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VINE AND BRANCHES—I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me, ye can do nothing.—John 15:5.

### He who hesitates gets run over.

Noses of girls are turning up, according to a Kansas City artist. Not from pride, but from independence.

### A NEGLECTED RESOLUTION

We have no wish to preach, and are well aware good resolutions constitute a tender subject—seeing how nearly all of them are broken within the first few weeks of each new year. Nevertheless, we venture a wisp of advice to those who are about to greet the first day of 1930 with definitely deciding what they are or are not going to do.

This suggestion of ours is not new, but because it is not much used, may be called as good as new. It does not require any special preparation, such as throwing away ash-trays or smashing cocktail glasses. It does not even involve suffocation of a habit, harmful or extravagant, and can be quietly applied without attracting special notice from any one—until it gets in good working order.

Then it may become a matter for comment, but only of the most praiseful sort. In the Dictionary of Desirable Traits it is defined as tending to your own business. And it comes in assorted sizes, to fit even those who have little business to attend to.

### FEASTING

As some of the details are given of the world-wide observance of the Christmas festival, the great aggregate cost indicated may suggest that feasting is now more elaborate than in the olden days.

What seems most interesting and impressive is that the modern festival, while its cost in the aggregate is unprecedented, is characterized by a more general distribution of the good things rather than by the elaborate features of old. Even the pre-prohibition manner of celebrating New Year's eve in some of the American cities seldom brought the description of a Belshazzar's feast. Americans, with their dinner clubs and banquets of their many organizations, eat in the company of one another more today than ever. Yet, even in the period of high prices, the dollar dinner or luncheon is largely maintained.

Recalling the feasting of Old England as described by Dickens and Sir Walter Scott, one gets the further notion that modern feasting is more simple than that of old. The Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners of the Pilgrim Fathers, one gathers from their description, occupied no little thought and provision in their preparation. In olden times some great gifts also were given. Here again comes the thought that while there are instances today of the exchange of very valuable gifts, the colossal sum that goes into Christmas presents is due to the fact that gift-giving has become so general.

The cost of the modern festival is so great because of the effort to get as many as possible to the table.

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Wayne Kille is a most considerate and polite fellow to meet socially, but coming toward you in his auto just seems to literally transform him. "I'll go if Sen. Brookhart won't be there," said Kille, when asked to attend a dinner for Jake Bentley, who almost sold his farm yesterday.

### Officers Named At Meeting Held By Elgin Club

By Mrs. L. E. Hill (Observer Correspondent)  
ELGIN, Ore. (Special)—The Elgin community club elected officers at the regular December meeting held at 6:30 at the Elgin bakery. The office of president of the organization will be filled by appointment by the board of directors of the club and the members of the two local granges, J. E. Witherspoon, of Cricket Flat, and C. E. Moore, of Rock Wall. The club elected Arthur Halgarth as two years director, F. W. Keller for one year and Fred Hill still has one more year to serve. Henry Hug was elected vice president. Dr. H. J. Smith reelected secretary although due to his recent illness he was not able to attend the meeting. L. E. Hill, E. E. Harman and M. M. Arant were a committee appointed to arrange the dinner and entertainment for the January meeting.

Ten people were baptized in the Grande Ronde river last Sunday afternoon by Mr. Jarvis. For the last several weeks Mr. Jarvis has held revival meetings in Elgin, at this time they are being held in the American Legion hall.

Oscar Bendshadler left last Thursday for the Willamette valley where he plans to stay through the winter. He spent Christmas with his brother, Dr. George Bendshadler in Portland. He also plans to go to Eugene where his parents and brothers and sister live.

A very interesting meeting was held at the Presbyterian church last Wednesday evening. Beginning with a potluck supper at 6:30 the evening's entertainment took the form of a reception by the church for their pastor, the Rev. L. B. Williams. Mrs. Williams and family. While the Williams family have lived here for some time he has served as supply pastor, but has now been elected by the local church as regular pastor. Mrs. A. Kloostra, on behalf of the congregation presented them with a beautiful calla lily. Mrs. Lee Golding shared in the evening's festivities, as it was her birthday anniversary and also honoring her as the member of longest standing in the Ladies Aid society having been a member here for 30 years. She was given a lovely vase. A brief program of musical numbers by Marie Harris and Zella Reed and a reading by Mrs. Kloostra was given during the evening.

Donna Foster who is attending Albany college and her sister, Pave Foster of the College of Idaho are spending the holidays with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Foster.

Vernel Shoemaker is home for the holiday season. He is taking pre-medical at the state university.

Lafayette is spending the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Richards, of Cricket Flat. He has been attending the state college where he has been prominent in student affairs.

Mrs. Lee Hobbs, of North Powder, came down last Friday to stay for several days with her daughter, Mrs. Joe Scott, of Fairview, north of Cricket Flat. She was accompanied by her son who returned to North Powder that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jones entertained their two sons and their families over Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brock and children of La Grande and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jones, of Hilliard, Mrs. Glenn Jones is planning to remain here for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hill and Wilma spent Sunday at Enterprise with the Guy Arnold family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Chandler had as their Christmas guests, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chandler, of La Grande, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Chandler and family, Miss Myrtle Chandler, of Portland and Mrs. Mary Chandler of Elgin.

W. M. McConnell, of Sycam, spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. McConnell and sister, Mrs. Scott Harris, of Elgin. Mr. McConnell is heavily interested in sheep and reports conditions in his business very satisfactory.

