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WITNESSES—When the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.—John 15:26, 27.

The groundhog may not be as efficient as a weather prophet as he used to be. Tulips have already pushed through the soil a half inch or more and yesterday's snow disappeared with a nice spring rain.

Portland has discovered that several thousand dollars in fines have not been collected following criminal convictions. It has one advantage over Chicago, however, and that is that it got the convictions. If that famous city of crime could get both convictions and fines, maybe the present financial difficulties would not be quite so serious.

Building activity is not only going to be ahead of last year in volume in La Grande but it has started off much earlier than usual. Two business structures are already well under way with concrete work started. Three more, not including the new railroad station, will be begun within the next thirty days. The station should be started about the same time. Several other structures will go up before the summer is over. All of which points to a good year for the building trades and constitutes new evidence of wide-spread confidence in the future of La Grande and its rich territory.

A chamber of commerce membership costs from two to ten dollars a month, depending on the estimated benefit of the individual business firm. No business or professional man and no property owner can fail to receive benefit from the work of the chamber. Even in the minor role of a community clearing house, the chamber of commerce saves money every year for every business firm in town. In its community development work it makes money for its members in protecting present advantages and providing new ones. Yet some firms, according to the secretary, are reluctant to pay dues—enough of them to make several hundred dollars on the books in past due accounts. And the Union county chamber of commerce is financially efficient. It cut its budget this past year nearly fifteen hundred dollars while doing excellent work. It spends less than neighboring communities for similar work. Surely failure to belong or failure to pay dues promptly is a thoughtless policy that most firms will be glad to correct.

CITIES HAVE CREDIT PROBLEMS, TOO

Municipal finances have many angles that make running the city's business anything but a picnic sometimes. Most people take it very much for granted that there is nothing to it except collect the taxes and keep expenditures within the approved budget. But it isn't that simple. Taxes are like some merchandise bills. They are paid when it is convenient and neglected when not. That applies especially to the assessments due from improvement district in which property owners owe for sidewalks, paving, sewers, lighting improvement, etc. Under the law bonds are issued to permit the property owner to pay for his share of the improvement over a period of ten years, the theory being that the city can pay off the bonds as the property owners pay off their assessments. The difficulty arises when the city is forced to pay the bonds while the property owners allow their assessments to become delinquent. Bonds are paid readily enough, the money being appropriated temporarily from other sources. Then the city assumes the position of the merchant who has accounts receivable that are past due. The city must carry the delinquent property owner on the books and try to get the assessments paid as rapidly as possible. If the municipal authorities are persistent collectors, the money comes in slowly. And finally the property owners that are slowest in their payments are advertised and the property may finally be taken over by the city to satisfy the improvement debt. The whole process, however, requires much bookkeeping and no small amount of effort to see that the bond owner is paid promptly and the property owner allowed the convenience of extra credit. In most instances the delinquency does not indicate an inability to pay but can be blamed on carelessness. If the city is not actively soliciting the delinquent property owner, it is easy to overlook the obligation. When they go after it, the money comes in quite readily. Which indicates that a definite and continuous system of collection on delinquent assessments would not be a bad thing. The successful merchant employs such a system and keeps his old accounts to a minimum. Perhaps if he had a good piece of real estate as security, as the city does, he wouldn't be so careful of credit, but careful collecting is good business in any event.

Abe Martin



Today a fellow kin got a tank full of gas, two hamburger sandwiches, put his car in a down town garage, and take his kid to a hundred per cent, talkie, for half of what we used to pay to see a "New York success." "I've washed their faces and combed their hair, but I ain't goin' to be responsible for puttin' 'em on the school bus," said Mrs. Pop Angel, to her husband (his morning), as a horn sounded in front of her home.

