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ALLEN SAYS IT PAYS.

O. S. Allen, a citizen of La Grande, is 74 years of age, yet he looks to be little more than fifty. In speaking of his splendid state of preservation, Mr. Allen said: "I never tasted liquor in all of my life. Understand, I am no prohibition agitator, for I believe in personal privilege, but as for myself I have no use for liquor. The fact that I have never used liquor in any form forces me to the belief that my splendid state of preservation is largely due to this one thing." Mr. Allen does not even use glasses when he reads, and he has never even had the toothache throughout his long career.

WELCOME SHOW PEOPLE.

The Wheeler Stock company, which finished a two weeks engagement here Saturday night, is composed of a number of show people who will ever be welcome in La Grande. Besides giving good entertainment, in fact, high class entertainment, they are good citizens and treat the public fairly. The odium which has long attached itself to the stage and stage people, would soon be removed if all people who follow the stage would act as the Wheeler people do.

STUDYING A NEIGHBOR.

Canada until a few years ago was an unknown land to most Americans. We learned in schools about England, France, Germany, Austria Hungary, Spain, Italy, India, China, Algeria, and even such inaccessible lands as Tibet and Abyssinia. What we learned about Canada could be compressed into a few pages and the type would have to be large to go that far.

While American school children have been taught something about almost every one else but their next door neighbors Canadian children have been given a birdseye view of American history, institutions and geography. As a consequence there is in the dominion a much more accurate and broad view of American life and resources than there is in this country as to things Canadian.

That the day when we can remain in such general ignorance of a nation that lies adjacent to our territory along the longest border line in the world, something more than three thousand miles, has passed is evident from the occasional word we get of the wonderful development of this northern country, bigger in territory than we are, able to duplicate and in some cases to better many of our advantages and with wealth in forest and mine that has been protected by wise laws from wholesale exploitation. As evidence of the increasing interest in Canada which is being shown in this country it is noteworthy that the latest issue of the quarterly booklets published by the American Academy of Political and Social Science is entirely devoted to Canadian national problems. Canadian literature, art, transportation, banking, commerce, mines, industrial develop-

ment etc., get separate treatment by authorities.

The fact that Canada has a trust law which is receiving careful examination by world economists, that it is enforcing immigration restrictions that are being widely studied, that it has financial legislation which makes our system look like a hodge-podge, that in the general enforcement of law, we cannot stand in comparison, all furnish reason why Americans should study the dominion.

SHOWING MILLINERY STYLES.

The 1913 woman will have to toss overboard all switches, rats and puffs and plaster their tresses flat down on the head in order to wear the new things in spring millinery becomingly.

The new spring "lid" is to be one of small dimensions. It will be almost tiny, infinitesimal in comparison to the recent vogues, destined to overtop the general decorations lightly and jauntily. To those who have an inkling of the shapes that will still be prevalent, a merry, tilting laugh of satisfaction issues.

This spring my lady can be as chic as she chooses. The nobby little bonnets will lend a petite and dainty effect to any figure that has not outgrown the limits of consistent averages. They will perk up on the feminine head in a nifty way that will call for much admiring comment from the side lines.

In order to wear them cleverly, so that they will produce the proper effect, she must wear her hair very closely atop, but loosely about the brow and ears. Thus a composite effect is attained.

Bright and flaming shades, ostentations and flamboyant, will be used in the color schemes of the bonnets. Although the American shades will continue quite popular, the newest shade will be the Bulgarian, which is the old burnt orange of former years hauled out into the open and dubbed anew.

Another favorite shade for spring will be the taupe, a wonderfully peculiar shade of peacock green with the Oriental blue shimmers coursing through as occasion demands. The colors will come in fancy bandings, ribbons, and tiny berries, which will be worn in patches wherever as desired.

A number of the well dressed women will wear tams and soft crowned hats. Milliners claim that such styles will be exceedingly prevalent.

