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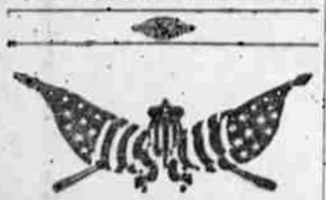

"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Libertry."

Present Meat Prices Shown Extortionate.

The report made by the Department of Agriculture on the meat situation, corroborates the opinion already held by the general public as to the injustice of meat prices.

It develops that there is no shortage of meat or meat animals in the United States. There are plenty of cattle and sheep. So far as production goes, beef and lamb might almost be called a drug on the market. The packers evidently regard it so, for they have lowered the prices paid for livestock about 25 per cent since last March.

This should result, of course, in a corresponding reduction to the consumer. There has been no such reduction. Retail prices do not seem to have been lowered anywhere more than 10 per cent. In most communities the prices are as high as ever, and in some cases they have actually risen.

Wholesale prices have gone down, but retail prices remain at about the same high level. It is charged that the retailers are worse profiteers in this instance than the packers, their prices being in no sense justified by the wholesale quotations.

The packers and cattlemen complain that the public is not eating enough meat. How can the public consume meat as usual at the rates it has to pay? There is no use urging increased consumption unless prices drop.

Something must be done about the matter, for the benefit of the cattle industry no less than the welfare of consumers who need more meat than they feel able to afford. The department recommends government control of the meat industry, and the publication from day to day of lists of fair retail prices, so that consumers may know when they are being over-charged, and may help to regulate prices accordingly. If there is any difference of opinion as to the former suggestion, there can be little as to the value of the latter.

"Hair Cut or a Shave?" "Both!"

Long and serious articles have been written and fine orations made on the benefits which humanity has derived from the war, and now the barber comes along with another one—"Tonsorial standards have been raised by the war," says he.

"Tonsorial standards" has a mighty fine sound, but what he means is that all the 4,000,000 or so young men who have been in training and service in the army learned habits of cleanliness and neatness which they refuse to give up as they return to civil life. They cling to the clean shave and the neatly trimmed hair which are a part of every good soldier's make-up.

More than this, it is not just the soldiers themselves who demand extra-good and frequent service from the barber; it is all the younger and older men as well, who wish to look as soldiers do. So clean cheeks and well clipped heads have become the ruling fashion, and of all the people who preach of the good war has brought, none has a finer text nor better examples to back it than the barber.

Cleanliness of the body and cleanliness of the soul are mysteriously interdependent, and pride in personal appearance is the cornerstone of self-respect and success.

Germany, as a starter in paying her bills, is going to "make confiscations to the amount of $10,000,000,000 or $12,000,000,000. Fine business—doing to her own people what she has been doing to Belgium and France! And all the finer because she's doing it to pay back to Belgium and France what she confiscated from them.

The trouble with Holland is that she imagines she's hostess to the ex-Kaiser, and thinks she ought to live up to the tradition of national hospitality; when as a matter of fact, she's only the temporary custodian of a fugitive from justice.

"Let Allied unity continue," says Lloyd George. Amen to that! United we stand; divided, Germany would laugh at us, evade all her responsibilities and plot new robberies and conquests.

"The cost of living will go still higher," says a dispatch. Probably true, but not news!

"Super-blimp" is certainly what Shakespeare would have called "a vile phrase, a very vile phrase."

NOTICE OF MEETING OF UNION COUNTY MOTOR CLUB.

All members and owners of automobiles and motorcycles are urgently requested to meet at the City Council room on Tuesday, July 15, at 8:00 p. m., for the purpose of reorganizing. Much can be accomplished for the motorist by unity of action. Come to the meeting.

F. L. MEYERS, President
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ALLIES DISPATCH SHIPS TO FIUME

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weakness, said Francesco Nitti, the premier, speaking before parliament today.

He summarized the programme of the government by saying that it was planned to hasten the peace negotiations so that peace could be concluded at once, with the upholding of Italian national aspirations.

