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As when circumstances dictate, a world of value is to be found in cast-off articles of the home when intelligent and frugal labor is applied. From Gresham comes the announcement that old rags there have been put to practical uses with the result that real money values have been created. From old rags, the women in the home economics club of the Russellville grange, have made nine rugs or an average of 54.5 square feet of hooked material, that are valued at approximately \$11 apiece, the work representing a saving of about \$101.

There is one crime more dastardly than that of robbing unemployed men traveling out of the country on freight trains, and that is timber arson. Many of the terribly destructive forest fires of the present season, in which thousands of acres of valuable timber and a number of human and animal lives were lost, are attributed to arsonists. In at least one state it was necessary to establish martial law in the more endangered sections and that state is prepared to enact new laws that will singe the wings of firebugs.

In an interesting article, "Roads Versus Doles," the writer brings out the comparison of the bankrupt situation in England and this country, where the lead of endeavor is to find work for the unemployed instead of putting the worker on a pension list. However, road building alone will not suffice to put all on the wage-earning roll. What really is needed for a general and spontaneous bust-up of an apparent physiologic daze is the return of the habit of spending money normally by those who have the money to spend.

As a rule Athena hunters bring home the bacon, if not deer meat. But it remained for one hunter to show up with a larder offering of a choice collection of chipmunks. Now, wait a minute! We haven't said that his offering was accepted at home, and the other chapter is that we are not going to. Chances are that he is feeding them 30c wheat right now, doing his bit to help the farm board get rid of that awful surplus.

We read that twenty years ago the light and power industry had 2,000,000 home customers and that now it has 21,000,000. In light of the fact that electricity relieves drudgery in the home more than any labor saving element that can be introduced, the assertion that approximately 50,000,000 homes will be using electric service by the time another twenty years roll around is made.

An exchange makes the statement that "the only persons living in America who could be said to have no financial interest whatever in the prosperity of the railroads is the tramp who neither owns, nor hopes to own anything save the clothes on his back." And we are not so sure that all tramps are such dumbbells, for scores of them are failures at hitch hiking.

Oregon walnuts are to be branded hereafter, and the California "Diamond" brand will hereafter not be the only nut on the market wearing a trade mark. Oregon walnuts are as good, if not superior to the California-grown product, but the buying public has been slow in finding out the fact. The pack is what the public is looking for as an index of superiority.

Wallawa county, long famous for its fish and game resources has gone in for planting fresh water shrimp in its lakes. Should the venture prove successful, and no doubt it will, a future possibility is that all one will have to take along will be a roll of blankets, flour, bacon and matches, to "live off the country."

Now that the Malheur Telephone company has moved into its new \$40,000 office at Vale, it is fair to assume that the company has been making some money—and saving it for needed improvements. We have not been informed as to whether a new chewing gum receptacle has been added to the equipment.

It would have been rosey for the Northwest farmer if he could have skimmed off a little of the oil of profit along with the miller and the bag manufacturer in that 15,000,000 bushel deal between the farm board and China. But he couldn't.

Miss Pearl Glad conducts the Rosebud Beauty Parlor in Tillamook. It should go without saying that Miss

Pearl is always glad to welcome new patrons, but we'll say it, anyway.

Once in a while we hear somebody intimate that he believes the Declaration of Independence authorizes the pursuit of other people's happiness.

New Chlorine foot baths have been installed in the Nehalem grade school natatorium. No restrictions—athletes and others may use them.

**MORE LAWS, MORE CONTEMPT**  
(Industrial News Bureau)

"The growing contempt for law is attributable in large measure to a mistaken zeal for more and ever more law," said Governor Ritchie of Maryland a short time ago. It is refreshing to hear this thought echoed by a high public official. Too few of them are sufficiently candid—or courageous—to do so. But almost all who have studied the crime problem have come to the same conclusion.

We are a nation of law-breakers largely because we are a nation of law-makers. We have abrogated human liberties—and crime has been increasing on a greater scale than in any other supposedly civilized country. We have passed laws which have acted as boomerangs and have in actual practice benefitted the criminal class which they were supposed to suppress—such as the various anti-revolver bills in effect in several states.

We cannot shut our eyes to the fact that America is a lawless nation. In almost every great city authorities are all but powerless against the depredations of a well organized, well financed underworld. Simpler and fewer laws, more justice and less litigation, surer punishment for offenders—in that direction lies victory for society in its war against the criminal class.

**THE WILSON LIBEL**  
(Oregon Journal)

"Staggering drunks who disgraced the uniform and yelled for beer," is the phrase in which Clarence True Wilson described Legionnaires in their late convention at Detroit. Replying to criticism of the statement, he said:

"I don't object to their asking for a referendum. It's the way they went about it. Their open flaunting of the laws of the land in a manner disgraceful to the uniform they wore is the sore spot. The ex-soldier who will do that, and practically all of them did it in Detroit, is a perjured scoundrel who ought not to represent the decency of the flag under which he fought."

The venom of the Wilson statement will drive thousands of moderate "drys" to the side of the Legionnaires. It will convert many in the dry ranks to support of modification.

The Wilson tirade refutes itself. The country knows that the 92,000 Legionnaires who marched at Detroit were not "staggering drunks." For a "dry" leader to so characterize them naturally and inevitably brings odium upon the dry cause. A few repetitions of the Wilson tirade by other dry leaders would be a fatal mistake for the system. A few more Bishop Cannons and a few more Clarence True Wilsons would place prohibition at a serious disadvantage in the battles it has yet to face.