The new styles will meet with distinct favor, and many of the milliners have already received assurances from various sources that the patronage will be exceptionally heavy. The styles are also welcomed with gleeful rubbing of the hand on the part of the hair dressers in the city, as they are able to see an era of new and entirely different coiffures, which they alone will be capable of constructing.

AS TO STATE OWNERSHIP.

Paul Leroy-Beaulieu contributes an article to the March number of the North American Review that is of great interest to those who advocate the state ownership and management of railroads. The brilliant Frenchman makes the unqualified statement that from the point of view of pure political economy there can be no question that state ownership is an evil. "Nor," he adds, "is the conclusion less positive when the matter is considered from a sociological, a political or a financial point of view.

M. Leroy-Beaulieu bases his conclusions partly on what has occurred since the French government took over the Western railway. In order to extend this system the government during the last year has been obliged to borrow 300,000,000 francs, and will be obliged to borrow much more. These loans, he fears, will have a bad effect upon French credit, which heretofore has always been so high. The writer adds: "I affirm that state ownership and operation of public utilities, that municipalization, that the participation of the departments or public authorities of any kind is in disgrace in France, the final blow to the system having been given by the lamentable failure still in progress, of the Western railway management. And I may add that a careful study of the nature and working of the modern state and public bodies today, especially in wholly Democratic countries, shows that reasons of the highest theoretical gravity add their weight to those of a practical kind in favor of the rejection of the idea of state operation of public utilities, of any sort.

"But my contradictors may point to Germany, and especially to Prussia, as a proof that the state can operate creditably great railway systems. My reply is that Germany and Prussia are in, on respects Democratic countries; that Prussia is not even a Parliamentary one, subject to electoral servitude and to the instability of elective administrations. The advocates of government ownership in this country may well weigh carefully the words of M. Leroy Beaulieu.

Kansas City burglars are taking revolvers from policemen. It is a good thing for policemen that the burglars have no use for the uniforms.

One hundred accidents happen in London every day, not including those pulled off by the lady with the brick.

The quality of a man's conscience can sometimes be determined by the cigars he inflicts on his friends.

A man with a temper should avoid two delicate subjects—local option and woman suffrage.

Four million new nickles have gone into circulation, yet even with that number they will be slow reaching us.

Revenue agents have seized 250,000 pounds of butter in Chicago cold storages. Must have been an army of them to tackle such a strong proposition.

Half the Washington police turned out to hunt for Helen Taft's post poodle. Never mind, Helen, let father do it. He has the time.

Every man afflicted with appendicitis looks like an oyster to the surgeons. They all want to open him.

CONNIE MACK DEFINES AN AMATEUR. Connie Mack, a gentleman who has had experience managing football and base-ball teams, has his own idea of what a simon pure amateur is. Connie's definition is new. Here it is: "A simon pure amateur is an athlete who pays another man for the privilege of playing."

Inquisitive. "Could you learn to love me?" "I don't know," replied the girl. "What is your particular system of instruction?"—Washington Herald.

It is always easier to stand off and criticize than it is to rush in and help.—Sydney Smith

Correct. He—No man is as black as he is painted. She—And no woman is as white as she is powdered.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

COMING SPORT EVENTS.

The annual ocean motorboat race from Philadelphia to Bermuda will start from Philadelphia June 7.

The eleventh annual regatta of the American Rowing association will be held, as usual, on the Schuylkill river, Philadelphia, on May 31.

The Swedish Rifle union has decided to send a team to participate in the international rifle contest to be held next September at Camp Perry, Ohio.

The triangular regatta between the crews of Stanford, California, and the University of Washington will be rowed over the Oakland course on April 19.

It has finally been decided to hold the Oxford-Cambridge boat race this year on the Thames on March 13—a much earlier date than usual. The start will be about 4:30 p. m.

The All-Hawaiian polo team has arrived in California and will compete in tournaments there. The big championship matches are to take place at Coronado, March 1 to 18.

