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He that attends to his interior self,
That has a heart and keeps it, has a mind
That hungers and supplies it; and who seeks
A social, not a dissipated, life
Has business.—Cowper.

A NEW MENACE

THE purpose of the soviet armies in overrunning Poland is to establish Bolshevism by force of arms in that country.

If the Polish people want Bolshevism their course is to embrace it of their own free will and not be forced to accept it at the point of the bayonet in the hands of armies from without.

If the soviet armies can force Poland into sovietism that doctrine will have a new vantage point from which to advance westward in Europe. The strong Bolshevist party in Germany would have a new and near-by soviet ally. General Ludendorff has said that, if called upon by German Bolshevists to do so and the hour seems opportune, he will lead the soviet hosts for a further extension of the system. His interview to that effect through Carl von Wiegand was recently printed in The Journal.

After the ruthless partition of Poland by Russia, Austria and Germany, and after generations in which her people were subjected to remorseless persecution by her conquerors, Poland was restored as an independent nation by the Paris treaty of peace. The freedom and independence of Poland was declared for in the Wilson 14 points in January, 1918, before we had been in the war a year.

The 14 points were accepted by all the allies as voicing the purpose for which they were at war. They were made the basis by the allies in laying down the terms of the armistice, the freedom and independence of the Polish nation included. They were made the basis in writing the peace treaty, and that treaty, when signed, provided for the freedom and independence of the Polish nation.

All the allied nations and all the 29 nations that have since joined the League of Nations have covenanted to guarantee Polish freedom and Polish independence against aggression from without. As a principle and as a guarantee against future wars nearly the whole of the civilized world is thus pledged to the protection of the republic that they have, with their own hands restored to its ancient freedom.

The reason why Lenin and Trotzky oppose the League of Nations is that it is a barrier against their secret plans of spreading Bolshevism at the point of the bayonet. The same kind of ambition that fired the German kaiser to take up the sword is perfectly manifest in the excursion of the soviet armies into Poland. Instead of the advance of a German autocracy armed, the world is witnessing the advance of a soviet autocracy armed against civilization.

The one great nation whose moral influence exercised through the League of Nations could stop this advance without firing a shot or using any kind of force is deprived from doing so by a little senate cabal which defeated the peace treaty.

Civilization faces a new and rising menace because of the action of the political desperadoes who crucified the peace treaty.

Ten men in one big city recently went to their respective country homes in one flying machine, covering 105 miles in 76 minutes. Does this mean that home sites distant from the city and having favorable fields for landing are to come into demand? When the motor is so developed that it will not miss, flying will be near perfection in safety. We are on the threshold of a wonderful epoch.

WHY THEY FOUGHT HIM

THE Republican farmers of Ohio opposed Senator Harding in the Republican primaries when he was trying to get a solid delegation to the Chicago convention favorable to him for the presidency. The Republican farmers circulated printed literature in the farming districts appealing for the defeat of the Ohio senator. Harding failed to get a solid delegation because of the opposing votes of the farmers of his native state.

Here is what Harding said on the floor of the senate in favor of dollar wheat when the food control measure was before that body for passage:

In this latter day farming has become an occupation for profit; and I happen to know that under normal conditions dollar wheat makes it a very profitable occupation.

In another address to the senate two days later, still advocating dollar wheat, Harding declared:

I said that raising wheat was a profitable occupation in time of peace; and I say to the senator from North Dakota (referring to Senator McCumber, who was urging a higher price for farmer's wheat) that the knowing farmers of this country are buying land in Ohio at $150 per acre for the very purpose of going into a commercial proposition of raising wheat profitably at $1 per bushel.

And Senator Harding's opposition to a fair price for farmer's wheat in war time is not the only reason the Republican agriculturists of Ohio desired his defeat, and not the only reason that they have sent literature into Oregon opposing him for presidency. He was also against the federal farm loan system, a system passed by congress to provide farmers with loans on long time at low interest rates. On that bill Senator Harding made the following remarks in the senate:

I will not assume to say that conditions in Ohio are altogether like those in other states in the Union, but I believe I can state an absolute truth when I say that there is no more need for a measure of this kind for the agriculturists of the state of Ohio than the government to step in and take charge of all our industrial and productive affairs in that state. To those of us in Ohio there seems to be no occasion for passage of such a measure.

