

# Lovely New Spring Dresses

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almost the entire picture was made there. Famous Japanese Actor in Story of International Affairs. The cast which has been chosen for Sesame Hayakawa's newest Paramount picture, "The Secret Game," is an exceptionally notable one including Jack Holt, Florence Vidor, Mayme Kelso, Charles Ogle and Raymond Hatton. The latter who has made several notable hits, once with Mary Pickford in "The Little American" and once with Georgette Farrar in "The Women God Forgot," takes the difficult role of a spy disguised as a woman. "The Secret Game" is one of the most up-to-date photoplays of the year and deals with the Japanese-American situation in a new and unexpected manner, showing the two great countries to be, the strongest of allies and friends. The photoplay will appear at the Arcade theatre commencing on Monday.

### BENEFIT DANCE HAS BIG FEATURES

If a worthy cause, elaborate preparation and a suitable time of the social season spell anything for success, then the Red Cross benefit dance at Rex hall next Monday evening will be a tremendously fine event. Spurred on with the fact that the chapter funds are run down and that without money the important war relief work carried on by the Red Cross will suffer, committees in charge see the necessity of strenuous efforts to interest the public in this matter.

Refreshments will be served and a liberal patron list of the foremost Red Cross workers will be features of the evening. Provisions for suitable decorations have been made.

### WOMAN ANSWERS TO DUTY'S CALL

Taking Active Part in Various Lines of War Work.

### HER SUCCESS IS REMARKABLE

She Has Invaded the Shop, Elevator, Street Car, Taxicab Field and Dozens of Other Places Formerly Listed as "Man's Domain"—Experts Say Women Are More Painstaking and More Conscientious Than Men.

American women have responded to the call of emergency war work with such vigor and success as to leave no room for criticism or contempt.

Women have invaded the shop, elevator, street car, taxicab field, and dozens of other places formerly listed as "man's domain." With very little exception, success has crowned their efforts.

Especially is this true in the munitions plants of this and foreign countries. There their success has been remarkable. In a day of five and one-half hours woman has turned out two-thirds as much work as man has been able to turn out in a day of eleven hours.

Experts say that women are more painstaking; that they give more attention to detail and that they are more conscientious than their male coworkers.

Met With Drawbacks. But in taking up man's work they have not escaped their drawbacks, their criticisms, their embarrassments. The world was prone to stand to one side and, with pessimistic attitude, watch their success or failure.

In Europe, where the women first proved their mettle, they entered their various trades and channels of labor under less embarrassing circumstances than the women of America.

There the man power—the male workers on whom the government was of necessity forced to depend—was so quickly exhausted that there was but the one solution, namely, the women must do the work.

Their success is now most interesting history. The foreign papers and even the cables have carried countless stories of the glowing successes attending the work of women.

They have entered the fields, tilling the soil and reaping bountiful harvest by labor which racked their brains and bodies. Torn and bleeding hands handled the unwieldy farming implements, but women stuck to their tasks and the countries prospered despite the absence of man power.

In this country, as was to be expected, the women moved more slowly toward their inevitable tasks. They busied themselves with the easier tasks of knitting, the making of bandages and other hospital supplies and the collection of money for war funds.

### Active in All Lines.

The American woman took her first determined step when she interested herself in the first issue of Liberty loan bonds. In groups and individually they argued with those able to invest in war bonds, and the country knows how splendidly they succeeded.

Then followed the Red Cross society campaign for a fund of \$100,000,000. Women again saw their duty and performed it. They were instrumental in obtaining subscriptions totalling far into the tens of thousands. They continued their good work in the second Liberty loan issue and were not idle in the interim.

Many prepared themselves for actual service in the European war hospitals. Many remained at home to take the places of those who went "over there." Others knit sweaters and caps for the boys in the trenches, while others persistently continued their quests for more war funds.

### WHITE IS FAVORED FOR EASTER.



This delightful spring coat of oyster white raw silk is unusually long. Its greatest charm is its rich embroidery of conventional flowers in pastel blues, pinks, yellows, and green. The hat is of the white silk, crowned with blue crepe and wreathed with small white roses.

### RIVER LOG DRIVE IS UNDER WAY

HILGARD, March 29.—(Special)—Hilgard could Hooverize on woodchicks. Masie Newton went to Baker last Saturday for a short visit.

Our new section foreman being a single man, Agent McDonald is now occupying the foreman's house.

The Grande Ronde Lumber company's annual log drive is now on up the Grande Ronde river. Flood water is not so plentiful this season as it usually is.

Recent rains have cut up the river road, which was in very good condition.

Ruth Connor spent the week end at the Fred Taal ranch.

H. Nelson and family motored up from Perry Sunday.

Mrs. Cramer, Mrs. Earl Rochester and Miss Lena Gerber were up from La Grande Wednesday visiting Mrs. Fred Taal.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Lewis were in La Grande Monday.

A mad coyote made his appearance at the Fred Taal ranch, seven miles up the river Thursday and was snapping at things in the yard when Mr. Taal succeeded in killing the animal.

William Condit was down to attend the Liberty Loan meeting Thursday.

John Scott, while unloading a car of hay Thursday, fell from the top of the load to the ground and although knocked almost unconscious and feeling sore as a result of the fall, no serious injury was sustained.

Thursday evening a Liberty Loan meeting was held in Hilgard and the following short program was carried out:

Piano solo, "Star-Spangled Banner," Mrs. Mabel Scott.

Vocal trio, "What Kind of an American Are You?" by Winifred Scott, Ray Young and Donna Scott.

Talk on Food Conservation, Tom Serogin.

Talk on Thrift Stamps, Fred J. Holmes.