NEGROES WAYLAY PARTY OF WHITES, WOUNDING FOUR

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

LONGVIEW, Texas, July 11.—Four white men were wounded early today when negroes fired upon a party of whites whom they had waylaid in a negro section where the whites had gone in search of a negro school teacher. The negro teacher was accused by the whites of causing publication in a negro newspaper here of statements derogatory to a young woman of this county.

AUSTIN, Texas, July 11.—One negro was killed and several white men wounded in a clash between whites and negroes at Longview, Texas, today, according to a message sent Governor Hobby. Over a hundred shots were fired in the fight. White residents of the city are reported to have engaged in negro houses. Guards from Albany may be sent to the town.

Wets Will Try to Raise Percentage of Alcohol; Transportation Denied

WASHINGTON, July 11.—Efforts will be made by anti-prohibitionists to repeal the war time prohibition act and also to change the definition of intoxicating liquors so as to make it 2 3-4 per cent instead of one-half of 1 per cent.

Nearly every member of the house will have something to say on prohibition before the prohibition enforcement bill is passed, as it undoubtedly will be, since the prohibitionists are in control by an overwhelming majority. A vote is expected some time next week.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 11.—United States District Judge William Sawtelle denied yesterday "without prejudice" the action of the Rainier Brewing company to compel the United States railroad administration to accept for transportation a consignment of 2 3-4 per cent beer offered here for shipment to the Rainier Brewing company's branch at Los Angeles.

Lincoln's "Lost Speech."

On the twenty ninth of May, in 1856, Lincoln made a speech at the first Republican state convention in Illinois that is remembered as Lincoln's "Lost Speech." Lincoln, who was one of the delegates, was suggested for governor, but he proposed that William Bissell should be nominated instead. The suggestion was accepted and Lincoln addressed the convention for one hour, speaking with such fire and eloquence that the surprised and interested reporters forgot to take notes and his great speech was never recorded.

Make for Business Success.

The foundations for success in business are work, perseverance and character. Different men who have triumphed in various spheres of business have set down their own experiences and views in other ways, but you will practically always find that the summing up comes to these items in the end.

River Water Is Not Fit To Drink—

Serve Rainier Beer Cold, and Preserve your health—

Rainier Special is produced by an exclusive, patented process. Just you come to know this drink that is soft, but satisfying.

We have it, by the Case, Dozen or Bottle.

A FRESH LINE OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

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Cor. Cedar and Washington, Phone M-759

Is Your Earning Capacity Greater Now Than Ever Before?

If so, set aside a part of your earnings each month against the time when it will be less—

Start a bank account and build on it—

There are many good opportunities for investments that pay if you have something to invest—

We offer you the services of this bank and will be glad to give you information and advice on any matter upon which we are informed.

Do not hesitate to call on us.

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SATURDAY ONLY! A Money Saving Sale

SALE OF DRESSES
20% off

You who have prolonged your dress-buying, and you who are now thinking of buying, should see these wonderful dresses at these prices; it will help to stimulate your ideas.

Among them are some wonderful creations of Georgette Crepe, Satin, Charmeuse, Crepe de Chine and Taffeta; some with pretty embroidery trimmings, some are plain with overskirts, or plaits. Every style and color is represented in this sale. Call and inspect them.

SATURDAY

A wonderful saving in Men's and Ladies' Ready-to-wear for ONE DAY ONLY. The stocks during the next month must be greatly reduced, in order to make room for the new Fall stocks which begin to arrive during August. Every garment offered in this sale was included in our new Spring stocks of high grade clothing and ladies' ready-to-wear.

We invite your inspection whether you buy or not.

—USE YOUR CREDIT—
We solicit responsible charge accounts.
FREE DELIVERY SERVICE.

