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HORSE RACING WORTH WHILE

There is a well defined movement on now to have four days of horse racing in La Grande early in September, and the program is an excellent one. Joseph Waddell, of Baker, has mapped out a four days entertainment that would be hard to duplicate and he has entered for the occasion the best horses of the Pacific coast.

Does La Grande and Union county want four days of good, first class horse racing?

We say, yes. We believe the time will never come, especially while the present generation is on earth, when a good horse race will not be about the most interesting sport possible to find.

Other citizens and business men share this opinion as was evidenced last night when a meeting was held to consider the Waddell proposition and it was unanimously voted to proceed with the work of organizing an association to care for the event.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Observer is a complete history of the program offered with names of horses. Read it carefully and before you have finished you will be a race booster. Let us all get behind this event and make it a great occasion for good horse racing is hard to beat for first class entertainment.

HONORING THEIR SISTER.

The Eastern Star reception last evening tendered to Mrs. Dora E. Schilke by members of the Eastern Star was a fitting and proper tribute to a lady who has worked diligently for the good of that prominent order. It was also an exemplification of appreciation of her standing among her neighbors aside from lodge work.

Mrs. Schilke has been elected to the highest office within the gift of the Oregon Eastern Star and the occasion last evening was a reception tendered to her by Hope chapter. Mrs. E. E. Kilde in presenting the newly elected officer, with a beautiful diamond lavalere spoke words from

the heart which re-echoed in the heart of every person present. The entire proceeding was a delightful lodge event and did just honor to a deserving member who has battled faithfully and fairly for the Eastern Star for a quarter of a century.

Cove will have her Cherry fair. Of course she will. Cove never quits, and besides that gentleman called Jack Frost did not whip Cove in the little bout last spring. Cove will have lots of cherries for all. Attend.

Here is hoping all the La Grande boys who journey to Spokane for the land drawing may each secure a quarter section of high grade land with alfalfa set on every twenty acres and a mountain brook full of spotted trout running diagonally through the tract.

The quarantine for infantile paralysis should be firm and binding. No chance whatever should be taken with this dreaded disease and the health authorities are to be commended for acting promptly in the matter.

The fight of the women should have been staged in a hall with an admission fee charged. Gross receipts would undoubtedly have more than paid all fines.

A London countess has discovered that as the demand for automobiles increases the desire for babies decreases. The countess likely did not have to investigate very deeply to discover this extraordinary condition.

The auto parade for "Speed 'Em Up" day promises to be one of the fine events of this year's program and many auto owners are beginning to plan elaborate floats for the day.

The Germans have made one class of submarine that England cannot successfully draw this country into an international controversy over.

It looks as though the price of coal would be soaring along with other necessary commodities.

Foley Hotel Guests.

G. H. Ferrin, San Francisco; P. H. Peterson, Chicago; G. L. Hurl, O. A. C.; C. J. Hall, Seattle; K. M. Pack and wife, Salt Lake; O. P. Dillman, J. D. Welch, J. W. Day, W. C. Sargent, Wilson Smith, Portland; F. H. Anderson, G. C. Bear, Boise; O. M. Moretenson, Spokane; A. A. Brown, Los Angeles; A. Louch, E. B. Van Arman, C. H. Bettman, E. V. Vaon, M. A. Boss, W. C. Mobley, M. R. Colwell, Portland; M. King, Kamela; P. D. McKee, Chicago; Mrs. Robt. Houston, Minneapolis; A. C. Lettign, Portland; William Bauer, S. H. Fountain, San Francisco.

A Delayed English Joke.

London, July 13.—The latest musical comedy joke in London: First Actor—I see that the American battleships have mobilized. Second Actor—What! All four of them?

AUCTIONING OFF A WIFE.

Last Case of a Once Rather Common Custom In England.

It was long a popular belief among the ignorant in England that if a man sold his wife at public auction such a sale had all the legality of a regular divorce. The latest case of the kind on record occurred in 1832.

John Thompson, a farmer, had been married for three years, and he and his wife agreed to separate. Thompson brought his wife into the town of Carlisle, and by the bellman announced he was about to sell her.

At midday Thompson placed his wife on a large oak chair with a rope or halter of straw about her neck. He then made this announcement: "Gentlemen, I have to offer to your notice my wife, Mary Anne Thompson, otherwise Williams, whom I mean to sell to the highest and fairest bidder. It is her wish as well as mine to part forever."

