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In spite of the declaration that the production of food stuff is not keeping pace with the growth of population, the department of agriculture has issued a statement showing that the United States is more than holding its own in the task of feeding the people. The bureau of statistics is authority for the declaration that during the fiscal year the imports of farm products into the United States were valued at \$540,000,000 which was \$14,000,000 less than in 1906, and \$87,000,000 less than in 1907. That the American farmer is awakening to the necessity for closer and more extensive cultivation of his land is evidenced by the fact that during seven years prior to 1900 more than one-half of the total imports into the country consisted of farm products. In the nine years since 1900 much less than one-half of the imports have been products of the farm.

We predict that during the coming year La Grande will have fewer house to house fake eye specialists than in the past. The people are beginning to find out that they are not only paying two or three prices for their glasses but are poorly fitted and often have their eyes severely injured. The eye is a very delicate organ and everyone who has a neat case that comes knocking at your door has not the ability to properly test your eyes, even if he did or he did not happen to have the glass you required, he would not lose the opportunity of making a sale but would give you as near the proper glass as he had with him. When there are as many qualified and equipped persons permanently located in this city who are here today, tomorrow and the next day, there is no excuse whatever to take chances with every smooth glibbed tongued solicitor whom you have no assurance of ever seeing again.

Reports of the great military maneuvers to be held in Japan have reached London. The drills will be held at Utsunomiya and will begin Saturday. Already the movement of troops have begun and the kingdom is resounding to the tramp of marching men and the roar of martial music. These maneuvers will be by all means the most important ever attempted by the armies of modern Japan and will be witnessed by military experts from all other nations, including England and the United States.

A total force of 70,000 fighting men will take part in the military evolutions, which will consist of drills, target practice and sham battles.

Four thousand officers and sixty odd trained soldiers will be the principal participants. In addition 3,000 non-combatants will take part.

That "race suicide" is not prevalent among certain portions of the British population is proven by two cases recently cited in the press.

Mrs. Bulpin, wife of James Bulpin of Freezehill, Tauton, a breaker on the Great Western Railway, has just given birth to their 23rd child. Mrs. Bulpin was married when she was 18 and she has been married 25 years.

During the hearing of a maintenance case at Nottingham, the defendant, a man named Walter Kelly, stated that he had been married thirty-three years and that his wife had born him 25 children. Kelly, who is a native, was sued for maintenance by a woman who had been married to him for 25 years. The woman failed to prove her condition and the case was dismissed.

In the popular eye cannibals do not rate very high in the moral scale, but according to W. Hilton-Simpson who has just returned from the Congo, they are greatly underrated. In speaking for their party he says they never had the least difficulty with the natives who formed their expedition, although eighteen of their twenty-five porters were cannibals. Of these Mr. Hilton-Simpson says that they are some of the best natives he has ever met—mild, obliging, honest and industrious.

Damage estimated at \$8,000 was done, it was discovered Sunday, in the Carlisle, Ohio, cemetery as a result of Halloween pranks by vandals. More than 100 tombstones were damaged, as were many more modern monuments. The heavy metal doors of a vault were hammered and chiseled. Two arrests have been made.

### Ambassador White's Return.

Paris, Nov. 3.—Henry White, the American Ambassador to France, accompanied by his wife, started for the United States today, not to return. All of the newspapers of France today print special articles expressing regret at Mr. White's recall and wishing the Ambassador and Mrs. White a very happy future. Mr. White took no official leave of the Government officials and his diplomatic colleagues because practically nothing has been announced officially regarding his recall. It is even doubtful if he will return to present his letter, leaving that to his successor, Mr. Robert Bacon, who, it is understood, has arranged to take over the present Ambassador's residence in Paris. Socially the Whites will be greatly missed here, as they entertained extensively and were popular in diplomatic and the highest French and American circles. While retaining his legal residence in Rhode Island, Mr. White will open a house at Washington and spend the winter there.