Here is, in their own words, a piece of literature circulated by the Republican farmers opposing the presidential candidacy of Senator Harding in the late Republican primaries in Ohio:

SENATOR HARDING'S OFFICIAL RECORD ADVOCATING DOLLAR WHEAT

(The Farm Defense League)

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OPPOSING THE FEDERAL FARM LOAN ACT

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Senator Harding's attitude toward the farmer is similar to that he holds toward the average man regardless of his calling. By his own statement he abhors the primary. He believes in a ruling upper class. He is the candidate of the powerful senatorial ring, who, by means of the so-called "favorite sons," hope to rule the convention and to pick one of their own kind for president.

Senator Harding's manager, H. M. Daugherty, a corporation lawyer and lobbyist, a candidate for Delegate-at-Large to the Republican convention, has publicly stated that 15 or 20 men sitting around a table on the fourth day of the convention at 11 minutes after 2 p. m., will pick the presidential nominee.

This boast may well come true unless voters like you attend the primaries April 27 and vote against the Harding and state delegates to the national convention.

The Farmer Defense league.
Chairman: Bond S. Neff, farmer, former secretary Delaware County Agricultural board.
Vice chairman: Mrs. Dema Smith, farmer, member state executive committee, ladies' branch, farm bureau; delegate, Madison township, to farm bureau.
Secretary: Albert Gibson, farmer.

EDITORS TO MEET

OREGON newspaper men are gathering for the annual meeting of the Oregon State Press association at Astoria this week end.

A larger percentage of active newspaper workers might well attend. Ideas and thought and discussions are put forth at these meetings, and out of it all comes a great deal of value to the profession.

These are times of group councils when persons in the same line of human activity meet together for personal contact and comparison of methods and plans and ideas. The fact that furniture men and automobile men and merchants and bankers and every other vocational group have their conventions and conferences for mutual advancement, means that mutual benefit comes from the gatherings.

The publication of a modern newspaper, whether in a big or a small field, is one of the most highly specialized of all human activities. When they meet and talk things over newspaper men learn from each other and what they learn goes directly back as a benefit to their respective communities both in an improved newspaper service and in a publisher with more advanced ideas.

The local newspaper, well conducted, is one of the best assets of any community, and of such papers, Oregon has many that are as alert and up-to-the-minute as the best publications in much older states.

Smyrna, writes a Near East relief worker, has a bridge built 250 years before the time of Christ, and it is still crossed by camel caravans entering the city. Why not apply some of the principles in the construction of that bridge to the Portland viaducts, usually officially declared by engineers to be alternately safe and unsafe every few weeks?

WHERE ARE GRAND JURIES?

WHY do the cases of those drivers blamed by the coroner's jury for fatal traffic accidents end with the grand jury? Why are they swallowed up there, never to be heard from again?

The last half dozen inquests have resulted in verdicts blaming drivers for deaths. The drivers have been branded as reckless. And through their recklessness lives have been sacrificed. Does not the law provide a charge of involuntary manslaughter for such cases?

If six impartial jurymen find drivers guilty when the evidence is submitted to the coroner's jury, what change takes place between the hearing by that body and the grand jury investigations?

Is the evidence not the same?

Aren't the grand jurymen as open to conviction?

Or is the evidence not properly presented in its entirety?

BY A HAIR'S BREADTH

ONLY by a hairsbreadth was a repetition of the Elton court disaster averted in the fire early Wednesday in the Glenwood hotel on Burnside street, Portland.

The blaze was there. Eighty odd guests were in their beds. The fortunate circumstance of a fireproof elevator shaft prevented the recurrence of another fire with melancholy details.

Are the people of Portland forgetting the benefits of fire prevention? In the comparative safety from reduction of our fire losses from $6.78 per capita per year to about 90 cents through those strenuous months of fire prevention campaign, have we lost sight of the necessity for vigilance and gone to sleep at the switch?

Have we forgotten that instead of an advance of 25 per cent in insurance rates with which we were threatened when the fire prevention drive began, we were later given a heavy reduction in rates as a result of that memorable campaign?

The Elton court disaster was a bugle call to Portlanders to return to the former vigilance in removing from premises all fire hazards. It is an S O S to the city hall to permit no more four story hotels to have but a single fire escape.

Fire prevention was one of the best and most valuable reforms ever brought about in Portland. Our record this year, if things go on as in the past months, will be a sorry comparison with the low marks in fire losses Portland recently established. Four dead at one fire is a ghastly total.

