

## OWL-LAFFS



Howdy folks, "The Great Divide"  
—A Standard Oil dividend.

**MURDERS, ATTENTION!**  
The motor fiend who's dodged by men  
When he goes rushing 'round the town  
Has nothing on the gossip when  
It comes to running people down.

I have received many letters in my days, "says a friend," letters of about all kinds. But I have never yet received one with tear stains on it; though I have had letters sent me so full of angry cuss words that the envelope was almost scorched brown."

A bachelor says the average restaurant bill of fare is truthful. Just order the "small steak" listed and see if they do not tell the exact truth.

A woman went to a lawyer to get a divorce the other day. "Why do you want to get a divorce?" asked the legal light. "Because I am married," she informed him.

**A BLOOMING DAFFYDIL**  
Val N. Tine: "Queen Bird, Goofy."  
Hal O. Ween: "Say, he's so nutty that every time a clock cuckoo he thinks he's being paged."

**DECEPTIVE APPEARANCES**  
"Do you realize that it's only a little more than twenty years since the first automobiles were brought out?"

"Is that all? Some of the taxis look as if they must have been in use for at least a century."

**FIDDLES AND FITNESS**  
Another definition of a chump is the fellow who makes a diet of candy and nuts and figs and fruit cake and popcorn balls—and then is mad because he doesn't feel as fit as a fiddle says a caller. And by the way, he goes on to remark, whaddye mean by being as fit as a fiddle? We never saw a fiddle that didn't have to be overhauled and tightened up and have its spark plugs cleaned—while the audience squirmed—before it was ready to go.

When a good thing is put over in our town there are a hundred people ready to take the credit; when something fails flat you can't find anybody who will take the blame.

"How is it your parrot swears so shockingly?" By an oversight she was left near a telephone booth.

**HAPPINESS IN EVERY COMPLAINT**  
"We will be glad to hear of any impertinence or lack of attention on the part of our employes," says a bulletin issued by one of the big commercial organizations. That's right. Try to be pleased, no matter what happens.

We can't see the reason for wearing long skirts—they're hidden.

A man never realizes how many things he disapproves of until his own daughter reaches 16.

To make the thing appropriate some fellows should be buried in their smoking jacket instead of a shroud.

A shrewd observer recently said: "When I find a man who likes his business I have found a man who is well on his way to making money."

In New York a man burned his

## RAILROAD GUARANTY FALLACY

Is Hit by Southern Pacific President in Address to Live Stock Men

LOS ANGELES (Special)—Neither the Transportation Act of 1920 nor any other law, state or federal, guarantees any income whatever to the railroads, Wm. Sproule, President of the Southern Pacific Company, pointed out in an address before the American National Live Stock Association, which has just completed its 26th annual convention here.

"There is no guaranty that any railroad shall earn even one per cent," said Mr. Sproule. He showed that the Transportation Act of 1920 "merely makes a declaration that if any railroad happens to earn up to a certain percentage (fixed by the Interstate Commerce Commission at 5% on the value of the physical property used for transportation purposes), it will not be considered in excess of a reasonable return."

**On Physical Valuation**  
Stocks and bonds of railroads have nothing to do with the figure upon which they are permitted to earn a reasonable return, if they can, under economical and efficient management, Mr. Sproule said.

A railroad may have outside properties, but unless the property is actually devoted to railroad business it is not considered in fixing a valuation upon which a reasonable return is permitted, the railroad president showed.

Mr. Sproule reviewed briefly the war time experiences of the railroads that loaded them with increased operating expenses with which they are still largely burdened. He referred also to the collapse in business generally that followed the war. He continued:

"Gradually this country, with the capacity for survival and revival that belongs to a new and glorious and progressive nation, has come up until

today your chairman informs you that the cattle business is coming into its own again. The railroad business is gradually coming along until we are in hopes—but so far it is only in hopes—that it too will come into its own again.

"But in the meantime it is proper that I should say to you that the increase in our operating costs has been so great and the increase in taxation has been so great that it is impossible for the railroads to make substantial reductions or for the authorities of government to produce substantial reductions in the freight and passenger rates of this country, unless we are to give the country a new set-back in which your business would share as well as our own.

**Succeed Together**  
"All the phases of our national life prove to us that we progress together, we go back together, we fail together. There is no such thing in this country as class success; there is no such thing as the success of one industry when the others are floundering, unless under the abnormal conditions created by war."

After referring to some of the problems of the cattle industry, Mr. Sproule said the Southern Pacific Company, realizing the perishable nature of livestock shipments, is interested in furnishing industries with the fastest and most efficient transportation service. In conclusion he said:

"We can both settle down to a basic fact, that neither can flourish unless upon the basis of reasonable returns and as we accord to you that right we simply ask you to accord to us that basic right. We can all work to the common basis of creating that state of efficient service and of justice in the public mind which will reward good service with just returns."

wife's clothes to keep her from running around. No one noticed the difference.

**ACQUITTED**  
She—"What is this dark hair doing on your coat?"  
He—"That is the suit I wore last year. I expect the hair has been on it ever since you were a brunette, dearest."

**HE FOOZLED**  
"How did you get your moustache in this condition?" asked the barber.  
"Guess I'll have to take it off."  
"All right. I tried to steal a kiss from a girl who was chewing gum."

### PEOPLE'S COLUMN

[Editor's Note—We are glad to give space to the people of our community on topics of the day, but ask them not to become personal or abusive. Each contributor must sign name, not for publication, but for our protection.]

