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THE TEXT WOVEN IN A RUG.

Be careful what you desire in youth, said Goethe, for in old age you will get it. If one but lives long enough and works patiently enough, nothing that a human being imagines himself capable of is beyond his capacity.

For three years a Michigan boy devoted his spare time to weaving a rug. The other day he finished it and had the proud pleasure of looking upon the creation of his patient handicraft.

Too frequently the divine afflatus of youth spends itself in pursuits worse than useless. When that occurs the fault lies more often upon the parents than upon the children.

Child labor has fallen into evil repute, but the thing from which most men and women turn in loathing is the commercial exploitation of child drudgery.

WAR'S OLD, OLD STORY.

The favorite method of getting forward is to go backward. The future is built out of the past.

M. Cohan or Bernard Shaw to write one. Instead they went back to Euripides, and his tragedy, "The Trojan Woman."

Euripides wrote this play in the fifth century before Christ, and in the twenty-fifth century before the 42 centimeter gun. He founded his tragedy upon the Iliad of Homer, supposed to have been written six centuries earlier.

Compared with its lineal decedent of the present the Trojan war was the merest flash in the pan. The forces engaged were inconsiderable; a coalition of allied Grecian cities against a rich commercial town of the Phoenicians.

Poor China, it looks as though there is no way of getting out of trouble with Japan, and China has not even got her house in order.

It looks as though the old faithful horse was bringing in its share of wealth these days. From the number of trainloads leaving this valley, there is evidently a little silver being circulated in return for the animals.

The country at large should not take Justice Hughes' statement declining the presidency as final. He is one man upon whom the nation can agree for the high office and he owes it to the country to let his name be used.

Anyhow, Bryan's brother has been elected mayor of Lincoln. Brother Charlie is getting tired of Brother Bill receiving all of the political honors, it seems.

Kill a few more dogs and slow down a good many machines, is the best "safety first" advice the Observer can give to La Grande as a municipality just now.

The French buyers are conservatives. They want to know where the horses are but they are not eager at the present time to part with that French money.

"Speed 'em up" is doing the work. Get in the swim, for the big doings will soon be on and everyone will have regrets if they fail to become a booster for the pop machines.

Our trade balance will reach a billion dollars. Looks as though there

STYLE, FIT, PRICE AND VARIETY

Are Rightly Balanced in Our

Women's Ready-to-Wear Section

The coat and suit styles of the hour are here, the popular suit and coat effects of the season—the conservative type of suit or coat—Just one of a kind. Suits or coats, utility street, formal, sport, novelties.

A birdseye view of the women's ready-to-wear section at this moment shows new suits, in checks, gabardines, serges, wool poplins, and silk fabrics, in all the new shades. In coats there are small checks, medium checks, large checks, novelty mixed materials, white coats, coverts, silk poplins, silk taffetas, serges, etc.

Very Rarely Do "SEIGELS" Women's or Misses' Coats and Suits Require Important Alterations.

One of the reasons for the popularity of our women's ready-to-wear section is the moderate prices for tailored, high grade, quality garments. A large variety of suits are here for women and misses, priced \$12.50, \$15.00, \$17.50, \$20.00, \$22.50, \$25.00 to \$42.50.

NEW WAISTS HERE

Charming styles in dainty materials. New styles that have not been shown before. See window display. Waists of organdies, voiles, batistes, etc., embroidery or lace trimmed; some with rows of pin tucks; priced \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.25 and \$3.00.

NOTICE TO STAMP SAVERS

The time is growing short in which to redeem your stamp books. On account of the law passed by the last legislature, prohibiting the giving of merchandise premiums, all stamp books must be redeemed on or before May 15th.



"IT'S NEMO WEEK"

Study Nemo Corsets



Now is the time when stores all over the country celebrate "Nemo Week" each year, showing the latest Nemo Novelties and improvements. This year there's a new Nemo Self-Reducing Corset. This is of new construction. The reducing and supporting straps are hidden by the corset skirt.

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is some ground for the report that business is picking up in the east.

Those Spokane banks that will finance the fruit crop of the northwest have the proper courage, and apparently plenty of money as well.