Woman Races South In Chartered Plane

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 14 (AP)—Speeding by air to San Francisco where she hopes recent discoveries in cancer treatment may save her life, Mrs. Irving Edwins, wife of a Lake Chelan, Wash., orchardist, left Portland at noon today in a chartered airplane. Mrs. Edwins will be treated by Dr. Walter B. Coffey and John H. Humber who are using adrenal extracts in cancer treatment. She was accompanied by her husband in the plane piloted by Charles A. Boston. Another stop will be made at Montague, Cal., for gasoline and oil. Edwins said his wife was in a most serious condition.

Girl's Sobs Are Under Control

ATTLEBORO, Mass., Feb. 14 (AP)—A few moments of light sobbing at intervals of several hours was the sole reminder today of the violent spasms of uncontrollable sobbing which Miss Violet Miguel, suffered for several days this week. The young woman was to leave her bed today for the first time.

LOCAL MARKETS

Spring—18 1/2 c 25c lb. Heavy hens—16c lb. Light hens—14c lb. Stags—8c lb.

LA GRANDE RETAIL MARKETS

Sugar—100 lb. sack—\$6.25. Vegetables—Netted Gem potatoes—\$3 sack. Parsley—5c bunch. Cabbage—8c lb. Lettuce—15c a head. Yellow onions—4c lb. Carrots—California, 10c bunch. Sweet potatoes—3 lbs. 25c. Parsnips—4c lb. Spinach—15c lb. Brussels sprouts—20c lb. Cranberries—20c lb. Cucumbers—35c each. Cauliflower—15c lb. Celery—20c. Celery heart—20c. Turnips—15c a bunch; 2 for 25c. Green peppers—40c lb. Artichokes—2 for 25c. Radishes—7 1/2c bunch. Dairy—Butter, creamery—45c lb., 2 lbs. \$5.00. Eggs—42c 45c doz. Cheese—40c lb. Honey—Comb, 75c a square. Fruits—Bananas—2 lbs. for 25c. Apples—\$1.50 \$2.00 box. Lemons—50c doz. Oranges—45c \$1.00 doz. Meats and Fish—Beef ball—15 1/2 20c. Chops and steaks—30 1/2 40c lb. Fresh salmon—35c lb. Halibut—28c lb.

You can't go wrong in making biscuits if you add the milk



HILLS BROS COFFEE Fresh from the original vacuum pack. Easily opened with the key. We Buy Hens—Rhode Island Reds.

HAROLD LLOYD MAKES LOCAL BOW IN TALKIES

A Review Harold Lloyd made his initial appearance in La Grande yesterday in a talkie, and his fans—and they are many—are more convinced than ever that he is the king of laugh-makers. He took the leading part in "Welcome Danger" at the Arcade and his artless, glib, and excellent handling of difficult situations kept the audience in a hilarious uproar much of the time. The comedy king has the reputation of springing more original jokes than any other, and he upheld this last night with a number of new stunts. The play gives him the role of the son of a famous police chief and he tries to live up to his father's reputation—and how. Lloyd is supported by an excellent cast. Much of the action is in the "chintown of a large Pacific coast city." The play gives him the role of the son of a famous police chief and he tries to live up to his father's reputation—and how. Lloyd is supported by an excellent cast. Much of the action is in the "chintown of a large Pacific coast city."

Coolidge Has To Buy a Nightshirt

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 14 (AP)—Somebody made a mistake in parking former President Calvin Coolidge's baggage in Florida. His sleeping garment was left out. After spending a restless night trying to sleep in pajamas in a New Orleans hotel, the former president called a bell boy and sent him out shopping. The boy returned with a bundle. Mr. Coolidge opened it and promptly lifted out an old-fashioned night shirt.

BANTA IS FOUND GUILTY BY JURY

Dan J. Kenny, of Portland, and Robert Eakin represent the plaintiff, and Cochran and Eberhard the defendant.

GIVEN 30 DAYS

In the county court, Judge U. G. Couch yesterday afternoon sentenced William Burgess, charged with possession of liquor, to 30 days in jail. Burgess was arrested earlier in the week by county officers.

TWO BANDITS IN CHICAGO KILLED; DRIVE CONTINUES

from the police weapons dropped him, dead.

