

Announcing The 1915 Arrivals For Men In Our New Modern Men's Section

Our First Display Men's Spring Hats



Always the Hat Event of the Season

Correct hat styles for Spring 1915 in 25 different kinds—just received—in such a variety of sizes, shapes and colors that you can pick yours out quick.

Gordons and Stetsons

in both stiff and Soft hats—selected in kinds specially adopted to men of this community. Come see them—Gordon's \$3.00—Stetson's \$4.00

New Silk Dresses \$12.50

Many new dresses have just been received in our ladies' ready-to-wear section. See our window display featuring new silk dresses at \$12.50. New pin stripes and new black satins—the prettiest afternoon and street frocks we have shown—new wide flare skirts.

The Newest Spring Styles

Here in a Great Variety of

new suits, coats, skirts and waists—Easter is only 4 weeks away—Pick yours now and remember you have a guarantee of getting the newest here not one single dress suit, coat or skirt left from a previous season.

New Tipperary Veils All Colors At 50c

N.W. West & Co.
THE QUALITY STORE

Always ask for Fidelity Blue Trading Stamps

Now Here—An Advance Showing of Men's Spring Shirts

In "Manhattan" and the "Standard" Brands

"Manhattan" shirts may be purchased only at N. W. West's. We've just received a shipment of the new Spring styles—dozens of new patterns in the lot. Beautiful fabrics in a great many kinds of new colors and patterns—and all guaranteed "fast color." Come with either French soft cuffs or stiff cuffs and some with soft collars to match. Come in and see them.

Men's new soft military collar shirts	50c	75c	\$1.00
Men's new "Standard" shirts at	\$1.25	\$1.50	
Men's new "Manhattan" shirts, soft cuffs or stiff cuffs	\$1.50	\$2.00	\$2.50
Men's new silk front shirts			\$2.00



XTRAGOOD

See The New Boy's Suits in our Window

Dandy new Norfolk and Semi-Norfolk suits—suits of real quality and style that you'll not find elsewhere. They are the

'Best Ever' and 'Extra Good'

Guaranteed all wool—Special construction built into them so as to give them long wear for live boys. Priced at \$5.00 to \$10.00

Boy's Spring Caps 50c

Boy's New Spring Hats Just Received 50c--75c

Boy's Bell Blouses 50c

New Neckwear Now Here

That is a real exposition of the latest styles—kinds that surpass all others in separate collars, collar and cuff sets and vestees.

25c-50c

THE OBSERVER

BRUCE DENNIS, Editor and Owner.

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AN AMERICAN CITIZEN'S OPINION

Kune Francke is an American. His blood is German, but his nationality is American. He takes seriously his

path of naturalization. Incidentally he is a shining example of the thoroughness of German scholarship, teaches history of German culture at Harvard and is curator of the Germanic museum there to which the kaiser has been one of the chief contributors. If anything more were necessary to mark Kune Francke as a man of mark among the Teutonic elements in this country, he is a chevalier of the Royal Prussian Order of the Red Eagle and the Order of the Crown.

Professor Francke explains in an interview: "It would be against my duties as an American citizen to en-

ter into a propaganda to force our government into a hostile attitude toward England. As an American citizen I could not possibly support a policy which would bring the terrors of war to our country."

In the course of his wise remarks Professor Francke points out that the embargo upon arms to belligerents would be "an altogether illusory thing." Arms and other munitions would then be shipped to neutral ports such as Havana or Vigo in Spain and then reshipped to the allies. The embargo would present a hindrance to the allies, but one which their undisputed control of the Atlantic would overcome easily. To be effective an embargo would have to be placed upon all shipments of arms, both to belligerents and neutrals. That would amount to unwarranted interference with freedom of trade, and confound neutral manufacturing nations who feel that military preparedness is for them a vital need at this moment.

This is important, but Francke subordinates it to be patriotic consideration that "an embargo would inevitably bring our government into conflict with England and might possibly drive us into a war with England." Upon that point he rests his case and nothing can shake either his logic or his patriotism.

A Washington dispatch says Secretary Bryan is now wearing an enamel white dove of peace. To those of us who have known him on the chautauqua circuit this hardly seems an adequate substitute for the old alpaca coat.

With ships going down daily in foreign waters all the concern we need give our beloved great lakes is to go out and pick a few fishermen off the floating ice now and then.

The new queen of the world is an Ohio cow named Cowan. So fleeting is fame.

will recall that Mr. Taft carried two states in 1912.

The state department has sent more notes of protest to Germany and Great Britain. At least we can out-write the belligerents if we can't out-fight them.

Billy Sunday says the modern dance is "the most hellish thing that ever wriggled from the depths of perdition." Vernon Castle must be making more money than Billy is. Something's wrong, sure.

Fissures are opening in the earth around Mount Lassen. The way they are stretching real estate in California it was sure to crack sooner or later.

Seventy-five per cent of Chicago's women voters appeared at the primary. Never before has it been possible to get Spring hats finished so early.

But perhaps Mr. Carnegie who says he is proud that his workmen once called him Andy, does not know that that is not all they have called him.

The California tailor who fasted 60 days to cure dyspepsia will never more have dyspepsia. He is no longer with us.

New York has a deaf and dumb band. City life is gradually growing more and more strenuous.

College Wrestlers to Meet.

Annapolis, March 5.—Middle and Yale wrestlers are to meet on the mat here tonight.

Daniels Going to Panama.

Washington, March 5.—Secretary Daniels expected today to depart for the Panama exposition, after which he will visit the Hawaiian islands.

Aged Ninety-seven, Changes Home. Baker, March 5.—One of the oldest pioneers in this part of the country, David Lewis, aged 97, has returned to Baker after an absence of 20 years from this vicinity and announces that the balance of his life he intends to spend in Baker. In the past fifth of a century, Mr. Lewis has made his

home in Canada, where he was engaged in trapping during the earlier part of his stay.

In 1836, before Baker was even Baker City, David Lewis was in this country, hunting and trapping for the American Fur company and the Hudson Bay company. A veteran of the Indian wars, he carries three bullets in his right leg, deposited there many years ago.

In spite of his advanced age, Mr. Lewis is still comparatively hearty, and gets around without difficulty with the aid of a couple of canes. He has led an active outdoor life until recently.

FIRE RAZES HOTEL

Three Missing and Many Hurt in Minneapolis Blaze.

Minneapolis, Minn., March 5.—Three are missing and believed to be dead, seven were hurt, two of them seriously, in a fire in the Astoria hotel early this morning. Twenty were carried from the place by firemen. The missing are: Mrs. Helen Smith and two identified transients.

SO DECEPTIVE.

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To Good. "I have a splendid idea for a magazine poem." "Save it. You don't need it for a magazine poem."—Awgwan.

The Court of Last Resort.

Around the stove of the cross roads grocery is the real court of last resort, for it finally overrules all others. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been brought before this court in almost every cross roads grocery in the country where man expects to receive full value for his money that this remedy is most appreciated. Obtainable everywhere.

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