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LICENSE THEM, BY ALL MEANS

The city commission will have the support of all good people in the licensing of rooming houses. Not that most of the rooming houses in La Grande are not properly conducted and entitled to the respect of all, but the one that is badly managed is the fly in the ointment and condemns the many. Therefore, it is a step in the right direction for the license to be put on the business and the commission might go a step further and put a good strong license on noodle restaurants.

The time has gone by for the rough stuff and everyone had as well make up his mind to the fact. There is no paternalism in throwing out a protecting arm of the law to keep boys out of rooming houses of ill repute, neither is there any rank paternalism to cause alarm in establishing a code of morals for the China restaurant.

FIRST HAND INFORMATION

Secretary of War Baker has adopted the right tactics for acquiring direct information as to the condition of the war machine by going to the field of action in person; in visiting the training camps, the hospitals and going right square up to the battle front. The wide differences between theory and practice has been exploited since mankind first grasped the idea of efficiency in organized effort.

Pictures of a hammer and a library of treaties on the methods of its use, would not, without actual practice, enable the novice in mechanics to drive a tack.

The war is being fought on entirely different methods than any conflict of the kind heretofore known. The implements, the plans of attack and defense have all undergone a great change. The secretary himself says in effect that the only way to grasp the stupendous proportions of America's part in the war is to see it. He has seen the work accomplished in the construction of docks and warehouses, the building of over 200 miles of railway, all accomplished within a few days; the assembling of nearly a thousand locomotives and other such work done that rivals in magnitude the world's greatest achievements, none of which can be adequately told. But we can readily believe that the work done by the Americans in France has squashed the fallacy of the dubious "can't be done" opinions held before the Yankees tackled the job. The war official's contact with the men on the field will be of great mutual benefit. Their organization, their treatment and welfare and above all their splendid efficiency are things which Secretary

Baker will know by contact and not by hearsay. His visit may also strengthen the "morale" of some of the invincible fighter at home who will never get into the ranks. A little bit of that is needed.

It seems that Irvine L. Lenroot won the Republican primary nomination for Senator from Wisconsin. The significance of this victory is that his opponent was the favorite of Senator La Follette, while Lenroot was known as the "Loyalty" candidate. It is an endorsement of Uncle Sam's part in the war and a repudiation of the pacifist—or a member of the senate who is even worse than that.

March 22 is known as the "vernal equinox," and is the time when the hours of light and shade are equal. It is a significant date this year as it marks the time when Old Sol and Fred Holmes, state fuel administrator, "come across the line together." The former to supply an increase of heat and light and the latter with a notice removing the restrictions on the early firing of furnaces. That's team work which will be appreciated by all.

As well as the deep grief inflicted to the immediate circle of his relatives and friends, there will also be deep grief throughout the county over the death of Henry K. Larsen, the volunteer who died in France last Sunday. It is enough to elicit sympathy and grief to know that he died after having enlisted to do his part for his country; that he did it without hesitation; that he surrendered all that he could give in the cause and that his sacrifice is all that the highest and the lowest could possibly make on the altar of freedom and democracy.

FRIENDLY CHAT

About Men, Events and Things in General that Affect the Welfare of Oregon and Oregonians.

By Bruce Dennis.
 The legislative candidates in Oregon are admittedly few and far between, and yet every citizen insists the next session of the Oregon legislature will be confronted with the gravest problems in the state's history.

"Billy" Vinton of McMinnville would like to be president of the senate and Billy has a lot of friends. Herbert Gordon seeks speaker of the house, but at present the house members who have announced themselves are not many and some of them are unknown, while others have been tried, and it is doubtful if they will be returned. Viewing the legislative situation from every angle it is apparent something must be done to get some able men running in the different counties or else the state will find itself up against big problems to be handled by a legislature that may need considerable help.

Aside from the contest for governor, which has so many starters, the race for United States senator is attracting attention. R. N. Stanfield of Pendleton, S. B. Huston of Portland and Charles McNary, senator by appointment, are the aspirants. It is generally admitted that the contest is between Stanfield and McNary.

Charles McNary was appointed by Governor Withycombe when death claimed Harry Lane, but the appointment never was entirely satisfied.

factory to members of the Republican party. The governor apparently proceeded upon his own motion without consulting anyone and as a result he is confronted with the statement now of having appointed a Salem Republic- Democrat—a man who is found with Democrats more often than he is with Republicans. He was chairman of the Republican state central committee, which may have given Withycombe the idea of appointing him. But it is argued by many that the chairmanship was acquired by some of Ralph Williams' smooth political work, and therefore does not reflect the wishes of the rank and file of the party.

