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THE WONDER OF THE AGE.

Cables, telegraph wires and wireless have annihilated distance and space.

David Lloyd George addressed parliament yesterday afternoon at half past four.

We can see in our mind's eye the scene as the little Welsh giant arose, the hall and galleries, crowded, the people of London expectant, newspaper men by the hundreds there on duty, the people of the whole world waiting breathlessly for the words that would fall from the lips of one man.

Peace or war? Lloyd George speaks.

The allies' answer to Germany is "Full reparation and complete restoration and an effectual guarantee for the future against Prussian militarism."

A hush falls over the world. Newspaper men have run in relays to telephones and telegraph wires.

Soon the printing presses are busy. The war is to continue.

The soldiers in the trenches wearily continue their slaughter.

The women of the world sigh and their hearts falter.

By night, as the people of the world read their evening papers, Lloyd George's speech is the topic of conversation.

Truly, the telegraph is a wonderful thing.

SELF-HELP.

One cannot but help admire the towns of Central and Southern Oregon in the way they are staking their credit to help the Strathorn railroad.

Bend has voted \$35,000. Klamath Falls has voted \$300,000. Burns has voted \$100,000 to build a branch road to the main line.

Prineville has done the same. In pledging their credit, these cities are struggling to get in touch with the outside world, to help themselves.

We almost wish it were possible for the state in some way to help such enterprising communities to develop Oregon.

We wish that Portland were financially able to throw a cool million into the Strathorn jackpot.

Here Is a Store Just Brimful of Christmas Goods



Shop Early at the Early Closing Store - We Close at 6 p. m. - Open Sat. Night

Handkerchiefs For Men and Women

Women's sheer linen initial handkerchiefs, plain script initials, also fancy embroidered in all white and colors 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c. Women's linen handkerchiefs, a large assortment of patterns 15c, 20c, 25c, 35c

Men's Handkerchiefs

Men's all linen handkerchiefs 25c, 35c, 50c. Men's linen initial handkerchiefs 25c, 35c. Men's silk handkerchiefs, plain, initial 50c, 75c. Children's novelty handkerchiefs, 3 for 25c

Interwoven Socks

Interwoven hose, the one silk hose that wears—white, black, tan, gray. 35c, 50c

Men's neckwear, extensive variety of newest weaves and patterns. 25c, 50c to \$2.00

Gifts For Men

Our men's department is the place to shop for men, where you get real men's styles and best values.

- Extra quality silk shirts \$4.00, \$5.00 to \$7.50. Men's and Boys' sweaters, turtle neck, Jersey coat, all colors \$1.50 to \$8.00. Combination sets, handkerchiefs, tie and hose to match, also suspenders and garters to match \$1.00 to \$2.50. Silk and knitted mufflers, black, white, grey 75c up. Collar boxes \$1.50 to \$2.25. Belts 50c to \$1.00. Military Brushes \$1.50 to \$3.50. Toilet Sets \$3.50 to \$10.00



Footwear

Footwear novelties in the popular materials and combination colors.

\$3.50 to \$10.00

Christmas Slippers for men, women, children. Fur and ribbon trimmed all colors.

\$1.00 to \$2.50

Men's leather slippers, black and tan, variety of style.

\$1.50 to \$2.75

Women's silk hosiery, all colors 50c to \$1.75

Dainty Neckwear, for gifts 25c to \$1.50

Umbrellas, fine assortment, newest styles, carved and tipped handles \$1.50 to \$7.50

Gloves for street and dresswear, black, tan, white, brown, extra quality \$2.00 to \$4.50

Silk kimonos \$3.50 to \$12.50

Bath Robes \$3.75 to \$18.00

Women's Musing Knit Underwear

-All styles in wool, wool and cotton, wool and silk—

\$1.00 to \$4.00

Italian silk gowns, combination suits and corset covers.

\$1.00 to \$6.00



WORTHY OF THEIR HIRE.

The legislature will be asked to raise the pay of the county commissioners of Multnomah county from \$150 to \$250 a month. This should be done. It is the height of folly to pay men who handle and expend two to three millions of dollars a year only \$150 a month. Counties and municipalities should pay their public servants well. Niggardliness is poor economy.

ENTITLED TO HELP, TOO.

The unorganized railroad employees should be recognized by congress if it is to pass legislation to ameliorate the conditions under which all railroad employees labor.

The Portland Spectator has issued a fine Christmas Edition of 44 pages, beautifully printed and illustrated and full of entertaining reading matter. It is a credit to Hugh Hume, its brilliant editor.

Picked Up By The Stroller

I made a good resolution yesterday, and that was to finish up my Christmas shopping, and I really am going to do it today.

The small boy can see the heaps of presents in Santa Claus' sleigh.

The snow makes it look Christmassy.

