



Hills Department Store--The Store with the Xmas Spirit

In the sincere Christmas Spirit we cordially invite you to visit our store. There are brave men and boys to be remembered--women who have gone out to help--loved ones at home. We must not be sparing in the expression of love and good will of Christmas Time. Let us be glad of the privilege the season gives us and broadly and sensibly spread gladness and good will; each over our own little world.

In our store the Xmas Spirit finds eloquent expression in the

USEFUL GIFTS Hill's Department Store

Shop in the Morning, Please.



BOXING BILL BEING FRAMED

C. D. EMAHISER WORKING FOR STATE SANCTION OF GAME

WANTS SIX-ROUND CONTESTS, UNDER ARMY RULES, AND STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION.

The effort to interest the Eastern Oregon representatives in the state legislature in a bill to be presented next month, which will legalize boxing in the state of Oregon under the supervision of a state athletic commission is being made by C. D. Emahiser, local sport enthusiast. Mr. Emahiser is at present working out the details of the bill, which if passed, will allow six-round glove contests to be staged in this state, all to be conducted under army boxing rules.

It will be provided by the bill that no boxing or sparring exhibitions shall be conducted by any club or organization except under license issued by the proposed state commission and strict provisions are included for the organization of clubs. Memberships will be limited to persons who have resided continuously in the state for at least one year, thereby securing the elimination of the possibility of "fly-by-night" professional promoters staging shows which have no merit and so causing the public to lose confidence and condemn the sport.

The bill will also make necessary the securing of bonds from clubs, and will provide for strict censorship of all contests and for the disposition of receipts from the sale of tickets for admission to contests, providing that a percentage of receipts from all shows go to a fund for the benefit of disabled and crippled soldiers; also that a percentage shall be paid to the state treasurer to be applied to the expense of operating the act.

"Boxing, when properly handled," said Mr. Emahiser, "is a great sport and at the present time very popular. It is taught in many of our universities and colleges and has the sanction of Uncle Sam as a means of training our boys for the service. It is also favored by the Y. M. C. A. throughout the country. If the law makers of our state will look as favorably upon the bill as do the general public and the boys who won the war for us, it should go through without any opposition."

PROGRAM CANCELLED

Rev. W. B. Smith, pastor of the M. E. church, South, announces that on account of the town being closed there will be no Christmas tree and program at the church Tuesday evening as had been arranged. But all members of the Sunday school are invited to come to the church door between 7:30 and 8:30 p. m. on Tuesday and receive their Christmas treat; also the Sunday school literature if they failed to receive the same on Sunday.

Yes, Why Is It?

Said the facetious fellow, "Why is it when a man goes to a butcher shop and learns that the price of a chuck roast is 75 cents a pound he involuntarily allows his mind to revert to thoughts of the flesh and the devil?" Indianapolis Star.

Unreasonable.

Several boys were holding a conference on the street corner. One boy corrected another's mistakes in English until the offender suddenly quarred himself before his critic and complained, "Go ahead what is vacation for if a fellow has to talk proper all the time?"

Butter Wrappers printed at the Observer office.

OREGON OUTLAW TAMED IN TEXAS

CHAMPION OF MANY PENDLETON ROUND-UPS IS FINALLY BEATEN.

Residents of this part of the state, and indeed the people of the west in general, would receive with keen regret any suggestion that the gentle art of bronco riding might soon cease to be practiced by the men of the round-ups. Civilization has progressed rapidly--too rapidly, for many--in the elimination of real, old-fashioned excitement from both work-a-day and holiday life, and the following story from Fort Bliss, Texas, threatens that another step in the same direction will soon be completed.

The Fort Bliss dispatch concerns a character widely known in the west and one which probably has often thrown thrills into many readers of The Observer, as well as throwing sundry others much more difficult than thrills. The story follows: "The days of the professional bronco buster are numbered. This has been demonstrated at the remount station here, and Funeral Wagon, the nationally famous outlaw horse from Pendleton, Oregon, was the dumb medium through which the reformation of horse taming was brought about.

"Funeral Wagon had never been successfully ridden until after he was shipped to the remount station here. At the round-ups in Oregon he was the unbroken outlaw horse. At a frontier celebration in Douglas, Ariz., he was again unconquerable. Then he came to Fort Bliss and fell under the spell of Sergeant Davis' personality. Sergeant Davis 'has a way' with him around horses. He can enter a corral loop a halter over the wildest animal and lead him out. He knows horses as some men know human beings. He believes they have feelings, sensations and the ability to think. He even ventures a guess that a horse has a soul.

"It required a month for him to enter Funeral Wagon's private corral. Another month was consumed in the bestowal of a gentle pat on the big bay's shiny neck. No one else connected with the remount station could enter the corral. Let one of the professional 'busters' approach with his bowed legs in chaps, and the outlaw rears and plunges like a demon. It is Sergeant Davis' theory that the horse has been spurred at some time in his life by a cowboy, and the memory of those pointed spurs lingers in his brain.

