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TOO MUCH GOLD.

It is hard to believe, but Japan has too much gold. Her treasury reserves of the precious metal, estimated at 76 per cent against the aggregate of her liabilities, is proving a grievous handicap to trade. The United States, whose foreign commerce is not just now all that it might be, has a Federal Reserve System reserve of only about 51 per cent.

The Bank of Japan today holds approximately 570 million dollars in gold and the government has a credit in America of 250 millions more, but the Japanese show no inclination to draw against it. They have too much on hand for comfort as it is.

Why? Because a plentiful supply always cheapens any commodity, and gold is no exception. When an over-supply—inflation—of coin and currency comes to cheapen money, prices rise and exports fall. Nations with less gold available cannot afford to buy.

Our own situation has shown some resemblance to that in which Japan finds herself. During the war, the gold of Europe streamed into this country at an unprecedented rate in payment for exports of a volume never before approached. Foreign exchanges were increasingly depressed, since Europe bought much and had little to offer in return, and presently American manufacturers and exporters discovered that the peoples who had once been our best customers were actually unable to meet prices figured in dollars which had gone to a record premium. Our trade balance suffered, though the world was hungry for American goods.

Happily, prices are shrinking now, and soon our overseas trade will pick up. Japan, too, is just learning what war prosperity means. There is always something wrong when your money buys more than ever before if you spend it half a world away, and less than ever before in the store around the corner.

EVERYONE IN PARADISE.

If the town you live in doesn't suit you, start a town of your own. It is surprisingly simple. One man can't very well set up a municipality all by himself, but with a few friends there needn't be any difficulty. Tavistock, N. J., points the way.

There were a few golf enthusiasts who wanted to play golf on Sunday, and were unable to get rid of the local prohibition against Sunday sports. They solved the problem by incorporating the village of Tavistock. There are 19 of them altogether. They are sure of absolute control, because they hold all the offices and have all the votes. Thus they are free from the small-town tyrannies to which free souls are so often subject. As long as they do not fly in the face of state or federal laws, and as long as they agree among themselves, they can do as they please.

When so small a number of citizens can organize a village of their own, to carry out their particular ideas of sport or government, why should any group live in discontent or rebellion against municipal administration and oppression? We need a village for every "little group of serious thinkers," as well as for every bunch of sports.

There is too much civic centralization in America anyway. Why should not every city or town become the metropolis of a whole countryside full of villages, varied to suit the diversified interests of every class of citizens? But would the process ever stop?

OREGON TAKES NO CHANCES.

President Obregon, to whom the world now looks for the maintenance of order in Mexico, is taking no chances. He realizes that the rule of capital, prolonged for a generation, brought the republic ten years of anarchy. He realizes, too, that the Maderos and the other idealists who shared their hopes were not too careful of the company they kept. Mexico has suffered hardly less from the offenses of her radicals than from the offenses of her rich men.

It is because he has been a part of Mexico's history for a decade that Obregon has instituted a rounding-up of the nation's radicals and is giving it his personal attention. We may assume that he knows that industrial and other conditions are not ideal in his land. No one has yet seen a country where they are all that might be desired. But Obregon appreciates the fact that Mexico needs peace and the opportunity to restore more rights than it has any conceivable form in governmental machinery. So it is that Bolshevism and Communism go to the first of the radicals to be arrested. Is an American, said to be a member of the United States army, who has been editing in Mexico City one of those magazines which with which people are all too

THE OFFICE CAT



—By JUNIOR—

Women
They're saucy and they're fickle, and
They're mighty hard to please
We have to cater to them all
Upon our bended knees;
They're flighty and inquisitive
Exasperating, too;
And every man must find it out
Somehow before he's through.
They reason with a suddenness
That makes a fellow jump;
And they don't find it hard at all
To make him look like a chump.
They can not give a reason for
A single thing they do,
They jump at a conclusion with
No valid cause in view.
They're fussy and they're frivolous,
Sometimes it seems that way,
They're tender and they're heartless
and
They're mournful and they're gay,
They're prudish and they're reckless
and
In faults they all abound,
They cost a lot of money, but
They're nice to have around.

Huh?

Yesterday we met a lady who declared The Observer is the greatest paper in the state. Without knowing us she declared she greatly enjoyed this hon. col. and never failed to read it.

When we thanked her and admitted that we were the writer thereof, she hesitated a moment. Then she said, "Well of all things!"

What should a fellow do in a case like that?

A local man says that women are like market quotations—always changing.

Local Lore

Judging from appearances, the two-piece haircut is here to stay. We seem to be getting back to the old times when our mothers cut our hair by putting a cork on our heads and trimming around the edge. Wearing Palm Beach suits will soon be the order of the day. Welby Vaughn leads the style this year.

