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of the house. Its function is to give more strictly domestic problems of the nation. Certainly it can find play to do along the line in the way of reconstructive measures, and particularly in the way of straightening out the tangled question of distributing household supplies promptly, efficiently and at reasonable prices.

Deportation Bill Is a Just Measure.

The house has passed unanimously a stringent deportation bill. Under it, all undesirable aliens now interned in this country may be deported, including aliens interned as dangerous, those convicted of crimes and those convicted of violation of war-time laws.

This measure should meet with public approval. It had been feared in many quarters that the end of the conflict might see a dangerous relaxation of vigilance upon the part of the legislators and the public authorities.

If the United States is to help in any degree to hold the world to a safe balance, it must be safe and balanced itself. It cannot remain so if the plotter against the government and the fomenters of discontent are allowed to range at will.

There is no hardship in this deportation measure. It is clean-cut and just. The man who does not like our form of government should leave the country. If he wishes to enjoy the freedom and prosperity which are the lot of the nation, he must subscribe to the laws which alone have made our freedom and prosperity possible.

Thomas Edison and John Burroughs have been Henry Ford's companions on vacation trips. And did Henry get them to tell him all about electricity and natural history in five minutes?

"Chorus girls may strike," says a heading. Just what we have been expecting. They have been doing some tall kicking for a long time.

CHARGE TERRORIST PLOT

Los Angeles Officials Charge Theory as to Attempt on Lawler's Life

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 6.—Officials are seeking the perpetrators of the bomb explosion Sunday which practically destroyed the residence here of Oscar Lawler, formerly assistant United States attorney general, who abandoned the theory, it was announced Tuesday, that the explosion and resultant fire were caused by any person holding merely a petty grudge against the attorney. They expressed the conviction that the crime was part of a terrorist plot with national ramifications.

Lawler and Mrs. Lawler were severely burned and otherwise injured in escaping from their blazing home. Their condition is still serious, but attending physicians were hopeful Tuesday of their ultimate recovery.

In connection with their announcement that the explosion undoubtedly was part of a terrorist plot, county authorities called attention to the prominent part played by Mr. Lawler a few years ago in the prosecution of defendants in the Indianapolis dynamiting cases. They let it be known that officers had been sent to a town in the Imperial valley, California, in search of two persons implicated in those cases. No arrests have yet been made.

PLATINUM FOUND ON ISLAND

PAPEETE, Society Island, July 2.—Platinum deposits are reported to have been discovered on the island of Rurutu, one of the Austral group approximately 200 miles south of Tahiti. A mining engineer from the United States is investigating the reported discovery for the holders of mining rights here.

Local views of La Grande and the Wallows, on 537 paper and also on postal cards. Send a picture to your friends and let them know what beautiful scenery we have in eastern Oregon. On sale at

Silverthorn's FAMILY DRUG STORE LA GRANDE, OREGON.

AMERICAN PLAN NOT PRESSED

NEVER WAS PRESENTED TO THE PEACE CONFERENCE

Lansing-Ishii Agreement Made to Force Japan to Open Door Policy for China.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—Secretary Lansing told the senate foreign relations committee that the American plan for a league of nations was "not pressed" at Versailles and never presented to the full peace conference. He did not know whether a copy of the American draft is in existence. He said the president might have one.

Discussing the Shantung matter, Lansing said that the Lansing-Ishii agreement was made to obtain reaffirmation by Japan of an open door policy in China, and was entered into by the American government without the knowledge of the secret treaty between Japan and the allies for the transfer of German concessions in Shantung to Japan.

Anticipation. The following extract from a letter of thanks is cherished by its recipient. "The beautiful clock you sent us came in perfect condition, and is now in the parlor on top of the book shelves, where we hope to see you, and your husband, also, if he can make it convenient."—Boston Post.

REVIVING BRITISH NATIONAL ANTHEM

LONDON, July 19.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—With the approval of King George the British national anthem was revived for the period of the peace celebration so as to include certain sentiments that will appeal to the entire Empire. The new anthem, as sung in the Thanksgiving service at St. Paul's, retains the first stanza of the time honored hymn; the next two are replaced by the following:

"One realm of races four, East more and evermore, God save our land, Home of the brave and free, Set in the silver sea, True name of chivalry God save our land."

"Rifles in love and birth From utmost ends of earth, God save us all, Bid strife and hatred cease, Bid hope and joy increase, Spread universal peace God save us all."