"She has been to me only a born serpent. I took her for my comfort, the good of my home. But she became my tormentor, a domestic curse, a night invasion and a daily devil. "I speak truth from my heart" when I say: "May God deliver us from troublesome wives and frolicsome women! Avoid them as you would a mad dog, a roaring lion, a loaded pistol, cholera morbus, Mount Etna or any other pestilential thing in nature."

"Now, I have shown you of her dark faults and failings. I will introduce the bright and sunny side of her and explain her qualifications and goodness. She can read novels and milk cows. She can laugh and weep with the same ease that you could take a glass of ale when thirsty. Indeed, gentlemen, she reminds me of what the poet says of women in general:

"Heaven gave to women the peculiar To laugh, to weep, to cheat the human race."

"She can make butter and scold the maid. She can sing Moore's melodies and plait her folds and caps. She can not make rum, gin or whisky, but she is a good judge of the quality of each from long experience in tasting them. I therefore offer her, with all her perfections and imperfections, for the sum of 50 shillings."

The woman was finally sold to one Henry Mears for the sum of 20 shillings and a Newfoundland dog. Man and wife parted in perfect good temper, Mears and the woman going one way, Thompson and the dog another.—Boston Transcript.

Most Original Club In America.

There exists in one of our great western cities a unique secret club—called by the members the Get Out and Get On club. It was organized years ago by ten ambitious men who looked upon themselves as not yet having won success. Membership for twelve years has been limited to fifty. The rules are what make this club different. No member may call himself a success until the club votes him one, and when the club votes any member a success, he is expelled and his place is filled by another. But before a success is expelled a dinner is given in his honor and to welcome the new member. At this dinner the success must read a paper explaining to his fellows how and why he won. These papers are preserved.—American Magazine.

Rare Violins.

The rarest violins in the world are those which were made by Guarnerius del Gesu, only about forty of them being known to exist. One of these instruments was purchased by Ysaye for \$30,000. Two famous Stradivarius instruments which were used by Sarasate during his great concert tours were sold. One of these, the Bolssier, is in a museum at Madrid. It is valued at \$50,000. The other is in a museum in Paris. There are only twenty-nine Stradivarius cellos in the world. Of the 300 Stradivarius violins that were made more than 200 have been bought and sold by one dealer.—Argonaut.

Imitation Gold.

By combining ninety-four parts of copper with six parts of antimony and adding a small quantity of magnesium carbonate to increase the weight, a substitute for gold is produced. This alloy, it is said, can be drawn, worked and soldered much the same as gold, and it also takes and retains a gold polish. It can be made for about 25 cents a pound when its constituents can be bought at normal prices.—Houston Post.

Orchids.

Many plants have the power to shift their quarters. The orchid can move one step every year, and, although it takes a long time to cross the meadow, if the orchid goes on long enough it would move one step forward toward finishing that long walk every year.

Wig Wearing Very Old.

The ancient Egyptians all wore wigs, and the early Christians from A. D. 427 to A. D. 917 considered a false head covering a badge of distinction—this, too, in direct opposition to Tertullian, who in vain declared them devices and inventions of the devil.

Little Words.

Out of the 267 words in Abraham Lincoln's immortal Gettysburg speech 196 are words of only one syllable. It isn't the big words that count.—New York Herald.

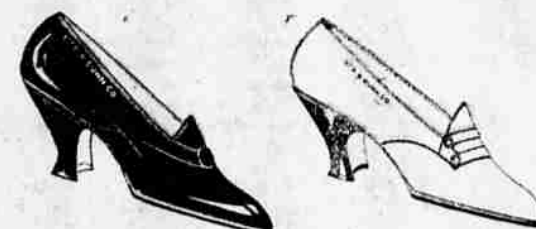
The worst of the person with nothing to say is that he is never happy till he's said it.

Outing Needs In Brief

Whether for a day, week or a month; in the mountains, up the river, at the Park, at the lake, at the seashore, bathing or automobiling—these items of summer and outing wearables will be of interest to you—Not only useful for your trip but because of the desirable quality from this store you can get lots to wear from them the rest of the summer. Also the variety here is larger to choose from and prices are the lowest.