"Applying his theory that kindness accomplishes more than a spur, the veteran horse breaker convinced Funeral Wagon that there was a friend of his at court. He has succeeded in teaching the outlaw horse to count his age by making six playful postures with his left front foot.

"He has even reached the point in equine education where he has saddled and ridden him around the corral. This was a red letter day at the remount, for no one had ever thrown a leg over the outlaw's back since he arrived. Even then Sergeant Davis rigged up a contraption of window cord and pulleys, called a Glenshire bridle, which is looped under the upper lip and presses against sensitive nerves when pulled sharply. This was to prevent a wild stampede should Funeral Wagon start back to Oregon overland. But the patient horse (tamer has never been forced to use this bridle and he rides the outlaw daily for a short distance. But he is always careful not to excite him, and he never carries a whip or wear spurs. He has hopes of making a fine riding horse of the outlaw, and his fondest dream is to have the commanding general ride him at review."

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Great Acts Live Long.
A great act does not perish with the life of the man who performed it; it lives and grows into the lives and acts of those who survive him and cherish his memory. General Sir William Robertson.

All Mixed.
Mrs. Mix--There was a time when you mixed what I said, but now it's like water on a duck's back--in at one ear and out at the other. London Answer.

The Observer furnishes and prints Butter Wrappers.

Mrs. Jones's Letter.
In a recent letter Mrs. D. W. Isley of La Grande, Ore., says she has used Chamberlain's Tablets for disorders of the stomach and as a laxative, and have found them a quick and reliable. If you are troubled with indigestion or constipation these tablets will do you good. Adv.

THE PALACE CONFECTIONERY
We just got in a large shipment of Hoefler's chocolates, one, two and three pound boxes. We also have a nice assortment of Christmas candy, 40c and 50c a pound. 12-27-18



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The Rexall Store

NEW TODAY

WANTED--Elderly lady wants work permanently. Call 1307 N avenue. 12-23-18

FOUND--A bunch of keys near post-office. Owner can have same by paying for ad. Call at Observer. 12-23-18

LOST--A pair of baby shoes, black and white. Leave at Observer office. 12-23-18

BALED HAY FOR SALE--Any amount of it at the Farmers' Feed barn, La Grande. Will sell in any quantities. Phone Main 92. 12-23-18

LOST--A stocking by a La Grande lady. Just how it was lost needs no explanation, but the finder can have the other stocking by addressing Tweddle-Dec, care Observer. 12-23-18

Kauri Gum.
The kauri gum district of New Zealand covers an area of approximately 914,000 acres. From kauri gum (named after the kauri pine) is made the high-grade varnishes used for furniture and for automobiles. Since the discovery of the gum by an American sea captain in 1833, New Zealand has produced kauri to the value of \$92,000,000.

OVERCOATS 50 PER CENT OFF
Fine wool overcoats at \$16.50 until Christmas. THE TOGGERY. 12-14-18

LEARNED WHAT EASY JOBS THE MEN HELD

LONDON, Dec. 6. (United Press, By Mail)--Everywhere you go nowadays you find women, growed the "city man" after the girl ticket inspector in the train had insisted on seeing his season ticket. "It's going to be awful bad for them, and as for us men, our lives will never be the same again even though peace is here."

"Yes," piped up his next-door neighbor, "It certainly is getting intolerable. Why, even my lunch on plane, a real old-English chop-house, has been invaded by them; they used not to allow women inside their doors."

The women present smiled. They knew why the men were so fussed. Those women had husbands of their own--husbands who came home demanding huge dinners. "Nothing to eat all day," "Grinding at work in the office since I left the house first thing this morning," etc., etc. That was how it used to be.

The war has sent men to the trenches and their wives out to work in mills and women have peevish the ancient sham.

The "business strain" of the man who has something in the city has proved a real cure for his wife. That little restaurant where he only got "snacks" has shown his wife the reason her dinner, prepared with so much care in "the good old days," was sometimes almost untouched and often criticized.

If the bus conductor of the future returns home "dog tired" and peevish, he will be told by Mrs. Ex-conductor how she, too, had trying days, when she had to work on the bus--keep a house going, and look after the children.

Women have found a lot about their menfolk during these years of war. But if they realize what a comfortable existence those menfolk had before the war they also realize just how much it meant to give it all up and do their bit, and the great majority of women will be con-

ALL YEAR PRESENTS

You gift problems will solve themselves if you visit our furniture department. Its easy to pick for the children but gifts for the older ones require more consideration. We suggest a nice chair, rug, cedar chest or a library lamp. These are presents to make anyone thankful.

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