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HOPE IT IS SETTLED

Like George Sheppard's campaign slogan of "Deep water to the sea" in every congressional campaign, so the slogan of Portland about the water grade haul has been drilled in the ears of everyone until finally the Interstate Commerce Commission heeded the facts and granted a better rate to Portland from inland points than to Seattle and Tacoma. Fine business—just as it should be.

But let us hope it is settled for some time to come. Seattle has a fine art developed of opening things and Portland wants to look out or there will be some ground found for a rehearing.

HARDING'S BIG TASK

Besides the home problems confronting him President Harding now must assume the go-between for Germany and the Allies. Germany is willing to dig up several dollars to pay war indemnity and it is up to the president of this country to break the tidings to France and the other allied nations.

Anyone who has ever tried to be a peace mediator in a town row can sympathize with Mr. Harding in his undertaking.

The job printers of Portland will probably go on a strike for a forty-four hour week. A good season of the year has been chosen for the strike for the fish are biting fine in the Willamette valley.

All who think the Buyers' strike has ended should talk with a few buyers these days. We admit, however, that the buying of staples has begun in good shape, but the luxury end is still on the bumps.

Walla Walla farmers say they will grow sugar beets instead of wheat. Grande Ronde valley tried that once but never again. There is some real work attached to growing sugar beets.

CANADA DRIES UP

The province of Ontario has voted, almost two to one, for "bone-dry" prohibition. The significance of this will not be overlooked in the United States.

Most of Canada was already dry, Ontario's action leaves only one important province, Quebec, frankly wet. Ontario's verdict may be accepted, roughly, as the verdict of the country. It is the richest and most populous province, with nearly one-third of Canada's inhabitants.

If the dry law is now enforced as the Canadians are accustomed to enforcing their laws, it will mean the effective drying up of the region from which Americans have been getting most of their illicit foreign supply of alcoholic liquor. Ontario stretches from northern New York, near the Vermont line, almost to North Dakota, covering the entire stretch of the Great Lakes, across which there has been much alcoholic business lately. The "wet" on Detroit and Chicago should be especially noted.

His action, on the part of our northern neighbors, is a good proof that prohibition in this country is a whim or accident. There is a real problem among Anglo-Saxons, especially in the United States, even Mexico is said to be seriously leaning toward prohibition. The action of North America may be easily dry within a few years, at least so far as the stronger drinks are concerned.

THE DIAMOND TRADE

Sir Ernest Oppenheimer, head of what might be termed the Diamond Trust, in London, says: "The output of diamonds has been suspended and the stones are being held on the market. Revival depends mainly on how quickly business recovers in the western hemisphere."

Here is interesting news. The diamond industry has proposed distributing its products. It has done so because America, the greatest market for diamonds, has quit buying.

When Americans stop buying diamonds, it means something. Superficially it means dull times in the country, which provides the money for spending. More fundamentally it means that the money is not being spent. During the years of war-inflated prosperity the American market for diamonds was bottomless. Nearly everybody was buying diamonds, and having them on the platinum. Because platinum was expensive, prices rose and rose. Then, all at once, the frenzied demand ended. There is still money to spend in this country, but it is being spent for things less showy and more useful. Diamonds are no longer in demand even as an investment. But there is that foreign diamond

THE OFFICE CAT.



Scards of Gloom.
(Cataling.)
The early bird catches the worm
so try to be late.

A thing of beauty is a joy forever
—unless you marry it.

All things come to him who waits
and then he has to die to get rid of them.

It's an ill wind that blows nobody
good but who can TELL WHAT IT
MIGHT DO.

The pen is mightier than the sword
—but who wants to go to the PEN?

Virtue is its own reward—but it's
awful slow pay sometimes.

Time and tide wait for no man—
and a lot he cares about it.

Cleanliness is next to Godliness—
but MONEY BUYS THE SOAP.

Fools rush in where angels fear
to tread—Obsolete.

Beauty is only skin deep but even
an ugly man will try to save his
hide.

There's many a slip 'twixt the cup
and the lip, and a Revenue Officer
is generally to blame.

An ounce of prevention's worth a
pound of cure. (Pre-war prices.)

Where there's a will there's a way
said the young man who was cut off
without a penny.

A friend in need is a friend indeed
but they're generally in need.

A poor beginning makes a poor
ending. But a farmer don't go on
that principle when he feeds out his
hogs.

A fool and his money are soon
parted, unless he's wedded to a wife
who knows the value of a nickel.