### Glass Houses

Scio, Ore., Feb. 19, 1923

Editor Tribune:  
Abraham Lincoln once said: "There is so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us that it scarcely behooves any of us to speak ill about the rest of us." These words were true in his day and are true in our day. There is so much idle talk going on these days that one hardly knows the truth when he hears it. Married women, married men, young men and young women—even those who have no thought of committing a wrong—are all made targets of a slanderous tongue, and usually these tongues are manned by parties living in a glass house. It seems to the writer, and we are a victim of them, that if each one of us would ponder over the words of Lincoln there would be more peace and good feeling throughout this glorious country of ours, and especially here in Scio. A Sufferer.

Score Cards—Get your "500" score cards at the TRIBUNE office. 2c per card, or 2½ cents per card by mail, postpaid.

### High School Notes

One of the fastest games of the season was played on the local floor last Wednesday evening between the Scio boys and the Willamette freshmen. The final score was 11 to 9 in favor of the freshmen.

Don't forget the doubleheader basketball game to be played here Friday evening between the Scio and the Lebanon girls, and between the Scio boys and Gates.

Arthur McLain, a student of the Aumsville high school, visited our school Monday.

The Scio girls were defeated on the local floor last Wednesday. The score was 8-9, in favor of Turner.

The Scio Boys defeated Lebanon last Friday 33-3. This was a slow and rough game because of the inability of the referee to call the fouls.

The girls met one of their worst defeats last Friday, when they were defeated by the Lebanon girls 6-32.

Albany College will give a play here Tuesday, Feb. 27, the title of which is "Brown's in Town." This sounds good, doesn't it?

A Parent-Teacher meeting will be held next Thursday (tonight), Feb. 22. A special program will be rendered by the grade pupils.

Miss Dellara Sutherland has been absent from school because of an attack of appendicitis.

A holiday will be given on Washington's birthday.

A letter from Ed Chrz., who is now at Austin, Minn., says they had a foot of snow on the ground and the thermometer was registering 10 below zero. He also says the winter has been very mild back there so far. He says he cannot get along without the Tribune and sent along the simoleums necessary to enable him to read his own paper.

Dr. W. B. Richardson, of Jefferson, was in town Saturday. He says he has been at Spokane for the past year, and while the city is prosperous, the country around about has been pretty hard hit for the past four or five years on account of poor crops and small prices for what the farmer did raise.

We have a call for a large listing of real property, at the lowest price you can quote, either in large or small tracts. Bring in your listing if you want to sell

## FOR SALE

The properties listed below is all the description calls for, and really modest. They are bargains, and the cheapest in the Willamette valley. Write us about either of them.

### THE SCIO TRIBUNE.

One block on South Main street, in Scio, with good 8-room modern house, barn and outbuildings; walnut and fruit trees. Price \$2000 for a quick sale. This is an exceptionally good buy. Address V, care Scio Tribune.

For Sale—Five head of Durham cattle, one cow, three heifers and bull, all registered but one, and it will be; price \$75 per head. Address B-1, care Scio Tribune.

For Sale—In city limits of Scio, 3 acres with good modern house, barn and chicken house; 1 acre in raspberries and lots of other fruit; price is \$3750, a good buy. Address E-1, care Scio Tribune.

For Sale—60 acres good black loam land, all in cultivation, one mile from town and high school, railroad and milk condensery; extra good bearing orchard; good buildings; farm well fenced; ideal dairy farm. Price \$110 per acre for quick sale. Address AA, care Scio Tribune.

Ninety-seven acres, all tillable except 15; is well drained; 30 acres now in crop; 20 left to summer fallow in spring; family orchard. Good 8-room house with basement, good barn and outbuildings; all farming implements, tools, etc.; 5 head of cows, 3 head of horses, 4 head of hogs, between 50 and 60 hens, telephone and everything to start farming. Will give possession right away. Price \$9,500. Address TG, Scio Tribune.

314 acres, 80 in cultivation, balance pasture and timber; 4 miles from railway station, 6 miles from good town, 1½ miles from school, 2 miles from church, on rural mail route; well watered, small running stream, and numerous springs; good 7-room house; 48x60 foot barn, other outbuildings; best of hill land. Would divide into two or more places. Price \$15,000. Address T2, Scio Tribune.

382 acres, 200 in cultivation, balance pasture and timber; near good town and school; 2 miles to railway station; small orchard on place; good 7-room house; 3 good barns; best quality land; near good market for dairy products. Would divide into several small farms. Price \$50,000. Address T1, Scio Tribune.

78 acres, well improved, two sets of buildings, on main county road, 1 mile to good school; ¼ mile to railroad station; 3 hours from Portland markets; fine river bottom soil, running stream; 6 acres of berries, full bearing; family orchard. Price \$16,000. ¼ cash, balance long time. Would consider as a part payment, residence property or suburban acreage, in good town or city in the Willamette valley, Yakima valley or California. Address G1, Scio Tribune.

28 acres, river bottom, finest of garden or berry land; running stream, easy to irrigate; six acres of loganberries, raspberries, strawberries and blackberries, full bearing; ¼ mile to railroad station, good markets. Price \$5,000, part cash, balance time. Address G2, Scio Tribune.

50 acres, river bottom, practically all in cultivation; well improved; two sets buildings; on main county road, ¼ mile to railroad station, 1 mile to school, 4 miles to good town; an ideal dairy or fruit farm. Price \$12,000, one-half cash, balance long time. Address G3, Scio Tribune.

We cannot and do not guarantee a sale quickly, but there will be a sale if you really want to sell. Give minute description and the lowest possible price.