

# WEST'S

## LADIES READY TO WEAR DEPT.

**Spring display of  
Highest Quality  
Tailored Suits  
Coats and Skirts  
New Lingerie Waists  
New Silk Petticoats**

**Come in and look through our show-  
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## PRESTO, TEDDY CLUB GROPING

**DEMOCRATS SAID TO HAVE STOLEN  
PETITION.**

**The Toggery Hums With Excitement  
Following Mysterious Theft.**

Curses be! Teddy Roosevelt's bubble is burst—at least temporarily—in La Grande. The petition which was being signed, at the behest of Roosevelt followers who anticipated soon to form a Roosevelt club with loud acclaim and bassooning of bassoon, has been stolen and all the work has to be done over again. Some vandalistic democrat, says A. V. Andrews, custodian of the list, deliberately made away with the signature papers and they are gone—gone few now where. They have been gone several days in fact, and Mr. Andrews who is a sort of a second Hiram Johnson when it comes to the Roosevelt fever, is irate, but his early deductions reached in Sherlock Holmes-Dr. Watson methods are some democrat or band of democrats deliberately stole them. The Toggery is buzzing with excitement and good-natured cross-graining of fur as a consequence.

### HOGARTH'S RURAL HOME.

**His Tomb and Garrick's Tribute to the  
Great Caricaturist.**

It may not be generally known that Hogarth's country house at Chiswick is preserved entire to his memory. A brass plate over the door is to this effect: "This house was purchased in 1832 by Lieutenant Colonel Shipway in order to save it from being demolished, and by restoring the building he has preserved it to the nation and to the art world in memory of the genius that once lived and worked within its walls."

It was in 1749 that Hogarth acquired the house at Chiswick, his town residence being at the corner of Leicester Fields. Between these two houses he spent most of his life, usually passing the summer months at Chiswick. The garden as it stands is somewhat abridged of its former dimensions. The stable and painting room have disappeared, but one important feature remains. This is the mulberry tree, under whose shade he entertained the little foundlings put out to nurse at Chiswick. Hogarth's marriage was childless, and his affection went out to stranger children.

Hogarth died at the age of sixty-seven at his house in Leicester Fields, where he had gone in a weak state after an illness. The funeral was at Chiswick. His tombstone bears the following inscription:

Farewell, great painter of mankind,  
Who reached the noblest point of art,  
Whose pictured morals charm the mind  
And through the eye correct the heart!

If genius fire thee, reader, stay;  
If nature touch thee drop a tear;  
If neither move thee turn away,  
For Hogarth's honored dust lies here.  
These lines were written by his friend David Garrick.—Architectural Review.

## THE OBSERVER

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### A HAPPY MEDIUM TODAY.

Civilization is born with superstitious bankings. Enlightened as we are as a race, there still clings to us old-time superstitions. One of the nation-wide and world-wide "sayings" pertains to the manner the month of March is ushered in. "In like a lion, out like a lamb," and vice versa is the way the climatic guideboard reads. As a consequence of this banking after things unreal and possible guidance by advance signs of nature, people seize on indications of goundhog day and on the manner of the present month's advance.

As far as today's indications coming back to the promise that today tells a true story—March will have a fairly comfortable ending. At least it will not go out entirely roaring for the first day is neither lionish nor lamb-like.

"Uncle Jum" Wilson, secretary of agriculture, repudiates the letter purporting to have been written by him in which the everglades are compared to Paradise, Florida, however, has the Garden of Eden faded in one particular, and that is in its exhibit of serpents.

A Hillsdale (Michigan) pastor has announced his candidacy for representative in the legislature. Probably

it will be easier for a clergyman to realize that ambition than for a member of the legislature to break into the ministry.

A Spattle man wants to be relieved of paying alimony because he is tired of supporting his former wife's husband. Living in a state that has the recall, he should at least pretend to be happy.

A New Jersey woman has been brought into court for carrying a revolver. It won't do to permit the women to take their leap year privileges too seriously.

Matrimony consists largely of itemized expense accounts.

### EXPERTS AT WORK.

**Have Completed Auditing Two County  
Offices in Annual Experting.**

The experts who are auditing the county books are getting along rapidly with their work. The office of the sheriff has been audited and they expect to complete the auditing of the recorder's book this afternoon.

The auditor found that the sheriff's office had a balance in its favor of \$17.64. The recorder will have a credit of about \$3.00. Recorder Snook was aware that his office had paid too much into the treasury but declined to have the county court remunerate until after the auditors had completed their work.

Here is a message of hope and good cheer from Mrs. C. J. Martin, Boone Mill, Va., who is the mother of 18 children. Mrs. Martin was cured of stomach trouble and constipation by Chamberlain's Tablets after five years of suffering, and now recommends these tablets to the public. Sold by all dealers.

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## First Showing Spring MILLINERY BEGINS

### Saturday March 2

**The Popular Mannish Styles in Tailored Street Hats  
are in High Favor With Dame Fashion**

**See them in our Window**

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### ADVERTISEMENT.

#### GRANDE RONDE VALLEY IRRIGATION CO.

La Grande, Ore., March 1st, 1912.  
Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Grande Ronde Valley Irrigation Co., La Grande, Ore., until 2 o'clock p. m., March 10th, 1912, for the construction of their canal which heads about one mile east of La Grande, Oregon. This work consists of the excavation of about eight miles of main canal, involving the excavation and embanking of about 45,571 cu. yds. of material, mainly earth.  
3-1-8t

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS.

