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THANKS FOR A FEW KIND WORDS.

An old friend of the Observer called at the office yesterday and spoke a few kind words of praise for the paper. He mentioned the variety of items and the mass of information contained therein and the value of the short, snappy telegraph items printed daily in the Observer 20 hours in advance of the metropolitan papers.

"Look at the telegraph items in today's paper," he said, and he read over some of the headlines:
AMERICAN TROOPS WILL STAY SOUTH.
KIDNAPING PLOT UNEARTHED.
CHICAGO AWAITS PRESIDENT.
NATION'S BIGGEST REVIEW ENACTED.

DISTRESSED STEAMER IS SAFE.
AUSTRALIAN CONSCRIPTION BILL PASSES.
WHITE MURDERER HANGED TO POLE.
SAYS WILSON'S STAND BLOW TO LABOR.

BIG ODDS ON GOV. HUGHES.
And many more.
Just to satisfy ourselves, we compiled the number of items in yesterday's Observer, with this result:

Local, La Grande and vicinity	38
Telegraph	49
Editorial	2
Exchanges	18
Miscellaneous	28
Illustrations	3
Total number of items	138

When you consider that the telegraph news printed in yesterday's Observer came from all over the world, the readers will appreciate what this newspaper means to them. Here is a list of places from which dispatches came:

NEW LONDON, CONN.
WASHINGTON, D. C.
AUSTIN, TEX.
CHICAGO, ILL.
EL PASO, TEX.
PORTLAND, OR.

MORO, OR.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.
TACOMA, WASH.
SEATTLE, WASH.
LONDON, ENGLAND.
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.
BERLIN, GERMANY.
OLATHE, KANSAS.
GREEN BAY, WIS.
BEND, OR.
NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

Isn't it worth while to be in touch with the rest of the world?

The Observer is proud of its news service. It expects to improve it. That the people of Union and Walla counties and of Eastern Oregon appreciate this newspaper is shown daily, when the publisher opens his mail. Subscriptions are coming in daily from all over the state. Local subscribers pay their subscriptions willingly.

For this support we are grateful. We hope to merit it and to give the public a gradually increasing and better service.

BENSON'S TWO WATCH DOGS.

With E. E. Covert and A. A. Rosenthal as traveling companions, S. Benson, owner of the Benson hotel, left for California this morning. They will make the trip by motor. Mr. Covert will leave the party at the Oregon-California line — Evening Telegram.

Rosenthal will do the talking and entertaining; Covert will be the watch dog of the treasury, and Benson will keep quiet and pay the bills. It will be an interesting trip. We wouldn't mind being along if we were sure Benson's pocketbook could stand the strain.

WHAT IN SAM HILL'S THE MATTER?

Sam Hill, the millionaire good roads booster, returns from Europe and the story gets on an inside page. Is it possible Sam Hill is no longer a prophet in his own country?

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

High Prices Prevail in United States. (Baker Herald.)

It is fine to have our foreign trade rolling up to a total that will leave us near \$30,000,000,000 ahead at the end of the year. But prosperity can't be altogether one-sided. We have to pay the penalty in high prices.

The same manufacturers who can get their own price for their products abroad naturally raise prices at home to meet the foreign rate. Also, a volume of exports so vastly in excess of imports naturally makes a comparative shortage of goods in this country, thus forcing prices up.

So far as the individual American is concerned, in his capacity as a consumer he would no doubt be better off if the European demand for American products eased up a little and imports increased. Whether he would profit on the whole, however, is a different question. As matters are going now, the more things cost, the more money the average family has to buy them with. If prices fell, presumably the same influences that made them fall would so decrease money-making opportunities that there would be less income per family.

It is no accident that the highest



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Overcoats at	\$20.00 to \$25.00
Other Suits and Overcoats	\$12.00 to \$17.50

Before Buying Your Fall Hat See Our Window Display of the New

GORDONS and STETSONS

Many men have done so, and saved time and trouble. Only the correct shapes for Fall and Winter are displayed—jaunty shapes, models that look smart and brisk without becoming conspicuous. All are of the Stetson and Gordon makes which insure good wear as well as good looks.

