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RAILROADS RISING TO THE OCCASION IN AN EFFECTIVE MANNER.

Despite the most terrific pressure ever inflicted upon the railroads of the country millions of tons of Government supplies, including lumber, munitions, and materials for Government construction have been transported by the carriers without a hitch this year and without interfering to any extent with the regular commercial traffic of the country which has increased to vast proportions by the war. This is a tribute to the genius and efficiency of the American railroad man and to his patriotism.

AN OLD, OLD STORY.

This is an old, old story, one that is older than Abraham and the Sphinx.

A married woman and a four-year-old boy came to La Grande accompanied by a 14 or 15-year-old girl. The three of them walked the streets. It must have been a sight to arouse wonder, the two scarlet women plying their trade, accompanied by a 4-year-old boy, unmolested by the police. It must have been pathetic too to see so young a girl starting out to follow one of the most ancient professions—one that has no future, no hope, no final resting place but the gutter. Of course men followed them, too. Now comes the climax—the aftermath of shame and sorrow that always follows such escapades. It seems that some one has complained of the conduct of the older woman and of the depravity of the young girl to the authorities in Enterprise. So a deputy sheriff came here, armed with 42 John Doe warrants. It is currently reported that some men have left already to avoid arrest and disgrace; others are shaking in their boots. They are paying the wages of sin; no doubt they are surprised and astounded, and no doubt their friends are very indignant that the authorities of Wallowa County are not going to put the entire burden on the unfortunate women. What a strange precedent for Wallowa County to set! What a rattling of bones there would be if some one started out on a crusade to round up the fallen men!

THE NIGHT SCHOOL.

You often hear men and women say that they might have succeeded if they had had early advantages. This is always the excuse of failures. The chances

Observations

In matters of the heart mere men are still in a state of barbarism, slightly tempered by woman.

A bachelor's heart is like a violin with the strings broken—it is useless to try to play on it.

The bigger and weightier a man the more helpless he is without some little tugboat of a woman to tie him to her and tow him safely into harbor.

Picked Up By The Stroller

While strolling this morning I saw a small house being moved off the lot back of the Bohnenkamp hardware store, where the new building is to be erected. It was being moved by John L. Mars, "the man who does things," when I heard J. D. McKennon remark that the sight of that house brought up old memories in his mind.

"Why, that is the first house I ever lived in in this country," said J. D. reminiscently, "and that was over 30 years ago. My daughter, Mrs. Dobbins, was born in that house and I hate to see it go."

"By the way, J. D.," said a bystander, "where did you come from here?"

"Arkansas," he answered. Then paused and as an afterthought: "But don't say a word about it."

CENTRALIA COLLECTING PAPER, BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

Centralia, Wash., Sept. 25.—Waste paper, old books and magazines are being gathered here as an act of patriotism. Magazines and books will be sent to various camps and military posts and the waste paper and magazines which are old and dirty will be sold to aid the Red Cross.

are they had just as many advantages as successful persons but they did not seize them or did not have within themselves the qualities of success. Perhaps 10 or 20 years from now some La Grande man will say the same thing. Yet he was here in La Grande when the night school started. Then he did not perhaps realize his need of training. He was not willing to make the sacrifice of pleasure to attend. He would not burn the midnight electricity in order to ac-

Behold This Brim's "Movement"



As the Parisians say, the "movement" or line of this brim is dashing. A black velvet sailor is banded with white coque feathers, which pass through a slit in a barricade of white wing feathers placed exactly in front. Withal a suitable hat for real service.

Vells will be less conspicuous for the fall for the simple reason that hats will be trimmed more than for several seasons and will not depend, as they did last season very frequently, on the veil to add the touch of ornamentation to the hat, which otherwise was quite plain. There are many eccentric vells in the made ones, such as the apron veil, the tonneau veil and the barrel veil, not to mention the collar veil and the bib veil. The mesh will also be smaller, while the colors will include reddish browns, yellow tans, dark grays and taupe.

Beautiful old shell combs, treasured by grandmothers of the present generation, have been copied for modern wear, and in one fine specimen of the old style there is a fine gold inlay in the knobs that form the top, and small topaz colored stones are sunk in the shell below the gold inlay.

ANNA MAY.



ATTENTION!

RIGHT - - DRESS

New Belted Overcoats for Fall. The best yet—that's what you'll say when you see these Military Models in Young Men's Coats for Fall.

Some of them have belts all around; others, belts at the back; plaits, yokes, patch-pockets—in a great variety of colors.

These Coats are ready for your inspection at any time.

BOYS' OVERCOATS AND SUITS

What's new in Boys' Clothing for Fall?

A good many mothers and fathers are asking that question.

We wish we could describe every one here, but instead we're going to do

more. We're going to invite you to come to our store and see these New Models. We have many new models in Boys' Suits and Coats. Some with belts all-around; some with belted backs and others plain. We want you to see these now. Call and let us show them to you.

NK West & Co.
THE QUALITY STORE

Rippling Rhymes

By WALT MASON

War Talk.



I leave my work to roast the kaiser throughout the neighborhood; my wife remarks that I'd be wiser if I would saw some wood. She says I ought to feed the cattle and dig spuds with a spade, while I am planning siege and battle, retreat and ambush. 'Tis ever thus with wives, my masters, great things they do not heed; they care no hoot for war's disasters, if there are cows to feed. To plan great wars I'm amply able, and wish to, but wife begs that I will crawl beneath the stable and gather all the eggs. Oh, there are times when I'm disgusted because I have no chance to point out all the punk, dingbusted boneheads they've pulled in France. I know just why the war goes slowly, and I could tell them how to put an end to strife unholy, and break the Germans now. But when I start my explanation, my wife gets on my trail, and drags me from my congregation, to pack a water pail. She doesn't care to hear of trenches, or of the German slump; she says I ought to take some wrenches and fix the kitchen pump. She doesn't care about the navy that sails the dark blue sea; she says I'll have to stir the gravy while she is brewing tea. And thus the patriot's rewarded, who loves the rag to chew; there's always something punk and sordid that he is billed to do.

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At this critical period in our history our manufacturers are offering their mills, and our young men are offering their services to the United States Government.

Would you like to do your share and help by putting your money where it will support the new Federal Reserve Banking System, which the Government has established to stand back of our commerce, industry and agriculture?

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