The Northwest rivers and harbors congress called by the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce is a timely proposal. The increase in rail rates makes imminent the thought of how to get cheaper transportation. Water lines will provide it if the people will provide the waterlines.

AMERICAN CHINA TRADE

BETWEEN individuals, the adage runs, one wrong never rights another.

Between nations one wrong condones another.

A British order in council issued under date of October 9, 1919, states:

No person, other than a British subject resident within the limits of this order, shall act as managing director or in any other position similar to that of managing director or shall otherwise exercise general or substantial control of a China company.

Section 28 of the Jones shipping bill provides that in the discretion of the interstate commerce commission a lower joint or export and import rate may be imposed upon goods moved in American merchant ships than in foreign bottoms.

In his well informed correspondence with Sir Auckland Geddes, Britain's ambassador to America, C. E. Dant, an exporter and importer of Portland, says:

* * * This order (of October 9) has stirred up a great deal of unpleasant feeling on the Pacific coast, and the Jones bill, which recently became a law, is simply a "come back." I make this statement as I know some of the most prominent backers of the Jones bill, and they received a great deal of support that they would not have received had it not been for the apparent discrimination against American interests.

The British order in council is wrong. Section 28 of the Jones bill is wrong. But the two are expected to balance the advantages that one nation takes of another to gain foreign trade.

In his further correspondence with Sir Auckland Geddes, Mr. Dant adds:

This order made it necessary for scores of business concerns operating under the Hongkong ordinance, to discharge their American managers, in order to comply with the British order in council, in many cases where the business was exclusively between this country and China, and where managers of British nationality were not available, who understood the particular line of business, for as you know, it takes many years to train men to specialize in any line.

The British order upset American business administration in China. Section 28 of the Jones bill appears likely to divert foreign ships from the Pacific ports of the United States. After all has one wrong righted another?

The reader may ask why the independence of America's trade with China should be affected by any British order.

It is simply because the United States makes no provision for the federal incorporation of American firms in China trade. American firms are thus compelled to do business in China under what is called the Hongkong ordinance of the British who by centuries of experience have learned the financial and strategical importance of backing up their foreign traders.

America's true remedy is not the retaliation contained in Section 28 of the Jones bill. That section affects other foreign nations as well as Great Britain. Its effect upon trade is apt to prove so disturbing that the reaction of its discriminations will prove more harmful than its benefits are valuable in the development of the American merchant marine.

The true remedy is the speedy enactment by congress of a law permitting the federal incorporation of American companies engaged in China trade. It is indignity to America that our China trade should sail under the British flag. And it is peculiarly an indignity in view of the British order which gives Great Britain not only the credit but the control of our trade with China.

Senator Kirby, an anti-administration Democrat from Arkansas, got his. The democracy of his state retired him to private life in the primaries Tuesday by an overwhelming majority. He and Senator Gore will have time to think it over.

LEAGUE'S FRIENDS WIN IN MISSOURI

By Carl Smith, Washington Staff Correspondent of The Journal

Washington, Aug. 12.—Any lingering doubt as to whether the Missouri Democratic convention a few weeks ago truly represented the rank and file when it threw Senator James A. Reed "out on his nose" and refused to permit him to go to San Francisco as a delegate to the national convention has been removed by the result of the statewide primary, nominating Breckinridge Long for United States senator.

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Reed went about the state with his usual gusto, advocating the nomination of Henry S. Priest, a former federal judge, and opposing Long. Priest is against the League of Nations, and Long is for it. Priest is a veteran in the party, and personally highly regarded, without being mixed in recent factional discord. Taking into account his personal strength, he seemed an ideal candidate for the Reed forces to center upon. Breckinridge Long formerly was third assistant secretary of state. He is comparatively a young man, and not well known in the politics of Missouri. He had largely to introduce himself outside of St. Louis, and while he is a clean-cut and able man, his task was considered up-hill. It was made much more so by the fact that there was a third candidate, Charles M. Hay, also a St. Louis lawyer and a friend of the league, who drew from the same forces. It should also be noted that Long and Hay are both "drys," while Priest is "wet," and in the cities of St. Louis and Kansas City in particular is a large vote that goes to "wet" candidates without much regard to other issues. Hay had the indorsement of the anti-saloon league.

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The primary returns indicate that Long has won by a handsome lead over Priest, with Hay a good third. If the vote of Long and Hay, the candidates favoring the league, be combined, the majority over Reed's candidate reaches large proportions. Reed has long been talking about going to the people on the league, and now he has gone. It is the first chance the Democratic masses in his home state have had at him.

