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COMEDIES OF CAMP LEWIS



Sammy on his return from headquarters where he was reprimanded severely, is challenged: "Halt! Who goes there—friend or foe?" "FOE!"

Latest Millinery Offerings for Winter Wear



Dress hats, or, for pretentious, make up the list. A variety of milliners for this season, and already there appear among them shoulder hats and hats for Southern tourists that look as if spring were near instead of far away. Beautiful hats for afternoon wear, where dressy headwear is required as the handsome afternoon dress does duty for evening dress as well as dinner and afternoon wear. The milliner of today is fearful of being outmoded and prefers to be conservative than to run the risk of a fashion which will be out of date before it is worn.

Julie Bottomly

The Drape Skirt

The drape skirt is still seen in the new dresses. This may be one way back to the tight skirt. Other dresses have pieces of plait in their skirts, so they are narrow without being so entirely tight to the tighter models. Still another has slight draperies made of released skirt plait. Tunic tops, despite their slight curves, often present a long slender dress.

NEWS OF LA GRANDE

Cattle Buyer Here—C. E. Rude, a cattle buyer of Pendleton, is in the city on business.

Band Rehearsal—The band rehearsal held at the Rex Hall last night had a good attendance.

O. W. R. & N. Auditor Here—J. F. Grudski, auditor for the O. W. R. & N. is a La Grande business visitor.

North Powder Visitor—C. S. Moore, a prominent business man of North Powder, is a business visitor here.

John A. Moran Here—John A. Moran, formerly of La Grande, now located in Joseph, is spending a few days here.

Registered at the Foley—C. E. Coles, representative for the Ramsey Manufacturing Co., is registered at the Foley.

Returns Home—Mrs. Betty Haran, who has been a guest at the Grande Ronde hospital, returned home yesterday.

To Visit in Elgin—Mrs. Hattie Ferguson was a morning passenger for Elgin where she will be the guest of Mrs. Ed. Johnson.

Return From Cove—Mrs. S. Comstock and brother, Chas. McNeil returned home after a week's visit with their mother at Cove.

Brakenham Murphy Returns—F. P. Murphy has returned to his old position as brakeman for the O. W. R. N. after a six week's vacation.

Returns to Wallowa—Mrs. G. T. McDaniel returned to her home at Wallowa after a week's visit with friends at Union and La Grande.

Visited in Union—Mrs. Allen Ironwood passed through La Grande this morning returning to her home at Wallowa after visiting relatives in Union.

Operated On—Mrs. M. E. Thompson of Allev was operated on yesterday at the Grande Ronde hospital and is doing as well as could be expected at this time.

Body Will Not Be Returned—Dr. M. C. Hall, president of the Red Cross Chapter, received a telegram today from the adjutant general stating that the War Department was unable to return the body of Bert Andrews to this country for burial. This was the answer of General Pershing. It was stated, however, that after the war efforts would be made to return his body here.

No Fuel Shortage—Coal and wood dealers report that there is no danger of a coal or wood shortage. Fuel Commissioner Fred J. Holmes stated in an Observer reporter that "La Grande gets its coal from Utah and produces more coal than ever before, and the La Grande dealers are starting early at the present time and all the dealers in wood and coal had also an ample wood supply for all needs."

Calls On Druggists—E. Friend, representing the H. K. Melford Co., is in town today calling on his drug trade.

Social is Enjoyed—The Spiritualist social which was held at the Harris Hall last night was enjoyed by a large attendance. A short program was given followed by dancing and light refreshments. The music was furnished by the Thomas orchestra.

To Visit in Portland—Mrs. J. E. Clark and Mrs. F. Ables left last night on No. 5 for a week's visit in Portland.

Return From Los Angeles—Mrs. W. R. Jack and two sons returned home after a six week's visit with Mrs. Jack's sister in Los Angeles.

Leaves for Santa Barbara—Mrs. W. H. Lyons leaves tonight for her home in Santa Barbara, Calif., after spending several months here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Van Fleet.

Mrs. Van Trees Injured—Mrs. W. B. Van Trees of Lower Cove is at the Grande Ronde hospital suffering from a fracture of the left leg. While getting out of a back Mrs. Van Trees stepped on a round stone which caused all the trouble.

Fred Gunderson Here—Fred Gunderson, the well known wrestler from Palmer Junction, is transacting business here. Mr. Gunderson has taken a logging contract with the Palmer Lumber Co.

Harrisburg farmers to build and operate co-operative flour mill. Albany—Fruitgrowers Association to build barrel canery.

Are Your Sewers Clogged? The bowels are the sewerage system of the body. You can well imagine the result when they are stopped up as in the case of constipation. As a purgative you will find Chamberlain's Tablets excellent. They are mild and gentle in their action. They also improve the digestion.

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Our regular (lower than elsewhere) prices reduced in every department for this Annual Clearance Sale.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S ADDRESS

President Wilson rises to soaring heights in his address to the people of the world and especially to the Russian people. Can they be so obtuse as not to see on which side Liberty is fighting? Mr. Wilson has the vision of a statesman, he looks far ahead, seeing justice enthroned all over the world. He sees a vision of free peoples living in peace and happiness, he sees the slaves working in the colonies of the European nations freed, he sees the ancient wrongs of France righted, the unfortunate nations under the Turkish rule liberated, he sees commerce flowing freely on the seas and the barriers of the Dardanelles opened. There must be some object in fighting wars; merely the lives of a few hundred citizens lost on ships would not be sufficient cause to throw a nation into war. The nation has dedicated itself to a battle for the liberties of all the peoples of the world. It is a war for justice.

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE



A PRAYER

What a strange jumble of prejudice we all are, how we love our little likes and dislikes, how we cherish our grudges, vent our spleen. Perhaps some day God in His mercy will make us bigger and better and nobler, with love for our neighbor, with malice toward none and charity toward all. May He speed the day.

The deceitful tongue is the best ally the Kaiser has.

RIPPLING RHYMES

By Walt Mason

The Bank Account

Oh, happy day when I began to put my doubloons down in brine! While you with fear the future scan, a soul serene and calm is mine. Long was I slammed around by fate, the dregs of sorrow oft I drank, before I got my head on straight and put some guilders in the bank. I used to blow my money in as fast or faster than I was earned, and one could fill a good large bin with iron dollars that I burned. I blew in every kind of pelf, the mark, the kopeck and the franc, before I tumbled to myself and put my dollars in the bank. And then I always lived on prunes, was up against three ragged edges, until, to salt down my doubloons, I made a large brass-mounted pledge. Since then on rosy paths I tread, and merrily I whoop and yell; I do not fret, I do not dread the dreary old H. C. of L. I buy air car new rubber tires, and pour rich gas into its tank; he has all things that he desires, who puts his rupees in the bank.

Patriotism and Business

Every good citizen at this time should do his share toward strengthening the Federal Reserve Banking System which our Government has created with its billion dollars of resources to stand back of its member banks and all their depositors.

You can contribute directly to the strength of this system, and at the same time secure its protection by depositing your money with us, since part of every dollar you deposit with us goes directly into the new system, where it is always ready for you when wanted.

This is a suggestion for prompt action.

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