MONEY NEEDED TO DEVELOP PETROLEUM

MEXICO CITY, July 18.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—

A new beautiful story of the Ozark mountains by Harold Bell Wright, "The Reckoning of Brian Kent," has just arrived and are now on at

Silverthorn's FAMILY DRUG STORE LA GRANDE, OREGON.



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

There Are Excessive Profits In Shoes.

The federal trade commission, according to the dispatches today, has discovered that there is what the public has instinctively been inclined to believe, excessive profits made in shoes, and the blame is laid primarily on the packers who began the "pyramiding" by unduly increasing the price of leather. The report says: "Tanners, manufacturers and retailers followed suit," and today a shoe that would range around four dollars in price to the consumer net long ago now costs about ten dollars.

A retail shoe publication of recent date shows how the cost of materials have advanced lately. It also repeats the fact that there are fewer cattle slaughtered, and at the same time there is an increased demand for leather at home and an abnormal export demand. The packers, it seems, anticipated every new demand by raising the selling price of hides. The cost of manufacturing leather has gone up. Naturally, then, leather of many kinds costs twice what it did a year ago, and every variety has risen.

As far as the retailers themselves are concerned, the trade paper in question says:

"We believe that retail shoe merchants are making smaller net profits than dealers in other lines of merchandise. We are of the opinion that the average gross profit of retail shoe dealers is about 35 per cent. This represents the actual cost of doing business before deducting the profit. The average dealer's net profit, the sum which he receives on his investment after deducting the expense of doing business, will average about 9 per cent."

This does not seem excessive. It is evident, however, that more information is desirable. What is needed, in this and every other line of industry, is a careful, accurate tracing of costs and profits from raw material down to the final sale.

Take some typical pair of shoes, for instance, and give their life-history with profits at every step computed in percentages, and compared with the profit made by packer, tanner, shoe manufacturer, jobber, wholesaler and retailer with the profits formerly made on similar goods. When this is done, there will be data understandable by everybody and sufficient to serve as a basis for public action.

It may be that the federal trade commission has been enabled to secure such detailed information and that some of the mysteries of the high cost of foot wear will be made plain to everybody.

Threshing Out the High Cost Problem.

The national house of representatives has done well in reconsidering its plan of adjournment for five weeks, and deciding to remain in session to deal with the big problem now coming to a focus—the high cost of living.

At present this matter is receiving more consideration by the public, by the press and also by most public authorities, than the peace treaty. And certainly it is essential that the foremost problem, so long neglected, should be dealt with intelligently and earnestly without any more delay.

Congress thus far may fairly said to have fared. Starting in last spring with an ambitious and praiseworthy plan of reconstruction, it has done little more than pass the necessary appropriations measures hand over from the last session. Scarcely one of the comprehensive bills contemplated for solving one of the nation's greatest problems, agriculture, easing the financial situation and getting the country generally back from a one to a peace basis has been put through. The high cost problem particularly has been ignored.

The house has not had the time to get on with the work that is demanded by the people. The matter is technically none of the business

Advertisement for City Restaurant & Bakery. Includes illustration of a waiter and a customer, and text: "If You Are Seeking a Restaurant—where the pleasure and comfort of its guests are the first consideration, we suggest a visit here. For here you will find a welcome, well cooked foods and courteous service, whether your order be for an elaborate dinner or a simple lunch. Why not today."

City Restaurant & Bakery

Advertisement for Weinhard's R-Porter. Includes illustration of a man and a woman, and text: "The unique and delightful flavor of crushed ripe raspberries is in every drop of Weinhard's R-Porter. Order 'R-Porter' and watch the dimples that come at the first sip. Distributed by La Grande Grocery Co."

Advertisement for Silverthorn's Family Drug Store. Includes illustration of a medicine bottle, and text: "Silverthorn's FAMILY DRUG STORE LA GRANDE, OREGON. A quality beverage of the Henry Weinhard Plant, Portland, Ore. Established 1922."

industry is estimated as an excess of \$200,000,000. The department announces that the production of wells with a daily flow of 584,798 barrels have been drilled in the Tampico field in the first five months of this year. The department says there is a need of better transportation facilities and that if these were provided the monthly shipments which now amount to 6,000,000 barrels could be increased to 17,544,940 barrels. The vast surplus of crude petroleum is stored in the ground awaiting improvement in transportation.

Advertisement for N.W. West & Co. The DESIGNER For September Is Here

First Arrival of Rich Looking Wool Dress Goods & Coatings For Fall

The Dress Goods Department is of noteworthy interest, with its numerous examples of the weavers' art in these latter days. Those most interesting now perhaps are the new Wool Dress Goods and Coatings for the coming season. The assortments comprise all the fabrics of the coming season and at prices far more reasonable than we expected for such high quality goods at this time of the season. Listed here are some of the latest arrivals.