Certain it is that McNary is a disciple of ex-Governor West for the close political affiliation that arose when West appointed McNary to the supreme bench has never been dissolved, indicating that Governor Withycombe appointed a man to the highest office of his gift from the very ranks of his opposition.

It is also claimed that it is perfectly proper to contest McNary's seat for the reason that he is a senator by Withycombe's appointment and not the choice of the people. McNary has never been much in getting the people to elect him in the past for it will be remembered he sought election to the supreme bench after his appointment by West and he was defeated at the polls.

So, the senatorial scrap proceeds. Up to the present time no bombs of any size have been exploded, although a lot of "Salem" stuff is being circulated by word of mouth and typewritten unsigned statements by men who possess little courage and are evidently of little moment. Stanfield is being attacked by the usual Salem ring method on the charge of holding wool, when as a matter of record Senator Chamberlain has the message from Stanfield and other Oregon woolmen through the Portland wool warehouse at the time the war opened, offering the government all the old clip and this year's clip to do as the government saw fit with it.

It is too early yet to figure final results, but the Stanfield followers assert without apparent fear of contradiction that it is all over but the shouting.

Judge Henry McGinn could not be quiet if he were chloroformed. And, somehow, no one wants the judge to enter a quiet state unless perhaps it be some of those whom he chooses to disagree with.

He held a meeting in Portland a few nights ago for the purpose of attacking the street car company on the six cent fare when he was confronted by what is attempting to be the Republican organization of Portland. Not the real Republicans but a few who steam-rolled themselves into the county central committee and then set to work to build a Tammany machine. It happened that some of these shining political lights attended the meeting to protest against Judge McGinn's assertions. What was the result? Well, they were permitted to leave the hall without personal injury but aside from that they were treated with about as little respect as they apparently deserved.

Until Multnomah county can rid itself of such self-appointed leaders in Republican ranks the state will continue to have little confidence in organization.

Wallowa Gives Aid to Belgians

WALLOWA, March 21.—(Special.)—Mrs. Fox and children returned home Tuesday after a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. Roy Haun of Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Purdin returned home Sunday from Yakima, Wash., where they have been for several weeks.

Joe Camper of Promise was in town Tuesday. He walked the twenty-five miles.

Melvin Bue, one of the high school boys, who enlisted last spring

is back on a ten days' furlough from Camp Lewis.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Thomas, March 19, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Johnson's baby girl, Fern, died at her home in Lower Valley Sunday morning, March 17. The little one was laid to rest Monday morning in the Lower Valley cemetery. The parents have the sympathy of the entire community.

A meeting of the Presbyterian Ladies' Aid was held at the home of Mrs. John Pace Tuesday afternoon, for the purpose of electing new officers, which were as follows:

President: Mrs. Miller.
 Vice President: Mrs. Wallace Purdin.

Secretary Mrs. Leo Reed.
 Treasurer: Mrs. U. R. Wilson.

The Masons and the Odd Fellows who recently purchased some pool and billiard tables have them installed in their respective club rooms and ready for use.

Mrs. F. T. Baker, head of the knitting department of the local Red Cross reports that she has sent forty eight sweaters to headquarters during the month of March.

Mr. Sevier is in town in the interest of the Enterprise Electric Company.

Mrs. Jennie Kemp, state field agent of the United States food administration made an official visit to Wallowa Wednesday, March 20. She spoke to the pupils of the high school building at 1 p.m., to the pupils of the White school house at 2 p.m., and at 3 o'clock she spoke to the ladies of the town at the Red Cross Rooms. In the evening, after two musical numbers, Mrs. Kemp spoke to the general public impressing upon the people the need of patriotism, of which food conservation is one of the most important forms. Mrs. Kemp is a very pleasing speaker and was enjoyed by all. Even the children, to whom she spoke in the afternoon came out in the evening to hear her the second time.

Mrs. Fred Ravenscroft, chairman of the Belgian relief committee, reports that they are getting excellent results in obtaining clothing. The allotment for Wallowa is one third of a ton and is to be sent to headquarters at La Grande, Tuesday, March 26. From all appearances Wallowa will again go "over the top."

LID LIFTED ON HENS.

Non-Layers May Be Sent To Market Now.

CORVALLIS, Ore., March 22.—When is a hen that lays an egg not an egg-layer?

The lid on selling hens in Oregon prior to May 1 has been lifted a little, and non-layers may be sent to market now, providing a certificate to that effect is sent along with them, properly dated and signed by the growers.

