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Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.—Gal. 6:2.

GOOD OLD, BAD OLD, TIMES

Tomorrow is usually a little further off than yesterday, both have a perspective which in some ways shows them up in more nearly their true relations and in some ways distorts the view and makes them look grotesque. And yet the yesterdays were once the present, pulsing and important, and imperative in demand. Tomorrow, too, will be just the plain present one of these days. And they are all alike, more or less, in the essential elements that compose the conditions of any period.

There are dreamers who are continually visioning the brighter day ahead, crystalizing it into the acme of perfect conditions in a moral way, and probably also in a physical, economic and industrial way. And the dreamers have always had to announce from time to time a postponement, more or less indefinite, of the glad and perfect day when all the wrong will be righted.

So, too, there are the retrospective dreamers, forever living in the past and investing the departed days with a glamor and glory that was never quite justified by the facts in the time when these past times were prosaic and practical present. These reminiscent experts harp upon the "good old days" and deplore the decadence of the new—the deterioration of the manners and morals of the day in which we live.

It does not require an enthusiast or a professional optimist to find the actual facts of the record and learn that the "good old days" were not a bit better than the todays we live through and wrestle with and glory in. We find George Washington writing some aphorisms upon the subject of common etiquette, in which he advised some of his followers to refrain from spitting upon the floors and into the corners of the rooms of polite homes.

Manners of the people as a whole today are better, gentler, more courteous, more unselfish than they were in those hazy, good old days. And while the newspapers now and then carry considerable news of crime in these days, the general moral conditions in this and in practically every country are, in the main, better today than in those days to which some are harking back forever for comparison and contrast.

There are more people now than in the less populous days of the century ago, and there are more papers and quicker communication, and therefore more thorough publicity of the remissness and delinquencies of the more people now than when Benjamin Franklin started his little gazetteer two hundred years ago. If you will back some old timer squarely up against the facts as his serious and honest

memory recalls them you will find that your native town has made considerable improvement, to say the least, so has the country at large.

The moral standard has been raised with the passing years and the world is better than it was in those times of the "good old days," but we will not make the most of our opportunity if we do not raise the standard still higher, and this is a job in which we may all have a part.

New figures have put the world's population at something over two billion, divided among the continents as follows: Asia, 950 million; Europe, 550 million; North and South America, 230 million; Africa, 150 million; Australia, 7 million. These estimates show an increase in the world's population during the past three years of about 100 million people.

If the sun was to disappear, it is estimated the temperature of the earth would fall to something like 300 degrees below zero.

In Washington

By Herbert Plummer.
WASHINGTON—Uncle Sam employs 200 people every year because letter writers have not yet learned how to use the mails properly. Last year some 25,000,000 pieces of mail found their way to the dead letter offices located in five different parts of the country. Of this number, 19,000,000—carry- ing correspondence only—had to be destroyed because no clues to the identity of either sender or intended recipient could be found.

Here in the capital is one of these five sectional receiving offices for undeliverable mail. And every day it gets about 200 absolutely blank envelopes.

This is the most valuable class of dead mail, because it contains a high proportion of checks, drafts, money orders and the like.

It was only recently that one such envelope was found to contain a check for \$105,000. A Canadian railroad was trying to send the amount to a Mississippi lumber firm. By the time the error was adjusted, it is estimated that more than \$1,000 in interest was involved.

CURIOUS MISCELLANY
These blank envelopes contain all sorts of things. There are legal papers of every description, photographs, kid gloves, silk stockings— even locks of hair.

A \$10,000 bond found in an un- addressed envelope recently turned out to be a part of the loot in a mail robbery.

107 AT PENDLETON
PENDLETON, Aug. 15 (AP)—A tem- perature of 107 degrees was experi- enced here yesterday. There was a slight breeze.

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DROUTH DISASTER STORIES TOLD AT GOVERNORS' MEET

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pects of feed—3,000 people starving this winter." While many other counties reported conditions almost as bad, a majority were more optimistic.

REDUCED RATES EFFECTIVE
SALEM, Ore., Aug. 15 (AP)—Reduced commercial and residential electric lighting rates, resulting from an order of the public service commission on July 18, became effective today. The order of the commission affected only the Pacific Northwest Public Service company in its Portland area, extending from the north city limits of Portland to and including Salem, and was estimated to cause a saving of \$440,000 a year to consumers.