- WOOL JERSEY—One of the headliners in dress goods for fall and winter—in silver, gray and China blue, 54 inches wide; price 4.50 yard.
BROADCLOTH COATINGS—The always popular and most durable fabric for coating, suiting, etc. In dark green, mixed black, gray-green, dark blue, blue, wine, and brown; 54 inches wide. Price \$4.50 yd.
WOOL VELOUR COATING—54 inches wide, in China blue, mahogany, dark brown, dark green, Ma-genta, heather, and red; price \$5.00 yard.
PLUSH—54 inches wide, black and brown; price \$5.00. Genuine black plush, 54 inches wide; price \$10.00 yard.

Advertisement for YARN—A big new shipment of "SUNLIGHT". To shine in La Grande. This popular brand sweater yarn in the following wanted colors: China blue, orange, white, salmon, old rose, black mixed, amber/black, peacock, coraline, dark blue and American beauty rose. Price 65c skein.

Advertisement for LADIES' KNIT VESTS. An extensive stock of Ladies' Knit Vests warrants our sale of these at this time of the season. We like our stocks clean at each season's end—and despite the fact that underwear of any kind is a great security in the wholesale house, we are putting these Knit Vests on sale now, and thrifty shoppers should be heavy for the next season; all sizes, while any remain. 50c

Advertisement for New Georgette Blouses. A LIMITED NUMBER OF THESE WAISTS arrived yesterday by express—the first we have had for some time. They are mostly of darker shades, with embroidery or beading, or both, on the front. Better call at the earliest possible time, as we have only a limited number. The prices are \$9.00, \$9.50 and \$11.00

ABOUT THE NEW—Up to the present date we have received a few garments in Ladies' Ready-to-Wear, also several numbers in fall shoes, fall dress goods, coatings, suitings, etc. Because of the great difficulty in securing merchandise of DEPENDABLE QUALITY at the present time, arrivals are in small quantities and nearly all cases delayed several days. If you are interested in the new season's merchandise, we will be glad to show you the new things at any time.

RIBBONS—A big new stock of Fancy Ribbons in all widths, all colors, all kinds. See our window of these new ribbons for fall. Also new black velvet ribbon in the narrow widths.

Advertisement for NOVELTIES. What women are wearing or carrying that is new. BEADS—Of New Zealand Agates, combined with silver or gold chains—something new—price \$3.50 and \$4.50. Jet beads in various different shapes, \$1.25 and \$1.50. Also many other novelties in different colored beads, combined with chains or metal ornaments. MESH BAGS—Beautiful in shape and design, both silver and gold; prices \$5.00 to \$7.00. Here you will find a bar pin, brooch, necklace, or pin to suit your taste, and at a price to suit you. —5 per cent luxury tax.

- Daggett & Ramsdell's Perfect Cold Cream 35c
MALVINA—For complexion, freckles, and for the skin 50c
MELBA—Skin cleanser 50c
MELBA—Grassless Cream 50c
POND'S EXTRACT CO.'S Vanishing Cream 45c
STILLMAN'S Freckle Cream 45c
ELCAYA Cold Cream 60c

N.W. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE

Advertisement for LA GRANDE NATIONAL BANK. Get The Habit —of saving and thrift; increase your working capital. We offer you the benefit of our large banking facilities and long experience. LA GRANDE NATIONAL BANK Capital and Surplus, \$345,000.00 MEMBER FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM. Sound, Reliable and Progressive.

Advertisement for Andrew's Variety Store. COME IN AND LOOK OVER OUR LINE OF GOLD BAND, SEMI PORCELAIN DISHES, WHICH JUST ARRIVED— Half doz. 5-in. Plates, \$1.13; Half doz. 7-in. Plates, \$1.63; Half doz. 4-in. Fruits, .68c; Half doz. 4-in. Bread and Butter Plates, .98c; Half doz. Teas and saucers, \$1.98. 1 10-in. Dish, .69c; 1 7-in. Baker, .18c; 1 7-in. Sealtop, .18c; 1 Sugar Bowl, .75c; 1 Creamer, .18c. SPECIAL \$8.89. Single Pieces at the Same Rate. The Place You Get Everything You Want Every Day, at the Price You Like to Pay.

Advertisement for It's Quality Meat and We Sell it for LESS. NO CHARGE FOR DEL