PORTLAND MAN MAY GET POST AT SIAM

Portland, Ore., Dec. 20.—Lester W. Humphreys, attorney in the firm of Chamberlain, Thomas & Kraemer, has been recommended by Senators Chamberlain and Lane for appointment as minister to Siam, a post drawing \$10,000 a year. William H. Hornbrook, of Albany, the incumbent, has resigned. Humphreys, who was formerly a newspaperman, will not be sure of the appointment until it is approved by the senate, a former appointee, Alex Sweek of Portland, having been successfully opposed when he was recommended by Senator Chamberlain for the position. Humphreys said yesterday he had not been informed of the action of the Oregon senators, although he has been expecting such a move.

Farm Loan Club Perfected.

Baker, Dec. 20.—(Special)—The Baker National Farm Loan association perfected temporary organization at a meeting at the courthouse Monday afternoon with the election of G. W. Riggins as secretary-treasurer, and M. S. Bond, J. F. James, W. B. Willoughby, James York, Hugh Doherty and Byron Vandear as directors. The application for the charter was signed by 12 prominent farmers and loans asked total \$46,300.

The details of the rural credits law under which the association was organized was outlined by Mr. Riggins and generally discussed before the organization and election took place. M. S. Bond acting as chairman and D. W. C. Nelson as temporary secretary of the meeting.

Senator Strayer advised the association to make inquiry at once of the federal authorities, to get an answer if possible, whether abstractors' certificates of title would be accepted in granting loans in lieu of abstracts of title, which would be a great saving to the borrowers. If such certificates will be acceptable, Senator Strayer has a bill for introduction at the meeting of the Oregon legislature making a law in conformity.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Good Eggs Not High. Portland women have begun war on high prices for foodstuffs by declaring a boycott on eggs. It will undoubtedly make the coldstorage plant people do some hard thinking and result in a lowering of prices for their stocks. At the same time it should

be remembered that 50 cents a dozen is not a high price for real fresh eggs, for at this season they cannot be produced for the price, and are worth just what anyone is willing to pay. It is different with the coldstorage article which was bought somewhere around a 20-cent price last summer.—Salem Capital Journal.

The High Cost of Living.

Comprehensive systems of package delivery, handsome stores and prompt service are probably worth all they cost—at least, the buying public would be loath to do without them, for they are conveniences to which we have become accustomed and with the true American spirit we demand all the conveniences we can get. But they add to the cost of doing business and thus add to the cost of living. No doubt we could do without them, but in this case, as in others, we do not want to do without anything that adds to our comfort. Perhaps the best and most incontrovertible argument for the dealers is that none of them are getting rich quick. They are caught in the vortex with

the rest of us, and must do the best they can.—Eugene Guard.

Mr. Bryan Moves.

Mr. Bryan was turned down twice in the Nebraska campaign. His first defeat was when the Democrats refused to send him as a delegate to the Democratic national convention, and the second one was the defeat of his brother for the gubernatorial nomination. While he says he will retain one of his homes in Nebraska and will continue to be a voter in that state, he has dismantled his home at Fairview, shipped a portion of the furniture to his winter home at Miami, Fla., and is sending his splendid library, the pride of his heart, to his summer home at Ashville, N. C., at which place it is said he will hereafter have his residence.—Eugene Register.

Polk County's Corn Show.

The first corn show ever held in Polk county was given in Independence last Friday and Saturday and was a pronounced success. Thirty-five exhibitors made a splendid show-

ing of corn they have raised this year and on each day large crowds attended. So successful was the event that it has been decided to make the show an annual affair, to be known as the Polk County Corn show, and Independence will be the permanent location of it. The county court has included \$200 in the budget for next year's show.—Polk County Observer.

TWO LECTURERS COMING

Early January promises several fine lectures under auspices of the Neighborhood club. W. L. Finley, from the state game and bird department, who was booked for an early date, will not come until early in January, and will bring his famous moving pictures of Oregon bird life. About the same time Miss Watson, of the U. of O. extension department, will lecture under the club auspices, on the subject of art and literature. She will probably be here for two or more appearances, and while in this vicinity will appear at nearby towns, as well.

The Wheel That Squeaks the Loudest is the One That Gets the Grease

The same assuredly applies to you and me, as well—in order to get anywhere in this world, we must attract the attention of the big men. Now listen, young man! Nothing helps a young man more in advancement in business than to be known as one who keeps his bills paid, meets his obligations, has a bank account, and pays his bills by check. You know that.

You will receive the same courteous attention with a dollar deposit as you would with a hundred dollar one.

La Grande National Bank

House Slippers for Xmas Gifts

Table with columns for MEN'S SLIPPERS and LADIES' SLIPPERS, listing various styles and prices.

Table for CHILDREN'S SLIPPERS listing styles and prices.

Table for SILK HOSE listing styles and prices.

What is more appreciated than a pair of Shoes for Xmas.

L. J. FRENCH SHOE CO.