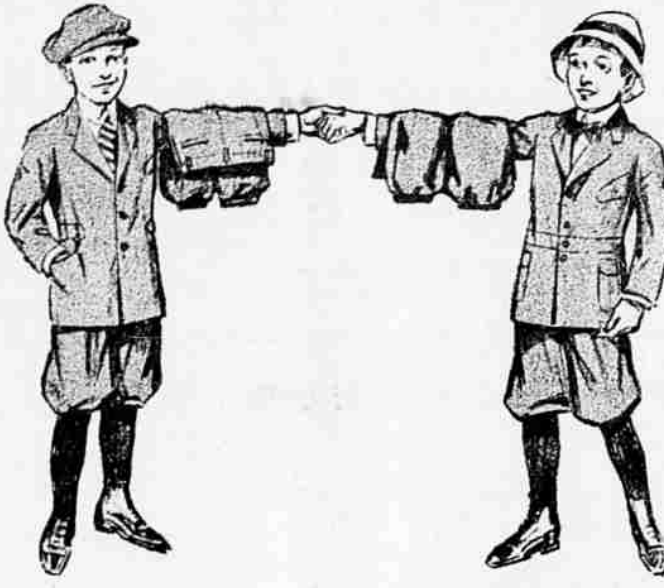
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prices in our history are co-incidental with the highest salaries, wages and dividends. And thus most of us are content to let things stand about as they are—which is just as well, seeing that anything we can do would affect them very little one way or the other, anyhow.

The Lime Conference.

(The Oregon Journal.)

The Corvallis meeting called for October 7 to take up the lime question should be largely attended. There is no other fertilizer which can do the work of lime in soils where it is deficient, and a cheap supply is, therefore, a necessity for the Willamette valley. At the Corvallis meeting the question of a state lime plant will be debated and something permanently useful should emerge from the clash of ideas.

PROSPERITY IN OREGON.

New Building and Loan Company. Articles of incorporation for the American Building Loan association, capitalized at \$1,000,000, have been filed for record with the clerk of Lane county after having been approved by the state corporation commissioner, H. J. Schulderman. The incorporators are L. L. Goodrich, J. H. Koke, David Auld, E. U. Lee, G. H. McMorran, F. N. Schaeffers, A. C. Dixon, F. E. Chambers, Dr. C. W. Southworth and R. B. Kellogg of Centralia, Wash.

Free-water Cannery Leased.

S. D. Peterson, trustee for the Free-water cannery, has leased the plant

to the Twin City Vinegar & Cider company of Twin Falls, Idaho. The new company is installing the machinery and will open a cider and vinegar factory.

Swiss Cheese From Stanfield. The Stanfield cheese factory has shipped a ton of its Swiss cheese.

Calf Sells for \$25.

The Lostine Reporter notes the sale by a Lostine man of a 6-months-old heifer calf for \$25, remarking that "not many years ago it would have sold for \$10."

Cinnabar Mines Start Up.

Mining engineers in Sutherlin have received instructions from Portland to proceed at once on the work of developing the big cinnabar properties seven miles east of Sutherlin. Final details looking to the development, which have been in progress for several months, were satisfactorily adjusted in Portland Saturday, and sufficient capital to insure the success of the enterprise has been secured. Preliminary work was begun yesterday, when tools, provisions, camp equipment and men were sent out to Foster creek.

Irrigation District at Work.

Trustees of the Talent-Ashland irrigation district, recently organized, have procured the services of Contractor C. E. Bade to begin work at once on preparation for irrigation of 5,000 acres of the unit during 1917. Unappropriated water from Emigrant, Ashland and Neil creeks will be used

for that purpose. The canals and equipment necessary to convey the water to the farms and orchards in the territory designated will be a part of the general system for the entire district.

Curry County Prosperous.

(Port Orchard Tribune.)

Brookings, with its pay roll of over \$20,000 a month, is proving a wonderful boon to the farmers of Southern Curry. More money is in circulation, and there is a market for more fruit, eggs and vegetables than the com-

munity can supply. One rancher, Revis Costello, has sold \$800 worth of strawberries from an acre of ground this season and his plants are still bearing.

Joseph Needs Houses.

(Joseph Herald.)

Many people want houses in Joseph and the supply is nil. What's the matter with the city's investors that more attempt is not made to supply the need?

Our Want Ads bring results.

HERMAN'S PLACE - Depot Street

Soft Drinks and Confections

Fresh, fine line of Tobaccos

Best Bowling Alley in Oregon, also Card Rooms and cozy Lounging Quarters

MILLER'S LUNCH COUNTER

In connection with the above facilities, Charles Miller serves clean, sanitary short-order lunches featuring Home-made Pies. Finest Coffee in the city.

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Herman Roesch .. Chas. Miller