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Not less gratifying to administration circles is the result in Oklahoma, where Representative Scott Ferris has won a smashing victory over the blind senator, Thomas P. Gore. Ferris was a wholehearted supporter of the war and of the League of Nations. Gore did not vote on the declaration of war, he opposed the draft, and he snarled at the heels of the president throughout the war. Gore, as chairman of the committee on agriculture in the senate, was entitled to lead the fight for the food control bill, but he was unfriendly, and at the president's request, Senator Chamberlain took charge of that measure, which was one of the most notable acts of the war period.

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Ferris, who is considered certain of election, was in charge of the Democratic congressional campaign two years ago, and is serving his seventh term in congress. He is a strong progressive, and a firm supporter of the administration from the time Wilson came into office. He is especially well acquainted with Western problems because of his service as chairman of the public lands committee, in which place he was succeeded in the present congress by Sinnott of Oregon.

Letters From the People

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A QUAKE THEORY

Portland, Aug. 1.—To the Editor of The Journal—Los Angeles is still being bothered by an occasional earthquake, and Portland may have another thunderstorm somewhere about August 10. Thunder and earthquakes are both the result of the same cause—the burning or explosion of gas. The main difference lies in the composition of the gas and the manner of ignition. The seismic disturbance is caused by the explosion of hydro-carbonate gas, ignited by chemical heat, while thunder is the resultant vibrations from the burning of hydro-oxygen gas (H_2O), set on fire by means of an electric spark. The product of the former is an addition to our future coal supply and the latter gives us a little new water.

There is no way that I know of to prevent thunderstorms, but earthquakes are preventable to a certain extent. Let Los Angeles set her "scientists" at work prospecting for natural gas, all the way from the Mexican border to Eureka. If they could get 15 or 20 gas wells along the coast they would soon relieve the intense pressure of the gas which is constantly flowing from the immense oil deposits in that vicinity, and in that way they could lessen the dangers from the destructive temblors they have been having.

If they do not do something in that direction as soon as possible, one of these days an explosion will start a fire in the oil deposit and then there will be something doing. If anything of that kind should occur Los Angeles would have a new attraction to offer the tourist. She would have a Mount Lassen in her backyard. G. W. M.

SEPARATE PEACE?

Baker, July 31.—To the Editor of The Journal—Senator Harding in his speech of acceptance follows the advice of Senator Knox for a separate peace with Germany. It will be remembered that Knox, who framed the separate peace resolution which was afterward passed by a Republican congress under the leadership of Senator Lodge, said at the time he presented his measure for a separate peace with Germany that the treaty presented to the senate by the president was too harsh on Germany, and Senator Harding voted in the senate for this separate peace resolution, which President Wilson promptly vetoed.

There was taken over during the war with Germany about $800,000,000 worth of enemy alien owned property. This is being held pending the ratification of the peace treaty as the only tangible asset to meet and pay for the losses sustained by American citizens in the loss of life and property sustained by the murderous piracy of Germany on the high seas. A separate peace such as Senator Harding voted for and which he says he will follow if elected president, paves the way for Germany to reclaim all this vast property, leaving our own citizens to pocket their losses. And this is called Americanism. How can our late allies view this desertion of the cause our soldiers fought for? How can our returned soldiers view this forgiveness of German atrocities? How can they view this kindly offer to a nation that sent bombs down on our hospitals, killing and mangling their wounded comrades? How can the mothers of America feel who have sons buried in France? Must America sacrifice all we have done to allow the enemy aliens under the leadership of Johnson and Borah to elect Harding president? George E. Allen.

THE GRACE TO SUIT

From the Erie Daily Times

The minister was invited to dine in a family where the asking of the blessing was not a daily occurrence. The small boy got started on his meal before the blessing was under way.

The minister, however, was equal to the occasion: "Oh, Lord, for the food which Thou hast prepared for our use, and for what our young brother has already eaten, we desire to return our thanks."

