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Thirty Six Years of Progress

Today *The Gazette-Times* is thirty seven years of age, thirty seven years young. When measured by the rule which marks the average in the life of man, this paper is in its prime. Yet it is a pioneer. Back there thirty seven years ago this entire Eastern Oregon country was pretty much in the pioneer state. Rapid strides in development have been taken in the past three decades and we are proud to say that this paper has ever taken a leading part in that development. "Published Weekly and Devoted to the Best Interests of Morrow County" will continue to be our slogan, and if we have been of service to the community in the past, we hope to double and treble our service value in the future; ever striving to reach the ideal in community upbuilding which is the goal of every sincere newspaper.

At Home and Abroad

An Eastern Oregon man has just returned from an extended trip to Scotland and England and he brings back a most interesting report of conditions as he found them there.

Those conditions were much better than he had expected to find them, for he had anticipated a serious shortage in many things in the old country, together with exorbitant prices. Yet he found no serious shortage and prices in many instances were much lower than in the United States.

He says there are instances where supplies sent to English merchants have been returned to this country for sale, as better prices could be secured on this side.

To cap the climax he received a severe shock in England when a portion of the pay he received for a draft was in American gold.

Dishwashing Danger

For many years it has been a not uncommon procedure on the part of those in charge of men on shipboard and in barracks to boil the mess gear, with a view to stopping an epidemic of sore throats. But it seems to have been left to two army surgeons, Colonel Charles Lynch and Lieut. Col. James G. Cumming to make the first comprehensive studies tending to indicate the extent to which dishwashing as commonly practiced in public eating places and in our homes may serve to spread contagious diseases of all sorts, including colds, sore throats, influenza and pneumonia.

This dishwashing process is the hand method, the dishes, glasses and other eating utensils being made apparently clean by being soused and swabbed in a pan of water not too hot to prevent the fish out of the dishwasher by the dishwasher's bare hands. A temperature in which the dishwasher's hands can be put is not hot enough to kill disease-producing bacteria. As eating and drinking utensils contaminated with bacteria from the hands and mouths of those who have used such utensils are successively added to the dishwasher the bacterial content steadily increases. Cumming found as many as 25,000,000 organisms in a quarter of a teaspoonful of such dishwasher.

Besides the supply of disease organisms derived from contaminated eating and drinking utensils all sorts of organisms are added to the dishwasher from the dishwasher's own hands. These are almost sure to be contaminated with whatever organisms the dishwasher may be carrying in his own mouth or nose, and such contamination will be increased if the dishwasher has a cold.

While consistent efforts will be made to protect patrons of public eating and drinking places, the trail of dishwater infections leads us right into the home and points to the necessity of a decided dishwashing reform in the average home itself. It is very easy to point out ways in which home dishwashing may be made safe, but what is really needed is some practicable scheme or appliance which will appeal to the ordinary housewife and mother through relieving the present home dishwashing procedure of its drudgery and incidentally serving to prevent an infection from running from one member of the household through the entire family.

Some Baby Questions

The U. S. Bureau of the Census has recently issued a report on mortality statistics for 1917 in which it says in speaking of the infant mortality rate: "— a few increases appear which should serve as food for thought. What has occasioned the increase in the rate from premature birth from 17.5 in 1910 to 21.1 in 1917? What has occasioned the increase in the rate from injuries at birth from 3.2 in 1910 to 4.6 in 1917?"

In western, eastern, southern, northern states, in industrial cities and in pioneer rural sections, the story is the same. Of the babies studied there died during the first month of life in six different cities: 38 per cent; 38 per cent; 28 per cent; 41 per cent; 49 per cent; 57 per cent. In five rural counties the actual numbers are smaller but the percentages are even higher: 45 out of 89; 22 out of 28; 12 out of 15; 10 out of 16; 10 out of 14.

This excessive loss of baby life is due to the parental condition of the mothers. The federal government is ready through the provisions of the Sheppard-Towner bill to help rural districts provide sufficient nursing and medical attention to insure health to the bearers of America's citizens.

This paper is in receipt of a telegram from Mr. O. C. Leiter, of Portland, who has been elected secretary of the Hoover Republican Club of Oregon. Mr. Leiter is forming state wide executive committee, and states that he would be pleased to have us furnish him with the names of the most prominent republican man and woman in Heppner who might accept appointment on this committee. We are at a loss to give Mr. Leiter this information. Have heard no prominent republican, either man or woman, doing any boosting for Herbert; his boosters here are in the other camp, and had he asked us for the names of the most prominent democrats in Heppner who are talking the most for Hoover, we could have replied with alacrity. As a matter of fact, there is mighty little talk among republicans concerning any candidate, presidential or otherwise.

Slats' Diary

Friday—Ma was kidding pa cause he is getting bald here on his head. & pa sed he hassent no use for here for all that he uses his for is 2 come it & muss it up enny how. Ma ast me to take a dose of medicine & I Quoted bill Shakespear too her I sed thro fissick 2 the dawgs, pa tuk it wen he come home, went to the stoar & I bought sum paper & pensils 2 draw pitchers on & with.

Saturday—Jake's sheep found a little baby lam today, early this morning in the a. m. Cutest thing, wish I had aseen it 1st & his Sheep woodent never found it I bet, went 2 the pitcher show & saw Charley chaplin. He is very comikal.

Sunday—had soar throte & diddent have 2 go 2 s. s. throte better after dinner. Drawed pitchers of waggins & churches & dogs & guns Ast pa 2 tell me sumthing 2 draw and he sed draw a automobileel & I sed tell me sumthing that wassent so hard & he sed draw a pan of mush, tride it but cuddent do it.

Monday—A man come & ast pa 2 git him a job at the stoar & pa ast him didd he drink. the Man sed if he had enuff money 2 drink he woodent need no job.

Tuesday—after skool Jake & his cozen come down 2 play his cozen is Rihard sumthing, we diddent play long our disposishuns diddent Match, very well.

Wednesday—Wm. s. Heart at the show, tride 2 work ma for 11 cts. Acted nice at the table, pa sed wots the matter with Slats he acks as polite as if he was away from home, went to the Show.

Thursday—Jake throwed my ball over ole man Bell's fence & I went 2 git it. Bull dog chased me diddent ketch me but skunt the hide off the hind end of my heels, pritty near. Close eskape, I'll say it twas.

Headed Off

Mr. West started out on his great scheme of making Mr. Hoover Oregon's democratic candidate for the presidency with full notice that he was and is not a democrat. He had an idea that to call him one. Evidently it can't be done. Mr. West yields as gracefully as the circumstances will permit—as readily as that other surprised citizen who picked up the hot end of a poker.

The gentlemen of the University club who are promoting the campaign of Mr. Hoover for the republican nomination are a little more astute. They are asking no questions but are going ahead. It appears likely that if they solicited Mr. Hoover's approval for their action they would get the same response as Mr. West got. They

know it. Mr. West knew it, too; but that's another story. Mr. Hoover may not know what he is politically, but he knows what he is not. We can only guess whether he will find our soon. Our guess is that he will. But it is beyond our present resources for speculation as to the future to hazard a guess as to what various democratic shouters for Hoover will do when and if he gets the republican nomination.—*Oregonian*.

With a fast ball team and a good band Heppner ought to have no trouble getting to the front fast. There are splendid chances for having both.

The re-assuring words of Forester Keithley concerning the prospects for water next summer will "listen" good to the man who has just passed through a severe winter and long feeding.

Christian Science.

Christian Science services are held every Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock in the lodge room in the I. O. O. F. building.

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