

Hit of the Year Sale

Includes the Biggest Bargains Yet Offered in Roseburg
Begins Friday, April 1, at 8:30 a. m.

LADIES' \$10 HIKING SHOES	LADIES' COATS	LADIES' DRESSES	LADIES' SKIRTS	LADIES' SHOES
Big values, to close out, pair \$5.00	Sold up to \$37.50, you get them from \$10, down to \$1.50	Values to \$35, priced for this sale at slaughter figures of from \$1.50 to \$5.00	Sold to \$7.50, now you can get them for \$2.00	Worth \$7.50 regularly, but we close them out at pair \$3.50

This is the S. B. Crouch Stock of Merchandise that was recently bought at Bankrupt Sale, and all wearing apparel will positively be closed out at astonishingly low prices—original cost is no object—goods must go.

MEN'S GLASENBURY UNDERWEAR	MEN'S COTTON UNDERWEAR	LADIES' UNDERWEAR
A real value at \$2.50, but for this sale these goods go at \$1.00	Nothing under \$1.00 values. You buy them now for only 50c	Some of these goods were sold up to \$3.50. We have marked them down to 25c up to \$1.00

FISHING TACKLE

The Crouch stock has always been acknowledged as one of the most complete in Douglas County. Fishermen will find here everything needed at scandalously low prices. Buy now and save.

Reduced prices on the entire stock of very finest Hardware in the city. Tools of all kinds, Stoves, Nails, Builders' Hardware, Garden Tools, etc.

All Paints will go at half prices—paint your house now and save. Big stock of all kinds to be closed out at Bankrupt Sale Prices.

113 SHERIDAN STREET

FOSTER & AGEE

ROSEBURG, OREGON

C. E. BANNING TO MANAGE LANE CO. EXCHANGE STORE

According to information from Eugene, C. E. Banning, manager of the Douglas County Farm Bureau Exchange, has accepted a similar position at Eugene, and will take charge of the farm bureau exchange work for Lane county in the near future. Mr. Banning is now in Portland on business. It is understood that he will retain his residence in Roseburg and will operate the two exchange organizations from this city. M. Banning was selected for this office by the Lane County exchange, because of the outstanding work he has done in Douglas county, not only in organizing but in managing the affairs of the organization so that it has paid a profit to the stockholders every year since it was started. Mr. Banning not only has exceptional business ability to qualify him for the work but has spent many years in practical farming so that he is able to direct the business to the best interests of the patrons.

Fishing tackle and ammunition at Powell's Furniture Store.

America in World War Only for Rights

Ex-Secretary Baker Maintains There Were No Business Considerations.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 26.—The United States entered the World War only because German submarines torpedoed this country's ships, Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War under President Wilson, says today in an article in the American Legion Monthly on "Why We Went to War."

Sentimental considerations are swept aside by the former secretary.

"We could permit ourselves to be blockaded by a threat and terrorized into a surrender of our national rights, or we could defend them," he writes. "There was no propaganda about this. Nobody debated whether the French or British needed our help or ought to have it. Not a moment's consideration was given to the rescuing of anybody else's cause."

"Those who sacrificed their time, strength and substance, perhaps, did not argue it all out. Those who gave their lives many have had but an implicit consciousness of the thing at stake. Yet in the last analysis, those who died in France died for the same cause as those who fell at

Brandywine. Spiritually it was the guns of Bunker Hill and Yorktown that answered and overcame the torpedo of the submarine.

Baker takes issue with the view that the country's declaration of war was tinged with commercial considerations, and concludes that "only time can answer fully the question of whether, after all, we did accomplish what we set out to do."

PROMINENT COOS COUNTY CIVIL WAR VETERAN IS DEAD

John H. Roberts, a well known Myrtle Point man, died this afternoon at the Soldier Home hospital. Mr. Roberts, who was 86 years of age, served through the Civil War in company C, 23rd Missouri volunteer infantry. He made his home in Coos County for a number of years and was very prominent there, being at one time a representative from that county to the state legislature. He has been at the Soldiers Home since Nov. 7. Mr. Roberts was the father of 14 children. A son, B. C. Roberts, resides at Myrtle Point. The remains are at the Roseburg Undertaking parlors and will be taken to Myrtle Point for burial.

