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QUESTION AND ANSWER—Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.—Acts 16:30, 31.

As usual, the district basketball tournament at Union promises exciting competition. Tonight's bill will be a taste of what is to come, with La Grande playing Ontario and Baker meeting Wallowa. If you like fast basketball, don't miss this tournament. And if you like good seats, go early.

The 1930 Eastern Oregon Stock Show is already under way and a record show is anticipated. With Mr. Cadwell and the other officers of last year commissioned to continue their efficient and enthusiastic leadership, the people of Union will again demonstrate what fine community co-operation can do in the staging of an event of this kind. It is a fine effort—especially so when you consider that it has been carried on each June for more than twenty years. No single activity in this section has contributed so much to the prosperity and upbuilding of our agricultural community.

To see and to hear J. P. O'Brien is to understand the high place he has won with the Union Pacific System. To know him is to appreciate the high regard and affection in which he is held by his thousands of co-workers in a great railroad. At no time in many years has there been a happier, more appropriate community event than that of last night complimenting Mr. O'Brien. If he took pleasure in it, he can be confident the La Grande people in attendance did so doubly. And if he has a warm spot in his heart for this community, he can know with assurance that our people return the affection many fold.

On a program of unusual excellence at the chamber of commerce annual banquet last night one speech stands out as a classic. Others were unusually good, unusually interesting. Seldom have you heard an after-dinner program of such quality. But Henry McKinney, Baker county sheriff, carried off first honors. Not only was his speech a masterpiece of diplomacy and understanding in the treatment of the delicate subject of intercommunity relations, but it was a gem in choice of words, in phraseology, in presentation. To say that it was keenly appreciated by the La Grande people at the dinner would be putting it mildly. Certainly it confirmed La Grande's belief in the friendliness and good sportsmanship of the great majority of Baker people in spite of last fall's unfortunate controversy. Mr. McKinney carried home with him the hearty good will of this community, properly confident that he and the rest of the Baker delegation had cemented the La Grande-Baker friendship more closely than has ever before been possible.

THE DRAMAS OF EVERY-DAY

The poignant little dramas and tragedies of every-day life that go on all about us seldom come to our attention. Most of the time we never even know about them; but once in a while one pops to the surface—and if we look at it closely we get wisdom, because we get a better understanding of some of the things that less fortunate people are up against.

The other day in Philadelphia a man set out at daybreak to look for a job.

He had been out of work for a long time. His home was a wretched hovel in a back alley. When he started out that morning he gave his wife 18 cents—two-thirds of his entire bankroll. If he did not find a job that day, his wife and their three little children would be in a pretty bad situation.

So he went looking for work, with nine cents in his pocket and a great dread in his heart. He couldn't find any. Place after place he tried, only to be turned down each time. And at last he got to thinking: why not try a hold-up or a burglary? Other men do, and get away with it. Why not? Wouldn't that be better than seeing your family starve?

He thought and thought about it; and the hunger he thought the stronger grew the attraction of this dark plan. When he saw a well-dressed man approaching he actually grew afraid that he would spring on him and take his money.

But he didn't want to be a criminal; so at last he went to a police station, explained things and asked to be locked up—so that he wouldn't commit a crime.

It is comforting to read that the policemen took care of him. They made up a little purse for him and sent him back to his family. A judge heard of the case and got a job for the man. So now the crisis is past. The sky is bright again.

But reading that gives a new sympathy for the chap who isn't as well off as you are. Much petty crime cannot be excused, none can be constantly tolerated, but necessity is often to blame. When we can remove poverty, we'll help remove crime.

Abe Martin



The Smithsonian Institute is lookin' for the man who resumed this planet at the beginning of history, when Consable Plam can't even find the three men who held up the Bloom Center bank twenty minutes ago. What's become o' the ole time workman who split on his hands?

THE OPEN COURT

CORRESPONDENTS MUST SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO THE EDITOR IF THEY DESIRE LETTERS PRINTED.

To the Editor:

A number of questions have come to me concerning illiteracy. Since I have been asked by Hon. Ray Lyman Wilbur, secretary of the interior, to assist in the nationwide campaign to reduce illiteracy, I would appreciate the privilege of answering some of these questions through your columns.

Illiteracy is a menace to good Americanism. An alien in obtaining citizenship in the United States must pass an examination in reading, writing and the principles of our government. The state of Oregon requires a voter to be able to read and write. Just think, there were 1930 native whites in Oregon in 1928 who could not read and write.

The census of 1920 showed that we had a total of 19,304 illiterates in the state. In 1928 we had a total of 9217. We had made a reduction of 1137 in ten years. The census of 1928 revealed that we had had 158 illiterates in Union county, 179 in Baker county and 732 in Umatilla county.

Indians on reservations and foreigners working on railroads and contract work are responsible mainly for the number of illiterates in Oregon.