Curious Bits of Information for the Curious

Gleaned From Curious Places

In a letter from Mlle. Bertrand, daughter of General Bertrand, Napoleon's devoted companion at St. Helena, Mlle. Bertrand maintained that, although the emperor was commonly credited with being a snuff taker, he detested tobacco in any form. "Only once," she wrote, "was Napoleon persuaded to try a pipe. As soon as he placed the amber tube in his mouth he flung it from him with a gesture of disgust and shouted, 'Take the disgusting thing away.' To soothe his chronic indigestion the emperor had a mixture of licorice and brown sugar made up, which he carried loose in his waistcoat pockets. He frequently had recourse to this, and when in company would convey a pinch to his nostrils as if it were snuff, but instead of inhaling it he would slide it surreptitiously into his mouth."

Olden Oregon

Early Officials of Multnomah County Organized in 1855.

Multnomah county was created by act of the legislature of 1854-5 out of portions of Clackamas and Washington counties with the county seat at Portland. The first county court was organized January 17, 1855. The first county court consisted of G. W. Vaughn, Ainslee R. Scott and James Bybee. Shubrick Norris was auditor and William McMillen sheriff. A. D. Pitch was treasurer. County offices were established in the Coleman Barrell building at the corner of First and Salmon streets. The first board of commissioners elected by the people consisted of David Powell, Ellis Walker and Samuel Farman.

A BANNER WITH A STRANGE DEVICE

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

Ponzi, Boston's newest high financier, didn't bury his past quite deep enough.

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From time immemorial men claim to have been striving at each election to elect none but good men to office.

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There is an advantage even in making mistakes, and who doesn't make them, providing we learn not to make the same ones again.

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Even the stable door is often not locked until the horse has been stolen, so too often protection from fire is not provided until lives have been lost.

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We're sympathizing with Babe Ruth while he's suffering with a dislocated knee, but it won't be so bad when he's strong enough to stand at the plate and swing on the ball. There are more good runners than good hitters.

SIDELIGHTS

The season has arrived when the delicate wild clematis, or virgin's bower, fashions ethereal canopies along the creek banks and beautifies the roadsides.—Weston Leader.

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An Easterner visiting here was heard to remark the other day: "I don't see why people go from here to the coast; it's cool enough for me here."—Polk County Itemizer.

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Travelers coming into our city are very much pleased with our camp ground. During the past two weeks the grounds have been in constant use by the tourists.—Crook County Journal.

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If you are going to take an outing, tell us about it and report upon returning home. Kindly do this and save us a lot of watching out and then missing some.—Woodburn Independent.

MORE OR LESS PERSONAL

Random Observations About Town

Major J. W. Andrews of the Salvation Army, who was at one time stationed in Portland, but was promoted to supervision of the Salvation Army's numerous hotels in Chicago, returned to Portland Wednesday. "Only for a vacation visit," he explained. "But when my feet can follow the leading of my heart I come straightway to Portland." Major Andrews will not return to Chicago. He has been promoted to the post of district officer of the Salvation Army in charge of social service for the states of Iowa and Nebraska, with headquarters at Des Moines. By the creation of an advisory committee in each county of the two states, the Salvation Army has been placed in position to render intensive social and community service.

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Miss Hazel Howard, for the last two years librarian at the forest service library, has resigned from the service and will leave Saturday for a short vacation preparatory to beginning her new work as teacher of English in the high school at Red Lodge, Mont. Miss Howard is a graduate of Reed college. She will be succeeded at the forest service by Miss Mildred Stott of the periodical department of Central library.

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Alaska has such a healthy climate that drugs sell slowly and the natives dig their own gold, so there is little call for jewelry, but E. Wheeler of Wrangell, Alaska, combines the drug and jewelry trade and manages the firm of Wheeler Drug & Jewelry company. He is in Portland for Buyers' week to obtain new supplies.

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Seattle is having a buyers' week this week, but K. M. Hendrickson of the firm of Hendrickson & Son of Ketchikan, Alaska, reported to the Portland buyers' committee that things were rather dull at the metropolis of Puget Sound.

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To the Southwestern states Portland is the furniture center of the United States, and that is why B. R. Anderson, buyer for the Texas Furniture & Storage company, is here to attend Buyers' week from Dallas, Texas.

OBSERVATIONS AND IMPRESSIONS OF THE JOURNAL MAN

By Fred Lockley

Not long ago a stranger asked me a question which I happened to be able to answer. We continued talking and presently he made an assertion which I knew to be incorrect. I said: "It so happens that I investigated that matter recently and the facts are as follows," and I told him the straight of the matter. He said: "It so happens I also have been reading up on that subject and you are dead wrong." Who is your authority, and does he know what he is talking about?" I asked. "Fred Lockley is my authority," he answered with some heat. "You would do well to read his articles, then you wouldn't be so ignorant about current events." I saw that the man didn't know me so I said. "Oh, well, if Fred Lockley says it's so I'll give in. I read his articles right along. He is one of my favorite authors." "So do I," said the stranger and since I was willing to acknowledge the accuracy of Fred Lockley peace was restored and we parted with mutual expressions of good will.