There are always camp followers. Conventions of men invariably have larger or smaller contingents, delegates and otherwise, who drink. During one great convention in Portland bars were set up in some of the hotels, and all Portland knew it.

It was understood that the plan had official sanction. And a lot of the camp followers got drunk. But all the delegates were not drunk, nor a half of them, nor a fourth of them.

To stigmatize the men who fought in France and Flanders as "staggering drunks" and "perjured scoundrels" is a libel upon the nation's defenders, a moral crime against their relatives and friends, an insult to the citizenship of America. It is a slander upon the men who came home shell-shocked, gassed on crutches, and on the other mutilated in the grim parade on their way to the grave. It is an outrage upon the young men who dared all, who tempted fate and volunteered for the supreme sacrifice in defense of democracy against thrones and for the perpetuity of human freedom.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

In the Matter of the Estate of Charles H. Potter, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Charles H. Potter, deceased, by an order of the above entitled Court.

All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me at Athena, Oregon, or to my attorneys, Watts & Prestby, at their office in Athena, Oregon, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice. All claims must be verified as by law required.

Dated at Athena, Oregon, this 4th day of September, 1931.  
ELLEN F. POTTER, Administratrix.  
Watts and Prestby, Athena, Oregon, Attorneys for Estate. S402

**22 Years Ago**

Friday, October 15, 1909

With the going dry of Prescott there is but one saloon in Walla Walla county outside of Walla Walla, that being Wallula, an old village on the Columbia river. In Walla Walla there are 38 saloons.

The new town of Stanfield in Northern Umatilla county presents a unique spectacle. At present it is a city of tents, but as fast as the 150 dwellers in tents can do so the settlement is being transformed into a city of brick, stone and cement business buildings and neat frame cottages and bungalows.

75c—Hill sells alarm clocks "America,"—75c.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Jarman and Wm. Winship returned yesterday from a trip to Spokane, near where Mr. Jarman has recently acquired land holdings.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baddeley are up from their Pendleton ranch, visiting friends in Athena.

There will be a social dance at the opera house tonight. Music will be furnished by Johnson's orchestra.

Charles Grant has leased the Worthington building on Main street and will conduct a restaurant therein.

Grandma Koontz has gone to Moscow, Idaho, where she will spend the winter with her son, B. E. Koontz.

James Bryan and family will move to town for the winter. They will reside in the Jarman cottage on 4th street.

Mrs. John Stone will visit her parents at Madras, Crook county during the absence of Mr. Stone on his hunting trip.

John Bell has purchased a fine White steamer. The machine is a beauty, a 20-horse power, five passenger car.

"Gold Coin" wheat, raised on the John Weidert place north of Athena, took first premium at the Walla Walla fair last week.

Wednesday was a good day for drummers, evidently, in this city. Thirty-three were registered at the St. Nichols hotel.

Mrs. James Nelson came down from Alberta yesterday and is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pinkerton, Sr., near town.

Jerry Stone has purchased the old Ely place of 160 acres west of town, from John Bell; consideration, \$14,000.

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000. There are 140 acres in summer fallow.

Rev. Hammond went down yesterday to visit Mr. McKenzie, near Adams. He reports the old gentleman as cheerful under his affliction.

Nick Taitinger left last week for his farm in Alberta, after several weeks visit with friends here. Mrs. Taitinger and the children will remain for the winter months with her mother, Mrs. Wright in this city.

J. E. Jones and James Henderson returned Sunday from a ten days' hunt on the Salmon river. They report having gotten sight of 15 or 20 deer, but did not succeed in bagging one.

Miss Jeanette Manasse leaves today for her home in Napa, Cal., after several weeks pleasant visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmitt west of town, and with other friends in this city.

John Buckman, living on the Estes place near town, had the index finger of his right hand severed and two other digits badly mashed this morning in a hay cutter. Dr. Sharp dressed the wounds.

Grover Bowles and Walter Phillips left Tuesday for Miles City, Montana, where they will be employed on Fay LeGrow's stock ranch. The ranch contains 900 acres and was recently purchased by Mr. LeGrow.

Last Saturday there was a general heghira of the Athena teachers to the county seat.

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**Editorial**  
We have persuaded the weather man to have some fine building weather—for building this fall—must let somebody take advantage of our lowest-priced-in-years-building material.  
A. M. Johnson, Editor

Now for fall building-material the lowest in years.  
"I'm always mixed up with some girl, although I try to use my head."  
"Quit using your arms and you will be all right."

"What was your idea of putting dollar marks at the end of your love letters to the plaintiff?" asked the lawyer.  
"They are kiss marks," replied the defendant.  
"But why use dollar marks to denote kisses?"  
"You wouldn't ask me that if you knew how much they cost me."

"It's scandalous to charge us \$5 for towing the car in only

three or four miles," protested the tourist driver's wife.  
"Never mind, dear," replied hubby. "I've got the brakes on."

Lady—Will my false teeth look natural?  
Dentist—Lady, I make 'em so natural they ache.

Can you tell me what time the 9:45 train goes?  
At a quarter to ten.  
Both, these time-tables. They are never right.

Mother, do fishes travel in schools?  
Yes, son.  
Well, what do they do when the teacher gets caught?  
Oh, then they play hookie.

"Yonder yacht is flying a flag of distress."  
"What does she signal."  
"Wants to know if we have a corkscrew aboard."

S'all. See you next week.  
A. M. Johnson.

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