VICTIM'S MOTHER SOBS DURING TRIAL

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
EUGENE, Ore., March 30.—An account of the shooting of Eaton Hooker, possessor, given by Deputy Sheriff George Canaday, an eye witness, roused the murder case against Albert Brownlee here today.

Hooker's mother was present at the trial, sobbing quietly as the testimony was taken regarding the death of her son.

Bits of incriminating conversation with Brownlee were also related by several of the state's witnesses.

LANTERN FLAME TOUCHES GAS; HOME DESTROYED

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
PORTLAND, Ore., March 30.—Fire which started when the flame of a lantern ignited fumes of gasoline being poured into the tank of an automobile, last night, completely destroyed the private garage and automobile of Alfred Irvine and did about \$500 damage to his house. Total loss was about \$900. Irvine had cleaned out the gasoline tank on his car and was pouring the fluid back in when the explosion came.

KOZER PONDERES PETITION TO VOTE ON NEW TAX LAW

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
SALEM, Ore., March 30.—The question whether an initiative petition shall be allowed which has in view repeal of the law under which a confidential tax questionaire is being used by county assessors this year, was being considered this morning by Sam A. Kozer, secretary of state, to whom an application was made yesterday looking toward this end. He had made no request for an opinion of L. H. VanWinkle, attorney general, who is not in the city.

Ordinarily a final initiative petition must be in the hands of the secretary of state prior to the time the law sought to be referred to the people goes into effect. House bill 72, however, which is the subject of the present attack, carried the emergency clause and went into effect immediately instead of 30 days after the legislative session closed.

L. B. Smith, secretary of the Greater Oregon association, and the one responsible for the present attack, has indicated that in case Kozer refuses to allow the petition he will start proceedings to require him to allow it.

Lax Beliefs Blamed for Student Suicides

Substantial Moral Foundation Absent in Modern Youth, Writer Declares.

Pointing out that nineteen college and high school students committed suicide in the first two months of this year, followed by many more in March, Alan Taber says, in an article in this week's Liberty, that of the score of reasons advanced for the epidemic they all "summer down to the conclusion that the props of home, religion, and education have been knocked from under the youth of the country, and no firm foundation has been substituted."

Attempts to account for the prevalence of suicide among the students of today, the writer lists what he considers the differences between them and the students of his own generation: "The students today have too much money. They are blasé and bored, where we were intensely interested. The present generation has abandoned most of its reverence for women—a result contributed to by the girls of its own class."

"The line of conversation has changed," the writer continues.

Sensational Coast League Race Predicted by President Williams

By Harry A. Williams
President Pacific Coast Baseball League.

This is the season of the year when things spring into life, and one of these things is optimism. Spring is the birth time of new life and fresh hopes. Baseball responds to this, and at once as the harbinger of happier things after a winter of discontent.

But this year there seems to be more than the usual optimism. Reports I have received from the various cities are to the effect that the public interest in baseball is greater than at any time since immediately after the close of the war when the country went sport and amusement wild.

Optimism High.

Perhaps I can be pardoned if my own optimism is greater than ever before. I feel that this optimism not only is justified but is in a measure the reward of long and patient effort. The more compact circuit places the circuit on a more substantial basis than ever before. To revise the circuit required time, vision and money, but it was accomplished even when the attempt seemed hopeless.

True, the circuit stands as it was revised last season, but this will be the first season that it will operate under favorable conditions. Last season the Missions were new in San Francisco and Hollywood was new in Los Angeles. Each club was without any natural following at the start. But now these clubs are fairly well established, and they have rebuilt in a manner more suitable to their environment. And their following will become increasingly larger from year to year.

\$1000 Prize.