One Day Sale of

Hart Schaffner & Marx

CLOTHES.—Every Suit in our entire stock of high grade Men's Clothing included in this sale. Every suit guaranteed by Hart Schaffner & Marx just the same as if you paid regular price for it. There are many different fabrics, in Greens, Browns, Greys and Mixtures; also an extensive line of Blue Serges.

Considering the cost of your clothes now, you should take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to get one of these Hart Schaffner & Marx Suits at a reduction of

20% Saturday

PUMPS $1.98.
Still a few left, in sizes 2 1-2 to 4 1-2, patent or kid; excellent values, if you have a small foot
STILL AT $1.98.

MEN'S SUITS, $9.00.
A special lot of odd suits in a regular old-time sale. These are mostly small sizes, up to the 36. Your choice Saturday at $9.00.

LADIES' SILK HOSE, 69c.
Still a limited number pairs of Silk Hose left at this price; all first grade, full length, in black only. Regular $1.25 hose, now at 69c.

N. K. West & Co.
THE QUALITY STORE

NOTICE TO MASONS

All members of La Grande Lodge No. 41, A. F. & A. M., are requested to note that there will be a special communication of the lodge the evening of Monday, July 14th. Work in the Master Mason degree. Visiting and sojourning brethern cordially welcomed. 7-11-3t.

A. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

Montana Police Chief Puts Bull In "Pen" By Employing Bulldogging

ROUNDUP, Mont., July 11.—Conquering a charging bull in barehanded grapple and handcuffing the beast was part of the day's work for Joe Pyles, Roundup's chief of police. It was either that or shoot the animal which had been lunching off the vegetables in a local woman's garden.

The chief was called to the scene by the woman, whereupon the bull departed. The chief took up the trail. The pursuit continued until the bull became tired of surveillance and charged the officer. The next occurrence was the handcuffing of the animal, who was taken to the city corral.

The officer has the reputation of being an expert "bulldogger" in dealing with cattle.

Teachers Scarce In Washington; Higher Pay at Other Work

SPOKANE, July 11.—An unusual demand and an unusually limited supply of school teachers is reported by the local teachers' agencies. Attracted by other lines of work and, in the majority of cases, a larger salary, teachers seem to have abandoned the teaching profession to enter war work of various lines of trades and industries, it is declared.

The normal enrollment has fallen off this year, it is stated, which will make the supply of grade and rural teachers less than it would have been had the average number obtained normal certificates.

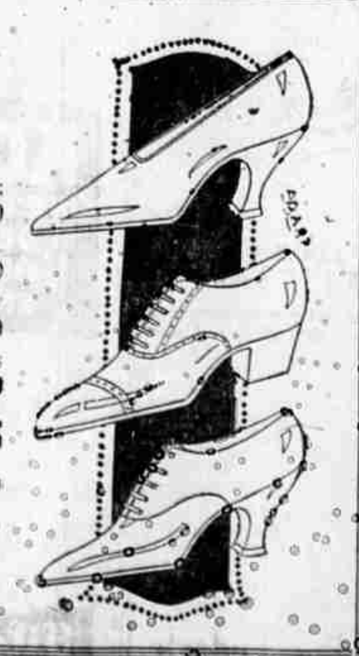
The greatest shortage appears to be men teachers for all kinds of positions, particularly manual training, agriculture, commercial work, physical culture teachers and athletic coaches. On account of the new compulsory physical training laws there is a great demand for physical training and athletic coaches.

Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy

This medicine always wins the good opinion if not the praise of those who use it. Try it when you have need of such a remedy.

SUMMER FOOTWEAR

White Canvas Oxfords, in military heels; cool and comfortable for Summer....$5.00
White Canvas Oxfords, with low heels Price $4.50
White Kid Oxfords, with Louis heel, very dressy Summer Shoe; price....$8.50
White Kid Pumps, Colonial style, Louis heel; one of our newest styles; price....$9.00
Light Grey Kid Oxfords, with Louis heel, a dress shoe; price....$8.50
Many other styles in Pumps and Oxfords, in Black and Brown.



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