

# Millinery Designed For Easter Wear

There is one thing that comes as surely as Easter Day and that is the necessity of a new Hat.

In our Millinery Section, your quest for the beautiful hat may begin and end—for we are prepared to satisfy the most fastidious.

Day by day we are adding more new designed hats to our already beautiful display, and we cordially extend to you an invitation to visit this department—Every visit you will see something new.

## HILL'S DEPARTMENT STORE

# JACK O'NEILL READY FOR BIG BOUT WITH BERG

O'NEILL HAS BEEN WORKING FAITHFULLY FOR CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH AND HOPES TO WIN PURSE

Jack O'Neill, local wrestler who will meet John Berg, coast light heavyweight champion in a finish contest, has rounded into fine shape and is now tapering off his training by doing some light work daily and expects to be in the pink of condition when he tangles with the champion on next Friday night at the Arcade theatre.

O'Neill has worked faithfully since March 1st in preparation for the match. He was examined a day or so ago by two physicians and was pronounced "fine."

Seats for the match are on sale at Arcade theatre and reservations may be made any afternoon. Indications point to a full house for this contest as many seats are already sold and inquiries are being made from outside towns as to the details of the contest, prices, etc.

This wrestling match is to be a finish affair, best two falls in three for a purse, winner take all. The loser of this match gets nothing but glory.

The big match will be preceded by a wrestling preliminary between Garity and Stewart followed by a second preliminary between another Garity and Ford, the winner of the respective matches will wrestle in a final bout immediately after the first fall of the main bout. Wood and Spencer, amateur light heavyweights will mix in a five-minute bout to decide the supremacy of the two.

Jack O'Neill, Jr., 15-year old son of the wrestler, will give an exhibition of fancy rope spinning. This young man has appeared at the round-up at Pendleton the past two years and is considered the best with the rope of any lad his age in the country.

The wrestling tournament will be preceded by a five-reel picture and orchestra music which will give the more timid as well as the feminine admirers of the manly art an excuse for being present.

The big show starts at 7 o'clock. J. Garfield King will referee the amateur bouts. Fritz Lottes will officiate in the main bout. C. D. Emahiser who made the match will announce the details. Jack Peare will keep time.

### BERG-O'NEILL BOUT AROUSING INTEREST IN PENDLETON

Number Will Probably Go to La Grande to Witness Match Friday Night.

Pendleton, March 21.—(Special)—The East Oregonian says: Considerable interest has been aroused among Pendleton wrestling fans in the bout to be staged in La Grande Friday evening of this week between John Berg of Spokane and Jack O'Neill of La Grande. A number will probably go over to take in the event.

Berg is one of the best known wrestlers on the coast and claims the championship at 175 pounds. He is a veteran of over 1000 bouts and before he began his mat career was a strong man. He has met some of the best men in the country, including Frank Gotch.

O'Neill claims to be northwest champion at 175 pounds. He has wrestled all over the country and has a long string of victories dangling from his belt. He is a great favorite in La Grande and he expects to add to his prestige Friday night by defeating Berg.

### Powder Plant Has Chutes for Fire Escapes.

Fire escapes in the form of large metal chutes have been provided by a powder company as Carney's Point, N. J., for the safety of the men working in its smokeless powder plant. Just under the second-story windows of the numerous small structures in which the men work, are fire-escape platforms from which lead several of the metal chutes, placed at a sharp angle. In an emergency the men can run through the windows and slide safely to the ground in an instant. The dangers of handling smokeless powder are not as great as is popularly supposed, for it does not explode like black powder but instead burns rapidly.—From the March Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Street cars are often hot and close when filled with people during the rush hours. Electric thermostats are being used on some cars to regulate the heat automatically and keep it at a constant temperature thus insuring a saving in heat and greater comfort.

Platinum, which is many times more costly than gold, has grown so in popularity among the buyers of expensive jewelry that its use by the manufacturer of electrical apparatus is growing smaller each year as less costly substitutes are discovered.

### N. Y. Coal Dealers Will Keep Up Price

New York, March 19.—(United Press)—The usual fifty cents a ton reduction in the price of coal will not be made this April 1 by New York dealers, it became known here today. The large operators allied with the anthracite roads may not offer any reduction at all and those who do decide upon a decrease, if they do, are not expected to make it more than 25 cents.