Offering a \$1000 cash prize for the most valuable player in 1927, the first time this has been done, is certain to stimulate a great deal of interest as well as added effort on the part of the athletes. Conditions as a whole in the league are excellent. When a team fails to draw what it should I have found this to be due almost entirely to the fact that it is not a winning club, or to purely local conditions. I cannot myself always rectify a local condition. These conditions will be found in every league, and general stability is the vital factor.

Last year the league showed an increase of a quarter of a million in paid admissions. That such should have been the case is almost astounding in view of the fact that the race was an one-sided affair after the first month, and the synthetic brands appear to impose no restraint. They think more of religious and moral problems than we did; accept nothing unless proved; refuse to take things they cannot understand on faith alone.



Pres. Harry A. Williams of the Pacific Coast Baseball League.

which made it a season without so much as one critical series. And in view of the possibility of complete absence of a race, the display of aggressiveness showed by managers and players was surprising. Four meetings were arranged and there were some personal encounters between players of rival clubs. Of course, in the case of the assaulted umpires, it was necessary for me to take drastic action. Unless supported by the president's office a staff of umpires would be helpless, and it would be virtually impossible to play a game of baseball inside of three hours, if at all. Realizing that players lose their heads in the heat of conflict, I have been patient with the first offenders unless the act is extremely overt. The chronic and malicious trouble-makers are the ones who must be curbed.

To Curb Violence.

Baseball, of course, being a competitive sport involving more than 200 athletes in this league alone, is by nature a conflict in every angle. It never will be without its personal battles and its near-draws. But while these things are to be expected it is necessary to apply sufficient pressure to keep them within bounds and prevent the game from plunging back into the chaos from which it was rescued some 20 years ago, and which marked the beginning of its real popularity.

The league is strong and well-balanced, and I anticipate a sensational race.

FEES RECEIVED BY SAPIRO TOLD ON WITNESS STAND

DETROIT, Mich., March 30.—The nearly "unfathomable" arguments over legal considerations were done away with in Aaron Sapiro's \$1,000,000 libel suit against Henry Ford when federal Judge Fred M. Raymond today enunciated a policy of limiting each side.

Sapiro was called to the witness stand and Senator James A. Reed of Missouri, chief of Ford counsel, resumed cross-examination.

Reed and Sapiro began like a pair of friendly citizens in a discussion remote from a court of records. Reed examined Sapiro closely, phrasing his questions a little differently a dozen times in an effort to trap the sharp wit.

The net result was Sapiro's admission that prior to 1925 he was associated with others with whom he shared percentages of the aggregate income of all of them.

He listed these as his special fees from the poultry raisers: 1918, \$11,000; 1919, \$25,150; 1920, \$5,500; 1921, \$1,425; 1922, \$6,500; 1923, \$3,000; 1924, \$3,700.

"Your brother is still receiving a retainer fee from the California Poultry Dealers?" Reed asked.

"I think so, yes," Sapiro said that from 1918 to 1923, inclusive, he received a retainer of \$1200 a year from the California Bean Growers. In 1924 the retainer was \$1100. He listed these fees: 1918, \$574.95; 1919, \$10,890.05; 1920, \$1,035; 1921, \$1,000; 1922, \$285; 1923, \$1,559.52; 1924, \$5,218.82.

CONGRESSMAN DIES

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, March 30.—Representative Ladislaus Lazaro, of Louisiana, died here today. He was 54 years old.

YANGTZE VALLEY SITUATION CONTINUES TO BE CRITICAL

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Intolerable. The few Englishmen remaining have found it necessary to take refuge near the waterfront, so as to be in a position to leave quickly. The American consul, Frank Lockhart, also has taken quarters on the waterfront and advised all Americans to do likewise.

Moderate Kuomintang (Nationalist) elements, the dispatch adds, have been suppressed, and even Eugene Chen, the Cantonese foreign

minister appears to be powerless, but it is believed he will be retained in his official capacity on account of his success in dealing with representatives of foreign powers.

Business Demoralized.