The University of Pennsylvania cricket team will go to Canada in June instead of taking a trip to England as originally was planned. Matches will be played in Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto.

The California section of the American Power Boat association has arranged to hold the fourth annual regatta for all classes of boats July 4, and on Sept. 9 another long distance race will be conducted.

The Associated Yacht and Power Boat clubs of America are rapidly completing plans for the second annual water carnival to be held in Chicago Aug. 16 to 24. The events will take place off Grant park and inside the yacht basin.

M'GRAW HIGHEST PAID PILOT.

Giants' Manager Signs Five Year Contract at Big Figures. John J. McGraw, manager of the Giants, recently signed a new five year contract with the New York club calling for the biggest salary ever paid to a baseball leader in the history of the game. While no figures were announced by the club, John Foster, the secretary, is authority for the statement that the earnings of the "Little Napoleon" will be far greater than those of any of his contemporaries, not excepting Frank Chance of the Yankees.

At a conservative estimate the next five years will net McGraw \$125,000.

COST OF BASEBALL STILL GOING UP.

The cost of baseball managers is going up with the cost of living. Not many years ago a leader who received \$5,000 was a rarity, but now it is said there are some who are getting four or five times that amount. The yearly salaries paid to some of the well known managers as given out by the secretaries of the different clubs are as follows: McGraw, Giants 25,000; Chance, Yankees 20,000; Mack, Athletics 15,000; Jennings, Detroit 15,000; Clarke, Pittsburgh 12,000; Stahl, Red Sox 10,000; Tinker, Cincinnati 10,000; Griffith, Senators 10,000.

Besides his salary, Chance will receive 5 per cent of the net receipts of the Yankees, bringing his total income no doubt up to \$30,000 or even more a year. Connie Mack of the Athletics, Jake Stahl of the Red Sox and Clark Griffith of the Senators own big blocks of stock in their respective clubs and receive dividends in addition to their salaries.



Easter Week at West's

offers many delightful surprises direct from the fashion center of America

Every Department Filled With Spring's Latest Styles

Beautiful New Suits Charming Three-Quarter Coats
Every day sees new arrivals in women's tailored suits. The prevailing materials are of ratine, eponge, serges and mixtures. The popular new Bulgarian Blouse effects in many materials and shades. Prices from \$12.50 to \$40.
Our showing includes a wide variety of styles and materials, some designed for sheer wear and others suitable for evening wraps. Trimmings of novelty buttons, frogs and Bulgarian Silks. Prices \$12 to \$35

When Seeking Your Easter Bonnet

Come to our exclusive Millinery Department
Here the hats are so varied, so uncommonly different, that every woman will easily find a shape to please. From the tiniest tailored toque to the wonderful creations of chiffons and beautiful trimmings, you will find our showing complete.

We've just received new dresses in New materials ready in our dress both silk and wool materials goods section

Materials of every favored hue and weave included in our showing. Many trimmed with heavy ratine laces and others with the new Bulgarian silks. Prices \$8.00 to \$28.50.
Many of the season's new weaves have arrived the last week. Among them the beautiful eponge, ratine, fancy mixtures, brocaded messalines and crepe de chine.

The New Models in the famous "Henderson" Corsets and Nemo Corsets in our corset department

WEST THE QUALITY STORE

Spring Styles in footwear now on display in our exclusive shoe dept. We're sole La Grande agents for Pingree shoes and Utz & Dunn shoes for women and misses

The Test of Time

Time determines whether the policies under which a bank is operated are safe. This bank has been in business twenty-six years. It has grown steadily until it has become one of the strongest and most prosperous financial institutions in the West. The soundness of its policies is attested by the long list of conservative business men who transact their business here; also by an earned surplus of \$130,000.00, the work of time and the result of conservative management. This bank has facilities for taking care of more high grade business and offers its services to those who appreciate the best in banking.

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