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In spite of Fred Lockley's authority the stranger was wrong. He had gotten his facts twisted. Whenever I hear a man say he can prove a statement I think of the man who was engaged in heated argument with another man who finally said: "You're crazy to make such a statement." "That's just where you are mistaken," said the man accused of being crazy. "I can prove that I am not crazy which is more than you can do." Getting out his bill book he produced an official document that showed he had been discharged as cured from the insane asylum. When one's attention is attracted to it it is surprising how much misinformation passes current as truth.

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In a recent written examination in English literature the teacher asked the pupils to name five of Shakespeare's plays. Among the five mentioned by the students were: Omelet, McBath, King Liar, A Merchant of Venus, and Venice and Adenoids. If the Bard of Avon didn't turn in his grave he certainly was justified in so doing. Speaking of schools reminds me that the teacher often has to deal with ignorant parents as well as pupils, as is certainly proven in the case of barefooted, red headed, freckle faced Willie who upon being told to bring an excuse for being absent produced a soiled and crumpled note from his mother which read: "Willie played hookey and went skatin' and got wet in the a. m. and caught cold in the p. m., so if you lick hell out of him it will be all right with me."

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School examination papers are the place where you will often run across astonishing information. A teacher in a class in English composition recently found the following grave statement:

"The novel, novella and novelette are the masculine, feminine and neuter forms of the noun. The novel is written by or for men, the novella by or for women and the novelette by or for children. The novel deals with success in love, the novella with happiness in marriage and the novelette some other form of fiction or fairy tale."

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Ignorance frequently is the cause for unusual statements or actions. I remember of reading of a man who at a revival was urged to join the church. "No, sir, I can't join the church," he said. "There are some things in the Bible that are too much for me. I am willing to believe that the ark landed on Mount Ararat but where it says the children of Israel carried the ark for 40 years through the wilderness, that's a little too much. Why, look at the number of animals there were in it and then you want me to believe they toted that huge unwieldly thing around with them for 40 years. No, sir, I can't swallow that story." Speaking of the Bible reminds me of a certain eminent Western divine who, let us hope, did not practice what he preached. When he closed his sermon on the future life with an eloquent apostrophe to immortality he felt he had acquitted himself creditably, but when he read the account of his address in next morning's paper he changed his mind. Here is what he read: "The bishop closed his eloquent address as follows: "All that makes life worth while, all we hope for, all we live for is immorality."

Speaking of preachers reminds me of the law—not of similarity but of contrast—of lawyers. I remember reading not long ago of a stranger who dropped off the local train at a small Western town and said to a lounger at the depot: "I am looking for a criminal lawyer. Have you one here?" "Well, there's a lot of us here think so but we can't prove it on him," responded the native.

The Oregon Country

Northwest Happenings in Brief Form for the Busy Reader.

OREGON NOTES

During the month of July the Ashland Egg society disposed of 6245 dozen eggs.

The Hood River county court has passed an order prohibiting dancing at park resorts and elsewhere on Sunday.

Retail merchants of Washington county have formed an organization and elected J. H. Garrett of Hillsboro as president.

Phillip Anderson of Medford, aged 14, has died from injuries sustained when he fell against the concrete side of a swimming pool.

Four young men from Chicago have taken up homesteads on the Oregon-California grant lands near Wendling, in Lane county.

A union high school measure has failed to carry at a special school election held at Cornelius. The vote stood 47 no and 31 yes.

Workers to lay the steel for the Portland, Astoria & Pacific railroad have arrived at Banks and are putting the rails down northward.

At an election held in 14 districts of Washington county it was decided by a vote of 495 to 216 to establish a union high school at Forest Grove.

The Catholic congregation at Banks has let a contract for a new church building at Roy, which is to cost $35,000 and to be completed March 1.

The weather of last spring is charged for the poor grain showing in Lane county. A conservative estimate puts the yield at 18 bushels to the acre.

There is but little demand at Hood River for cull apples as compared with last year. Owing to the Volstead act there seems a slump in the cider business.

