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OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



HEROES ARE MADE - NOT BORN.

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.—Proverbs 3:6.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

The day's run of news on Monday at times makes one believe that the term "blue Monday" is apropos.

Just consider: Yesterday's Observer told of the death of a 10-year-old La Grande boy who fell over a cliff while hiking; of the death of a Goldendale, Wash., man who fell asleep at the wheel of his automobile; of the rejection of the import tax on forest products by a senate committee; of several fatal and near fatal automobile accidents in other sections of the state; of the drowning of a Baker, Ore., boy in a lake, etc.

Read those headlines alone and you cannot escape sadness. But, happily, there is another side to the news!

Half a thousand kiddies were made happy Saturday by a pet parade; warm weather attracted hundreds to swimming pools, golf courses, fishing trips, happy motoring trips; the La Grande High track team gave another demonstration of its prowess; the wheat market edged up a fraction of a cent; hearings are opening over the nation on livestock freight rates; music week is to be observed beginning May 1 with a wealth of fine programs.

That is the brighter side, of course, but in the hearts of bereaved ones, it cannot make up for the loss of one life. Yet, in the general scheme of things, it represents the evenness of our life today. Where one has a disappointment or a heart-ache, another finds something to bring a happy smile or new inspiration for progress.

It's the never-failing magnet of happenings that makes the world go round — and puts a newspaper in every home that can possibly afford the price of a subscription.

And, by the way, the Observer on Monday carried 17 local stories, 37 out-of-town stories, the editorials, 36 inches of La Grande and Union and Willowa county personal happenings, two news pictures, 15 features, including the comic strips, 17 sport stories, 18 items of market news, 69 ads and nine society items. Did you ever realize how much of the happenings of the news of the day is brought to your doorstep each afternoon when the boy delivers the paper?

GRAB IT — HOLD IT

A great many of our readers know Dick, only that is not his real name. He is a bright-eyed youngster who plays hard every day.

A few days ago we watched him and his playmates having a game of baseball. The score at the time we stopped to look is an unimportant detail. Dick's eyes were never off the rapidly moving sphere. Suddenly a hard and fast fly was batted to his field. Out in this field was a great puddle of muddy water, left by a recent rain, and the ball went straight for that puddle. And Dick went straight for the ball. Perhaps he saw the puddle—at least he knew it was there—but his eyes were on the ball. As the ball shot for the ground Dick leaped into the air, caught the ball, and—splash! He went flat in the dirty hole. But the hand that had nailed the fly never touched the ground. He waded out, covered with mud and soaked to the hide, two facts of which he seemed unaware, because he had caught the fly — and had held it.

Some boys would have started for the ball and stopped at the edge of the puddle. Some others would have lost it when they fell. Dick held on.

That particular ball game soon will be a forgotten affair, or at the best only a memory. But we can picture Dick when he gets into the real game of life, as being classed among the star players. He will not look for the little unpleasant things but will hurl himself at the ball and hold on for dear life. He may fall in the mud—he may even have to be fished out—but when he comes to top, in his hand you will see the ball.

One great affliction of so many of us is the tendency to first look for the puddle instead of the ball. And by the time we have figured out every little chance against a successful catch, the ball is gone.

When the ball of life is batted into your field, grab it. Don't fumble it—hold it.

Other Papers Say:

FATHER AND SON BANQUETS Mutual understanding between fa-

ther and son, which is supposed to be fostered by Father and Son banquets, is one of the most beautiful relationships in human experience. Like the ties which bind mothers and daughters it is the foundation of domestic felicity and the cornerstone of our social order.

This understanding, however, is an intangible thing, a something that grows without effort. The development of it is a natural process. It

cannot be nurtured by any forced draught process. Any father of 50 who can gossip with his son over the relative merits of football stars and teams or the batting and fielding averages of the kings of the diamond, or who wades the trout pools with him has the understanding and his son shares it with him. Yet if either were asked to tell whence it developed, there would be no certain answer. The best statement would be that it was nothing more than the growth of years, a result that had its first cause when son was a babe in arms, the fruit of years of comradeship and friendly association. Happy indeed is the father who possesses it and fortunate indeed is the son. The parent has no cause to worry for his son's welfare. If the father approximates at all the stature of parent, and he must in order to possess this priceless treasure, son will turn out to be a pretty good sort of man.

