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THE ATTACK ON SUSPENDERS.

Another great national institution is threatened by the faddists who can never let well enough alone. Tailoring experts, having been goaded into it by the scions of high society, have frowned upon the suspender and say that within a very short time it will be obsolete.

This seems to be striking a blow at the very essence of freedom and liberty for which they great country is more or less noted throughout the world. By the aid of suspenders this country has accomplished a great deal. All the great buildings, all the immense bridges and all the public works have been erected by men who wore suspenders.

Nothing gives a working man more confidence and more power to do great things than a good pair of suspenders. Suspenders have been the main support of this nation for many, many years.

As usual the reformers offer no substitute. They do not suggest whether the coming race of men shall fasten their clothing on with nails, library paste or clasps. They simply seek to tear down a great national institution without putting anything in its place.

But the question still remains, "Who in Spokane is sufficiently interested in the fire to be in touch with a good story connected with it and why should he desire to have it printed?"

A guest at a Kansas City restaurant

rant walked off with the cash register. The cash register, by the way, is usually the only thing that they don't put in the hash.

Expert says insects eat a billion dollars worth of farm products every year which, possibly, explains the high cost of living.

A New York man won a medal for eating eight pounds of beefsteak at one sitting. The medal should have been a bronze hog.

The difference between a wife beater and a horse beater is that the police take an interest in the former at times.

If some men's egoism was made into hat bands they would encircle the entire earth.

ACADEMY FIRE MYSTIFIES.

Strange Message From Spokane Sent to Pendleton About Fire.

What is the mystery about the Pendleton academy fire of last week? Of course nearly everyone has voiced the belief that it was of incendiary origin but is there something brewing which will tend to prove or disprove this fact or that will tend to fix the responsibility?

The particular cause for these queries lies in a night letter received this morning at the East Oregonian office. It was from Spokane and addressed personally to the city editor. It read: "Meador arrives from here on five tomorrow. Good story on Pendleton academy fire. See Sheriff Taylor." It was signed "M. H." and the mystery lies in the fact that no person of those initials living in Spokane known to anyone at the East Oregonian office.

Reports had it that Mr. Meador had suspicions that some certain person set the fire but J. B. Perry, with whom Mr. Meador has been in conference today, does not think this to be the case. He states that Mr. Meador has learned since coming here that the wires which entered the building were still connected with the power and thinks it possible that the fire was started by the wires.

Lind is Man of Courage. Pendleton, Aug. 12.—That ex-Governor Lind of Minnesota, personal representative of President Wilson at Mexico City and the man whose mission brought affairs with Mexico close to the breaking point, is a man of much

courage and ability is declared by local people who are acquainted with him, among the number being Dan P. Smythe and Frank Quinlan.

While at the University of Minnesota, Mr. Smythe became acquainted with Lind, who was then a regent of the university. He also had a son in the university, he being a classmate of Smythe. According to Smythe Governor Lind has a fine record in Minnesota for having cleaned up some bad conditions in that state.

Mr. Quinlan, proprietor of the Dalta, knew Governor Lind in Minnesota and he declared that President Wilson selected a strong man when he picked Lind to go to Mexico City at this crisis.

The Joke on Father. She had refused him, and he was "as m."

"Reconsider, Annie," he begged. "If you don't I'll blow my brains out." "Huh," said Annie, "that would be a good joke on father, for he thinks you haven't any."—Ladies Home Journal

Patient. Binks—Could you lend me \$1 until Saturday? Jinks—I'm busted. Won't have a cent myself until Saturday. Binks—Would you lend it to me then?—New York Globe.

Nature when she adds difficulties adds troubles.—Emerson.

TO SEA!

To sea, to sea! The calm is o'er. The wanton water leaps in sport. And rattles down the pebbly shore: The dolphin wheels, the sea cows sport. And unseen mermaid's pearly song Comes bubbling up the weeds among. Fling broad the sail; dip deep the oar. To sea, to sea! The calm is o'er.

To sea, to sea! Our white wing ed bark Shall billowing, cleave its watery way. And with its shadow, fleet and dark. Break the eaved Triton's azure day. Like mountain eagle soaring light. C'er antelopes on Alpine height. The anchor heaves; the ship swings free: Our sails swell full To sea, to sea! —Thomas Lovell Beddoes.

