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WHAT SCIENTISTS HAVE DONE.

Government scientists have made several discoveries of the highest public value recently. They have found a new process by which benzol and toluol, the foundation of aniline dyes and explosives, and gasolins, may be made from crude petroleum.

They have devised and proved a process for the reduction of radium from carnotite at a cost of \$37,000 per gram of radium as compared with a cost of \$120,000 per gram under previous processes.

WEATHER FORECASTS.

There are few of us who haven't laughed the weather man to scorn when some of his forecasts have failed to come true. But we forget that the weather bureau's forecast is only a probability.

The United States weather department is all the time going farther afield—and a-air—with its scientific investigations so that forecasts shall be more certain, hoping that at some distant day they may be able to be absolutely certain as to the forecasts.

For altitudes above the reach of kites small rubber balloons can now be used, their reach being determined by the durability of the rubber. Inflated with hydrogen gas, they ascend rapidly, expanding as the air pressure lessens.

The statement of the census bureau that there are Indians in every state in the union will cause no surprise in England, where they understand that the warwhoop is still heard in the suburbs of New York.

Someone has characterized the congressional program as consisting of peace, pork, piracy, presidential dope, plutocracy, postoffices and preparedness.

Why is the navy still complaining of lack of shells, when there is so much peanut politics at Washington? One way of getting your name in

TO MANY A MAN This Listens Like Good News

Your Choic of a \$20.00, \$22.50 or a \$25.00 Overcoat Now at Only \$9.95

SNUG AND WARM—THOROUGHLY GOOD IN EVERY RESPECT, THEY'LL GIVE YOU THE SERVICE YOU EXPECT.

All \$10.00 Overcoats \$5.00--All \$12.50 Overcoats \$6.25

Only During January Will These Prices be in Effect on Men's Suits

The largest stock of High Grade Clothing in Eastern Oregon to select from—"Benjamin," "Society Brand," "Hirsch-Wickwire" and "Fidelity" makes—make your selection today—These prices are in effect only during this month and include every garment.

Table with 4 columns: Regular price, New price, Regular price, New price. Rows include \$15.00, \$17.50, \$20.00, \$22.50, and \$25.00 suits.

MarxMade Mackinaws



Now! Men's \$25.00 heavy all wool work pants \$1.90

and all others at Proportionate Reductions!

Table with 4 columns: Price, Item, Price, Item. Rows include Malone Heavy Pants, Men's Work Winter Pants, Men's Work Pants, and Dark Corduroy Pants.

Clearance Sale on Men's Mackinaws

Table with 4 columns: Regular price, New price, Entire stock of Men's Sheep Lined Coats reduced 25 percent, Entire Stock of Men's Fur Coats reduced 25 percent.

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

Table with 4 columns: Regular price, New price, Regular price, New price. Rows include 50c and 75c caps.

N.W. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE

Every Article in the Store Reduced

the paper was taken by a Philadelphia citizen, who reported to the gas company that his meter was running too slow.

There's no place like home if father has a lucrative job.

And it is a wise woman who knows when to stop talking and turn on the tears.

Man wants but little here below, and that, of course, includes his tax assessment.

The average woman can make as much fuss over another woman's baby as if she really and truly meant it.

Observing some one printing a notice in an exchange for a lost umbrella, why should any one doubt any longer the power of advertising.

A new chemical which will cause spontaneous combustion, is reported to have been placed in cargoes of coal going from this country to the Allies. We would like to get hold of a little

vial of this same chemical to try on our furnace clinkers.

Still, the old fashioned lost collar button under the dresser serves to raise a riot as easily as diplomatic relationships.

Silent men like still waters are deep and dangerous.

He who blackens others does not whiten himself.

Quickest Remedy Ever Sold in La Grande.

We have never sold anything here in La Grande with the INSTANT action of the simple mixture of buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., known as Adler-i-ka. This remedy, used successfully for appendicitis, is so quick and powerful that ONE SPOONFUL relieves almost ANY CASE of constipation, sour or gassy stomach. Adler-i-ka acts on BOTH lower and upper bowel and it is the most THOROUGH bowel cleanser we ever saw. C. D. Putman.—Adv.

FARMERS RECEIVE AID

Are Enabled to Market Products Co-operatively

Washington D. C., Jan. 15.— In the agricultural appropriation bill for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1914, there was an appropriation of \$50,000 for the acquisition and diffusion of useful information on the subjects connected with the marketing and distributing of farm products.

To see what the Government is doing to aid the farmers, the cotton planters and other tillers of the soil, in the matter of co-operating marketing is therefore interesting. The following information is obtained from Charles J. Brand, chief of the office of marketing. It is impossible within the limits of such an article as this to tell all that is being done for the farmers in this connection but enough

can be told to indicate the scope of the work.

Mr. Brand estimates that this year the farmers co-operative marketing transacted a total business of more than \$1,400,000,000. The conclusion seems warranted from the reports received that in communities where co-operation is practically applied to the farmers' business the results are far more satisfactory than those secured by individual methods.

After a comprehensive investigation of the accounting methods used by a co-operative marketing organization throughout the United States, it was found that there was dire need of a text- or handbook relating to the

general business practices of these organizations, and giving plans for the business requirements for conducting a co-operative marketing organization. To answer this need a manuscript was prepared and published. This publication serves as a guide in formulating the plans for the business organization and contains general accounting and business practice members of such associations.

But the Office of Markets has done more than plan business arrangements; it has aided the farmers to finance their enterprises. Agents of the office visited the co-operative organizations in seventeen different States and interviewed the managers, and after mapping out a plan for financing the projects the banks were visited and arrangements made for making loans. Bakers in Los Angeles,

Portland, San Francisco, Denver, New York, Chicago and Philadelphia were interviewed and it was finally possible to make recommendations to the organizations throughout the country as to plans of financing which proved highly successful.

The office even went to the extent of aiding the farmers to start retail stores of their own in the larger cities. The commission houses and the laws regulating them have been studied and recommendations have been made to the farmers concerning this method marketing their produce. A survey was made of the canning business and it was found that 80 per cent of the co-operative canneries were failures. The result has been that plans have been worked out for stabilizing that business so as to reduce the prospect of failure to the minimum.



Society Brand Clothes

CASH SPECIALS FOR WEDNESDAY.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Price. Rows include Gold Dust, Campbell Soup, Hershey Cocoa, Peanut Butter, Polly Prim, and Macaroni.

Joel's Grocery Store

Corner Cedar and Washington, Main 759 Our Own Free Delivery.

"Quality First"

"QUALITY FIRST. THERE IS BETTER VALUE IN ADIRONDACK CANE AND MAPLE BREAKFAST SYRUP THAN IN ANY OTHER CANE AND MAPLE SYRUP ON THE MARKET. IT IS MADE TO EAT AND NO DECEPTION HAS EVER BEEN USED TO MAKE IT SELL. FOR SALE BY ALL DEALERS. ASK YOUR GROCER FOR IT."

CANNING STATIONS:

Lowville, N. Y., Harrisville, N. Y., Edwards, N. Y.

RECEIVING STATIONS:

Located Throughout the Adirondack Maple District.