy ever published of the old Union County Recorder. The date is September 24, 1881 and the masthead carries the names of Reidelman & Eckley as publishers, and an extremely interesting newspaper it is. Although nearly fifty years old it contains names that are still familiar in this day. Incidentally, the good old days thus recorded are similar to the present in many ways. A news story tells of wheat growers forming a "protective association" in San Francisco. Wheat prices in that city are quoted at \$1.60, Chicago wheat at \$1.29. Hay is quoted locally at \$12, butter at 30c, eggs at 25c, apples 75 to \$1 a box. Only one thing is utterly surprising—the quoted advertising rate of \$2 per inch for the first insertion, \$1 an inch for each subsequent insertion. Some smart newspaper person must have been responsible for the original expression, "the good old days!"

**MODERN FINANCING**  
Newspaper readers had a little lesson in public financing recently when the treasury at Washington issued simultaneously treasury certificates and treasury bills. It afforded an illuminating comparison of results.

The cost of money to the government does not vary widely as between the methods of borrowing, the advantage of the treasury bill system lying in its greater flexibility and accommodation to the government's precise and immediate needs.

Treasury certificates run for six months or longer. The result is that by this method the government must borrow considerably in advance of its needs, losing the difference between the two per cent interest paid it by the depositories and the higher rate of interest the government must pay its lenders. The average period of disuse for the borrowed money is 35 days.

Treasury bills, on the other hand, may run for any time under one year and, because they may be issued on short notice, can be used to meet immediate obligations. They enable the treasury to take advantage of fluctuations in the money market and to effect interest economies.

This is the government's first experience with the discount system but it is rated a distinct success in spite of early misgivings. Cooperation of financiers was spontaneous and an over-demand suggests a ready market in the future. Henceforth, through the use of treasury bills, Uncle Sam will be able to carry on with smaller working capital.

**COMMONPLACE INTERESTS**  
It has been said that there is nothing quite so intriguing as the commonplace things of life. One need only act natural in vaudeville to win applause. Books that discuss the everyday things of life are always in favor. Humanity prefers the mirror to the telescope.

Several publications in this country and England recently took up with considerable success, both in supplying interesting information to their readers and in attracting the interest of the public, the discussion of the origin and evolution of the gentlemanly act of shaving. The history of shaving was pieced together from many sources.

Samuel Pepy was quoted as describing shaving with a pumice-stone as "very easy, speedy and cleanly."

In the works of the younger Pliny someone found reference to a dandy of his day who was both shaved and pumice-stoned—"rasus atque etima pumiceatus."

When Martial was writing his epigrams the gilded youth of Rome were having their beards treated in all the then modern modes—tonsa, clipped with scissors; rasa, shaved; vulsa, plucked.

All of those who contributed to this symposium on the gentle art of shaving agreed that there have been shaven faces since the time of Nero or before but only one supplied any evidence that razors of steel were in use as early as the time of the Roman Empire.

It is a duty imposed upon the writers of today that they leave to posterity an accurate and minute history of all those commonplace things which have originated in this day and age, such as five-and-ten-cent stores, baseballs, jazz music, automobile petting parties, blocs, knickers for men, highway soft-drink stands, road-side tea rooms, good roads and many others which future generations will no doubt be curious about.

## Abe Martin



Lester (Pine) hadn't got no dear ole college days to look back on, but he sold 84 vacuum sweepers direct to the consumer during the month of November. "An' just as I pulled up to shoot I happened to think that their hain't no yaks in this country, so I lowered my gun," said the Soles, who came within an ace of shooting a life-long Democrat today.

**More's the Pity**  
Thirty minutes of study each day will enable you to talk well on all subjects except those your friends are interested in.—Los Angeles Times.

**Or Both**  
The man who has a wife who will not let him tell his favorite story in a mixed crowd either has a mighty good story or an exceptionally good wife.

**Substitute for Words**  
You can say one thing for nothing. It is a great relief to those who haven't got enough to make conversation.—San Francisco Chronicle.

**Figure Again**  
A scientist says that people only enjoy 19 minutes of slumber per night. That's a pretty high estimate for the parents of a six month's old baby.

**Sounds Like Fiction**  
"It's too good to be true," wrote the editor on his rejection slip to the confession story contributor.—Pathfinder Magazine.

**Not So Easy**  
The little job of being square with yourself and not being afraid to look yourself in the eye covers a lot of territory.—American Magazine.

**Shark's Teeth Sharp**  
The shark's tooth is said to be not only the sharpest of all animal teeth but also the hardest and sharpest animal substance of all creatures.

**Memorial Words**  
He knew he had married a sculptor's daughter because every night he came in late she always said: "Statue, dear—statue!"—Exchange.

**One Point of View**  
The most generous and merciful in judgment upon the faults of others are always the most free from faults themselves.

**Briefly Told**  
Friendship is to be purchased only by friendship. A man may have authority over others, but he can never have their hearts but by giving his own.

**They're Always Going In**  
Being led into temptation seems to be a popular pastime with a lot of people.—Bloomington Pantagraph.

**Something Left to Improve**  
Wonderful man! Year after year he improves almost everything except himself.—Hochester Times-Union.

**Vacation Test**  
The person who returns from a vacation rested has passed a practical intelligence test.—Detroit Free Press.



Philip K. Wrigley, son of the chewing gum king, spurned a chance to attend college and chose, instead, a job in his father's plant. Today young Wrigley heads the company with offices in Chicago.

