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THE SUN AND THE WEATHER.

That the time is coming when astronomers will be able to make accurate predictions of the weather at least six months in advance is the statement that is made by Prof. Edwin B. Frost, director of the Yerkes observatory at Williams Bay, Wis., in a synopsis of recent discoveries of the sun's relation to the earth. His article is based on the work done by the late Prof. S. P. Langley, of the Smithsonian institution, and his successors, C. G. Abbott and F. E. Fowle, and the observations of the work of German scientists made during Prof. Forest's recent European trip.

Recent discoveries of scientists tend to show that radiation from the sun is not constant as had been supposed but varies from day to day. The earth's atmosphere takes up these changes and gradually communicates them to the earth's surface. What remains for the scientist to determine is how soon and to just what degree these changes in radiation from the sun may be expected to effect the terrestrial temperature. Prof. Frost asserts that this is a practical problem, touching the interests of every inhabitant of the earth but it will require continuous study perhaps over many years, to determine what laws if any govern the changes in radiation. It is Prof. Frost's opinion that it will be 25 years before this knowledge will be available so the more or less reliable farmer's almanac is not likely to be discarded immediately. But these recent discoveries of Profs. Abbott and Fowle open a new field to scientists and they may be considered the most important of the country's discoveries for, as Prof. Frost says, the inhabitants of the entire earth are entirely dependent for their existence upon the results of agriculture and nothing is more certain than the radiation of the sun lies at the bases of the principal weather elements in the earth's atmosphere.

NO PANIC. La Grande, July 30.—To the Editor: Of course not. Who wants a panic?

Do you? Do you know of anyone who does? The only people who want a panic are anarchists, a few of the more radical socialists and the I. W. W.'s, and this class does not comprise five per cent of the population. The man in La Grande who talks panic should be taken down and sat upon by an extremely fat man for about a minute and a half. The bankers don't want a panic. At any rate they don't talk that way, and they are pretty wise; they know they would be playing into the hands of the agitators. So far as the local situation is concerned, who is not an optimist? Prices are fair, crops are good and must be moved, therefore, train crews will be busy equipment must be made ready and kept in order. Also La Grande should be particularly happy in that the George Palmer Lumber company saved their plant with the aid of La Grande's efficient fire fighters. The insurance companies can pay the losses, therefore, the company will replenish their lumber stock, and the woods men will be busy getting out the logs and the mills busy converting them into lumber. Surely there is every reason for optimism, locally, at least. Say! why wouldn't it be a good plan for the nation to buy up one of the states containing the largest percentage of the disgruntled, build a high, strong fence around it, throw the Workmen in and watch them build their model commonwealth, what? In the interest of science it might be a good plan to give them their proportion of the money of the country. The naffer a little go take out the sole survivor, turn him over to Dr. B. A. Owens Adair and we'll live happy ever after. No, this is no time for pessimism. Get a hustle on, Boost for your neighbor and your town. It's catching and such a spirit throughout the nation will bring the best times we ever had. Don't be a calamity howler; nobody loves you. Boost!

O. S. WIGGLESWORTH.

Compulsory Mustaches in Britain. London, July 29.—British army circles and the general public don't know whether to laugh or become alarmed over the nearest approach of a strike the British army has experienced. The whole thing hinges on the question of compulsory mustaches for English army officers. Since the beginning of the nineteenth century British army officers have been compelled to wear mustaches, or at least such hair as could be cultivated on the upper lip. The king's regulations say "the chin and under lip shall be shaven, but the upper lip not. Whiskers of moderate length may be worn." Recently, however, society set its face—not literally but figuratively—against whiskers, instead of mustaches, and officers have been agitating for the right to shave. Many have openly defied the regulations and done so, an act that led to their appearance before the colonel. The original offense, of course, is counted purely as a technical one but it becomes rank insubordination after that. It could even be called mutiny. Easy going colonels have urged the war office that it is silly to punish officers for so slight a thing as shaving one's upper lip, but Whitehall stands by red tape, and the red tape says there must be mustaches—so mustaches there will be. In the meantime, delinquents are pointing out that King George himself ignores the regulations by wearing a beard. Frank Richardson, well known author, has come to the support of Whitehall by saying: "I am absolutely opposed to any order that will abolish the lip whiskers. Were the change allowed who could distinguish a soldier from such undistinguished persons as lawyers or actors—or even authors and novelists. 'Twould never do."

On Track of Stolen Horse. On Lung, a wealthy Chinese merchant on John Day, Grant county, was in the city yesterday en route to Enterprise, Wallowa county, to recover a stolen horse and incidentally to aid in capturing the thief. Several months ago two horses belonging to the Chinaman were stolen from a pasture near John Day. One was traced east and recovered soon after the theft, but the most valuable one was unheard of until a few days ago, the sheriff of Wallowa county locating the animal. The horse was known as Miss Hunter at one time, a well known racer on this circuit, and was valued at between \$500 and \$600. The Chinaman says, notwithstanding her age, he could have disposed of her easily for \$150. There is a clue as to the thief and he hopes to land the right party behind the bars.

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Columbus Prisoners Get Pay. Columbus, O., July 30.—The "prisoner pay law" will go into effect on August 1 according to announcement made at the executive offices today. After that date each of the 2700 prisoners in the Columbus penitentiary will be paid at the rate of three cents an hour for the work done in the prison shops and offices. The money will be sent to the families of the prisoners or saved for him until he is released.

College Gent Again Winner. Joseph Carson writes to F. S. Heard of Baker, under date of July 21 from Brandon, Canada, concerning another great performance of College Gent, the Baker county raised pacer, bred and formerly owned by Mr. Heard, and who was an attraction here at the fair last year. In the race referred to College Gent met the former unbeaten green pacer of the west, Grand Opera, and four other good horses. College Gent won in three straight heats. His time was 2:10 3-4, 2:09 1-4 and 2:10. Fully \$18,000 was bet in the pools on the race.

NOTICE TO QUALIFIED VOTERS. The New Commission Charter is now ready for distribution—and all qualified voters desiring a copy can secure one by applying at the office of the City Recorder. Adv. LEE WARNICK, City Recorder, 7-29-5t

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WEEK BY WEEK. Each Week Appear the Statements of La Grande Residents. Last week it was a La Grande citizen who spoke. The week before, it was a La Grande citizen who spoke. The week before, and for many weeks before it was a La Grande citizen who spoke. And again this week it is a La Grande woman. You are not asked to act upon the word of a stranger. The best guidance that is humanly possible to give you—the encouraging word of neighbors, is always given. Mrs. Thomas Budge, 1912 Third St., La Grande, Ore., says: "One of our family complained a great deal of backache, caused by the constant jarring he got at his work. Sometimes he had to lay off for several days. Doan's Kidney Pills have helped him greatly. We think there is nothing like them, and wouldn't be without a supply in the house. I advise all kidney sufferers to try Doan's Kidney Pills. You may continue to publish the testimonials I gave after they were first used in our family." For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

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