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The Evening Observer is the only paper in Union and Willowa counties receiving a telegraphic service. Owing to La Grande's favorable location, The Observer is able to furnish the great majority of its subscribers with the latest telegraphic and radio "flashes" of the great news stories twelve hours ahead of outside papers.

Practically all of the great news stories during 1917 have "broken" so that the afternoon papers served by the United Press—the great news gathering agency—have been first in the field with the news, and The Observer has had news on the street fourteen hours before La Grande residents could receive the Portland afternoon papers.

The Observer being a local paper also furnishes its patrons with the local news of the community, which outside papers do not furnish.

Equipped as it now is with a fast, modern web press, a rapidly increasing number of live local correspondents and the United Press telegraphic service, The Observer is now prepared to give its subscribers an up-to-the-minute daily newspaper with a synopsis of all the important news the day it happens.

THRIFT STAMPS

It is pointed out by the Treasury Department that Thrift Stamps are not made redeemable in cash for the reason that these stamps are simply intended as a convenient method for the small savers to accumulate enough to purchase War Savings Stamps, which bear interest and are redeemable in cash.

In addition, to provide for redemption for these Thrift Stamps would involve such an amount of detailed accounting and labor and expense as to impair the practicality of their use. In fact, they would be more trouble and expense to the government possibly than they are worth.

Golden days in Eastern Oregon. An old saying is that the first days of the New Year will rule the rest of the year. Since the New Year smiles on Eastern Oregon, no doubt the year will bring much prosperity and happiness.

La Grande is honored by the election of City Superintendent of Schools Hampton to the vice-presidency of the State Teachers' Association.

RIPPLING RHYMES
By Walt Mason

Knitting Women

I always liked to talk with girls, both married and unwed, for they were quick to note the pearls of wisdom that I shed. And if I told an anecdote, full of amusing chaff, there'd come from every female throat the gladdest sort of laugh. Anon I'd read a sonnet fine that I had lately writ, and women liked this stunt of mine so well they'd throw a fit. But now I tell my yarns in vain, in vain recite my poems; the girls have knitting on the brain, in all our native homes. They're knitting, knitting, all the day, and when I spring my spiel, I hear some busy woman say, "This sock is mostly heel." To entertain the knitting dames, I quote an epic rich; and, interrupting, one exclaims, "Gee whizz! I've dropped a stitch!" I tell of springs of ancient lore, from which I've often drunk, and says the woman by the door, "This yarn's extremely punk." The idle things of idle times have gone their divers ways; who cares a hoot for quips or rhymes, in these fierce wartime days? In vain the tall stuffed prophet stands, with skill to charm the birds; the girls have knitting in their hands, and have no time for words.



JOSIE SEDGWICK AND ROY STEWART IN TRIANGLE PLAY "ONE SHOT ROSS."
STAR, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

COAL GAS FOR AUTOS

May Be Used as a Substitute for Gasoline.

Idea Originated Abroad Where It Has Been Used With Complete Success.

Washington.—Officials here are greatly interested in a new plan for conserving gasoline by substituting coal gas for propelling automobiles and other engines requiring gasoline. The idea originated abroad, where such conservation is vital. Details of the formula for the substitution have been sent to this country and the idea promises a speedy development. Besides, the high cost of gasoline, many factors make a substitute desirable.

So successful has the substitute proved in England, for example, that charging stations may be found about every five miles in some parts of the country. In view of this success much attention is now being devoted to the development of the plan here and abroad.

About 250 cubic feet of coal gas is required to equal a gallon of gasoline. For this reason suitable containers have not been found. The best arrangement now consists of a gas bag made of balloon fabric, fastened to a light wooden rack on top of the car. From this a supply pipe runs down the side of the wind shield on the carburetor side of the engine and discharges the gas either directly into the carburetor or into the intake near the airfilter. A check valve obviates

the danger of a backfire, and a cut-off enables the driver to use gasoline while carrying gas, or vice versa. In the same pipe is a connection for the gas supply main to be used when the gas bag is filled. The operation requires about ten minutes.

A difficulty, however, is that an engine propelled by coal gas develops only 80 per cent of the power that is obtained from gasoline. It is necessary, to drive at a high speed to get the best results. One remedy, however, is the mixing in of a regulated supply of acetylene gas, which supplies the necessary kick.