## ARMY COMPLETES COUNTY WORKING DRILL FOR GAME ON "BOND" ROAD

People of the Grange Hall Section View Action With Pleasure.

By Mrs. Charles Spencer (Observer Correspondent)  
GRANGE HALL (Special)—The county is doing some much needed work on the road known as the Bond road. One stretch of the road is rather soft and is causing some trouble when cars are driven over it but the residents do not mind as they are looking forward to the time when the road bed becomes settled and a good, first class road will be the result.

Miss Blanche Fishman, a student at the Eastern Oregon Normal school, is spending the holidays in Walla with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gekeler were dinner guests Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, of near Alice.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lindsey, Mrs. Nellie Colver, Ralph Stringham and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Conrad went to La Grande and had Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bickford. Twenty-one relatives were present to enjoy the dinner which included turkey, duck, chicken and all the other good things that are always added to make such an occasion a wonderful success.

Mr. Edith Gekeler's children and grandchildren were with her Christmas day when a splendid dinner was served and a very jolly time in general was spent.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Fendrick and Mrs. Fendrick's sister, Mrs. Florence Kelley, of Milton, who has been visiting at the Fendrick home since Thanksgiving, drove to Milton Wednesday and had Christmas dinner with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Becca McAllister joined the Willard Moss family of La Grande in the celebration of a merry Christmas day.

Under the supervision of Miss Frances Kelly, pupils of Willowdale school put on an excellent Christmas program at the school house Friday afternoon. Besides the recitations, two songs, one by Helen and Jean Spikes, the other by Tommy and Dorothy Spikes, and a dialog, "Waiting for Christmas," by three girls and three boys were presented. The treats were furnished by the Willowdale Parent-Teacher association.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Groat and son, Delbert, entertained a number of relatives at a lovely Christmas dinner at their home Wednesday. The home was attractively arranged with Yuletide decorations, including a prettily decorated Christmas tree.

The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baxter and daughter, Edna Brown, Clara Norris, of La Grande, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Trevaux, of Huntington.

Jack Salsbury returned a few days ago from Kansas City where he went with a car load of apples for a business firm in La Grande. He was gone 19 days, spending five days in the Missouri city.

Mrs. Mattie Golden had around her festive board Christmas, her three daughters and their families, including Mr. and Mrs. Arch Conley and children, of Cove, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Yoske and two little boys, of Marysville, and Mrs. Letitia Hull and children, of Glenns Ferry, Ida.

Thirty-five were in attendance at the lovely Christmas party Mrs. L. D. Snutz had at her home Wednesday. Following a delicious dinner the time was spent in visiting and in playing games.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Golden and Jack Salsbury enjoyed Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Salsbury, of La Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Conrad arrived last week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lindsey. They have been in Washington points since last spring working all summer and fall in the fruit. Mr. Conrad plans to leave the first of the year for Baker where he has a position at a lumber company's plant. Mrs. Conrad will stay with her parents while he is gone.

**Trig to Paris?**  
When a woman begins to lose interest in the fashion she needs some kind of a tonic.—Chicago News.

**Free Medical Advice**  
In many parts of Brazil the leading pharmacists employ young physicians who give free consultation to the poor.

**New Twin Name**  
When asked to name the twin cities a bright schoolboy suggested Walla Walla.—Florence (Ala.) Herald.

**Think It Over**  
By doing the hard things first you will be sure to find the rest easy.

**Sure Sign**  
When she begins having kinds of food she knows he does not like it is a fair sign the honeymoon is waning.—Lorain Journal.

**This Age**  
The man who took his own horn soon has everybody dodging when he appears.—Montreal Star.

**But They Don't Care**  
People who hope they don't intrude usually do.—Shoe and Leather Reporter.

**Lingering Turmoil**  
A family quarrel isn't over until the man has time to forget what an ass he was and feel respectable again.—San Francisco Chronicle.

# Falk's LaGrande Store...

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at chairman of arrangements for the party. Her committee were as follows: Mrs. Bond and Mrs. Delbert Groat, program; Miss Minnie Holman and Mrs. Mattie Golden, dinner; Mrs. Sara Anson and Mrs. Hannah decorations; and Mrs. J. R. Lindsey, Mrs. Paul Conrad, Mrs. Sara Anson and Mrs. Hannah, treats.

Mrs. Inez Jenkins and her pupils presented an enjoyable Christmas entertainment at the school house Friday evening. The school room was very pretty in its Yuletide decorations, a tree beautifully dressed being a feature. The following program was well carried out and was much enjoyed by the parents:

Recitation, "Santa Claus Whiskers"—Tommy Macomb.  
Recitation, "Beautiful Garden of Toys"—Alma DeLong.  
Recitation, "Little Teddy Chatterbox"—Robert Spencer.  
Song, "Jolly Old Santa Claus"—Phyllis Johnson and Alma DeLong.  
Dialog, "Mistakes of Santa Claus"—Phyllis Johnson and Frank Johnson.  
Recitation, "A Christmas Tree"—Delbert Groat.  
Recitation, "A Stupid Trick"—Joe Spencer.  
Recitation, "A Wonderful Christmas"—Pat Hughes.  
Song, "Christmas is Coming"—Alma DeLong and Phyllis Johnson.  
Dialog, "The Sick Pupils"—Seven pupils.  
Dialog, "The Plan That Failed"—Two pupils.

At the conclusion of the program the children and Mrs. Jenkins exchanged gifts. Each person present received a bag of candy, one of nuts and an orange. The treats were furnished by the Parent-Teacher association.

School closed for the holidays Friday afternoon, Dec. 29, and will

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