There is some complaint about the weather, but we suppose that condition will always exist. Notice is hereby given that if a North side man who is known to be making a fair grade of home brew doesn't get neighborly pretty soon we will not be responsible for what may happen.

More anon.

The world is growing better, we don't care a hoot what the reformers say. Borsesian comedians no longer cut the heel of the banana and throw the inside away, fewer men chew tobacco and that denatured cut of William J. Bryan hasn't appeared for nearly a fortnight.

Confession

Our old hair jumps and
Palpitates
When a movie vampire
Osculates.

Why It Is Crooked

(Ladies Home Journal)
The world's most crooked river is the Jordan. It wanders nearly 220 miles in order to cover sixty miles.

When we recall that it used to be the custom for all the bad men of the old days to wash their sins away in the Jordan we need not be surprised that it is the world's most crooked river.

Tuff, Ain't it?

(Dictographed in O. K. barber shop)
Barber: "How did you get your mustache in this condition? Guess I'll have to take it off."
Customer: "All right, I tried to steal a kiss from a girl who was chewing gum."

A financial expert advises young men to go in debt. But that advice is not necessary.

Help

Beneath the soil
Lies Mr. Geyse.
He poured some oil
On the kitchen stove.

We'll have compulsory breakfast foods next.

Now that they have devised a means of removing the odor from garlic, there isn't anything left.

ANKENY WAS WORTH MILLION AND HALF

WALLA WALLA, Apr. 11.—The will of ex-Senator Levi Ankeny, Walla Walla banker, was read today. His fortune being left in great part to his youngest child, Mrs. Harriet Ankeny, who is a widow of 30 years of age, which will not be for about six years. The property is to be divided equally between the four children.

UNIVERSITY FAVORS TRIP

HAWAIIAN TRIP IS SANCTIONED BY "U" HEADS

Grid Contests, During the Holidays With University of Hawaii Now Seems Assured

EUGENE, Apr. 11.—Sanction of the proposed trip of the University of Oregon football team to Hawaii next Christmas has been given by the board of regents, faculty and athletic council. Final action hinges on the results of a communication cabled by Graduate Manager Marion McClain to the two Hawaiian institutions with which games are a possibility.

Should the trip be made the Oregon eleven will meet the University of Hawaii on Christmas day and the Outrigger club on New Year's in games which are guaranteed to bring out enormous crowds from all parts of the islands which are thronged with tourists during the winter season.

Traveling expenses for the 30 men who would make the trip are covered by the present offer of the mid-Pacific institutions. A more attractive agreement may be the outcome of the dickering between McClain and the athletic authorities of the two organizations.

Proposals to assure the financing of the trip by an intercollegiate game are rampant. The one receiving the most serious attention at the present time is for a game in Portland with the University of Wisconsin, always a strong contender in the Big Ten conference. Agitation on the part of Wisconsin alumni in Portland and other parts of the state for such a game is reported to be strong. Should this sentiment be carried in considerable quantity to Madison it is felt that authorities there could be brought to see the possibilities in the contest.

Although McClain would make no comment on the proposed Wisconsin game, understanding of the monetary advantages in such a contest for Oregon, in the light of the Honolulu trip is growing on the campus.

Tentative arrangements for the Hawaiian jaunt are being made in Portland by Jack Benefield, assistant graduate manager.

WALLOWA AT SPOKANE FAIR

CAMPBELL AND ASHLEY HAVE GREAT EXHIBIT.

Probably Only Oregon Exhibit for the Fair at Spokane, Which Opens April Twelfth.

Realizing that the sportsmen of the northwest are entitled to know the facts about the best places to hunt and fish, the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce, with its usual abiding faith in Wallowa county, has arranged an exhibit for the Sportsmen and Tourists' Fair, which opens in Spokane on April 12th, and last night P. J. Campbell and Fred Ashley passed through La Grande with the exhibit, intending to remain in Spokane during the fair and tell the people of Wallowa county.

The exhibit contained specimens of trout of all sizes that inhabit the Wallowa county lakes and streams, mounted animals and birds, and photographs of the beautiful scenery of that section.

NORTH POWDER BEGINS TAKING OF BIG CELEBRATION

NORTH POWDER, Apr. 11.—Through several business people of the city it is learned that a big time for North Powder is possible on the Fourth of July and celebrations of that day are going on in advance of now. It is like the other towns in the section.

THE PRICE THAT PAYS

Whatever you buy, you can nearly always find something that looks 'just as good' at a lower price. Sometimes the price tempts you to forget quality; and that's dangerous economy. A good thing, at a fair price, pays the buyer; just remember that when you're attracted by a lower price.

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LARGE NUMBER ATTEND BANQUET OF MEMBERS OF CATHOLIC CHURCH

About 125 members attended the Mission Pop banquet given by the Church of Our Lady last evening in the Foley hotel. P. L. Myers acted as toastmaster and toasts were responded to by a number of prominent members of the church.