George Chandler has just returned from six weeks trip to Yakima and Portman. As is usual with residents of this country, he was glad to get home. Business conditions there are very similar to those here, he finds.

The Women's club held a social meeting Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. L. Denham. Preceding the meeting Mrs. Kille conducted practice for the cantata "Father" to be given next month.

### PEKING SKULL IS NEAREST TO THE "MISSING LINK"

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block of travertine in which it was found.

The skull was brought into the assembly room in the arms of Dr. Davidson Black, formerly of Turin, who is honorary director of the geologic research laboratory of the geological survey here. Dr. Black, who is also a professor of anatomy at the Rockefeller Foundation hospital, handled the skull as though it were the most delicate piece of chinaware. He placed it on a table while the spectators eagerly craned their necks, among those present were Dr. Sven Hedin, the noted Swedish scientist and explorer, Prof. Charles Wilson Brown, head of the geology department of Brown university, and Prof. Graham.

Dr. Black gave full credit for the discovery to W. C. Pei, youthful Chinese member of the geological survey who unearthed the skull on Dec. 2, the last day of the season's work.

Dr. Black called particular attention to the vault of the skull form, its massive brown ridges to the occiput and the whole right side of the skull, supported, when found, in a relatively soft matrix, which has since been removed.

"In the present state of its preparation," Dr. Black said, "it thus becomes apparent that the brain case has been almost completely preserved while most of the facial region would be lacking."

Mr. Andrews, who had a private view of the skull last week in the Rockefeller hospital where the skull is once kept in a safe said: "The skull will settle once and for all many points about the early human type which heretofore have been in dispute as it is so nearly complete giving scientists much to work on. It is more complete than anything of the kind yet discovered."

The skull was found deep in a great cave. Nearby were many other bones, chiefly animals, but no tools and no signs of fire were discovered indicating that it was the skull of a man living prior to discovery of tools and fire. Many of the bones found were those of hyenas and from this it was decided by some of the scientists that men and animals might all have lived in the same cave.

### The Town Doctor (The Doctor of Towns) Says

THERE'S A SIGN AT YOUR ELBOW  
There is a sign at every railroad crossing reading, "Stop! Look! and Listen!" yet nearly every day somebody gets knocked into eternity by a locomotive. Everywhere, thinking highway commissioners warn unthinking motorists to "drive with discretion," "don't pass on a hill," "slow down," and all those things; still, a newspaper without a list of automobile fatalities is the exception rather than the rule.

As people walk and drive blindly in front of speeding twenty-ton locomotives, and as their feet under steering wheels still kill themselves and endanger the lives of law-abiding and cautious-obeying citizens, just so do some communities remain sound asleep to their opportunities, constantly slipping more and more into the valley of "what used to be," while other live, wide-awake towns "take telling," shake off their shrouds of lethargy and get going to a bigger, brighter, and better day.

What do you want in La Grande? What does La Grande need to make it what you would like it to be?

Whatever you want—whatever La Grande needs, you can have it if you want it bad enough and will "take telling" to get it.

If it's factories you want, get "right" yourself, make La Grande "right" by making it READY for factories, and the result will be factories. If it's home builders you want, the same is true.

There are more manufacturers seeking locations for new factories than there are towns ready and right for factories. There are thousands more people in the market for, and just waiting to get "hooked" on, new home locations, than there are communities which can rightfully lay claim to being even semi-qualified for ideal residence.

There is a sign at your elbow—both elbows. That sign is a sign of the times, telling you that never in your life has La Grande had the opportunities that it has today. Everywhere you turn there is proof of it. Every place you go you can see it if you LOOK and hear it if you LISTEN.

Decide on what La Grande wants, find out what it needs, KNOW what it has, what it lacks, where it is strong and where it is weak. Don't guess—KNOW. Then get going to get it.

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### MENUS

By Sister Mary  
Though it seems like a perfectly simple undertaking for the average woman to get three meals a day for her family and only one house guest, unless careful planning is done ahead of time she will find she's an extremely busy person.

Too often the presence of a guest in the house means extravagance in food. The housewife hesitates to use up left-overs and they are wasted.

Plan to use left-overs in salads, sandwiches, fritters, croquettes, meat pies, rankins, and innamercable "made" dishes for luncheons.

Don't try to serve elaborate meals. Simple menus, well thought out, built around one perfect dish, will prove more satisfactory than too much and too rich food.

The following menu is simple and not extravagant. The luncheon main dish is a left-over that any hostess may be proud to serve.

BREAKFAST—Halves of grape fruit, cereal soaked with chopped figs, crisp broiled bacon, whole wheat toast, milk, coffee.

LUNCHEON—Chickaree of rice and meat, mixed relishes, popovers, floating island, crisp cookies, tea.

DINNER—Broiled fish with egg sauce, sautéing potatoes, glazed parsnips, combination vegetable salad, canned peaches in raspberry jelly, coconut cake, milk, coffee.

The dinner salad offers an opportunity to use left-over vegetables and the dessert uses left-over juice from canned raspberries. The

### Library Chats

By Mabel E. Doly, Librarian  
A list of interesting new books which have recently been placed in circulation at the public library follows:

"Carl Akeley's Africa," Akeley.  
"Under Tropical Seas," Beebe.  
"Airplane and Its Engine," Chatfield & Taylor.  
"Some Modern Poets," Davidson.  
"The Art of Life," Ellis.  
"Then I Saw the Congo," Flaudray.  
"The Field God and Abraham's Bosom," Green.  
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"Life and Death in Sing Sing," Lawes.

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