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THE VOICE OF SPRING

Silks, Dress Goods, Wash Goods.

The proper weaves for spring and summer are forecasted in this exhibit, and many women who see them will plan the spring and summer wardrobe.

America, France, Switzerland and Great Britain have all contributed their share of the new goods. They are here early to be sure; but to meet the wishes of the hundred of women who have learned that to get the best dressmakers and have the work satisfactory, they must have them made before the rush season.

We'll consider it a favor if you will let us show you the new materials at as early a date as possible.

Dress Goods Veilings, Elanesis, Voiles. Fancy Cheviots, Novelty Mixtures, Mohairs, Eclumes, Wrap Materials, Beautiful White Materials in Staple and Novelty Weaves New black goods—Priestly's in Stylish new Weaves.

New Silk Foulards Fancies, Shirt Waist Suit Silks' black and white check, dots, Gunmetal Effects, fanciest its' in superb variety.

Wash Goods Paris has nodded approval of many of our Wash Goods and many styles are exclusive—Muslins, Flowered Organzies, Linen Novelty, in fact every thing that's new, is here. The Sheerest and Flimsiest for evening wear. Handsome goods for spring wear. White goods in beautiful assortments.—All Prices.

See our 25 cent Wash Silk Window

Silk Waists Continue to pour in by the dozens The grandest, the most exquisite gathering of dainty summer dress and evening waists La Grande has ever seen—Japanese silk waists with heavy embroidery or embroidered dots, lace insertion or cluster of tucks, lace inserting to form yoke, wide narrow tucked fronts—lace mosselaine de soie and crepe de chin waists—Foulard wrists, India silk waists waists of sheer cotton materials—Prices range all the way from \$2.50 to \$35. No trouble to show them.



MARCH WINDS ARE BLOWING

Ladies, and you need a pretty Veil. See the new weaves and colors in this line. Military waist sets, beautiful ribbons, at the Bargain Store.

E. M. Wellman & Co.

They Outrival Flowers

We believe our customers think as we do about perfumes—that the best are none too good, and that the finer qualities are cheapest in the long run and far more satisfactory to us. We keep no poor perfumes at all, The cheapest here are high grade goods, though our price is no more than is often charged for poor. We sacrifice profits for our customers; good and believe our method is appreciated.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE MOST POPULAR ODORS

Palestine Clover ✽ Rose of India ✽
Madam Butterfly ✽

We have a very large perfume trade and this insures freshness of stock, which is an important consideration.

NEWLIN DRUG CO. LAGRANDE, OREGON

DECISIVE RUSSIAN MOVE IS COMING

A Desperate Move at Port Arthur by Russians Will be Made Soon—Japs are Landing Troops Near Chemulpo.

Paris, March 4.—St. Petersburg advices say a decisive move of the Port Arthur Squadron is anticipated, now that Admiral Makaroff has arrived. The torpedo boats will be brought into play.

Reports from Korea confirm advices that the Japanese have ceased debarking troops at Chemulpo, but are landing soldiers at Chinnemulpo, where the harbor is free from ice.

RUSSIANS RUSHING REPAIRS.

London, March 4.—The central news correspondent at Port Arthur says the Japanese fleet has not been sighted since Feb. 5. Workmen are rushing repairs on the battleships Ritivan and Dzarovitch, and cruiser Pallada. All other damaged vessels are now ready for sea.

It is reported Kurapatkin's headquarters will be at Liao Yang, Manchuria. The weather is now mild, suggesting an early spring.

BADLY PUZZLED.

St. Petersburg, March 4.—The authorities are badly puzzled at the apparent disappearance of the Japanese squadron which has been investing Port Arthur, and are inclined to believe that the ships are being coaled and their ammunition supply replenished, in order to renew the bombardment at an early date.

DRAWING THE LINE AT THE YALU.

Seoul, March 4.—The Russian forces at Anju are compelling the Koreans to supply them with rice and fuel.

The Russians are fortifying Antung heavily, with the apparent intention of preventing the Japanese from crossing the Yalu.

