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OUR VALLEY.

Yesterday we looked at the Grande Ronde valley with its fearful waste, its large tracts impossible of intensive farming; saw the new crop doing its best, and wondered how many people this valley would support if farmed as Europe is farmed. Just then we encountered a man born and raised in Switzerland and we put the question to him. "Well," he said in reply, "Switzerland is half as large as the state of Oregon and she cares for four million people and cares for them well. As you know Switzerland is not all tillable but has a large mountain area. I should say that the Grande Ronde valley if farmed as Europeans are forced to farm, it would furnish a good living for 300,000 people."

ORPETT'S ACQUITTAL.

In one of the Sunday papers a long Associated Press story told of the acquittal of Orpett on the charge of having murdered Marian Lambert, and following that story was a brief dispatch from Albany, Oregon, praising the swift justice meted out to a boy who stole some trivial thing and was tried, convicted and began serving his sentence within twenty-four hours. Orpett's case was a bad one. A jury says he was not guilty of murdering the girl but there are many people who will always think he was the prime cause of the death, whether he administered the drug with his own hand or whether his actions forced Marian Lambert to take her own life.

Yet the world dismisses the case, in a way, and turns attention to the poor boy in Albany, Oregon, who stole a few cents worth of goods and is serving time for the offense.

PROBLEM OF THE SOUTH.

Those who read of the Second Progressive convention called by Vice Presidential Candidate Parker of Louisiana must stop and think of the

motive of Mr. Parker. He is a fine southern gentleman who does not believe in Democracy and who, because of the negro question in the south, cannot affiliate with the Republicans. And there are many thousands just like him south of Mason & Dixon's line. For this reason there may be a Progressive party this year in the south, but it will be largely local and a vehicle for settling local southern matters.

TRADE AFTER THE WAR.

An International economic program such as that drawn up in Paris by representatives of the Allies must be regarded as a war measure, even though its terms are designed to extend beyond the period of conflict. That part which pertains to the Allies' conduct during the war is the least important third of the agreement, for it is already practically in force except for the unification, in a few points, of the lists of contraband and of the articles whose export is prohibited.

The measures proposed for the reconstruction period immediately following the war are of more weight. The despoiled countries are to be restored as a matter of course. Favored nation treatment is not to be given any country now an enemy, at least for a number of years, and the Allied countries are to give to each whatever trade preferences are granted, even to such an extent as to provide "compensatory outlets" where commerce is injured by a check on shipments to the central powers. The Allies also propose to prohibit or place some check on the importation of goods from the countries with whom they are now at war. In short, Germany and Austria are to be left out in the cold, while the Allies develop in their own lands those industries of Germany and Austria on which they have been dependent in the past. This policy is intended to last now only during the reconstruction period, but as long thereafter as possible.

The various governments have yet to adopt the measures proposed. It then remains to be seen how the scheme will work out. If it holds, the United States will certainly benefit, for it will enjoy not only the trade of the Allies, but a vastly increased commerce with the central powers, for whom America would necessarily be the best market. But the permanence of war built trade arrangements in time of peace is doubtful. The Teutonic countries will bend every energy; diplomatic and commercial, to break the barriers, and it will probably not be long before Mars is forced to yield to the persuasive arguments of Dives.

Keep in mind the Safety First picnic on August 17th for that is the day that the mountains around Gibbon will be alive with merriment.

If the Federal corrupt practices act

Our Best Tip To Men

Is to visit West's store during the "July Clean-Up" Sale, and pick up a high grade, tailored suit and save \$3.00 to \$6.00 on it. "Hirsch Wickwire", "Benjamin", "Fidelity" makes. With every suit goes a double guarantee—this store's and the maker's—which is all that needs be said about them.

Table with 2 columns: Regular price and Sale price for men's suits. Regular \$15.00 Men's Suits, now \$12.00. Regular \$17.50 Men's Suits, now \$14.00. Regular \$20.00 Men's Suits, now \$16.00. Regular \$22.50 Men's Suits, now \$18.00. Regular \$25.00 Men's Suits, now \$20.00. Regular \$27.50 Men's Suits, now \$22.00.

July Clean-Up Sale Men's Hats

Table with 2 columns: Regular price and Sale price for men's hats. Regular \$3.00 Gordon Hats, go at \$2.40. Regular \$4.00 Stetson Hats, go at \$3.20. A big line of 1916 Straw and Panama Hats at July Clean-Up Prices: Regular \$1.25 Straw Hats \$1.00. Regular \$1.50 Straw Hats \$1.20. Regular \$3.00 Panamas at \$2.40.