Lafferty has launched his fight for nomination to congress in Portland. Persistence, thou art some times a chump.

Congressman Nick Sinnott smoking his faithful pipe, presented a familiar picture at most of the celebration events at the Cello canal.

With the wedding of Miss Columbia and Mr. Snake, what will be the issue of this marriage?

Baker county says the cold weather has killed the grasshoppers. An evil wind that blows no good.

Evidently a kind providence took care of Grande Ronde valley's fruit through the recent cold spell.

Good chance for all the Highbinder Chinamen to get into a fight. Go home and fight for the new republic.

COUNTY RECORDS.

Conveyances. M B Rees a widower to Sherman G Rees Edward C Rees Walter Rees and Harry Rees \$1 warranty deed conveys SW1 of NW1 of SW1 and S1 of SW1 of Sec 2 and N1 of NW1 and NW1 of NE1 of Sec 11 all in tp 3 S R 0 E also all the right title int and estate of said M B Rees in and to the NE1 of NE1 of sec 21 in tp 3 S R 40 E together with all the water rights privileges flumes ditches etc connected therewith—excepting from this grant and conveyance the following: Com at NE cor of said Sec 21 and run then W 970 ft then S 108 ft then S 62 deg E 1403 ft then S 38 deg E 913 ft then due S to Cove Flouring Mill water power ditch then in a southeasterly direction along said Cove Flouring mill water ditch to section line between Sec 21 and 22

said tp and range then N along said section line between said Sec 21 and 22 to beg intended to except all of Hibbler add to Cove and also of Sherman G Rees' residence property. Also excepting from this deed com at a pt 30 ft W of NW cor of lot 2 of said Hibbler add to Cove then W 1/2 NW cor of NE1 of NE1 of Sec 21 T 3 S R 40 E then S 195 ft then E to Mill St in said add then N 198 ft to beg also right to convey water, etc. S R 38 E.

Jennie B Wilkins to C R Hibberd \$1 Quitclaim deed conveys the E1 of W1 of NE1 of NE1 of Sec 28 tp 1 C E Bolman to J A Ball \$10 etc Warranty deed conveys the E1 of W1 of SE1 of NE1 of Sec 28 tp 1 S R 30 E excepting a strip 20 ft wide off the N end for public road.

Satisfaction of Mortgage. Albert Fehrenbach to E U Phillips et ux releases mtg dated 29 June 1911 recorded book 42 of mtges page 1 and covering lots 1 2 3 4 5 6 and 7 blk 1 and all lots 1 2 3 4 5 and 6 in blk 2 and all of lots 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 and 12 in blk 3 and all lots 12 in blk 4 and all lots 1 and 2 in blk 6 and all of lots 1 2 3 4 5 and 6 in blk 7 all of said lots and blks being in Fehrenbach's add to the City of La Grande Oregon.

CHILDREN WITHOUT A CHANCE

The children in America who have no chance will be the subject of one of the notable gatherings at the San Francisco Exposition, when the eleventh annual conference of the National Child Labor Committee is held there the last three days of May. The special topics to be considered are child labor in the West, Federal Control of Child Labor and A Charter for Childhood, and the speakers will be Felix Adler, Owen R. Lovejoy and others who have been active in the national movement for several years, together with a group of Californians distinguished for their interest in labor problems and education.

good education. All the states except five have recognized the need of a 14-year minimum age limit, but not one applies it consistently and effectively to all the various forms of exploitation to which children are subjected. After ten years of active state campaigns the Committee last year drafted a federal bill which was passed in the House of Representatives by an overwhelming majority. This bill which will be re-introduced early in the first session of the new Congress, would exclude from interstate commerce the products of the cotton mills and canneries, the tenement workshops and the miscellaneous industries in which thousands of young children under 14 are now

employed; the products of the glass factories where boys work on the night shift; and the coal mined by workers less than 16 years old.

The Committee organized, primarily as a protest against the exploitation of young children, has been more and more active in constructive efforts for the benefits of the children who have been released from industry. And at the request of other social workers and children's organizations it is now taking the lead in an attempt to formulate a charter of children and to co-ordinate the various phases of the child welfare problem.



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