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TOO MUCH SYMPATHY AND CHARITY.

Dr. J. W. Belotin, himself blind, has brought a serious indictment of our treatment of the blind. His charge is that, while we give abundantly of our sympathy to the blind, we do not offer them the right kind of encouragement. The blind man, he said recently at a conference of Jewish women's organizations in Chicago, always has been a slave. He has been a slave to sympathy which is a worse master than brutality. The blind man has been given sympathy but he has not been given opportunity.

Dr. Belotin is right. We sympathize with the unfortunate, but in the arrogance of our possession of all our faculties we fail to understand that his limited perceptions in one direction may mean more acute perceptions in others. Blind men have done great work in the world. Mr. Belotin himself is an excellent example of the successful blind physician; Senator Gore is an example of the blind man as a successful statesman. While all blind men may not have the genius of a Welton, most of them are able, if given the opportunity, to earn a good living and feel themselves of some use in the world.

You see a blind man, says Dr. Belotin, and want to give him a penny. You don't think of giving him a chance to work. Treat him as you do others. Praise him for his virtues, censure him for his faults. Give the blind with ability an opportunity to exercise their ability.

The same applies to the deaf man, to most cripples and to many other defectives of all sorts. The world has yet to learn thoroughly, that the greatest charity is aid to self-help. It is learning the lesson but the truth is prevailing slowly. It will not have reached its proper development until

it applies to the poverty-stricken among us as well as to the unfortunate whom we often treat as criminals. What the vast majority of them need is a chance to help themselves, possibly they need to be taught how to help themselves. The problem that these questions present will be solved when we learn to get into closer acquaintance with our neighbors. The fortunate among us must seek out our less fortunate brothers, not to extend charity to them but to study their defects and help them to overcome them, if not for their own sakes, then for the sake of their children, that they may not grow to be as their parents are. If there will ever come a time when there shall be no need for charity it will be worked out in this manner.

ARCADE HAS GOOD BILL.

Musicians Will Add Merriment—Cecile Lofuts in "A Lady of Quality."

The Arcade has a fine vaudeville bill for Sunday. Peques & Finene have been taken from the Pantages circuit and loaned to the local house for a number of days. It is a singing and musical act and has proven quite a sensation on the coast. They are clever without a doubt and come to the city well recommended. On Monday and Tuesday Cecile Lofuts one of the Famous Player company one of the best in "A Lady of Quality." Miss Lofuts has been on the stage for many years and is considered one of the most versatile actresses on the boards. Next to Miss Pickford she is one of the highest paid performers and has been a tremendous drawing card in Portland and other coast cities. The play is full of fine scenery and finished acting and cannot fail to please an exacting audience. Prices for this film in all other Oregon cities is 15 and 25 cents. The price for La Grande's Arcade remains 10c.—Adv.

Bids Wanted.

Bids will be received Monday at noon, April 20 for purchase and removal of residence at 1902 Second street. Buyer must remove it. W. C. Kelley.

Whittemore's Shoe Polishes

Advertisement for Whittemore's Shoe Polishes, listing various products like Gilt Edge, Dandy Russet, and Bully Shine, with descriptions of their benefits for different shoe materials.