BILLINGS DENIES FATAL BOMBING

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role of saboteur. Last night Billings emphatically denied having been at 721 Market. Chief Justice William H. Waste announced the hearing would resume in San Francisco Monday and an effort would be made to bring the case to a close at once. The jurists' recommendations will guide Governor Young in deciding whether Billings shall receive a pardon.

BULL MARKET RULES DAY IN WALL STREET

NEW YORK, Aug. 15 (AP)—The over- grown bear faction clumsily stumbled into a trap in today's stock market, and was forced to pay fancy prices to get out. A long list of important shares shot up 5 to 12 points in the final hour of trading, as the bears, after three days of unsuccessful efforts to send prices lower, fell over each other to buy back the shares they had sold

short, and found disconcertingly little profit for sale. U. S. Steel shot up 7 points, one of the sharpest advances in this premier issue in recent year, such issues as American Telephone, Vanadium, Columbia Carbon, Air Reduction, Westinghouse Electric, and American Can gained 5 to 10, while Case mounted 12. Profit taking by traders who bought at lower levels for a time caused some recessions from the best levels. The market closed strong. Sales approximated 1,650,000 shares.

CORVALLIS IS TO BE LEGION HOST IN '31

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some 4,500 beds. Never before in the history of soldier legislation has a measure of such importance been pushed to such a prompt conclusion at the beginning of a legislative session.

The national commander announced the legion's policy regarding future hospital construction, as follows: "In view of the unfair neglect of the disabled and in view of the fact that it is poor economy for the government to wait until an acute situation confronts it, the legion favors a hospital policy which contemplates a government agency to anticipate the need, and to provide facilities at any future date, as in 1935, 1940 or 1945 in order that a man can get just and fair care in time, perhaps, to give him a fighting chance for recovery."

To Promote Education
Announcement was made in the address of a fall activity of the legion in the promotion of education and patriotism. "Education and patriotism," he said, "go hand in hand, and our 10,000 posts of the legion are now engaged in arranging for certain studies in our schools the coming year to link together these two principles of good citizenship. We will endeavor to have every class in every school adopt a regular course in study in flag etiquette and flag education. Respect for the flag means respect for law and order, and it calculates in a

citizen the principles of good character. Our posts will seek to have national constitution week, Sept. 14-20 observed, as an occasion in which the ark of the people's covenant, and the guarantee of the individual's freedom, rights and justice." Bodenhamer asked all veterans to urge their comrades who have not yet applied for the benefits of the ad- justed compensation act to do so at once. "Closing date for applications was fixed at January 2, 1930 and there remained 422,000 veterans who, for one reason or other, had failed to make application," the commander said. "The legion sought to extend the time and on June 5, the Hawley bill was put into law extending the time to January 2, 1935."

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The News Used To Be:

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
From Observer, Thurs., Aug. 15, 1905
Geo. Miller states that threshing returns in his section of the valley show a heavier yield than the growers were estimating.
It is reported that Hutchinson Bros. are about to start a bank in Union.
The large cereal crop of Eastern Oregon needs harvest laborers. Harvest hands in the cry from every county.
William Smith has purchased J. W. White's feed store on Adams avenue.
Conductor O. J. Ruckman told about seeing the tooth of a mastodon which has been recently discovered in the Cruthers placer mine in Hye valley.

TEN YEARS AGO
From Observer, Mon., Aug. 16, 1920
According to the city manager, La Grande now has enough water for a short time.
Roy Fleeter is the new chief of police for La Grande.
Traffic, both east and west, was held up on the O-W. lines from yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock until this morning by a freight train wreck which occurred just east of Union Junction.
A baby son, weighing 8 pounds, was born this morning to Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Moore.

ONE YEAR AGO
From Observer, Fri., Aug. 15, 1929
The Tom Strand home outside of the city limits was damaged by fire at 12:15 this afternoon, and had it not been for the pumper truck, it would have been destroyed.
Four players were thinned from the ranks of entrants in the Eastern Oregon tennis tournament at Union this morning in the first lap of three days of play.
Preparations for the annual Labor day celebration in La Grande swung into their final phase, with the launching of the Labor day Queen contest, and completions of other arrangements.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Swatz are the parents of a baby boy born to them Sunday.



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A delicious cake for the family	60c

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Rayon striped collar-attached	\$1.85
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