A Garment Sale Concerning Every Women Who Welcomes "Opportunity"

For we are Offering the Highest Grade SUITS, COATS, SILK DRESSES at Half Price



On many of these Women's and Misses' High Grade Suits, Coats, and Silk Dresses, the cost of the materials alone would be more than the sale price.

Regular \$10.00 values at \$5.00; \$12.50 values \$6.25; \$15.00 values \$7.50; \$17.50 values \$8.75; \$20.00 values \$10.00; \$25.00 values \$12.50; \$27.50 values \$13.75; \$35.00 values \$17.50.

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95 per cent pure thread silk, 5 per cent pure dye. Nothing is used in the finishing process to make La France silk hose appear heavy weight—no tin nor weighing matter at all; nothing to injure their service to you. Extra reinforced heel, toe, and foot; 3 thread knee; strong garter top; only pure Japanese silk used. That's why we believe "La France" to be the best value yet produced in Silk Hose—we want you to try a pair of them, the best silk stocking for \$1.00 in America—Black, white and every new shade, every size, a pair \$1.00. In extra wide top (out size) pure silk in black or white, pair \$1.25. Pure Silk Boot Hose, all colors, pair 50c.



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WHAT IS THE USE OF REAPING A HARVEST UNLESS YOU REAP A "RESULT" FROM YOUR HARVEST. BEING CAREFUL IN GROWING YOUR CROP WILL NOT BENEFIT YOU UNLESS YOU ARE "CAREFUL" WITH YOUR MONEY WHEN YOU GET YOUR MONEY.

REGULARLY BANKING THE MONEY YOU EARN FROM YOUR WORK OR IN YOUR BUSINESS, IS THE ONE SURE WAY OF GROWING A FORTUNE. TRY IT.

BANK WITH US WE PAY 4 PER CENT INTEREST 6 1/2 % Money for Improved Farm Loans

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does not command more respect than the Oregon statute of the same nature has done President Wilson will decide it is a failure.

FIRST AVIATOR TRAINING. Veteran of Philippine Insurrection Is Learning to Fly.

St. Louis, S. D., June 26.—W. W. Spain, South Dakota's first National Guard aviator, who was detailed May 1 by Adjutant-General Morris as the one officer from this state to take the eight weeks' course of training at the Curtiss aviation school at Newport News, Va., has gone to begin work. Mr. Spain is Senior First Lieutenant of the South Dakota National Guard, which he joined in 1903. He is credited with having organized the first signal corps in the state, under Adjutant-General C. H. Englesby, of Watertown. Lieutenant Spain was a member of the First South Dakota Volunteer Infantry in the Philippines during the years 1898 to 1900 and acted as mounted orderly to Colonel A. S. Frost in the Philippine insurrection. His home is in St. Louis.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS. Suggestions as to the Prevention of This Dreaded Disease.

(By Dr. R. E. Daniels.) From everything that has been learned up to date of infantile paralysis, the disease is caused by a germ which finds lodgment in the mucus membrane of the nose and throat, and of the stomach and intestines. Here the germ multiplies rapidly and forms its poison; these poisons are taken up by the blood and carried to

all parts of the body. The effect of these poisons upon nearly all parts of the body are no different from that of most other germ poisons, except that these poisons are particularly injurious to the nerve cells in the spinal cord, which govern the muscles of the limbs—particularly the lower limbs. In an attack of the disease the partial or complete destruction of these nerve cells takes place in a few hours, but the full effects are not apparent for several months. Inasmuch as the germ of infantile

paralysis seems to be disseminated by flies, a systematic extermination of these pests is important in prevention of the disease. However, keeping the child in a high state of resistance, in the best of health, is of even greater importance. Germs attack only those whose disease-resisting powers are low; germs find a portal of entry in a weak spot in the body. In the case of infantile paralysis, the "weak spots" are the nose and throat, and the stomach and intestine. If we are

to avoid this dread disease we must keep the child's air passages in healthy condition and keep the stomach and bowels in good shape. It is significant that this disease attacks children at the age when they are weaned and taken to the table and fed anything and everything. Avoiding colds, sore throats and catarrh in children by proper feeding and plenty of fresh air; and keeping the stomach and bowels in good condition through careful feeding will go a long way toward eliminating infantile paralysis.

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