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### Editorial Program

- I. Make Springfield the Industrial Center of Western Oregon.
- II. Develop a Strong Trading Point; Build a City of Contented Homes.
- III. Improve Living Conditions on the Farm. Promote the Raising of Purebred Livestock and the Growing of Fruit; Work for Better Markets.
- IV. Tell the World About Oregon's Scenic Wonderland.

### THE BOY SCOUTS.

Organization of a boy scout troop in Springfield is under way with competent leaders in charge. The Lions club in sponsoring this work realizes that the training and development of the boy is one of the most important undertakings in every community. Springfield should not only have one but two or three troops. Hearty support and encouragement should be accorded this and every other troop organized. Take care of the boys from 12 to 18 years of age and the police will not be troubled with them in after life.

The governor got ahead of himself in pardoning law offenders by sending a pardon to a bootlegger in Independence before the fellow was tried. Put the arrested man in a rather embarrassing position as he had to plead guilty in order to get the pardon.

The weaker sex is that portion of the human race which goes down town in zero weather in half-mast lace, waste and pumps to buy a muffler and wool socks for her husband so he can go to work.

The general lines of the female figure unadorned remains the same regardless of the fashion makers, says the Oregonian editor. How does he know?

It cost Jack Dempsey \$6000 to visit Germany a few months ago. He might of visited it seven years ago and been paid \$33 a month.

Radio: An instrument which makes a noise like a baby with the colic but which you can turn off without having to walk the floor with it.

The modern wife is one who runs her husband off the place and then sues him for divorce on grounds of desertion.

A man's trousers never bag at the knees and pockets at the same time.

The man who says honesty is the best policy never tried telling a homely girl how she looks.

Try to have as much will power as a sitting hen.

"Red" Grange will go down in history as the greatest green back in football.

Even an optimist can't see much fun in missing a street car. Nor can he see much fun in passing an idle hour on one at the Springfield Junction.

Shingling a flapper's dome doesn't always prevent leakage.

Love is two divided by nothing.

### Editorial Comment

#### CODDLING CRIMINALS.

"More than 100,000 murderers walk the streets today because of idiotic maladministration of the laws," says Dr. Charles F. Aked, in a Chicago address. "The mistaken sympathy of sentimentalists is largely responsible for lawlessness, and it is time some of that sympathy be diverted from the criminal to his victim. At least, the honest man should be given an even break."

Each day the newspapers contain the flotsam and jetsam of the crime wave. Yesterday we find these examples: At Medford, a 3-year-old boy describes the methods by which a modern "Fagin" trains apprentices in crime. A New York woman is robbed of a diamond necklace at a society tea. Yogemen rob the bank at Shoda. In Portland, a lone robber holds up a man on Montana avenue and gets \$80. A report shows that there were 1223 automobiles stolen in Portland during the year. All these are not offenses of impulse, emotion or weakness, but the acts of professional criminals, who make crime a business, and who deserve just so much sympathy as one would give a striking rattlesnake. The number of such items to be found in the news columns shows the flourishing condition of the crime business, and the breakdown of the machinery which should destroy it.

So serious is the situation that Portland banks employ an armored car to transport valuables. New York is putting into service nine such cars, equipped with rifles, shotguns and tear gas bombs, and manned by sharpshooters. Bankers and jewelers further protect themselves by their own detective organizations which, realizing the weakness of the police, depend upon their own operatives to apprehend criminals.

Our government, state and national, is fast drifting into an anomalous position in which it enters many fields formerly occupied by private business, but so neglects its essential duty of protecting life and property that this task must be assumed by private agencies. Dr. Aked is right. It is time that the honest citizen should have a little consideration. It is time to stop coddling the criminals and begin to muzzle the sob-sisters.—Portland Telegram.

#### BAA! BAA! BALD HEAD

The great discovery has been discovered! Someone—said to be "a Japanese doctor"—has found an elixir that makes the hair grow. The tonic is described by Textile World as "a fluid which when injected into the veins of a sheep, say, every two days, promotes a rapid growth of hair." So rapid, in fact, that two months' injection produces twelve months' growth. "Thus two or three shearings each year are possible."

The sheep, traditionally stupid, looks over his shoulder at his swift accumulating wooliness, thinks, no doubt, that he demonstrates his cleverness at last, and marvels with secret satisfaction.

One can't help seeing vast possibilities ahead for the shrewd Wall Street operator among lambs. No doubt a financial "doctor," after mixing the dope on his research laboratory, will issue forth with his doctored reports and raise such a crop for shearing as never was on lamb or sheep.

Of course the real trick will be to inject the stuff into the veins of men's heads. If sheep, why not man—to say nothing of woman? These thousand years and more, ago, even in the B. C.'s, the bald have looked wistfully upon the struts and the winged have leaped vigorously the coiled. One drop of tonic, now, and the whole world grins. Especially if (horrible thought!) the tonic should refute the fundamentalists, bear out the modernists, and produce a reversion-to-type or missing-link effect luxuriously thatched from crown to sole.—Nation's Business.

### The Judge's Joke

WITH CHILD LABOR LAWS AND WOMEN IN POLITICS THERE IS NOTHING FOR FATHER TO DO BUT GO TO WORK.



Correct, Sit down.

Teacher: "When is the best time to pick apples?"

Boy: "When there ain't nobody lookin'."

If rosy cheeks are a sign of health—some girls these days are healthier on one side than on the other.

Eve ate an apple and started wearing clothing—wonder what the modern girl ate.

Some Stick.

Judge: "Now describe to the jury how you struck the victim."

Prisoner: "Well, I picked up a big stick and hit him on the nose."

"How long was the stick?"

"Well sir, I can't exactly tell."

"Compare it with something so the jury will know how thick it was."

"Offhand, I should it was—about as thick as your head."

Sam Hoskins accidentally shot himself while hunting. One of the wounds is fatal but his friends are glad to hear that the other one is not serious.

Christmas Printing of all kinds is done at the News Office.

# IF....

The "IF" in life is either a triumph or a defeat.

If we are prepared for a situation, we triumph.

If we are unprepared, it means defeat.

Now there is one essential in which every business, or individual need be prepared. It is in a good banking connection.

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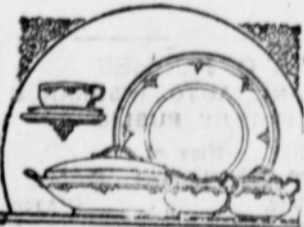
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Bozo Butts They Drive Him Nuts

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