But suppose one of those old biddies that averages about an egg a week happens to choose the market day for the event, and the dealer finds an egg or more in the coop of non-layers?

"That doesn't make her a layer," explains U. L. Upson, Federal and O. A. C. poultry extension man for Oregon. "If a hen lays so seldom as to be wholly unprofitable, she is a non-layer in the legal sense of the term, even though she does drop an egg once in a while."

Mr. Upson made a representation to the Oregon Food Administrator of the hardship the rule is working in many parts of Oregon. Mr. Ayers took the matter up with the Federal Department at Washington, and has received a wire modifying the order. It was also explained that in all probability the ban will be lifted altogether April 1, a full month ahead of time set in the general order.

U. L. Upson, Federal and O. A. C. extension poultryman, has been notified that non-laying hens may be marketed now at any time, if

Farmers when in La Grande should see the Portable grain bin at Child's Auto Livery. Leave name and solicitor will call later in the season. 3-6-1f.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a Favorite for Colds
 J. L. Easley, Mason, Ill., in speaking of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy says: "During the past fifteen years it has been my sister's favorite medicine for colds on the lungs. I myself have taken it a number of times when suffering with a cold and it always relieved me promptly."—Adv.

a certificate to that effect accompanies them to market. It is thought that the ban will be lifted April 1 instead of May 1, as formerly announced.

NEW BANKING FEATURE.

Institution At North Portland Has Farm Department.

The prospectus of the Live Stock State Bank at North Portland announces:

The Live Stock State Bank is the first institution in the Pacific Northwest to organize an agricultural department. Banking and farming are inseparable. One cannot excel without the other. The Live Stock Bank is organized strictly along live stock lines. It is an agricultural institution which supports, finances and aids the live-stock man. It offers him through our correspondent banks this new department in the following lines of service:

1. Encouragement of livestock production; organization of pig clubs, calf clubs, sheep clubs, etc.
2. Encouragement of use of pure bred bulls, registered stock.
3. Assistance in marketing problems.
4. Assistance and advice on care, general management, disease control.
5. Growing more profitable feeds, advice on feeding problems, balancing rations, etc.
6. Conduct free bureau of exchange, where buyer and seller are put together on livestock, hay, etc.
7. Conduct bureau of publicity and general information on farm problems.
8. Assistance in conducting an advertising campaign of an agricultural to develop the country, establish friendship and build business.

WHEN YOU DECORATE YOUR HOUSE.

The March Farm and Fireside says:
 "When you plan to redecorate your house this spring, remember that a change in the color and materials used for the hangings at the doors and windows, without further alterations in the room, will give an entirely different effect. Inexpensive materials, when used properly, are just as effective as the heavier and more expensive ones.

"The size and shape of a door or window, as well as the room in which it is found, are the first things to be considered in selecting new materials. The purposes of doors and windows—to admit light and air—must not be destroyed by their decorations. For this reason, thin and transparent materials are most frequently used as a background, and heavier materials as draperies at the side.

"Large double windows or group effects should be treated as a whole and it is often possible to treat a group of high windows in this manner. Extra long windows require fore thought in their draping than those of average length, but are often more effective. Shades at a window are a necessity, and should be uniform throughout a house. It is better to have the inside of the shade white or light cream."

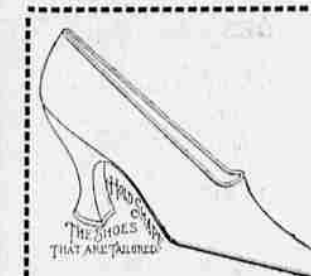
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And the quality is there, too. The material is all that you could desire, and the tailoring exquisite.

Just visit our ready-to-wear department and examine these beautiful productions—the very finest in the ready-to-wear field.



Your new spring outfit calls for pumps or Oxfords. We have a very pretty line of both. Patent and kid pumps. Black kid and brown Oxfords. Grey and champagne spats. \$2.00 a pair.

Oxfords, \$6.50 -- Pumps, \$3.50 Up

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 THE QUALITY STORE
 All Colors Yarn 30c to \$1 Skein

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Seeds from the East—Seeds from the Middle West, and Seeds from California. We have the best obtainable, and from these seeds you can grow vegetables of quality, size and flavor.

New today—Barley Flour in Bulk
 Moving very lively—\$1 Boxes Toilet Soap, regular \$1.25.

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For Salad Oil—use Mazola—pints cost 35c. Liberty Bread makes very fine Toast.

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FRESH EGGS, 35c DOZEN

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