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WOULD GREELY SAY "GO WEST TODAY."

"Many young people have remembered the first half of Greeley's famous dictum, 'Go West, young man, says a writer in the April Woman's Home Companion, 'and have forgotten the second half, 'and grow up with the country.' They forget that Greeley gave that advice more than fifty years ago; they know in a vague sort of way that the West has had a marvelous development in the past half century, but they still think of it as being peculiarly a land of promise, a land where new enterprises spring up so quickly that there is always a shortage of men, and everybody is more good-natured than anybody in the East, because everybody is more prosperous.

"The West in spite of all its attractions no longer answers this rosy description. Our railroads have really abolished the economic differences that once so distinguished the West from the East. Certain cities in the West are still growing very rapidly but so are cities in the East. I have seen the time within ten years, in Montana, when day laborers were paid three dollars for the most ordinary kind of work, and contractors were stealing men from each other, so great was the shortage. But I have also seen, during the panic of 1907, as great, if not greater, distress in the West than I saw in the East.

"In other words, for the average young man without capital, there are just as many opportunities in New York or Boston or Pittsburg, as there are in Kansas City or Seattle or Los Angeles. Certain cities, in each section, at certain periods offer special advantages. You can no longer measure the value of an opportunity by its location on the map.

"At any rate he should be very certain what he is going to do before he gives up his present position. He should have some more definite goal than just 'somewhere in the West'—a willo-the-wisp that has ruined many a young man's business career."

Opposes Burning Of Slashings

The American Lumberman concludes that the burning of slashings in timber lands is poor policy and says: After several million mortals for several hundred years had been bled for fevers including the Fath r of His Country, who otherwise might have been alive to this day, the medical profession discovered that it was all wrong. Men bled no more for the doctors, although they continued to do so for the country.

The slash burning question of the day has resolved itself into the same condition. A few years ago every-

body, but some lumbermen perhaps, were certain that the lumberman ought to burn his slash. Now they are not so sure.

It injures the soil below and the remaining tops above. It is an expense. It gives rise to quickly growing and dying grass that is highly inflammable. In fact it does not always serve the purpose—the elimination of fire risk.

The simple objection aside from an expense of close to 50 cents a thousand for timber removed, seems to be that it destroys something in the soil that should be retained. All laws of economics argue against that.

Lopping to within a foot of the ground, though equally expensive, certainly will not show the added and often unthought of expense of destroyed soil fertility on lands that may be suitable for agriculture. And certainly there is an objection to supplying humus to lands that should rejuvenate themselves.

Polish Wheat Not Good.

(Government Bulletin)

The department recently has been informed that Polish wheat is being offered for sale in Montana at the exorbitant price of \$1 a pound. Polish wheat is a variety more closely related to the durum wheats than to the common wheats. The head is 3 to 6 inches long and one-half to three-quarters of an inch wide, usually flexible instead of stiff. The chaff is very long, and thin and papery. The kernels are larger than those of durum wheat and about twice as long as those of ordinary varieties of common wheat. Like those of durum wheat, the kernels are flinty and of an amber color.

This wheat is grown to a slight extent in southeastern Europe, but has never been grown commercially in the United States. It is carried in stock and sold as a novelty by most seedsmen. It has been tested by many expert stations and has never been of common and durum wheat. From our present knowledge, it is recommended for growing anywhere in the United States.

Those offering the seed claim that it does very well on dry land and also under irrigation if not watered too much. They state that Polish farmers in Montana claim that this wheat yields from 85 to 150 bushels per acre and makes the very best flour and hog feed.

These statements are directly contrary to the experience of the department and several State experiment stations. They are also contrary to the experience of many farmers who have written to the department at one time or another.

The accumulated evidence regarding this wheat does not indicate that it has any value that will in any way justify the charge of \$1 a pound for the seed, and farmers are advised not to be misled by the glowing statements which have been made concerning this variety.

Make Religion Interesting, Says Pastor

In the April Woman's Home Companion, the Rev. Dr. Charles E. Jefferson of the Broadway Tabernacle has a sermon to the grandparents in which he emphasizes the importance of making religion interesting to children.

"Grandparents can carry their religious zeal too far," he says. "They can harp too much upon the Bible and church. Exhortation lose their force when too often repeated. It is always unwise to make oneself a bore. Grandparents can make religion odious by talking about it too often and in the wrong spirit. Boys cannot be religious in the same way as old men, nor can little girls manifest their religion in the forms which are most congenial to their grandmothers. It is foolish to try to make a boy like a man or a little girl like a woman. God will not permit it. The Bible is an interesting book, and the church is a divine institution, and the truths of Christianity are of great importance, but they must not be made a burden. Grandparents must not play all their music on one string."