The department of Americanization in Oregon has tried to organize classes for the instruction of aliens over the state. This work has been carried on a great deal of it by certain individuals donating their time and services for the benefit of the foreigner in their midst. Any citizen interested himself in this kind of work is doing his country a good service. How many times might the courts have been spared the time and expense of trials had certain foreigners been properly assisted in learning to read and write and appreciate American institutions.

Many foreigners coming to this country are not interested in becoming citizens of the United States. They do not care to learn

to read and write our language because they are going back to the "Old Country" as soon as they possess a little money. Yet there are those who are delighted to make this their adopted country. They should be encouraged to take on American ways as soon as possible.

We do not know the exact number of illiterates in our midst at the present time, but as soon as the 1930 census is taken we shall know. In the meantime shall we not try to reduce illiteracy to the zero point.

Yours for better citizenship,
E. A. SAYRE,
County School Superintendent.

CADWELL AGAIN ELECTED CHIEF OF STOCK SHOW

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The community. A full program of racing and sports will be carried out and the stock show will be conducted on much the same lines as heretofore. However, the board has made some changes, which they feel will place the show upon a better business basis and materially benefit the financial standing of the association.

Plan General Change

In previous years the stock judging in the forenoon has been free to the public and great confusion has resulted in the collection of tickets from those upon the grounds for the afternoon performance. The board has decided to make a general admission charge of fifty cents for admission to the grounds. Rates for the afternoon entertainment have been adjusted accordingly so that the prices for the afternoon will be the same as before.

Some change is also contemplated with reference to the shape of a few years back of free feed and shelter, and this year the advertisement will probably read free hay and shelter.

The above changes made and contemplated by the board of directors are merely along the lines that have been developing for the past several years with reference to the stock show. The show was originally begun in a very simple manner with few costs for premiums or other expenses and some customs attached that it has been most difficult to get away from, but it has been apparent for some years that if the show was to continue that some matters would have to be abandoned in place the show upon a business basis, and it was toward that goal that the directors strove in their meeting.

Over Night News

By the Associated Press
Washington—Tall buried at Arlington with nation's highest honors.

Palm Beach—Edward S. Allen, 72, theatrical manager, dies.

New York—Thief, posing as broker's clerk, steals \$57,200 in stock from two messengers within 45 minutes.

New Orleans—Fire does \$2,000,000 damage to Mandeville wharf and steamship Mumarics.

Detroit—Lindbergh's mother among 1700 non-residents and aliens who may lose jobs.

Washington—League says farm board will not continue efforts to remove crop surpluses unless agriculture tries to halt overproduction.

New York—Fox seeks injunction to prevent voting of stock holdings he deposited in trust with John E. Otterson and H. L. Stuard.

FARM BOARD MONEY BILL IS APPROVED

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conference, "have done more damage than all the bugs in the state."

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12 (AP)—Regulation of production, transportation and distribution of all

classes of power in interstate commerce with government supervision of rates and of securities of holding companies was proposed today in a bill by Senator Coughen, republican, Michigan.

CHICAGO PEOPLE REGISTER

CHICAGO, Mar. 12 (AP)—Two hundred thirty thousand names were added to the election books today and one name to the list of

persons killed in violence at polling places.

LUMBER MEN MAY OPPOSE McNARY

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Salem, Ore., Mar. 1 (AP)—L. H. Sandblast of Portland will be a candidate against Senator McNary for the republican nomination for United States senator. He informed an organization meeting of the Minute Men of Oregon here last night.

preferable that the candidate be not a lumberman," the paper concluded.

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Trotter's

QUALITY CLOTHES SHOP
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First Blooms in Spring Fabrics

Of course the first Spring fabrics are always the most attractive—the patterns being new and different. Why not now — plan your Spring and Summer wardrobe from these fresh new Spring prints in the smartest of silks, rayons and cottons.

Corticelli Silks

\$2.50

Lustrous, shimmering silks in exclusive and different designs as only Corticelli knows. These silks are full 39 inches wide and are offered in a profusion of colors.

Rayon Pique

89c

A new fabric shown for the first time this spring which comes in self patterned prints of plain colors only. So popular for sports clothes in the newer pastel colors.

Cotton Prints

Mere words fail to portray the colors — the patterns — the qualities of these gorgeous new cotton prints. 36 inches wide in guaranteed fast colors.

19c - 29c - 39c - 49c

54-in. Wool Tweed

\$1.95

Smart woolen tweeds, 54 inches wide, found so much in skirts, suits and ensembles. These come in tan and blue mixtures and are all wool fabrics.

Basket Weave

\$2.25

Basket weave flannels in an all wool fabric that is proving a real favorite for sports wear throughout the country comes in Rose, Helio, Nite, Pie Crust and Navy.

Wool Flannels

\$2.25

Beautiful soft all wool flannels in fourteen popular plain colors. Full 54 inches wide, this fabric is ideal for coats, jackets, skirts and ensembles.