GRUMBLING AT AMERICA.

St. Petersburg, March 4.—The newspaper Sviet, discussing the sending of American consuls to Manchuria says the American attitude in requesting Chinese exequeters will cause unpleasantness with Russia, and adds, "It is now stated America has promised to give Japan assistance with her ships."

A Monster Log

A monster log, weighing 26 tons, and making a big head for a flat car passed through the city this morning over the O.R. & N., bound for the St. Louis exposition, where it will be entered in the forestry exhibit of Oregon.

The log was the butt end of a fir tree and was nearly nine feet in diameter and over 20 feet long. It filled the car on which it was loaded. It was shipped from Portland, and has been covered with names and initials from every point along the line between that city and this, one or two large pasteboard cards having been tacked on the end and covered with addresses and autographs.

"Ah, I see your road supplies you with musical entertainment."

"Guess not," replied the foreman. "That piano is for testing the engines." The Englishman thought it a joke, says a writer in the Worlds Work, but when a uniformed pianist struck a note which harmonized with the noise of vibration in each part of the locomotive as it was tested, he understood that there could be no flaws or cracks in the engine. He was informed that if the noise of the locomotive made a discord with the musical note the locomotive would be thus proved defective. The method has been discovered to be more accurate than the old way of hammering each part.

Echo Program

The entertainment at the Presbyterian church last evening, which was in the nature of an echo convention, or in other words, an echo of the State Convention recently held in Pendleton, was well attended and proved very interesting. Each number was well selected and as well rendered. The following is the program which was rendered:

- Invocation..... Rev Van Nuy
- Opening Remarks..... Pres F K Noordhoff
- Music..... Male Quartet
- Our Trip to Pendleton..... Mary Tait
- The Devotional Hour.....
- Mrs Silke and Hattie Short
- Lookout Committee Statistics.....
- Lizzie Noble
- Music, Song..... The Misses McCall
- Relation of C.E. to the church. Personal Work..... E T Thome
- Music..... Male Quartet
- Reports of Music Committees.....
- Edna McCall
- Literature as a means of Evangelization.....
- Lizzie Noble
- Missionary Work..... Mrs F K Noordhoff
- Instrumental Duet..... Misses McCall
- Violin Solo..... Miss Bertha Young
- Instrumental Solo..... Mrs Clara Lytle
- Meaning of our Chinese Banner.....
- Mrs F K Noordhoff

H. S. Literary Society

The High School Literary Society elected officers yesterday morning as follows: President, Benjamin Zurbick, first and second vice president, Edna McCall and Harriet Harris respectively; secretary, Hazel Corbett; assistant secretary, Jessie Grimmett; reporter, Elton Jackson; assistant reporter, George Melville; sergeant at arms, Ellen Grady.

For Vice-President

Washington, March 4.—Roosevelt has suggested, and Senator Fairbanks, of Indiana has agreed to accept the vice-presidential nomination on the republican ticket if tendered him. This comes from close and lifelong personal friends of the senator, who are known to have advised him against what is considered to be a vital concession on the senator's part. They have bowed to the wishes of the president, as has Mr. Fairbanks.

Has Five Wives

Washington, March 3.—Attorneys for the protestants in the Smoot investigation today said they intended to prove that the defendant is associated with an organization which practices polygamy and connives at violations of the law and that his very vote as a Senator of the United States is subject to the wish and command of the Mormon Church. President Joseph F. Smith confessed he himself had continued to cohabit with his plural family since the manifesto of 1890 and that he realized fully he was violating the state laws. President Smith also testified that Red Smoot had to get the consent of his associate apostles in the church before he could become a candidate for Senator.

The confession of President Smith was the sensation of the proceeding today before the Senate committee on privileges and elections. Mr. Smith said that the manifesto of 1890 had left him and others with plural families in the unfortunate situation of being compelled to defy the law or desert their families. For himself he had preferred to "take chances with the law" rather than disgrace himself and degrade his family by abandoning his wives and children they had born him. He admitted he had children by all five of his wives since the manifesto and said he had acknowledged them openly without interference or disturbance from the people of Utah, whom he spoke of as liberal and broadminded. The defendant will take the witness-stand tomorrow.