COLOR CURES SHELL SHOCK

Famous British Expert Believes Vibrations Will Restore Ailing Soldiers.

London.—A novel experiment of treating soldiers suffering from shell shock and overwrought nerves by color vibrations is being made in McCaul's hospital. The test is the idea of H. Kemp Prosser, a famous color expert.

"Shell shock is a disease of the tissues of the brain," he said. "The correct vibrations of color will build them up. I plan to do away with the sense of confinement which affects the nerves by introducing the color vibrations of out-of-doors. I paint the ceiling the color of the sky, the walls lemon-yellow, the color of sunlight, and use a few touches of green, the color of bursting buds.

"As the patient becomes stronger I'll introduce stronger vibrations, such as violet and orange."

It pays to advertise.

Tunic Dress With Overbodice



An overbodice and a tunic joined together, distinguish the smart and snappy dress of wool fabric which is pictured here. Both are decided successes in this season's styles.

The tunic is worn over a narrow, straight-hanging undershirt and the sleeves have sleeves attached made of the same cloth as the dress or of satin. Quite often the undershirt is of satin also. These two items of information will prove useful to those thrifty and patriotic women who are conserving our wool supply by making over a last year's suit or dress into a this year's model. It can be done very successfully when a shortage of material is helped out with satin sleeves or satin undershirt.

The dress pictured is excellent for business or general wear. Machine stitching in rows, buttons and buttonholes give it a tailored finish. The tunic opens at the left side, with one edge finished with buttonholes and the other with buttons, manifestly made for each other. But they are destined never to be united, for a mere slip of a braided hand staple between them. Braiding in the same design appears

on the sailor collar that finishes the neck.

The undershirt is joined to the underwaist (which need not be made of wool or satin, but of a lining material). The overbodice is well managed with its fastening of buttons and buttonholes at one side and sleeve finished with three tucks above the wrist. Each of them makes place for a bone button, forming a row of three. These rather large, plain, bone buttons are lined up with military precision in straight and in curved lines on tunic and bodice, making what appears to be a simple trimming, but it takes an expert to place them so exactly.

A dress of this kind, worn with a fur neckpiece, is warm enough for street wear on autumn days and as appropriate as a tailored suit. In winter it is worn under a long, enveloping coat with souffler collar, and together they can defy the thermometer to go as far as it likes in a downward direction.

Julia Bottomley

CLEAN SWEEP SALE

Bargains in broken lines of seasonable merchandise throughout every department. Savings worth while on everyday needs.

Entire line Men's Shoes reduced 20 per Cent

Entire line Ladies' Shoes reduced 10 per Cent (Except Utz & Dunn)

Broken line footwear 98¢, \$1.48, \$1.98, \$2.48

Entire line Silk Dresses at Clean Sweep Prices

Ladies' Dress Skirts and Silk Petticoats, broken line. Your choice for \$1.98

Broken lot Fancy White Aprons. Choice 13¢

Broken line Ladies' Underwear, reduced 20 per Cent

Bargains in Stamped Embroidery Packages

One lot Plush Coats, regular \$15.00 to \$25.00. Choice ... \$9.90

Men's and Young Men's Overcoats \$7.50, \$10, \$12.50, \$15

Broken line Men's \$2.50 value Wool Drawers. Choice ... 98¢

One lot Men's Wool Ribbed and Cotton Ribbed Union Suits, reduced 20 per Cent

One lot Men's Soft Collar Shirts, \$2.50 values, for \$1.50

One lot Men's \$1.50 value Dress Shirts. Choice 75¢

One lot Boys' Fleece Lined Shirts and Drawers. Choice 25¢

Many other unadvertised lots of broken lines at equally deep reductions.

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KISSES BRING RECRUITS



Miss Marie Antoinette Elliott, a pretty New York society girl, in a speech at a navy recruiting rally in New York, offered to kiss the first young man to enlist. Twenty-five young patriots in the audience made a rush for the platform. As they all arrived at the same moment, it was impossible to decide which was the first. Miss Elliott wishing to be strictly impartial, kissed each and every one of them.

REFRESHMENTS NEXT TO GO

Food and Drink at Social or Business Gatherings Declared to Be in Opposition to Conservation.

