

New Spring Coats



We have just received the first new spring coats. Rich fabric weaves, plain colors and colors in combination make them the most desired. The assortment gives a very good selection.

New Blouses

Just unpacked a number of new crepe de chine blouses, showing a number of exquisite styles.

Hill's Dept. Store

TRY NUX AND IRON TABLETS FOR YOUR BLOOD

Putman's Drug Store

The *Rexall* Store

Phone Us Your Order

We have a telephone—we have a free delivery service—we cheerfully carry your account—we are here to give you quality and service—at the lowest possible price

Phone Main 75. We know you will become one of our satisfied customers.

WE HAVE FAITH IN THE MERCHANDISE WE SELL AND ARE HERE TO BACK IT UP

City Grocery and Bakery

PHONE MAIN 75

FROM ABROAD IN THE STATE.

A House bill to legalize 16-round boxing matches and placing all boxing bouts under the control of boxing commissions passed the Senate at St. Louis.

Hugo Strickland, champion bushing boxer, died of the 1918 round-off. He succumbed to Spanish influenza recently in California, where with his wife, Mabel Doland Strickland, he was riding for millionaires.

Michael Moore, former resident of Mitchell county, but who has been living in Morrow county, at Lees, for the past few years, says that the winter there has been mild and that the outlook at present is for a good crop in Morrow county.

Order to more frequent men from the strike districts in Washington and Montana passing through Ketchikan, a number of attempted robberies have been reported. The offices of the Ketchikan Police were entered Friday night, but nothing of value was obtained.

While no activity in the department of new apple orchards as

SAVE 300 GIRLS

Blaze at Pittsburg Business College Spectacular One.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 25.—More than 300 girls were rescued by firemen, a score overcome by smoke and a dozen injured in a spectacular fire which late today destroyed the building occupied by Pittsburg college, in the heart of the business district. One girl who fell from the arms of a fireman at a third floor window was probably fatally injured.

Of the 450 students in the school when the fire alarm was sounded, only about 100 girls and 50 boys were able to reach the street in safety before smoke and flames cut off the escape of 300 others. Trapped on the second and third floors, the remaining students were taken from windows or jumped into nets in the street below. The damage was estimated at \$100,000.

SCHOOL WORK CRITICIZED

Nation's Educational System Held More or Less Wrong.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—All branches of educational systems in the United States from kindergartens to colleges were criticized here today by educators who spoke at various meetings held in connection with the convention of the department of superintendence of the National Educational association, now in session.

Dr. Leightner Wittmer of the University of Pennsylvania declared the present method of teaching foreign languages was all wrong because it lacked thoroughness.

BIG FEET CAUSE ARREST

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Feb. 25.—Roy Hostetter's feet were a dead giveaway. His pedal extremities were measured when he applied for a place on the local police force recently. Thirteen by four and one-half inch footprints left in the snow by a burglar were found to tally exactly with the measurements of Hostetter's feet. He was arrested and the police say confessed to the burglary.

PROFESSIONAL FINDERS MAKE \$10 TO \$20 A DAY IN REWARDS

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Professional finders—men and women who make a business of retrieving lost articles of value lost on the streets, in the stores, hotels and other public places and returning them to their owners for reward—form a surprisingly large number of the New Yorkers who are employed in queer occupations to earn a livelihood.

James Doughty, known among his co-workers as "King of the Finders," whose address is wherever he happens to be, is considered the most prosperous of his class. Sometimes his earnings reach as high as \$500 a day, and he calls it a "hard luck week" when he hasn't earned at least \$50. He averages, he says, from \$10 to \$20 a day.

"How do I do it?" asked Doughty, who is just under middle age and fairly well dressed. "Well, I've got a pair of sharp eyes. I hang around in crowds in the theatres and other public places and I just find things. After that I carefully read the lost column ads in the papers and collect what reward is offered. If there is no reward offered, I pawn the stuff."

Doughty says there are quite a number of women "finders" who are quite successful. "They can go where men finders can't," he explained, "and because of this recover many pieces of jewelry which other women lose. Women, I've found, lose things more often than do men. They are more careless. Our greatest pickings come at night when the women attend theatres, and in the morning, when most of them do their shopping. There's very little lost in the afternoon."

DUE FOR TROUBLE

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 25.—The way of the "fake bootlegger" is destined to become harder and harder in this vicinity. James Martin, of color, charged with selling water colored with coffee, and alleging it to be whiskey, at \$12 per quart, was fined \$5 for vagrancy and an extra fine of \$15 for his get-rich-quick scheme under the charge of selling without a license. Numerous cases have been reported at "henry" whiskey being sold at from \$19 to \$12 per quart.

SHE SELLS DYNAMITE

METHUEN, Mass., Feb. 25.—Mrs. Sarah J. Seymour, only woman dynamite sales agent in the east, sells the explosive in her backyard as a sideline with her household duties. She usually keeps about 200 pounds of dynamite in a little outbuilding near her piazza. Most of her customers are farmers who use the dynamite to blast rocks and stumps in their fields.

"Afraid" scoffed Mrs. Seymour. "Afraid nothing. It's just as simple as selling eggs. I've been doing it for eight years and I haven't had an accident yet."

A hot soda water in cold weather, a cold soda water in hot weather, is what makes most people. These special ice cream sundays and hot chocolate malted milk with whipped cream are just about right at Silverthorn's.

Silverthorn's
FAMILY DRUG STORE
LA GRANDE, OREGON

GOOD ROAD DINNER WAS A BIG ONE

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is now here for this county to take its place in the great procession, and to obtain state aid which the county is entitled to, it is necessary for money to be raised here to match the state and federal money.