It is extremely doubtful, however, that this treasure can be gained by fathers and son after the tie of mutual understanding has been snapped. The parent, who has permitted his son to reach adolescence outside of his range of sympathy, cannot retain his own understanding regardless of how assiduously he may try. No matter how many Father and Son banquets may be arranged or attended, the gulf that has developed between the two cannot be spanned. The mystic tie has been atrophied or cut somewhere in the past and it cannot be healed. Father and son banquets may be arranged, but they are occasions of heart pangs and regrets for other. Albany Democrat-Herald.

Consolidation of courses and centralization of departments at the University of Oregon and the Oregon State college by the board of higher education has, it would seem, cleared the way for the establishment at Corvallis of a much needed institution—a hall of science. The creation of such a science center would not necessitate the construction of a new building, in all probability, but it would require a rearrangement of all things of scientific interest now in the possession of both schools.

One of the important rooms in this hall of science would be that devoted to Oregon's geologic history, a display of aged specimens which would take visitors and students back to primeval days when oceans swept over areas which are now highlands, back to the John Day epoch when semi-tropical creatures were abroad in old Oregon, back to those times when elephants and mastodons ranged along shores of lakes now gone and graceful camels and fleet-footed horses roamed at home on the Snake country plateau. In that collection would be many of the fossils gathered from the hills of Central Oregon more than 50 years ago by Thomas Condon, Oregon's first geologist.

In the paleontology room of Oregon's hall of science could be displayed the many relics of remote times which have been stored away in dark basements of the University of Oregon campus for many years. In those collections are relics of the distant past that have attracted the attention of scientists of world-wide repute. The relics of primeval times have never been displayed because of lack of space.

For the most part, remnants of Oregon's ancient fauna have been rapidly piling up at both the university and the state college. At the college, Prof. John B. Horner's interest in paleontology has resulted in a considerable contribution of fossils to that institution, but with few exceptions, these contributions have not been made available to the students of American paleontology because of a lack of facilities. At the university, numerous fossils have been received from many sections of the state and they have been added to the collections. Included in the university's collection is a vast amount of marine material gathered from Oregon, from Mitchell, from the Burns country and from various localities west of the Cascade range.

Regardless of these large collections of fossils, eastern institutions, such as the national museum in Washington, D. C., have far better displays of Oregon's principal animals and plants than has this state due to the fact that in the past two institutions in Oregon have been making a bid for material found in the state's rocky archives, and neither has had the space or facilities to make this material of real scientific value.

Dr. Earl Leroy Packard, a nationally known paleontologist, has been made dean and director of Oregon's school of science. Dr. Packard is at present connected with the University of Oregon faculty, but he is to be transferred to Corvallis. It is safe to predict that he will be interested in a hall of science which will enhance interest in Oregon's eroded hills, its ancient lakes and its primeval beaches. — Bend Bulletin.

THREE DAYS; THREE PIN MARKS ST. LOUIS (AP) — The women's singles record was broken three times in the first three days of the 1932 international bowling tournament at St. Louis.

In Washington

By Herbert Plummer WASHINGTON — The capital city of the United States, voteless, and for that reason without any say whatever about who will be the next president, is divided therefore between two "favorite sons" seeking the Democratic nomination.

Washington lies between the states of Virginia and Maryland. Its allegiance is divided therefore between the Old Free State and the Old Dominion. Both contributed to the establishment of the District of Columbia.

Maryland is offering Governor Ritchie to the nation. Virginia offers her former governor, Harry Flood Byrd.

Take the night of the Jefferson day dinner, for example. When Byrd was introduced a mighty roar was heard. Virginians were on their feet cheering him. Gen. "Billy" Mitchell, former chief of the army air service and who lives the life of a country gentleman at Middleburg, led a group in the rebel yell.

Cheer Ritchie's, too. When Ritchie was introduced later as might a roar went up. "There were 350 Free State residents in attendance," wrote one observer.

Adding to the interest of the thing is the difference with which each views the mooted question of prohibition. Ritchie wants the 18th amendment repealed outright and the right to control liquor returned to the states.