Eight and nine dollar coal is the prospect for New Yorkers this summer. Meantime many of the dealers are preparing to face trial in Federal court here on indictments charging conspiracy to boost prices.

### Spring Seeding the Lawn.

Very great care should be taken in putting down lawns. The soil should be thoroughly loosened and worked, and allowed to settle evenly. Otherwise patchy places will appear on the lawn. Work the soil when it is in good condition, and instead of sowing the seed at the earliest possible minute put it off until the soil has had a chance to warm up slightly. This will give time for the first crop of weeds to come up. The weeds can be removed, the soil worked again with the rake, and the grass seed sown.

A good mixture for lawns in this country is made up of 30 percent Rhode Island Bent, 30 percent Creeping Bent, 30 percent Kentucky Blue Grass, and 10 percent either White Clover or Redtop. Many do not care for White Clover in the lawn; for them Redtop may be substituted. This grass seed mixture should be sown at the rate of one pound to every 350 square feet of lawn. Do not roll heavy clay land unless the seed is sown late in the spring after the danger of rains is past.

Go over the lawn carefully in about 21 days after sowing, and rouse all the patches that have failed to get a good stand of grass. If this and the preceding directions have been carefully carried out, a good lawn is assured by the first of July.

### Carelessness At Grade Crossings

In view of all the agitation which has marked the safety-first campaign in recent years, it is rather surprising, to say the least, to find that of those persons who pass over grade railroad crossings probably one-half or more fail to look to the right or left before moving across the tracks. This estimate is based upon the reported findings of investigators for the California Railway Commission. In observing the drivers of 17,000 motor vehicles it was found that over 69 per cent looked neither way before crossing railway tracks. Something over two percent looked in one direction only, while the remainder, less than 28 per cent, looked both to the right and left. Of 6,400 pedestrians 49 per cent looked neither way and 15 per cent looked only one way. It is believed that these figures may be taken as fairly typical of the country as a whole. They indicate both the menace of the grade crossing and the need of educating both drivers and pedestrians to greater caution.—From the March Popular Mechanics Magazine.

It is easy in this world to live after the world's opinion; it is easy in solitude to live after our own; but the great man is he who in the midst of the crowd keeps with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude.—Emerson.

A new type of electric fan blade, it is claimed, eliminates to a great extent, the whirring sound when the fan is operated at high speed.

A combination coin and ticket fare box and register for electric cars is so designed as to separate the coins and tickets and register the value of each.

Elgin Recorder: With each succeeding meeting of the Elgin Community club the members and those who attend realize the more the benefits derived from the organization and the good which can be accomplished through that medium. The first meeting of the club held this year was called primarily to discuss the building of a new gymnasium and it was proposed to finance the movement by public subscription and put up a frame building for the joint use of the school members and citizens in general. The Community club was quick to realize the need of such an institution and appointed a committee to consider the matter in detail and report at the next meeting.

FARM SALE BILLS—Get prices on farm sale bills at The Observer office.

AT ARCADE THEATER TODAY AND TOMORROW



A WORLD PICTURE  
—BRADY—MADE—  
**LEW FIELDS**  
in "The Man Who Stood Still"

FORMULA WANTED.  
Paint manufacturers would like to know how to make a better floor paint. No other paint is subjected to such hard service and it must be made right.  
Thus far the Sherwin-Williams Co. have the best floor paint.  
GET IT AT  
**Oxner's Paint Store**

**ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO.**  
AUSTIN BROWNELL, Manager  
**HOUSE WIRING A SPECIALTY**  
Supplies and Heating Devices  
Phone Main 726  
Sommer Hotel Building, next to Western Union

**W. D. McCARTHY**  
Imperial 15c 2 for 25c  
Imperial Club House 10c  
Imperial Smoker . . 5c  
Office and Factory 106 Depot St. Lewis Eldg.

