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OLD FASHIONED "NICK"

If you do not believe that history is repeating itself and that we are returning to those good old days when agriculture was looked upon as essential, listen to this:

Today the postman brought to the Observer office a large mail sack and left it. Wondering what in the world this sack could contain we opened it and found that Nick Sinnott, congressman from the Second Oregon district, had sent an enormous invoice of garden seeds with a request that they be distributed among the "people," not particularly the voters who saw fit to honor Nick with his job, but to the "people."

Of course we will do as directed and as soon as the snow goes off and the mercury begins to dance around a comfortable point come in and tell us whether you want to raise radishes, lettuce, turnips, etc., and we will fit you out with the seed at the same time conveying to you the compliments of the congressman.

CHARLEY'S CLUB.

Charles A. Johns, of Portland twice candidate for the gubernatorial nomination in Oregon, has started a Republican club. Now we like Charley Johns. He is a fine gentleman, but when it comes to politics Charley is as unsophisticated as the Arkansas young lady who still snuffs.

In the preamble to the petition it is recited that the mission of the club is to bring all factions of the Republican party together. We supposed they were together, for a few stand-patters read all the progressives out of the party in Oregon in 1912, forced them to organize a Progressive party against the better judgment of many. It is interesting to see the first few names on the new "Republican club" roster: Charles A. Johns, Charles B.

HERE ARE YOUR NEEDS FOR COLD WEATHER

18th Annual January Clearance Sale

EVERY ARTICLE REDUCED

Warmer Blankets and Comforts, Splendid Savings Now Prevail

Cotton Blankets in white, gray tan were all especially good values at regular prices, clearance prices pair 69c, 98c, \$1.13, \$1.35
Lake-side cotton Blankets, a good one to sleep between these zero nights, made of selected stock under a new perfectly sanitary process. Contains no shoddy material. Has finished edges and is a very durable blanket to stand washing. Clearance pair \$1.22
Famous Wool-nap Blankets, the finest assortment in town of whites, gray,

tans and checks and plaids. Clearance pair \$1.92, \$2.20, \$2.48
Heavy large wool Blankets, dark colors. Clearance \$1.98
Extra fine all wool Blankets. Fresh new stocks right from the best western and eastern mills. We show an extra fine assortment of plaids and checks—also white and plain colors. Clearance pair \$3.85, \$4.05, \$4.95, \$5.40
A big assortment of Comforts—sateen, or silkoline covered—all patterns and weights, each \$1.13, \$1.35, \$1.49, \$1.98, \$2.25, \$2.70, \$4.05

Women's Winter Apparel

At such drastic reductions that scores of women are buying additional winter wear every day! See these remarkable offerings!

Suits—every one new this season, exclusive styles, only one of a kind—values to \$35.00—your unrestricted choice at \$9.90
Coats at one-half price—none reserved—many were received just before the sale—\$10.00 Coats \$5.00; \$12.50 Coats \$6.25; \$15.00 Coats \$7.50; \$20.00 Coats \$10.00; \$25.00 Coats \$12.50.
Dresses at one-half price—charming, pretty styles for street, afternoon or evening wear—every one new

this season. Regular \$10.00, \$15.00, \$17.50, \$20.00, \$22.50, and \$25.00 dresses now at \$5.00, \$7.50, \$8.75, \$10.00, \$11.25 and 12.50.
All Furs selling at cost.
\$4.00, \$5.00 and \$6.00 Ostrich Neck Piece, clearance 98c
Heavy ribbed, large size Toques at 45c
Flannelette Kimonos, regular \$2.00, clearance 98c
One lot of girls coats at the unheard of low price of 98c

Great Sacrifice---Men's Overcoats

\$12.50 Overcoats now \$6.25
\$10.00 Overcoats now \$5.00
\$15.00 Overcoats now \$7.50

Entire stock of \$20.00, \$22.50, \$25.00 High Grade Overcoats at \$9.95

Men's Winter Work Clothing at Real and Genuine Reductions

Men's heavy wool sox, clearance 19c and 39c pair.
Men's Mackinaw Coats—well made—good weight—water proof materials—full cut—\$5.00 Mackinaws \$3.75; \$6.50 Mackinaws \$4.90; \$7.50 Mackinaws \$5.65.
Military collar, flannel shirts, clearance \$1.20, \$1.60, \$1.98
This store is principal agents for the famous Gold Seal Rubber Foot Wear—Overshoes, Rubbers Shoes, Rubbers, etc., at Clearance Sale reductions.
Men's "Malone" heavy wool Pants—\$2.50 grades at \$1.90; \$3.00 Pants at \$2.25.

Men's leather Mitts, fleece lined 19c to \$1.19
Men's leather canvas gauntlet Gloves leather faced, pair 15c
Agents for "Stephenson Staley Brand" Underwear, union suits at clearance prices 90c to \$4.90
A No. 1 Work Shoe—the best in town for the money—full stock uppers—double soles of oak tanned leather—double leather toe caps—sole leather heel counters—Clearance \$3.15
Men's Fur Coats at 25 per cent discount.
Men's Sheep Lined Coats at 25 per cent discount.

Men's Winter Caps With Fur Ear Flaps at 25% off

50c Caps now 38c
75c Caps now 57c

\$1.00 Caps now 75c
\$1.25 Caps now 95c



Moore, David M. Dunne, Charles H. Carey, etc., etc.