Talk on Liberty Bonds, Messrs. Hill, Larsson and Pierce.

A recitation on bonds was rendered by Donna Scott. The poem was of local origin. Mrs. Mabel Scott being the author.

Mrs. Frank Sanford and children were visitors in La Grande Thursday.

Arnold Gerber was in Hilgard Thursday.

### Uncalled for Letters.

List of letters remaining uncalled for the week ending March 29, 1918:

Gentlemen—Anderson, Merle; Birr, Frank; Baker, J. E.; Bauman, E. V.; Baker, J. E.; Beagret, R. L.; Frasier, R. F.; Hamilton, O. H.; Herbert, Anna (3); Head, James E.; Keapagos, Tom; Lapham, Stanton; McPherson, Dan; Nelson, Alex.

Ladies—Brown, Grace; Barnes, Miss Mabel; Brown, Miss May; Jameson, Mrs. Mary; McDonald, Mrs. Elsie; Warden, Mrs. Bertha; Woods, Mrs. C. M. (2).

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office on April 12, 1918. If not delivered before, in enquiring for the above please say advertised giving date of list.

E. E. BRAGG, P. M.

### 33,000 SHOTS A MINUTE IS WHAT INVENTORS CLAIM FOR NEW GUN

Thirty-three thousand shots a minute! That's what the inventors claim for this—the newest thing in machine guns. It looks more like a cream separator or a sausage grinder than like the popular idea of a gun. It has no barrel but the shells are hurled out by a disk which revolves at tremendous speed. This disk is enclosed in the flat circular case at the top of the machine and in the front may be seen the slot



through which the bullets are fired. The new weapon is the invention of two Boston men, Levi W. Lombard and Earle Orvington. The photograph shows E. L. Jones operating the gun. It can be operated by motor gasoline, steam or hand.



### "In Melody Land"

The following is the cast arranged for the Red Cross benefit by Auxiliary A at the High School auditorium on the evening of April 5th, viz:

- "MELODYLAND," aided by Voice and Feet.
  - Solo: Mary Newlin.
  - Chorus: Enid Stanchfield, Wilma Oesterling, Ethel Wright, Leona Newlin, Helen Currey, Margaret Corbett.
- "A PENNY SAVED."
  - (Time of this Extravaganza is 1940.)
  - Cast of characters: Mr. Haughtonvery (a multimillionaire) Helen Johns; Mrs. Haughtonvery (his wife) Dove McGee; Leila (his daughter) Ethel Wright; Maid Dorothy Wright.
- SOLO DANCE.
  - "Valse Brilliant" Leona Newlin.
- Sartorial Centuries.
  - (i.e.) Hollyhocks, Cocktails and Beans.)
  - Past: Marjorie Silverthorn, Helen Johns, Dudley Tobin and Dorothy Wright.
  - Present: Leona Newlin, Wilma Oesterling, Margaret Corbett, Enid Stanchfield.
  - Future: Ethel Wright, Mary Newlin, Dove McGee, Helen Currey.

Part II.

- "STRANDED, OR THE HUNGRY FIVE."
  - Cast of characters: Manager and Leading Lady Wilma Oesterling; Chorus Girls: Mary Newlin, Dudley Tobin, Margaret Corbett, Enid Stanchfield.
  - The Twins Helen Currey and Dorothy Wright.
- VODE AND VEEL.
  - "In the Twilight."
- Reading Mrs. Lester Murphy.
- Are We Protected?

Give Without Solicitation. Liberty Loan committee have issued an appeal to the public which will, if generally adopted, tremendously reduce the work of these soliciting committees. Fully 4000 people are to be seen in and around La Grande, and the plan suggested should reduce that number by a great deal. Here is the plan: Between April 6, a week from today, and April 11, there will be a period of voluntary subscriptions. In and about La Grande, these subscriptions may be volunteered in Liberty Tent on Adams avenue. Everyone knows just about what he can give even now, and such as do, it is exceedingly important that they make subscription early. Who will be the first to form a Liberty line next Saturday morning? It shouldn't be necessary for the committees to call on each one—step out and volunteer! Some 15 or 20 men—the men who must do most of the soliciting during the campaign—have already worked night after night and day after day getting the myriads of details ready. The committee feels that the public at large should be extremely generous, they having not partaken in the preliminary work—in offering their subscriptions voluntarily. There will be no solicitation the first week. "Put it over on the voluntary basis" is the slogan. Will you help? LIBERTY LOAN COMMITTEE. LOST—Locket and chain, Friday. Finder phone Red 1122. Reward. 3-30-31 pd. Phone your Want Ads to the Observer, Main 37.

### SHERRY'S

MONKEY PERFORMS A METRO PICTURE.

In "Under Suspicion," a Metro picture starring Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne, which is the attraction at the popular Sherry theatre on Sunday and Monday, a monkey plays an important bit in the development of the story.

This monkey, "Peppikin," is the pet of Mrs. Alice Woolworth (played by Eva Gordon), whose valuable jewels are stolen, and which incident of the story much of the action revolves. The monkey pulls a button off the coat of Gerry Simpson (Francis X. Bushman) and seems to thus implicate him in the great robbery.

The monkey proved a very "temperamental" player and Miss Gordon, playing Mrs. Alice Woolworth, had her troubles with him. She and the monkey played in scenes in Alice's boudoir and everything started out well. Then the monkey became obstinate and Miss Gordon, who has lived in Singapore, where she owned monkeys, tried all the tricks at her disposal to pacify

him, but to no avail. Before the desired scenes were secured both Miss Gordon and Director Davis received several scratches and bites.

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also

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