The address of the evening was made by Rt. Rev. Joseph E. McGrath, Bishop of Baker City. Musical numbers were also on the program.

UNION HIGH STUDENTS GIVE "DARKIE" PROGRAM

UNION, Apr. 1.—On April 7 and 8 a varied negro entertainment was given in the Cozy theatre by the Union high school. Over 50 characters took part in the program, consisting of two negro comedies, "Aging Her Father," and "Good Mornin' Judge," an opera, "The Family Doctors," and several other selections and some real clog dancing. The theatre was filled to overflowing both nights.

POMONA, Cal., Apr. 11.—Pomona went on record last week in favor of "blue laws," closing all the city's amusement places on Sundays. The "blue laws" triumphed by a margin of 35 votes. The blue law ordinance received 3075 favorable votes. Chairman Harry Arthur, of the American League of Freedom, declared his organization will take legal steps to determine the validity of the ordinance. Theaters, Arthur asserted, will continue to operate after the ordinance is effective, on May 11, in order to make a test case.

NEW WHITE ALL-METAL CASE PROTECTS BAKERY GOODS

J. G. Holm's Quality Grocery Opens New Sanitary Cracker and Cake Department.

Considerable interest has been taken by all the friends of J. G. Holm's grocery in the installation of one of the newest and most compact cracker and cake cases yet devised to protect these products and bring them to customers in nice condition.

The case stands well up toward the front of their store and its pure white, clean appearance makes you hungry for the Tru-Blu cakes inside. It is metal and glass throughout, and whole boxes of cakes are put inside the individual drawers.

The Young Mother

Youth, with its vitality, makes for the young mother's health and happiness. But later, maternal experiences bring a different result. The care of a family, multiplied household duties, and very often the weakness caused by womanly disease, tend to prolong the suffering and to make convalescence a slow and weary process. Many women—perhaps your own neighbors—have had beneficial experience with Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, which prepares the prospective mother. Send 10 cents to Doctor Pierce's Invalids' Hotel in Buffalo, N. Y., for a trial package of tablets.

SOUTH VALLEJO, CALIF.—"I have taken Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription during expectancy and found it excellent. It relieved my headache, backache, and helped me in a great many ways. I was strong, had a good appetite and had comparatively no suffering. Was strong and felt well when I got up and my baby was nice and healthy."—Mrs. S. P. Gorton, 640 Fifth Street.

just as they come from the daylight factory, making extra handling a thing of the past and keeping out moisture, dust, or excessive heat.

On top of the case shelves are arranged to carry a complete assortment of individual triple-sealed packages of cakes and crackers—and it is surprising how compact and attractive the Bakery Department has been made with this patented piece of furniture. We congratulate this aggressive store on its quick adoption of modern devices such as this. —Adv. 4-11-11.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT OF FINAL ACCOUNT AND DISTRIBUTION OF ESTATE.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Union County.

In the Matter of the Estate of E. D. Salisbury, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that Alice Salisbury as administratrix of the estate of E. D. Salisbury, deceased, has rendered and presented for settlement, and filed in said court for her final account and petition for distribution of said estate, and that at 10 o'clock a. m., May 4, 1921, at the court house in La Grande, Union county, Oregon, has been duly appointed by said court for settlement of said account and the hearing of said petition for distribution, at which time and place any person interested in said estate may appear and file his objections thereto and show cause, if any, why a final distribution of said estate should not be ordered.

ALICE SALISBURY,
Administratrix, La Grande, Oregon.
Mar. 21-28, Apr. 4-11-18.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary have been issued by the county court of Union county, Oregon, to Milo Burnett, under the name of Marlow Burnett, upon the last

will and testament of Mary E. Swauger, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are notified to present the same with proper vouchers to said executor at Kamela, Oregon, within six months from date of this notice.

Dated this March 14, 1921.
MILO BURNETT,
Executor of the will of Mary E. Swauger, deceased.
March 14-21-28, Apr. 4-11.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Matter of the Estate of Daniel Lane, Deceased.
Notice is by this given that the undersigned Hal Bohnenkamp has been appointed administrator of the estate of Daniel Lane, deceased, by order of the County Court of Union County, Oregon, and has qualified as such; that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them properly verified within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to the undersigned at his place of business in La Grande, Union County, Oregon.

Date of first publication, March 28, 1921.

HAL BOHNENKAMP,
Administrator.
Mar. 28—Apr. 4-11-18-25.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that J. D. Slater has filed his final account as administrator de bonis non of the estate of Joseph E. Carroll, deceased, and the County Court of Union County, Oregon, has set Tuesday, the 12th day of April, 1921, at the County Court room in La Grande, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing such final account and all objections thereto.

J. D. SLATER,
Administrator de bonis non of the Estate of Joseph E. Carroll, deceased.
Mar 14-21-28, Apr. 4-11-18.

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