Easter Styles New in Brief

To the Women who is Designing her Easter Costume and Providing the Dainty Little Accessory Touches, These Items of New Goods will be Especially Interesting.

Fascinating New Taffeta Silks

And who ever desires Silk Taffeta, should choose it now—for it is the scarcest silk today. Yet not withstanding this scarcity we have just received an assortment of beautiful Taffeta Silks in black and many new light and dark shades, including some very wonderful two-tone effects. Taffeta Silks are used this season more than any other silk for the making of dresses, waists, and for trimming purposes.

Among this new lot you will find a silk that will please you. And we advise buying right now as it is almost impossible to order Taffeta Silks.

Spring Footwear

For Women and Misses—a superb collection of all that's smart—from the fashionable new pumps to new high top soap-kid boots. That new Easter suit or frock assuredly demands footwear in keeping. Ask to see the new novelties in fine pumps now on special display.

"Pingree" Footwear for Women and Misses, Priced \$3.00 up
"Dodge" Street and Evening Pumps \$2.25 to \$4.50

Neckwear Novelties

Just received—an assortment of the season's newest ideas—from the simple little turn-overs to the larger flat collars.

Dainty new styles of fine lawns, organdies, batiste, etc.—embroidery and lace trimmed.

White Georgette Crepe Collar, also a new square turn-over to be worn with jackets with high collars. All priced at 25c and 50c

New Waists

Newest styles which are now shown in a great variety. Georgette Crepe, Crepe de Chine, Voiles, Organdies, China Silks, Etc. Priced \$1.25 to \$10.00

Newest Gloves

Help a whole Easter Costume to look Spring-like. We have dependable makes in both fabric and kid gloves. Many new novelties with fancy crochet stripes on the back—also New Washable Gloves in White and Light Tan.

Prices are, per pair \$1.25 to \$2.00

Women's Hosiery

In every conceivable color and combination. Of Silk, Fibre Silk, or Silk Fibre—sheer, cobwebby, yet so firm in texture, so pretty that their possession is a delight.

At \$1.00 we show our celebrated "La France" pure silk Hosiery in black and all the most wanted colors.

New stripe and cross-stripe combinations in pure silk hose at \$1.25 and \$1.50

Silk Boot hose in whites and blacks and colors Priced at 50c

Fine Fibre Silk Hose in all colors. Priced at 35c and 50c

Easter Styles New Corsets

The basis of a perfect gown is the corset and we are pleased to offer, for your inspection, the latest and best of Easter styles of Henderson corsets, in back and front laced designs.

Prices, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50

Particular and discriminating women will be interested in the display that we are showing, of

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in our corset department. Those who are not intimately acquainted with Henderson Corsets should accept this opportunity to become so.



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One View Of The Feminist

"She says things that make you sit up—but lots of girls do that. "They do. Boring, after the first shock. But they enjoy it. It draws attention to them. Our grandmothers used to faint all over the lot, for the same purpose."—Margaret Deland in the Woman's Home Companion.

"Nine Miles Southwest Of Jerusalem"

The story is told of a teacher who was accustomed to ask the same question of the same scholar each Sunday. Tom always had the question "Where is the lesson located? He was always prepared on the question, and that being answered he felt no further interest in the lesson. Tom was away one Sunday. On the Sunday following the teacher asked, "Where were you last Sunday, Tom?" and he answered mechanically: "Nine miles southwest of Jerusalem."—The Christian Herald

A Baseball Ground Of Gold Ore

It is now planned to give Juneau a substantial foundation by filling in the space between the piles with the tailings from the mines in the mountain behind. These contain great masses of gold ore, and the waste rock dust from the gold mills will be run under the city to build up a foundation of rock. In Douglas, over the way, a beach of such things has been made along the edge of the channel, and the baseball grounds are laid out upon them. There is still some gold in the sand, but millions have been taken from that lying inside the diamond. —Frank G. Carpenter, in the Christian Herald.

MRS. DRAPER FILES SUIT.

Wife of Grandson of Charles Dana Seeks Divorce.

New York, March 24.—Mrs. Muriel G. Sanders Draper has brought suit for divorce from Paul Draper, a well-

known American tenor, the grandson of Charles A. Dana, once editor of the New York Sun.

Mrs. Draper separated from her husband early this year. She is living with her two children, a boy and a girl.

A woman known as Hazel Barnes is named as co-respondent. The Drapers were married in Massachusetts about 10 years ago. They went to England about four years later, where Draper, whose family is socially prominent, studied music.