STATE RIGHTS.

I solemnly believe that our political system is, in its purity, not only the best that ever was formed, but the best possible that can be devised for us. It is the only one by which free states, so populous and wealthy and occupying so vast an extent of territory, can preserve their liberty. Thus thinking, I cannot hope for a better. Having no hope of a better, I am a conservative. I am a state rights man. I believe that in the rights of the states are to be found the only effectual means of checking the overaction of this government, to resist its tendency to concentrate all power here and to prevent a departure from the constitution or, in case of one, to restore the government to its original simplicity and purity.—John C. Calhoun.

THEOCRITUS.

Demeter, rich in fruit and rich in grain, may this corn be easy to win and fruitful exceedingly. See that the cut stubble faces the north wind or the west: 'tis thus the grain waxes richest. They that thrash corn should shun the noonday sleep. At noon the chaff parts easiest from the straw. As for the reapers, let them begin when the crested lark is waking and cease when he sleeps, but take holiday in the heat. Lads, the frog has a jolly life. He is not cumbered about a butter to his drink, for he has liquor by him unstinted. Roll the lentils better, thou miserly steward. Take heed lest thou chop thy fingers, when thou art splitting cummin seed.—Songs of the Reapers.

PENDLETON FISH POISONED.

Great Number of Trout and Other Fish Die Suddenly Yesterday.

Pendleton, Aug. 12.—From some unknown cause a number of dead and dying fish suddenly appeared in the river in the neighborhood of the Main street bridge yesterday morning. The fish were nice looking trout, some as much as 12 inches long, good sized white fish, eels, suckers, and pike in the bunch and there was no bruise or signs of violence on the victims, so it is supposed that something must have been thrown into the water that killed them off.

As there is very little water in the river between the head and outlet of the Byers mill race, it was first supposed perhaps the fish had in some way gotten through the screen above the mill and been struck by the water wheel, but later the guess is that these are fish that have been feeding in the tail race below the mill and had never been near the wheel, because there were no cuts or bruises on any of the fish. An analysis of the water will be made to determine whether a poison was thrown in, as the Fish and

No. 3655.

Report of the condition of THE LA GRANDE NATIONAL BANK.

at La Grande, in the state of Oregon, at the close of business, August 9th, 1913:

Table with columns for RESOURCES, LIABILITIES, and Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer (5 per cent of circulation). Total resources: \$1,025,736.56. Total liabilities: \$1,025,736.56.

Capital stock paid in... \$100,000.00
Surplus fund... 130,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid... 5,805.32

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Total... \$1,025,736.56
State of Oregon, county of Union, ss. I F. L. Meyers, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

F. L. MEYERS, Cashier.
Correct—Attest: (Signed): FRED J. HOLMES, C. C. PENNINGTON, J. E. REYNOLDS, Directors.
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Game association is taking an active part in ferreting out the mystery.

UNION CROPS SUPERIOR

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To Settle Virginia's War Debt.

Washington, Aug. 12.—Commissioners met here today as representatives of West Virginia and Virginia in an effort to adjust the amount due Virginia by West Virginia as the latter commonwealth's portion of the Virginia state war debt. The litigation has been pending for nearly a score of years and the supreme court of the United States in a recent decision suggested that the two states get together to settle the exact amount West Virginia shall pay.

the growers realized a good price for all they sold. They were hampered in not having enough pickers and thereby lots of berries went to waste for lack of help to take care of them. Taking everything, on the whole the part of Grande Ronde has had a fine crop in all things and there is no complaint to make of the way 1913 has treated Union.

Ranges Fatten Stock. Live stock of all kinds are doing well and the ranchers are selling beef cattle right off the range and the highest of prices for beef and hogs makes the most prosperous section of the great state of Oregon.

Exclusive Agency.

K. Smuckle, of Portland, proprietor of the French Veneer Manufacturing Co., was here today and placed his goods with James A. Bugg, who has exclusive Agency. The French Veneer is especially adapted to automobiles, pianos and is high grade polishing because no dust sticks to it.

Bumgarner In Custody. Baker, Aug. 12.—J. R. Bumgarner was taken into custody by Chief of Police Riley yesterday morning, suspected of attempting to poison his family by placing strychnine in the well some time ago. Bumgarner asserts he has been working on a ranch near Haines for the past few months.

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