PERSONALS

Geo. Curry left this morning for Palmer Junction on business. Frank George left for Elgin this morning on business connected with the Rex Dance hall. Professor Snyder of the Perry school went to Imbler this morning on business. Mrs. LeRoy Morgan, of Kamela, returned home this morning after shopping in the city. Mrs. B. E. Webb of La Grande, left this morning for Imbler where she will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry McGoldrick for the day. Mrs. E. J. Muir of Enterprise, who has been in Southern California for the winter passed through La Grande this morning on her way home. Mrs. Maxwell and children returned to Alice this morning after shopping with local merchants yesterday and this morning. Attorney Kitchen of Union was among the arrivals in the city this morning. He will be here most of the day. Mrs. Wingo a teacher in the Greenwood school left for her home this morning in Alice where she will spend the week end. Miss Grace Leonard of Red Cloud, Nebraska, is expected to arrive in La Grande for a visit with her aunt, Mrs. C. W. Linebaugh. Clint Van Fleet of the Golden Rule company left for Howard Creek this morning in the interest of the company. Claude Scranton of the firm of French & Scranton left for Howard Creek where he will solicit in behalf of the firm. Tom Duncan returned last night from the Walla Walla country, where he has been since the first of the week soliciting for the Wadhams Grocery company. Miss Lela Hough of this city left this morning for Portland where she will visit with her brother Earl and other relatives for an indeterminate period. G. B. Self of Enterprise, H. B. Davishizer of Joseph, Russell M. French of Enterprise, and Miss Hicks of Huntington are stopping at the Foley. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Thompson of Missouri, passed through the city this morning on their way to Howard Creek where they will make their home in the future. Mrs. Bert Oakman of this city left this morning for Palmer Junction where she will look over some of the logged off land with a view to purchasing. Mrs. and Mrs. H. W. Colton of Colfax Washington passed through the city today enroute to Enterprise where they will make their home on a newly acquired homestead. Mrs. Lee Graham of this city departed today for Elgin where she will visit with her mother-in-law who is reported quite ill. She was accompanied by her children. C. C. Cate, county fruit inspector and agricultural expert left for Imbler this morning to prosecute his work of fruit inspection in and near that vicinity. He states that farmers are responding heartily to his suggestions and that many of them have either cut diseased trees or have trimmed out all of the affected parts. O. B. Wood head of the statistical



BALMACAAN COATS

The most popular top coat of the season for both women and men's wear.

Many New Patterns Just Received by Express

Many new Patterns Just Rec'd by Express

including a large variety of exclusive fabrics in plain colors and fancy mixtures. Men's Balmacaan Coats \$20.00 to \$27.00 Women's Balmacaan Coats \$7.00 to \$20.00 New Novelty Beads—Jet Trimmings—Applique Bandings—Fancy Buttons and Stripe Ribbons.

NEW DRESS SKIRTS

This week we have received two shipments of attractive new models in separate Skirts including many novel weaves and patterns. Prices from \$5.00 to \$15.00

SALE of NEW DRESSES AT \$9.90

Continued Next Week. Many have profited by this radical price reduction on the newest silk and ratine dresses during the past week. Dresses that sold from \$15.00 to \$20.00 in this lot, all reduced to \$9.90

NEW NOVELTY BEADS--JET TRIMMINGS APPLIQUE BANDINGS FANCY BUTTONS AND STRIPE RIBBONS

See our Display of new Puritan Underwear.



Fancy Brocade Petticoats in all the new Shades Special \$1.98

department of the O.-W., in this city, left for Chicago last night on business connected with his office. On the same train was his sister-in-law bound for Salt Lake to be at the bedside of her mother, who is very ill. Mrs. Wood and the children left for that city yesterday noon. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mason who have been here several weeks, being the guests of Mr. and Mrs. King, of South La Grande, have returned to their ranch in Eagle Valley.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE GERMAN AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY

Table with columns for CAPITAL, INCOME, DISBURSEMENTS, ASSETS, and LIABILITIES, showing financial data for the year ending December 31, 1912.

By WM. N. KREMER. Statutory general agent and attorney for service: HARVEY WELLS. City Agent—WILLIAM MILLER. 4-17-14.

vite the fishermen of Union county goods shown will do the rest.—Adv. to look over their line of tackle. The 4-11-15-18.

Tea Garden BRAND Syrup

Delightful—Healthful—Nutritious Tea Garden Preserves Free!

Every week we will run a coupon like the one below. Watch for them—save ten and take them to your grocer with an order for a gallon can of TEA GARDEN SYRUP and he will give you absolutely FREE a 16-oz. Jar of TEA GARDEN PRESERVES—your choice of Marmalade, Strawberries, Figs, Grapefruit, etc.

Coupon form for Tea Garden Syrup with fields for Name, City, and Grocer's Name, and an illustration of a child holding a jar of syrup.

Complete Equipment for Resetting and Repairing Rubber Buggy Tires LA GRANDE IRON WORKS D. FITZGERALD, Proprietor Complete Machine Shops and Foundry

La Grande National Bank advertisement, including the bank's name, organization date (1887), designations as a depository for government and postal savings, capital of \$100,000.00, surplus of \$140,000.00, total resources of \$1,000,000.00, and a statement of services provided for twenty years.