In 1914, according to J. W. Fuller Thompson, Mrs. Draper's attorney, Mrs. Draper began an action for divorce but dropped the proceeding not long after.

Atlantic City Ready For Easter Sunday

Atlantic City, N. J., April 7.—Atlantic City is getting ready for the Big Show Easter Sunday. It is dusting off the miles and miles of World famous Boardwalk, trimming up the sandy white beach and pluming itself generally for the gorgeous Easter Sunday rush or frilled and furbelowed society to the Peacock Parade.

Spring gowns feature the noon parades on the boardwalk. The vanguard of the Easter crowd arrived with the first warm days and a number of prominent people who have been in the South are coming to the big hotels to remain until Easter or later.

Ex-United States Senator Murray Crane and Mrs. Crane have arrived at the Marlborough-Blenheim. United States Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Charles Sumner Moore. Charles E. Murphy has been here and Mrs. G. S. Boissevain is here accompanied by Mrs. Sharswood. Bishop Greer and Mrs. Greer were at the Dennis. Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Howe and Miss Laura Willey Howe also are here.

Many persons prominent socially and in the business world came to the Traymore from New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Montreal, Cleveland, Pittsburg and other cities. From New York came Theodore P. Shonts, the larger business interests of Chicago were represented by Samuel Insull who was accompanied by Mrs. Insull. Vinton Price and others. Colonel Peers Davidson, son of the late Sir Charles Davidson of Montreal, was here in preparation for plunge into the European war at the head of his Scottish Highlanders of Canada. Robert J.

Wynne, who was Postmaster General during the first Roosevelt administration, spent several days at the Traymore.

The last few days, especially Sunday, saw thousands of persons on the Boardwalk. Never before has so much evidence been obtained indicative that the resort is enjoying an unprecedented boom. All the hotels and boarding houses already have big crowds.

All this is preparatory to the real grand opening Easter Sunday. On that day personages representing billions of good United States currency, bedecked in the latest creations in style will roll or stroll on the Boardwalk, displaying their charms, costumes and ornaments.

The promenaders here now already give an inkling of what can be expected Easter Sunday. Last Sunday one young kamsel clinging to the arm of a Beau Brummel, nonchalantly tripped along displaying a pretty foot encased in black and white striped stockings and white boots.

Another young woman was a glaring symphony in checks. Around the skirt and on the coat of the costume she wore wide bands of black and green squares, alternating with white. The chief decoration of her headress was large squares of red and green straw, woven into the texture of a brown straw hat.

The hats the women folks are wearing seem to attract considerable attention. Many of the new "sport" hats are in evidence. They are made of pink, blue, green and other colored straws and their sole decoration is the band, to all appearance just like a man's.

Labor Benefited.

An item of considerable interest to every employer of labor in Oregon and Southern Washington is an announcement of the consolidation of the working interests of the Oregon branch of the Federal employment office and the Public Employment Bureau of the City of Portland.

The two offices and the trained corps of workers in charge of same will cooperate in an effort to bring together the employer seeking help and the worker seeking employment.

It will also be their further object to exploit the State's resources by getting men and women into the channel of industry where they are most needed, and to secure work for which they are best suited.

Another matter worthy of note in

this connection is that this is the first practical combination ever attempted between the employment branch of the Federal Government and any other public employment office. Results of the work are to come under the close scrutiny of the officials at Washington, and may be the basis for a combination of these interests throughout the United States.

The Government service is a national affair with branches in every important city in the United States. Through an interchange of information between these numerous offices correct data concerning labor conditions in any locality is always available.

Portland, being the largest city in the section mentioned, is the natural labor market to which all classes of laborers and trained workers flock when seeking employment.

The Public Employment Bureau, maintained and operated by the City of Portland ranks as one of the most important labor exchanges on the Pacific coast, and has, previous to its alliance with the Federal office, been a clearing-house for the unemployed for a large section of the Northwest.

The combination of these two great factors, specializing in the matter of getting the employer and the employee together, will be effective of much economy and its operating efficiency is obvious. It is the prime object of these offices to promote an equitable and economic distribution of available labor forces, and affords all employers the opportunity to secure quickly and without cost efficient help from a responsible and permanently established source.

The matter of supplying help to employers remote from the established labor markets will be a strong feature.

Particular attention will be given the matter of serving farmers, ranchers, orchardists, stockmen, cannery, logging camps, lumber mills and manufacturers, throughout Oregon and a large portion of Southern Washington.

It will not be the purpose of these employment offices to supply all the jobs with men from Portland, but rather the labor situation in each community will be investigated to the end of making an equitable and economic distribution of the workers involved.

Applications from employers for help and from those seeking employment are invited.



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