THREE KILLED IN HOLDUP

DETROIT, Feb. 14 (AP)—Three men, two of them special guards, and a third a member of a four-man holdup gang who preferred death to capture, lost their lives last night in a gun battle during a

ROBBERS GET 35 CENTS

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 14 (AP)—Four unidentified men entered the home of Mike Peruse early today, bound two of its occupants hand and foot, looted the residence, then left with but 35 cents. Peter Millas, a roomer and John People were tied with their belts after Millas went to the door to find a revolver shoved into his midriff.

MYSTERY OF OHIO BOY CLEARED BY TWO STATEMENTS

appeared. Both agreed that McVine was whisked into the automobile and either choked or beaten to death, but each laid the blame on the other.

FRANCE'S CLAIM IS BEING FOUGHT

Besides these bargaining points there are certain arguments which will be advanced to France. These will be tendered not only for the purpose of convincing the French delegation but with the idea of giving Premier Tardieu material with which to persuade his country that lower tonnage figures are possible.

HUGHES WILL TAKE OFFICE FEBRUARY 21

was cited as an evidence of the trend of opinion on the supreme

RECURS OF A ROMANTICIST

If there were no romance, there would be no military bill and no money spent for powder and perfume.

YOUR GIRL DOESN'T GET MUCH OF A KICK OUT OF IT WHEN YOU KISS HER PICTURE.

Old Sandy had a cold, and here doctor said: "Hot milk and honey every night, Sandy." A week later the doctor came to ask how the treatment went. "Well, doctor," said Sandy with a grin. "Ain't a wee bit behind with the milk, but I'm six weeks ahead with the honey."

PAYMENT IN ADVANCE

Neighbor: "What are you thrashing your son for?" Mr. Brown: "He's going to get his report card tomorrow and I'm going away tomorrow."

IT'S SAFER TO DRIVE FAST. THE DRIVER MIXED UP IN A FATAL ACCIDENT, NEVER IS GOING FASTER THAN TWENTY MILES AN HOUR.

TOMORROW'S OBSERVER WILL TELL YOU!

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OFFICE CAT By Junius. He buys a valentine for a dime. And wants his love to always shine. Such a system would be sublime. Now, what in the mischief will make this rhyme?

FALK'S LA GRANDE STORE Successors to N.K. WEST & CO. NEW CURTAIN PANELS 2 1/4 yards long \$1.00 each

STEVENS VAN ENGELEN CO STORES REMEMBER SATURDAY FEB. 22 Doctor Scholl's Foot Specialist—ALL DAY

JOEL'S CREDIT Another reason why our business grows is that our customers appreciate the service of having their groceries and meat brought to their door — and pay the bill once or twice a month as they see fit. This is much more convenient than going after them personally and paying the bill every day, don't you think? And our meats and groceries are priced right. SATURDAY AND MONDAY FEATURES Campbells tomato soup 8c Powdered sugar, 3 lbs. 25c Van Camps homing, 2 lg. cans 25c Lemons are lower Large size, doz. 45c Carrots 3 bunches 25c Veal Ground for Loaf Pound 30c Plump hens — Rhode Island Reds — fresh dressed and drawn. Butter 2 lbs. 74c Fry our sausage—no cereal, lb. 30c Chocolate wafers to make refrigerator cake; box 35c We Buy Hens—Rhode Island Reds.

Sale Virgin Wool Suits A SPECIAL LOT OF OREGON CITY VIRGIN WOOL SUITS! Men's and Young Men's—all new patterns that would originally sell for \$25.00 and \$30.00. Some have extra Trousers at \$5.00 more. WHILE THEY LAST \$18.00 SPECIAL LOT OVERCOATS—1/2 PRICE! \$12.50 and up DOLLAR BLANKET SALE Buy One at Regular Price—Take Another for \$1.00 Trotter's QUALITY CLOTHES SHOP THE STORE FOR EVERY MAN \$5.00 Hats \$3.85