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We are reminded of the fact that Bend, Oregon, for years nationally famous for its low fire loss, is to receive a new insurance reduction based on the purchase of another modern pumper fire engine. Insurance rates are based on actual risks, as shown by actual reports. Where the people are careful, where the fire departments are capably equipped and operated, where the building regulations are such as to reduce the fire hazards, insurance rates drop. They drop far more as a rule than the equipment and department costs rise. No town ever made more profitable investments than good fire-fighting equipment. The net result of reductions in fire losses permits carrying increased amounts of insurance while decreasing its cost. Criminal prosecution for careless or wanton fires will check the present reign of red terror.

Over the span of 38 years' newspaper work in this county, the Press man has no recollection of receiving on his desk a special edition of a country paper that compared in excellency with the 45th anniversary edition of the Heppner Gazette Times, now before us. This special number would be a credit to any publication in a city of 25,000 population, and it puts it over anything we have ever seen in the special edition line coming from anywhere out of Eastern Oregon or Eastern Washington. In typography, makeup, presswork and illustrations it is big city caliber, and the reading matter measures up to other superlative features of this splendid special number of Heppner's good newspaper.

"The United States has long had a protective tariff policy which seeks to equalize the price between the foreign and the domestic product, thereby encouraging industries and farmers, building up employment and stabilizing investments. The theory is sound, as this nation has proved, remarks a contrary republican exchange. Un huh; so far as concerns industry, but not for the farmer, thank you. The long drawn out discussion over the McNary-Haugen bills have shown the protective tariff schedules up in their true light—shown them to protect industry at the expense of agriculture.

The United Spanish War Veterans of Salem are boosting Carle Abrams, secretary of the State Board of Control, for secretary of state. The Press is in receipt of a circular letter, setting forth the capabilities and qualifications of Mr. Abrams. These include being Oregon-born, graduate of an Oregon state school, service of distinction in four wars, membership in Oregon legislature, four years editor of Pacific Homestead, three years member of State Board of Control and a good, all-round citizen. All of which leads us to say the Spanish War Veterans certainly have something to boast for.

Events of importance in Athena next week will be district conference of American legion posts and Boy Scouts Parent's night entertainment. Athena is pleased to meet the legion men, and joyful for the opportunity to extend her patronage to the scouts.

The Weston Leader comes along with this one: "Reports from Havana indicate that there is more between North and South America than the Isthmus of Panama."

Just how big is Warrenton, may be drawn from the recent statement that 2000 acres of townsite lands sold for \$10,000; and it wasn't a good day for selling town lots, at that.

Out of the chaos in the political firmament, one indisputable, conclusive expose has been uncovered; Newberg is staunchly and unequivocally for Hoover!

Introduction of the motor car first, and now the general use of the tractor in farm work, have certainly put the skids under old Dobbin.

Boy Scouts will entertain us next Wednesday. Boy Scouts are good scouts, so we all will be with them next Wednesday evening.

Uncommon reading this, from the land of sunshine and flowers; wind-storm at Glendale smashes the dickens out of things.

Redmond has placed herself on the map by recently shipping forty-three tons of honey to Germany and Holland.

St. Helens recently expended \$5,000 more for a new school building than for a new theatre—\$35,000-\$30,000.

Typical March weather in February presages an early spring, when "signs" do not fail.

Wonder if we'll have to "Hooverize" again, after March 4th, next?

### STUDENT DISCIPLINE LIMITS

(Morning Oregonian)

A Eugene correspondent who is all wrought up over the disciplining of certain university students for offences which are not denied but were committed "off the campus and outside of school hours" solicits The Oregonian's opinion of the procedure. He is welcome to it. The Oregonian believes that a university, fully as the United States senate, is fairly entitled to pass on the quality of those whom it admits to its fellowship. It believes that the intellectual side of the student's life, to which the writer alludes, is only one of several concerns of his teachers. It believes moreover, that a university, or any other institution of education, owes a duty to those of its undergraduates who are willing to comport themselves in accordance with certain generally approved standards. Coming down to particular instances, it does not think that clandestine student carousing is condonable on merely geographical grounds. By what refinement of sophistry can we say what is wrong on one side of an invisible boundary line is right on another?

What are the aims of a college? Among other things, to inculcate decent respect for the amenities of good society, to impress the student with the desirability of clean living, to teach morality in its best sense. If the correspondent thinks that only the "intellectual" life is worth living, then he cannot read the plain signs of the times, and if he holds that school authorities have no duty beyond that of ministering to the intellect in the abstract he is out of touch with the current view of that obligation.

We shall assume for the purpose of argument that most parents who send their children away from home wish them to have the benefits of excellent companionship no less than of competent scholastic training. Is the general reputation of a university limited to that which occurs on its campus? Or does it rest on many imponderables, including the behavior of its students in the classroom and out? We incline to the latter opinion, which is freely proffered in extenuation of any measure which may be found necessary or expedient in order to impart to a college the attributes of character which are sometimes, if inelegantly, called "tone."

The right to choose among applicants for largess that public education nominally bestows seems to The Oregonian to be inherent in the system. It sees no reason why undergraduates who are unwilling to behave themselves under all circumstances as befits gentlemen, or who are openly hostile to reasonable rules and regulations, should be permitted indefinitely to crowd an already overcrowded roster. It thinks the requirement that the student shall in all

cases make an effort to be a credit to his alma mater is not unreasonable, is peculiarly timely in view of the present need for sound leadership, and is wise under all the circumstances.

### TELEVISION AND SOCIABILITY

(Chicago News)

Recent experiments and successful demonstrations in television warrant the prediction, according to laboratory workers in electrical industries, that within a few years machines will be available for use in homes whereby vision by electric transmission will be made as familiar a phenomenon as audition has been for years.

Television in the home, some say, will revolutionize society, sport, amusement and education. Men and women will stay comfortably in their own drawing rooms and from easy chairs will watch concerts, operas, conventions, games, theatrical productions and lectures. They will see as well as hear the performances that are of interest to them. Almost everything will be brought into the home, and on evenings, holidays and Sundays there will be little reason for leaving it.

Those who venture upon such speculations overlook one fundamental consideration—namely, that, as philosophers and psychologists agree, man is a social animal. The home and the family circle—even when enlarged by the presence of relatives and close friends—will not completely gratify the social instinct. Human beings are themselves an attraction and their presence furnishes an agreeable change to other normal human beings.

Opera, concerts, plays, sermons, lectures, political conventions, scientific and literary meetings will continue to be attended even if television is perfected to the last conceivable degree. To observe gestures and facial expression mechanically registered is not enough. There are finer and subtler radiations that can be felt only in the actual physical presence of one's fellows. Human nature is a marvelous, mysterious thing. It absorbs and assimilates much, but it remains essentially the same. Television will not destroy sociability.

### THE BEST AND THE WORST

(Oregon Journal)

LOOK at Lindbergh.

Then look at the younger youth down in the Los Angeles prison.

At 26, the first is the best known and most admired lad in the world. At 19, loathed by millions, esteemed by none, the other waits in a prison cell for the final ghastly reckoning.

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The two are the antipodes of human life. They are perhaps the most remarkable expression of American youth as it can be and as it unhappily chooses sometimes to be.

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