Apparently it is another move of the "close corporation" that has run the Republican party of Oregon for ten years; apparently it is the voice of the extreme standpat element talking through Charley Johns; apparently it is the same old desire clothed

in new apparel, to foist and force on the people of Oregon such stand-patters and close political corporations as David M. Dunne, Ralph Williams and Charles H. Carey.

Will it work? We doubt it. For the rank and file of the Republican party is progressive in Oregon. This was shown by the vote for Taft in 1912.

The Chamberlain party in this state will watch for the "fool blunders" made by these old time politicians, and profit by their mistakes just as Chamberlain and his crowd have always done in Oregon.

MUST HAVE TWO WINGS.

If such a thing is possible as uniting the Republican party as it now stands in Oregon with all other opponents to the Wilson administration the Republican party must sprout another wing. It plainly must have two wings to shelter both sides.

On the one side is the standpat crowd around Portland that believes in "close corporation" politics, and on the other (if such an amalgamation is possible) will be the progressive, free-thinking men who refuse to be bound by the dictation of any group of perpetual office-seekers and office-holders.

To be brutally frank the terms "reactionary" and "progressive" fit the case admirably.

The reactionaries want to return to the days of Corbett's campaign for United States senator and run things as they did then, while the progressive wing demand an open deal, abolishment of dark lantern methods, and insists that the rank and file shall have a voice in affairs.

The reactionaries believe in winking quietly at any irregularity when it affects a member of the "close corporation" while the progressives believe in following an open course without playing favorites.

The reactionaries believe in having the "close corporation" name all appointments and dispense all patronage, while the progressiveness care but little for the personality of the job-holder so long as he makes good to the people.

Everyone who knows the Republican party in Oregon today cannot but admit that it must sprout another wing to care for the "boys who come marching home" if they should "come marching home."

Land frauds leave a trail behind them. Today a number of La Grande and Elgin people are appearing as

witnesses in the case of the government against the Oregon Inland Development company's attorney, H. H. Kiddle, in Portland. It pays to shoot square.

Today's telephone conversation. "Don't you know our water pipes froze last night and we live in a good tight house. Its the first time such a thing happened to us."

Well, there might not be anything suspicious about a powder factory blowing up, but how about that asbestos factory that burned down the other day?

This will test the heating qualities of the plants at the school houses. The name of George Sutherland will, either be praised or condemned during this cold snap.

Never mind the snow on the sidewalks. Just think of the amount of coal you have in the bin.

The Elks are preparing for another one of those extraordinary home talent plays.

More men on the railroad pay roll in La Grande today than ever before in the history of the city.

It may be a little tough on travel in the Grande Rounde valley just now but think of the immense wheat crop that will be harvested next summer.

Today is when the air cooled automobile becomes popular, for the radiator has no chance to freeze.

Now give us the electric current with all its force on the water pipes. We pay best prices for second hand furniture. DYAL'S FURNITURE CO., 404 Fir St., Phone Black 8351. 9-14, tf.

Little News O' the Day.

(By United Press) Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 18.—Governors and adjutant generals or their representatives from 17 states met here today to discuss plans for the southern military citizens' training camp at Chickamauga next summer. States expected to join are: Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Missouri, Louisiana, Arkansas, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee, Illinois, Indiana and Texas.

New York, Jan. 18.—Football and intercollegiate athletics at Wisconsin university hung in the balance here

today as the regents' committee, which has been investigating athletic conditions at the Badger school for the last two months, met for final deliberation and to vote on whether intercollegiate sports shall be continued. Baseball has already been thrown into the discard by the Big Nine Conference board. Intramural, or home sports, will be substituted if the committee favors abolition of college competition.

Chicago, Jan. 18.—How to make wooden railroad ties last for a hundred years was discussed today by members of the American Wood Preserves association.

Dead Horse Profitable.

John Day, Jan. 15.—How an apparently useless horse can be turned into a money maker in addition to waging war against the coyote pest, has been demonstrated by J. C. Oliver and sons,

prominent stockmen of the John Day valley, who have in the past suffered considerable loss in their flocks on account of predatory animals and more particularly the coyote. Herman Oliver, foreman, hearing of the success of the method of poisoning introduced as an experiment by the U. S. Forest service, determined to try it out.

He selected a favorable spot near the home ranch, killed an old horse for bait and scattered the poison in the manner specified and awaited results. To date the set has been made not to exceed three weeks and he has been successful in taking 17 coyotes.

With the \$3 bounty and an additional \$2.50 for the hide it brings the total of \$5.50 for each coyote or a grand total of \$93.50, which is considered a very good price for the horse, so Mr. Oliver thinks, outside of the fact that he has also prevented further loss to the flocks by ridding the hills of these predatory beasts.

The Careful Man asks you What? are you thinking of after earning money for which you worked hard, to waste it in foolish extravagance? Put some in the Bank

START RIGHT NOW TO LIVE THE REST OF YOUR LIFE RIGHT. ARE YOU FACING AN OLD AGE OF POVERTY? IF YOU ARE EARNING MONEY PUT AS MUCH OF IT AS YOU CAN IN THE BANK EACH PAY DAY. YOU WILL BE HAPPY WHEN YOU SEE YOUR BALANCE GROW AND SEE YOUR MONEY PILE UP SO IT CAN REALLY "PROTECT" YOUR OLD AGE.

WE PAY 4 PER CENT INTEREST ON TIME DEPOSITS

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Resources \$1,000,000.00

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