All foreign banks have been closed owing to impossible demands by employees. In general, difficulties have been placed in the way of doing business.

The Nationalist political bureau has caused the closing down of one American and one British owned newspaper by securing the withdrawal of the employees. The editors complained to Chen without avail. Editions were published on mimeographed sheets, but these were suspended because strike pickets arrested messengers sent out to get them from the newspaper office. The dispatch says that all printed news and opinions except those of a communistic nature are being suppressed.

Educator Sounds Warning.

NEW YORK, March 30.—Destruction of both the western and oriental worlds is likely if the white man does not recognize himself to the fact that he has come to the end of world dominion.

Professor Upton (Josef Washington Hall) says in his book, "The Revolt in Asia," published today.

Professor Close, who is a lecturer on Pacific Asian life and politics at the University of Washington and former adviser to General Wu Pei-fu, sums up the problem as follows: "We have come to the end of the white man's world dominion. If he resigns himself to this historic evolution, he will save his world and the Asiatic world. If he resists he will likely bring about the destruction of both."

"We have come to the beginning of the white and colored man's joint world, when each shall control in his own house and a proportionate say in the general convocation of humanity."

"We are passing from an era of empire by conquest into the era of empire by attraction, service and business that asks only a fair field and no favors."

"We have come to the time when any prolonged attempt of any race or nation or class or sex to dominate another can only bring destruction to both."

Bible Sales Unhurt.

NEW YORK, March 30.—Despite the chaos in China, the American Bible Society had the biggest year in its history in 1926, it reported.

The year's distribution reached 3,221,393 Bibles, an increase of almost 100,000 over the preceding year.

One Chinese general bought and paid for \$20,000 worth of Bibles.

A cablegram received today from Canton by the board of foreign mission of the Presbyterian church, announced that all of the Presbyterian missionaries in South China are safe. There are approximately 45 Americans in the South China Presbyterian missions.

Another Strike Ordered.

SHANGHAI, Mar. 30.—The gen-

eral labor union in Shanghai has decided to order another general strike, the date to be fixed later. Twenty thousand miscellaneous workers are said to have been forced to enroll in the union.

General Chen Kai-Shih, the Cantonese commander, asked if he approved the carrying of arms by members of the Shanghai labor unions, replied: "Yes, they have the right to arm themselves for protection."

He is also quoted as declaring he completely recognized the central executive committee at Hankow, the present seat of the Cantonese government. He said he was still investigating the Nanking affair, in which foreigners were attacked and property destroyed.

The international defense authorities here are erecting a barbed wire barrier along the entire length of the Avenue Edward VII between the French concession and the international settlement. The Suffolk regiment is guarding the offices of the cable companies, situated in the avenue.

Hankow in Turmoil.

SHANGHAI, March 30.—A telegram from a Japanese source in Hankow says soldiers in mufti, ruffians and pickets are overrunning the city and that the Japanese women and children are to be embarked on the first available steamer.

DE MERVEAUX GETS
\$500 DAMAGES IN
SUIT FOR \$25,000

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
LOS ANGELES, March 30.—Lieutenant Gerard de Merveaux, master at arms, who offered to "forget" a whipping given him by J. Stuart Blackton, according to the latter's testimony, for \$500, was richer by that very sum today following a verdict last night of the jury which heard his suit for \$25,000 damages against the film director.

Immediately after the award was announced and three male members of the jury, which was divided evenly between the sexes, had voiced their disapproval, deputy sheriffs started a search for de Merveaux on an insanity warrant sworn out yesterday by A. A. Kidder, attorney for Blackton.

The penmanship department of the junior high school of this city was delighted to have a specimen of writing by a member of the class appear in the March Number of the American Penman, a publication issued by the Palmer Penmanship Company. Esther Meyers of the 9B class produced the specimen, which was the first ever to be published in the Penman from the state of Oregon.

The Woodcraft Thimble Club will meet Friday afternoon with Mrs. H. M. Wheeler, 325 South Jackson St.