Washington, Nov. 3.—The return to America of Henry White, United States Ambassador to France, recalls a story started soon after President Taft's inauguration to the effect that the President is settling an old score by accepting Mr. White's resignation. It is stated that years ago when the Tafts were not so well known as they are now, and the Whites were firmly established in the graces of French society through their connection with the American embassy at Paris, Mr. Taft, then on his honeymoon, requested Mr. White to secure for himself and wife an invitation to a great social function. Mr. White, the story goes, found it convenient to forget until it was too late, and was not too hasty in making an apology for the delay. "It is along road, etc." said a friend of the President today, and Mr. Taft is having sweet revenge, "for it is known the Whites would give almost anything to continue in charge of the American embassy in Paris.

## NAME OFFICIALS FOR BIG GAME

SPAGLE AND BASSETT ARE CHOSEN.

Both Old-time Players—Many Going from here.

In a special telephone message from Prof. W. A. Bratton of Whitman, this morning, Superintendent J. D. Stout was informed that Frank Spagle and Joe Bassett had been selected as the officials for the La Grande-Baker City football game which is to be played in Baker City Saturday.

Spagle is one of the most experienced football men in the northwest having been eliminated from the team last year by the four year rule. He made all the Northwest team at and while playing with the O. A. C. before coming to Whitman five years ago. This year he has been acting as assistant coach at Whitman.

Bassett is a younger man than Spagle but knows the game of football. He played right tackle under the skillful little team put out by Whitman last year but on account of heavy work is not playing this season. Under these two officials, La Grande is sure of a square deal.

Any one wishing to attend the game from La Grande should verify the arrangement of the football team, or the Observer office before Friday night 11:30 or more so, the rates will be \$1.00

return, individual tickets, and if in the neighborhood of 40 or 50 go, a special car will be provided.

### The Mikado's Birthday.

Tokio, Nov. 3.—One hundred and one salute fired from every fort in the empire signalizes the beginning of the Emperor's birthday. All offices, banks, schools and large business houses are closed and the nation's flag is hoisted on all public buildings as well as on nearly all private residences. Many high dignitaries, both civil and military will proceed to the Imperial Palace this morning to present before the throne their congratulations, while those in the country and abroad will send their congratulations by mail and wire directing them through the Minister of the Imperial Household. The Emperor will entertain at breakfast in the Imperial Household all of the dignitaries of both civil and military and at dinner he will entertain all of the foreign attaches and representatives of the empire.

The day will gradually grow into a grand carnival and the night will glow with paper lanterns and fire works.

On this day the Emperor shows to the people his leniency in a peculiar manner. Some time previously to the birthday there is a list composed of about 500 prisoners, who have been known to be good citizens previous to their arrest, generally for slight offenses, and these are brought before him. One by one he touches them with a slight wooden wand and they are free. A prisoner thus freed, if ever again found guilty of a misdemeanor is immediately executed for defiling the gift of the Emperor, which, has restored them to freedom and honor.

### LOCAL PLAYHOUSES.

#### "The Spoilers." Coming.

Henry McRae, who presents at the Steward next Monday night that fascinating story of Alaska life, "The Spoilers," has been adroit in the reasoning that he has given this play, and the



MISS LILLIAN MCKENNA, The Dance Girl With "The Spoilers."

accessories with which he has surrounded it. Perhaps the most striking scenes in modern drama will be the reproduction of the historical dance hall known as "The Northern" as it existed in 1900 in Nome. This scene shows the gambling room, with the tables full of players of players, the bar room, in fact every detail is complete.

The representing "The Spoilers" number eighteen people, among whom are several well known favorites. An added feature to the production is a pack of mailmotes, six in number. These are the famous huskies that drew the mail in the far north. Prices will be 25c to \$1.00.

"The Man from Kokomo" that delightful farce being given by the Edwards Comedy Company at the scenic theatre pleased another large house last night. Thought of the last performance of this comedy. On Thursday night, "The Bright Diamond" will be the offering, a delightful English comedy. The star of the bill will be changed. Broken Heart sings "Mellicoe Lee," "The Red White and Blue" and "The Man from Kokomo."

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