**Bidders Must Submit Proposals for  
the Entire Work.**

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check amounting to 5 per cent of the total bid, payable to the order of the Grande Ronde Valley Irrigation Company, as a guarantee that the bidder will, if successful, promptly execute a satisfactory contract and furnish bond for the faithful performance of the work as required by paragraph five of the specifications. Each proposal must also be accompanied by a guarantee of responsible sureties to furnish bonds as required if the proposal is accepted. The proposal must be marked "Proposal for Construction of Main Canal, Grande Ronde Valley Irrigation Project," and addressed "Grande Ronde Valley Irrigation Company, La Grande

Oregon." The name of the bidder should be written on the envelope including proposal.

The center line of the canal on the proposed route is now staked. The right to change location is reserved by the company (see article 23 of specifications.) Bidders are particularly cautioned to investigate local conditions which may affect the bid price. (See article II of specifications. For particulars address the secretary Grande Ronde Valley Irrigation Company, La Grande, Oregon.

Signed,  
J. D. McKENNON, President.  
By C. T. DARLEY, Engineer.  
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### All Broken Long Ago.

A Lakewood lady paid a call on an east Cleveland woman the other day. After all the mean compliments had been paid the Lakewood lady remarked, "I have some lovely china that belonged to my ancestors."  
"How nice," answered the other. "I haven't a bit."  
"Isn't that too bad? You know, we are an old family, and—"  
"You see, my ancestors all kept servants."  
There wasn't any answer to the reply and its implication.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### Procrastination.

"One of the greatest evils in life," said the elderly woman, "is procrastination."  
"I think so, too," replied the young married woman. "I don't see the sense of putting off your golden wedding anniversary till you are sixty or seventy years old."

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## DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT

**Spring Showing of  
Fancy Suitings  
Wide Embroideries  
Dress Ginghams  
Colonial Draperies  
New Trimmings**

**If it is new you will be sure to find it  
At WEST'S First**

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### Possibilities of Translation.

An English writer made an experiment once of the gain and loss of translation.

I heard that L. would write my "life"  
When I gave up my breath.  
I felt that this indeed would add  
A new delight to death.

This was translated into another language, then from that into another, and so on until a dozen versions had been made. Of course there was a different translator each time. The last version reads as follows:

Dear, in my song you still shall live,  
Though under earth you lie.  
Ah, had you now that grace to give  
I should not need to die!

### The Sewing Machine.

Did you know a lighted match or taper would do wonders with the sewing machine? Try it some day. Light a candle or just a match and apply it to different parts of the wheels and cogs. Lints and threads will burn, the char can be wiped off, and the machine will run twice as easily.

When a machine gums it is advisable to remove the head, place it in a tub and cover with gasoline. It makes a new machine from an old one.

### Heroic War Measures.

Chuka, a great African native chief, trained a powerful army which was famous in war. If a regiment was beaten it was slaughtered on its return to the king's palace. If any man lost his weapon in war he was killed for cowardice. If the chief wanted to see what kind of weapons were most successful he would order a sham fight with them in which real lives would be lost.

### Worse Than the Upper Ten.

"Only the upper ten go to your church, don't they?" inquired the plain person.

"Yes," replied the organist of the swell church, "but they're not a circumstance to the upplish tenor in our choir."—Philadelphia Press.

### For Cause.

He—Why are you always throwing your money in my face? She—Because I can't keep it out of your hands.—Baltimore American

### AFRICA'S GREAT DESERT.

**Sahara is Not All Barren and Has Two  
Distinct Populations.**

The Sahara, that vast expanse of country lying to the south of Algeria, is commonly called "the desert" by Europeans. The name Sahara in no wise, however, means "desert." It is simply the Arab appellation of this extensive tract, mainly composed of great plains, which are even well populated in certain districts. It is quite a mistake to imagine that all is barren and sterile, for there are to be found large date palm plantations as well as numerous flocks of sheep and great numbers of camels which man must tend and care for.

The Sahara contains two distinct populations—the one sedentary, the other nomad. The former live in the towns and villages, cultivating the soil and tending the date palms. The latter are shepherds, roaming from place to place in search of pasture for their cattle. How few are there in the home land who have any idea of the Sahara or of the Arab tribes who live there! Travelers to these regions are comparatively rare, but all are amply repaid for a visit.

Life among the moving tents of the nomads is deeply interesting in its primitive simplicity. The country itself has a grandeur and beauty which is quite unique. Its rolling dunes, painted with orange and crimson and gold against violet and purple shadows at sunrise and sunset; its green oases, its wild sandstorms, its lovely mirages, once seen are never to be forgotten. While the solemn silence strikes the soul with awe, one almost realizes why the Arabs call all this "the garden of Allah."—Christian Herald.

### With Variations.

Smithers—He who courts and runs away may come to court another day. Jenkins—But he who courts and does not wed may find himself in court instead.

Time misspent is not lived, but lost.—Fuller.

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## Shoe Department

Showing many new lasts and leathers in fine footwear for spring.

### Button Shoes

White Nubuck, Black Seude, Patent Leather, Gum Metal, Vici, and Tan Calf Skin. New round high toe lasts.

**\$3.00 to \$4.50**

### Colonial Pumps

Will be all the rage for spring and summer wear. Also new styles in instep strap pumps.

**\$3.00 to \$4.00**

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## Exclusive Men's Store

### FIRST SPRING DISPLAY.

of fine clothing for men includes the following high grade makes:

**ALFRED BENJAMINS  
(New York Style) Suits for Men.**

**SOCIETY BRAND  
Suits for Young Men.**

**XTRA GOOD BOYS' SUITS**

**GORDON \$3.00 HATS.**

**STETSON \$4.00 HATS**

**EAGLE BRAND CAPS**

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