Food conservation is being religiously preached, and we are being taught that it is a sin to waste even a cabbage leaf. This is all well and good, but nobody seems yet to have organized a systematic attempt to effect a tremendous saving in food by the simple expedient of abolishing the custom or fashion of "serving refreshments" on any and every occasion, in season and out of season, says the Woman's Home Companion. Whenever a handful of people get together, either for business or pleasure, refreshments have to be trotted out and passed around. In most cases, the consumption of food and drink on these occasions is superfluous and a waste, pure and simple. Nobody needs the refreshments—all too often the persons indulging in them are full to repletion already.

Every patriotic woman interested in food conservation and thrift should consider this matter and appoint herself a committee of one to make this overdone, wicked and unnecessary practice unfeasible. Why not make it a matter of social ethics to eat only three meals a day during the war, and make it unfeasible or a breach of etiquette to waste food by serving refreshments at purely social functions? Entertaining friends at regular and established meals is not, of course, meant to be abolished, but merely superfluous, unnecessary and senseless eating and drinking, just for the sake of indulgence.

JUMPER SKIRT IS POPULAR

Requires Blouse of Lord Faunteroy Type of Which Exaggerated Collars and Cuffs Are Features.

If one is interested in the new jumper skirt brought out this year by no less an authority than Douillet, and jumper skirts have always been adored by both women and girls—equally appropriate to women and girls if they are of the proper slender build—then one must have special blouses to be worn with them. These are mostly of the ruffy, little Lord Faunteroy kind. They are so fresh and dainty. But some of the models are entirely new. For instance, there is one which is made without much fullness and is fastened down the side front. It has a wide graduated, half-collared, frill which turns back over the front. Then there is a frill of the same knife-plaited stuff, which surrounds the neck and a frill trimming the wide turned back cuffs. With a velvetton suit having a jumper skirt it would look very attractive.

Exaggerated collars and cuffs are features of all Douillet's blouses. One in made of white wash satin and finished with wide Quaker collars and cuffs, the blouse made "blonde" sleeve style. A long streamer tie of narrow ribbon is worn with it. Another jumper suit has a blouse of flesh georgette with narrow turnover collar and cuffs which are tucked and edged with coarse silk tating in flesh color. This is worn with the jumper skirt, which has a black satin sash starting inside of the jumper V at the front, crossing and tying around the waist at the back. All these blouses are high and round at the neck, none of them having the popular V effect at the front.

SPATS POPULAR FOR WINTER

Gaiters Over Ties and Pumps Were in Pronounced Majority at Horse Show in New York.

Spats are going to be worn again this winter, if indications at the horse show at Madison Square Garden are to be followed, says Women's Wear. Ties and pumps were almost the only types of footwear seen, accompanied in nearly every case by spats.

There were a few laced boots of dark tan with lighter tops, and one young girl wore tan oxford and worsted stockings in a gray leather mixture. Gray, almost bordering on rose taupe, was the keynote of this entire costume, one of the smartest there. The suit was of gray divotry; the skirt plain, the coat knee length and gathered in by a loose belt of the material. The small toque was of the same material, with a short visor effect. There was no trimming on either hat or suit, but a taupe fox scarf was thrown across the shoulders.

NOTES AND NOTIONS

The fashionable suit is rather severely tailored. Hats with flowers are promised for the future. Tassels are popular on millinery. All draperies should fall in perpendicular folds. Tailored shirts favor the masculine shirt bosoms. Bustles or bustle effects are increasing in number. Many of the smartest frocks have Chinese embroidery. Blouses are showing necks elliptical instead of round. Black velvet and white duvetyne are charming together.

COMING EVENTS

Jan. 5—Third officers' training camps open at various cantonments.

AMUSEMENTS.
Arcade Theatre—Motion pictures. Star Theatre—Motion Pictures and Vaudeville.

Soon Over His Cold.
Everyone speaks well of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy after having used it. Mrs. George Lewis, Pittsfield, N. Y., has this to say regarding it: "Last winter my little boy, five years old, was sick with a cold for two or three weeks. I doctored him and used various cough medicines but nothing did him much good until I began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He then improved rapidly and in a few days was over his cold."—Adv.

"PAY ME."
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PAULINE LEDERLE

The Woman That Pays



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