Driven By Fire

Lawton, Okla. March 3.—Driven by a terrific gale from the north which at times reached the velocity of 90 miles an hour a prairie fire swept over thousands upon thousands of acres of Kiowa and Comanche Counties last night destroying hundreds of farm buildings and much livestock made 1000 persons homeless caused the death of several persons threatened a number of towns and swept away scores of buildings in the outskirts of towns.

STATE MEETING OF SOCIALISTS

Seventy Delegates Assembled in Convention in Portland—State Officers Were Named ---Many Visitors.

Portland, March 4.—The socialists state convention, which has been in session here for the past two days, is one of the most enthusiastic state meetings ever held by that party in Oregon.

Several delegates have been present besides a large number of visiting socialists from every part of the state.

B. F. Ramp was chosen chairman of the convention and State Secretary W. S. Richards, secretary. Committee on resolution, platform and order of business were appointed and the business of the convention was transacted with vigor.

Many counties including Coos, Curry, Clackamas, Marion and Jackson are going to nominate a full county ticket, and La Grande has nominated a full city ticket for the coming municipal election.

Umatilla county had no representative in the convention. The following state officers were nominated:

Associate justice, C. C. Michael, son of Prineville; dairy and food commissioner, N. Rasmussen, of Portland; congressman, first district, B. F. Ramp, Salem; for second district, George R. Cook, of Portland;

Lunatic Arrested

Los Angeles, March 4.—Joseph Stark, an alleged lunatic is detained at the county hospital pending an investigation into his sanity. The police charge he plotted to blow up the shops of the Los Angeles Railway Company to kill Henry Huntington and his son Howard. He has a grievance against the Huntington because he was struck by a car at Los Angeles and injured.

Oregon Boy Wins

Harold wells of Eugene won the Saturday Evening Post's free trip to the St. Louis fair prize for selling the most Post during a given time in a city of less than 7500 population. From November 7 to January 31 he sold 9275 Posts the next nearest boy being a boy in Pennsylvania and the fourth in Indiana. The prize is worth at least \$200 and besides during the contest young wells won \$29 in cash a gold watch, silver watch and 12 sweaters.

St. Mary's Choir

A musical and literary entertainment will be given by St. Mary's Choir and pupils on Wednesday evening, March 16, at 7:30 p.m. in Sacred Heart Academy. One of the principal features of the evening will be a lecture by the Right Rev. O. J. O'Reilly bishop of Baker City. The choir and pupils promise those who attend a most pleasant and profitable evening.

Notice of Mass Meeting

A mass meeting of the legal voters of the City of La Grande is hereby called for Monday evening, March 7th, at 7:30 o'clock, at the Opera House. The object of the meeting is the nomination of candidates for the City officers to be voted for March 14, 1904. J. D. SLATER, Mayor.

This is the LAST WEEK of the Money Refunding plan. Save all your sale slips until the lucky day is announced.

News of Real Newness.

We cannot remember when there ever were so much really beautiful as this springs showings in new goods of all kinds. It is simply impossible to draw a pencil picture that will give you even a faint idea of the many superbly beautiful showings. You must come and see them for yourself. We are opening new wonders every day, and promise you an eye feast. We mention a few:

LADIES' NECKWEAR.

A strong line of the daintiest of neckwear now on display. You will find among them a great many exclusive novelties, as well as many styles with which you are no doubt familiar, but with so many additional little touches that you will hardly recognize them.

NEW WAISTINGS.

For right down-to-date waistings we have never shown the equal of those now open for your choosing. Beautiful Mercerized Cotton, Shantung Silk, figured and plain Ponges, Satin Damask, waistings, etc., etc.

Our Men and Boys' Department.

are receiving new additions every day. Among the new things we note New Suits, New Hats, New Shirts, New Neckwear, New Caps, and New Shoes, as the most important ones. Real values coupled with LOW PRICING is one feature of this department.