General opinion of the meeting seemed to admit that it is a question of laying out a comprehensive road plan for the whole county and building the roads so that they may be used, or following the waiting game, permitting other counties in the state to grab off the money that would naturally come to Union county if this county did its part.

Without doubt when the meeting adjourned there were more men favorable to permanent highway construction in the county than there has ever before been.

C. D. Huffman spoke on the "pass-as-you-go" policy which he has always favored, but Mr. Huffman was quite free to admit that he was willing to be educated on the subject and that his mind was open, closing his remarks with positive assurance that he is for good roads, first, last and all the time.

Frank Smith, of Elgin, said there would have been more Elgin people at the meeting but the roads were so bad they could not get here, to which Mr. Huffman responded that he was sufficiently interested that he walked in from his ranch on account of the bad roads.

Cove people here were clamoring for quick action on a road across the valley and Union sent word that she was in on any good roads program that might be worked out.

T. J. Serogin reported a telephone conversation he had with the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce today in which several leading Wallowa county men sent word to the meeting that they were with us heart and soul and Wallowa county could be counted on to do her part in a genuine policy that would be of some size.

Soldiers Get Great Welcome. Don E. Shelton, of an aerial squadron, who was stationed in England for several months and who was with Ray Goodnough during most of the war, spoke up the attitude of England toward America. His report was not very rosy for he contended that the British people at heart are opposed to us. He believes that the British people are no different from the days of the revolution and that they view this country as composed of selfish people. Mr. Shelton can see trouble in the future and he urged sentiment to stand firm for an army and a navy and coast defense.

Don Sargent, one of La Grande's own boys, who has been in the European war overseas, was given a rousing welcome, and when called upon to talk he refrained from mentioning much of the war but took up the subject of good roads. He said France is a wonder on roads and urged everyone who could to take a trip to that country, assuring them that when they returned no bond issue would be too big for them to support provided the money would be wisely expended for highways. General Foch's great success, according to Mr. Sargent, was largely due to the splendid roads making it possible for him to transfer troops and supplies quickly.

The subject of train service between La Grande and Portland was taken up and a committee was appointed to confer with railroad officials to see if a change cannot be brought about so that La Grande will have better accommodations both for passenger and mail service.

THE BIG INDUSTRY

Expense Amount Will Be Estimated for Road Construction.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25.—Expenditures for highway work in the United States this year probably will amount to half a billion dollars or even more, according to a statement made today by officials of the bureau of public roads, United States Department of Agriculture. On reports received from state highway departments, the bureau estimates the expenditures for roads and bridges at \$385,000,000, or \$110,000,000 more than the average expenditures for 1916 and 1917. This estimate does not include, however, the additional federal funds which will be available if the amendment to the post office appropriation bill, making \$50,000,000 immediately available and \$75,000,000 more on July 1, is enacted into law.

Estimated work under control of the state highway departments includes \$45,000,000 for the construction of 5,000 miles of road now under contract, \$20,000,000 for 4,000 miles of construction ready for contract, \$100,000,000 for 15,000 miles of contemplated construction, and \$60,000,000 for maintenance of 200,000 miles. Expenditures of counties, townships, and local road districts are estimated at \$100,000,000 for the construction of 15,000 miles and \$50,000,000 for maintenance of 100,000 miles.

IRISH DELEGATE AT PARIS

PARIS, Feb. 25.—Sean O'Cealligh presented himself to the peace conference today as "the accredited envoy of the provisional government of the Irish republic."



OUR RICH, SMOOTH, CREAMY WHITE FLOUR IS EXCELLENT FOR BAKING

Flour, like all commodities, has its grades and different varieties. We carry a complete line and can give you the kind of flour you like. We can supply you with Montana Hard Wheat, Washington, and all grades Union county Flour.

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Good Coffee

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Hug's Modern Grocery

PHONE MAIN 35

"PAY CASH AND PAY LESS"

The Observer furnishes and prints winter Wrappers.

Reading Advertisements has Helped to Make this a United Country---

JIM HAWKINS props his feet on the rose-festooned porch railing in an Oregon suburb and reads the same motor-car advertisement that Cousin Peter is studying as he rides home from work in the New York subway.

In Arizona you can buy the same tooth paste and tobacco that are used by the folks in Maine.

California fruit growers advertise their oranges and lemons to the people of the east. New Hampshire factories make ice cream freezers for Texas households.

There can be no division in a country so bound together by taste, habit and custom.

You can meet up with anybody in the United States and quickly get on a conversational footing because you both read the same advertisements. Advertising is the daily guide to what's good to buy.

Advertisements give you the latest news from the front line of business progress.

Reading advertisements enables you to get more for your money because they tell you where, what and when to buy.

And it is a well-known fact that advertised goods are more reliable and better value than the unadvertised kinds.

MOTHERS, DO THIS—

When the Children Cough, Run Musterole on Throats and Chests

No telling how soon the symptoms may develop into croup, or worse. And then you're glad you have a jar of Musterole at hand to give prompt, sure relief. It does not blister.

As first aid and a certain remedy, Musterole is excellent. Thousands of mothers know it. You should keep a jar in the house, ready for instant use.

It is the remedy for adults, too. Relieves sore throat, bronchitis, tonsillitis, croup, stiff neck, asthma, neuralgia, headache, congestion, pleurisy, rheumatism, lumbago, pains and aches of back or joints, sprains, sore muscles, chilblains, frost-bite and colds of the chest (it often prevents pneumonia).
30c and 60c jars; hospital size \$2.50.



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