Byrd, on the other hand, is advocating a new plan for deciding the question of prohibition. A dry, he proposes that the problem be dealt with through two constitutional amendments, one to clear the way for a direct popular vote, and the other retaining whatever proposition congress votes to submit, retention of prohibition, repeal or modification.

No less a person than Chairman Rankin of the Democratic national committee has said of the Byrd proposal that "it is better than mine, for it would give the cities a fairer representation in the total vote."

Some Object Some objection to Byrd's proposal has been heard in the "thirsty" group around the capital that such a plan might take too long to settle the question.

It is pointed out that it took around 13 months for the states to ratify the 15th amendment. The usual explanation given for this speed is that it was up for decision during the stress and turmoil attending war times.

Traditionally, a seven year period is permitted for the states to ratify or reject an amendment to the constitution. If a sufficient number have not reported by that time, then the amendment dies.

It is pointed out that if the states availed themselves of half their allotted time or less on the two proposed amendments, along with the necessary other lapses of time, it might be years before a change could be effected.

IRISH BOXERS SEEK OLYMPIC FLYING DUBLIN (AP) — A campaign to raise funds to send a boxing team to the Olympic games at Los Angeles has been launched by the Irish Boxing association in New York. The committee maintains Irish boxers are entitled to a chance to demonstrate they are capable of upholding the country's prestige against other nations.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE STAR INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA OF New York, as required by the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Table with columns for CAPITAL, INCOME, DISBURSEMENTS, ASSETS, and LIABILITIES. Includes sub-totals for Total income, Total disbursements, Total assets, and Total liabilities.

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Net losses paid during the year including adjustment expenses \$ 955,191.04

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GRANT TUCKER, OF IMBLER, IS HURT BY HORSE

By Mrs. Ray Wilson (Observer Correspondent) IMBLER (Special) — Grant Tucker had the misfortune to have four bones broken in his left foot Sunday morning. A horse he was riding fell with him and he was unable to get his foot out of the stirrup in time to prevent being caught beneath the animal. He was rushed to La Grande where an X-ray picture revealed the broken bones. The foot was so badly swollen the doctor is obliged to wait until the swelling goes down. The accident happened in town upon the highway.

Grandma Ruekman entertained a number of relatives and friends who spent Sunday at her home. Among those present were Omas, Ruekman and family, of Bellingham, Wash.; Mrs. Mary Peal of Willowa; Mr. and Mrs. Wiley of Portland; and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ruekman and Joe Ruekman, of Los Angeles, who is retired from the railroad service. Grandma was surely glad to see them and they all spent a very happy day visiting.

The better homes program will be given in Wade hall next Friday night at 8 p. m. It will consist of speeches, music, style show by the High school girls and exhibits of various home made and remodeled articles.

Next Friday is to be the annual clean up day in Imbler. A community dinner will be served in the K. E. hall at noon.

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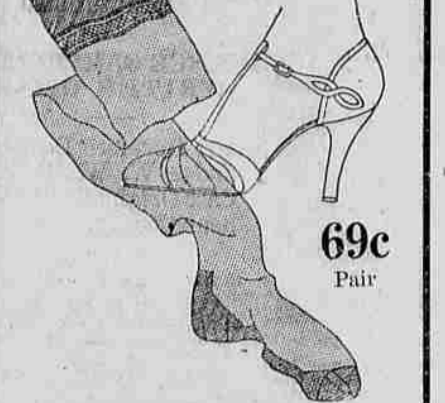
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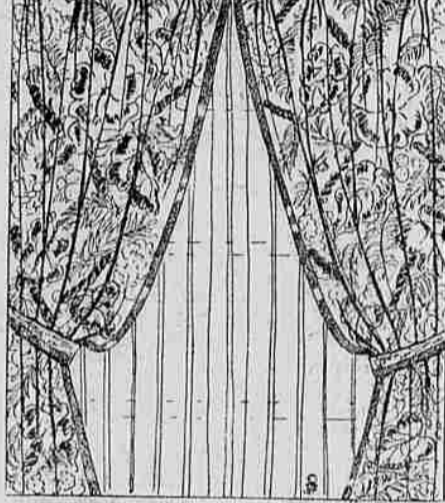
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