David Howes, the 10-year-old son of C. L. Howes of Cottage Grove, is recovering from injuries received when he was run over by an automobile driven by C. R. Elliott.

WASHINGTON

The Clarkston Chamber of Commerce will send a delegation of 15 to the Everett state good roads convention.

Nearly $300 has been raised at Centralia for the relief of the motherless children of Joseph Sutter of Mineral. The oldest is 13 years of age.

H. A. Ellis of Colfax, a candidate for the Republican nomination for county school superintendent, has resigned his position of deputy superintendent.

Anna McEachern of Yakima, who recently filed as a candidate for governor, has petitioned the United State land office to reinstate her desert land entry, cancelled some time ago.

Victor Lillybridge, a 12-year-old boy of Wenatchee, who reported to the police that he had been robbed of $150 while on his way home, has admitted his story was a fabrication.

Unless the quota required by the government can be secured Grays Harbor naval reservists who have been hoping for a cruise in North Pacific waters this month may be disappointed.

Members of the Church of the Brethren who have been holding a district conference at Outlook have decided to begin at once a campaign against the use of tobacco, particularly cigarettes.

Four of the five shingle mills at Blaine have been forced to close down on account of the car shortage. As a result of the shortage between 7,000,000 and 8,000,000 are piled up in the yards.

The most disastrous grain fire of the season occurred on the Kohn Kinder ranch north of Prescott. The fire started from the exhaust of an automobile and before it was checked 300 acres of wheat were burned, causing a loss of $25,000.

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Application for increases in telephone rates has been made by the Parma telephone company.

Approximately 1000 acres of timberland have been burned on Soldier creek, near Sandpoint.

Caldwell schools will open September 6. Fifty-six teachers will be employed in the local schools.

The Blackfoot city council has denied a petition having 1500 signature asking for the opening of picture shows on Sunday.

At a special meeting of the Challis county commissioners $1000 was appropriated to purchase a site for fair grounds at Mackay.

Boise is to have a Kiwanis club, according to plans completed by business and professional men.

There is no shortage of water on the Boise project and farmers will have an ample supply to mature their crops, according to United States reclamation engineers.

The summer session of the Lewiston normal school has closed. The school was the largest in the history of the institution, 360 students having been in attendance.

Final figures will show the prune, cherry and apple crops of Idaho for 1920 to be the greatest in the history of the state, says C. J. Sinsel of the Sinsel fruit warehouse.

Uncle Jeff Snow Says:

The public most jinerly stands fer a big melon cuttin' time by the corporations and spec'lators 'cause the public's promised a piece of the rind. Just now the public in Portland is agittin' ready to see some harbor land spec'lators cut a big melon. There's them as knows how to have a big up-to-date port 'thout cuttin' any harbor land melons, but most folks don't listen to 'em. Mebby, however, one of these days, not so fur off, they will.

Portland Leads Northwest in Brass Foundry Industry. Also the Pacific Coast.

The propeller that drives the ship as merrily you sail o'er the sea may prove to have come from Portland.

The bubbling fountain from which you stake your hot weather thirst may be, in any one of a number of cities, a Portland product.

The dignified grilling and wickets and the ponderous doors of the bank that furnishes safe keeping for your money may all be the work of Portland brass moulders.

The bushings that assure the longevity of the engines used in harvesting the great timber crop of the Northwest are very likely to have come from Portland.

And even at the end of life's short day if the suggestion of "ashes to ashes and dust to dust" is literally followed the bronze urn that retains the last remains of one endeared but departed may also have been the product of Portland industry.

For Portland leads not only the Northwest but the Pacific coast in brass foundry industry. The industry represents a volume of $1,500,000 a year and is growing with gratifying rapidity. It employs 60 expert workmen, 46 of whom find their jobs in one foundry, and this same foundry is the largest on the Pacific coast, with the only two electric foundries for brass in the West. Many of the ships built in Portland were supplied with propeller blades and fittings by local brass foundries. Contracts for the same articles were secured also in San Francisco, San Pedro and Shanghai by the aggressive Portland brass foundry men. The cremation urns are sold in Detroit, in Denver, Kansas City and other distant communities. Portland representatives of the craft possess unusual skill. They reach the top pinnacle of quality in their production of everything from a bubbling cup to a statue in bronze. Confronted with a task they have not before essayed they never say "We'll try." They always say "We'll do it."