- Women's Tub Skirts, newest styles \$1.00 to \$6.50
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Women's and Girls' White Felt Outing Hats 50c
Women's and Misses Middy Blouses \$1.25 to \$1.50
Pretty Wash Frocks \$5.00 up
Women's White Canvas Pumps, rubber soles 85c, \$1.60, \$2.00
Women's Bathing Suits \$1.25 to \$5.00
Women's Bathing Caps 25c to 50c
Women's Bathing Shoes 15c
Tan or Dull Calf Sport Shoes, with rubber soles and heels, narrow and wide sizes \$3.50 to \$4.50
Women's Divided Khaki Skirts \$2.00 to \$4.00
Women's Khaki Middy Blouses \$1.50
Children's Genuine "Koveralls", fancy trimmed 75c

- Children's Leather Sandals, black or tan 90c, \$1.15, \$1.25
Chief Joseph Indian Blankets, always useful \$5.00, \$7.50, \$8.00
Little Boys' Wash Suits 75c to \$2.00
Boys' Extra Pants 59c to \$1.50
Boys' "Kaynee" Brand Sport Blouses 50c
Boys' Bathing Suits 25c up
Boys' Straw and Cloth Rah Rah Hats 40c, 60c, 90c
Men's Sport Shirts \$1.00 to \$1.50
Men's Khaki or Whipcord Trousers \$1.25
Men's Khaki Shirts at 50c
Men's Bathing Suits \$1.00 to \$5.00
Men's Tennis Shoes, Hosiery, Underwear, Hats, Etc., Etc., Etc.



The Shoe Sale

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More styles enter the special lot of Women's Fine Pumps and Half-Shoes—broken and incomplete lines of fine styles in patent leather, soft kid, dull calf, and suede—plain toe pumps with turn soles or light weight welt soles, Cuban heels, French heels or semi conis heels—the finest kind of regular "Utz and Dunn", "Pingree" and "Dodge" makes which sold at \$3.00 to \$4.00. Most all sizes and a big range of widths, but not all sizes in every line—Very Special for July Clean-Up Sale. Only \$1.95 pair

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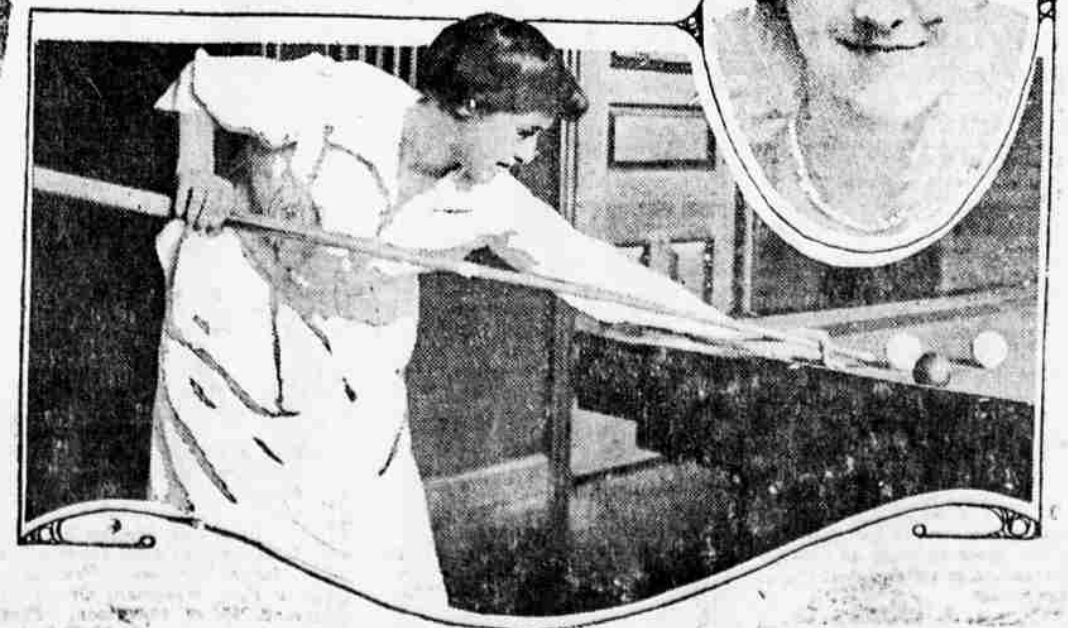
"Nemo" Corsets \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00

N.W. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE

GIRL OF 19, STAR WITH CUE, SEEKS THE BALKLINE TITLE

Quedom now boasts of a new artist who may some day supplant Willie Hoppe as holder of all titles. The most recent addition to the galaxy of billiard luminaries is a girl, Miss Clara Katharine Haywood of Cynwyd, one of Philadelphia's suburbs. Next winter may see the sensation of this Quaker miss competing against men in the Class B national tournament.

Miss Haywood has been a pupil of Harry P. Cline for the last three years and has been playing billiards five seasons and today, at the age of 19, is the best woman billiardist in the world and the equal of many first class men amateurs.



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