## Recent Arrivals

Foreign & Domestic

# FISH & CHEESE

Holland Herring, 4 for	25c
Alaska White Fish, per pound	20c
Anchovies, per pound	35c
Norway Mackerel, each	15c
Red Alaska Salmon, pickled, per pound	22c
Brick Cheese, per pound	40c
Limberger Cheese	40c
Chili Cheese, per package	15c
Full Cream Cheese, per pound	30c
Italian Cheese, per pound	40c

## Harris Grocery

PHONE MAIN 70 FARMERS PHONE B. 192  
408 North Fir St. Cross The Track

Favors Good Roads.  
Wheeler, Ore., March 2, 1917.—(Observer, La Grande, Ore.)—Dear Sir: The road legislation adopted by the legislature just closed provides the means whereby Oregon can enter upon and carry out a comprehensive better roads program. By referring house bill No. 550 to the people for their ratification the proposition of better roads is put squarely before the people of the state of Oregon for their decision.

It is up to those of us who are interested in this proposition to see that this act is ratified at the special election to be held June 4. To do so, will require a united effort on the part of all who are interested in this great movement for better roads.

In my humble way I wish to suggest that in each county an organization be perfected, to be known as a "Better Roads Club." These clubs to be composed of all those in the county who are interested in this work. These clubs would have for their principal function the dissemination of information relative to the bond measure, dealing with its importance and the great practical benefits accruing to the state by its adoption.

Then each county organization should select one or several delegates to what might be termed a "State Better Roads Committee." This committee would thus be a state-wide organization and its function would be to gather the necessary information, arrange for the publication of the literature needed, plan publicity campaigns to be carried out by the newspapers of the state and generally to act as the central binding-together body for the various county organizations.

Funds will be required for this work and I suggest that each county organization adopt a rule that each member pay a nominal sum, perhaps one dollar, for membership in the club. The sums thus raised to be used in carrying forward the campaign, as suggested above.

A fact which impresses me very strongly is that this road bond measure is a state wide proposition and to secure the adoption of the measure and the resultant benefits, we, who live outside of Portland, should take upon ourselves the duty of conducting a vigorous and energetic campaign for the success of the measure at the special election to be held June 4th.

Kindly consider this matter with those in your county who are interested in this better roads movement and arrange for the organization of your county better roads club.

I shall be more than pleased to hear that such an organization is perfected in every county of the state, for only by united effort can we secure success for the measure at the coming election.

Kindly write me, letting me know what you think of the prospects for the organization of such a club in your county and giving me any ideas which you may feel disposed to give as to how such a campaign as I suggest could be strengthened and made more effective.

Sincerely yours,  
**FRANK A. ROWE,**  
Member House of Representatives.

## SHERRY'S

GEORGE HOLT—CRIMINAL  
Role in: "Through the Wall" An Exceptional One.

George Holt, who plays the role of the master criminal in the Vitagraph Blue Ribbon feature, "Through the Wall," released by the Vitagraph, Lubin, Selig, Essanay which is the feature at the Sherry theatre last time tonight, finds in his part one of the best opportunities of his career for his particular capabilities. Never was there a better villain than Mr. Holt. Now the man of the underworld and now the gentleman of respected society. Always, however, a finished villain.

Throughout the picture we marvel at his criminal cunning and in a number of instances we doubt his character to play or be other than the man of crime.

Like all other criminals, Heidekman, which is the character he plays has one weakness. This is a complete diary in which he writes down the different deeds of crime in which he is instrumental and over which he glories.

Determined not to be ruled by the law even though he is caught, Heidekman possesses a signet ring which is most mysterious. At the end of the story when he is trapped and about to be taken into custody he jumps from the fourth floor of the courthouse and when this fails to bring death, he picks the top from his ring and swallows the death dose of poison which it contains.

Throughout, we find in George Holt, all that could be desired in a master criminal and his make-up in a number of instances is remarkable.

For stringing beads quickly an ingenious German has patented a crank-operated machine which feeds them on the point of a threaded needle.

Girl messenger "boys" actually hurry. Western Union Manager Fowler, of New Brunswick, N. J., hired two to try 'em and got letters praising their speed from many customers.



SHERRY'S THEATRE  
GEORGE HOLT  
NEL SHIPMAN  
and  
WM. DEWEAN  
in "Through the Wall"  
LAST TIME TODAY

QUICK DELIVERIES  
are a feature of this lumber business. When you give us an order you can confidently rely on getting your lumber a little before you need it. That means no delay in construction, no waiting time that you have to pay for. Think that over.

A factor in the ultimate relief of the paper shortage may be the action of the Chinese government, which has decided to have papermakers taught in governmental schools.



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