When in doubt tell the truth—but
show me the feller who's ever in
doubt, these days.

Necessity is the mother of invention
and she can't help it.

When in Rome do as the Romans
do. Do and get done.

Poverty is a hard task master but
he seems to like the job.

He who fight and runs away MUST
live and fight another day.

Practice makes perfect but there's
nothing perfect so why practice?

Save the best for the last—but
they don't do it with leather.

Mighty oaks from little acorns
grow. An acorn is a NUT.

Be He Was Tender.
Mrs. Brown—"You're not like Mr.
Smith. They've been married twenty
years and Mrs. Smith says her
husband is so tender."

Mr. Brown—"Tender! Well, he
ought to be, after being in hot water
all that time."

Just A Typographical Error.
"Well, that's enough to try the
patience of Job!" exclaimed the min-
ister, as he threw aside his paper.
"Why, what's the matter dear?"
asked his wife.
"Last Sunday I preached from the
text, 'Be ye, therefore, steadfast,'
but the newspaper makes it read, 'Be
ye there for breakfast.'"

And Some Other Things.
According to Hindu legends, the
god Vulcan, of Hindu mythology, cre-
ated the world. When he started on
woman he found that he had used up
all available materials but knew that
the world would be nothing without
women, so he took—

The roundness of the moon.

The undulating curve of the serpent.

The graceful twist of the creeping
plant.

The tenderness of the willow.

The velvet of the flowers.

The lightness of the feather.

The gentle gaze of the doe.

The frolicsome reflection of the
dancing shulam.

The tears of the cloud.

The inconsistency of the wind.

The timidity of the hare.

The vanity of the peacock.

The hardness of the diamond.

The chill of the snow.

LARGE SAVING IN SALARIES MADE

WASHINGTON, Apr. 26.—In line with the policy of rigid economy laid down by Congress, the axe has been swinging in the Quartermaster Corps of the Army since January 1 last with more than usual diligence, and it was announced today at the Quartermaster General's office that nearly \$3,000,000 in salaries will have been saved to the taxpayers by June 30, or at the rate of about \$6,000,000 a year.

For the first three months of this year 5,554 civilian employees have been separated from the Quartermaster Corps, and the approximate amount of savings in salaries up to June 30 will be \$2,778,000. In addition, 4,145 employees have been demoted in the different corps areas and depots, with a saving of \$184,223.00.

Since February, 1919, more than 20,000 civilians have been discharged by the Quartermaster Corps, and this branch of the Army is on a new peace-time footing. The 499 different kinds of civilian positions in the corps are to be consolidated into 125, and the same job will no longer have two or more different names. None of these wholesale reductions will in any way impair the efficiency of the supply service of the Army.

MORROW COUNTY PLANNING FAIR

HEPPNER, Apr. 26.—Morrow county is planning for a fair to be held September 15, 16 and 17. The fair has been discontinued for a couple of years, but the county is now planning an event bigger and better than ever. Manager W. W. Smead and his helpers are now engaged with preliminary plans.

SEAT SALE FOR CONCERT IS HEAVY; MAY SELL OUT TODAY

The seat sale for the concert of the New York Symphony orchestra which began at 10 o'clock this morning is heavy and it is expected that the entire house will be sold out by this evening. At noon only about 200 seats were unsold and the demand was great, a continual stream of people still demanding seats at Van Buren's cigar store, where the seats are on sale.

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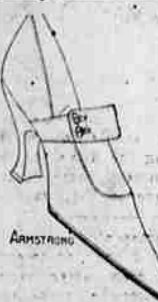
TWO SPECIAL EVENTS FOR WOMEN!

SALE OF Percale Aprons

\$1.00

Today and tomorrow you will see these displayed on one of the ledges in our ready-to-wear department. They are values worth noting at this price—approximately what the material would cost, without the making. All are finished with braid or rick rack, and have belt and pockets.

Dark and light patterns of striped and figured percale, all sizes, while any remain, at \$1.00.



SALE OF New Georgette Blouses

\$5.00

Two dozen of these new Georgette blouses arrived this morning and go on sale today with many others taken from our regular stock and marked down to this figure.

They are exceptionally good value and the models are copies of blouses that sell for two and three times this price. Nearly all are lace trimmed, white, flesh, camel. All are priced at \$5.00.



THE SEASON'S NEWEST IN

Quality Footwear

Our stocks of the newest footwear are complete now, featuring ARMSTRONG make. We are showing Grey Suede, Black and Brown Kid strap pumps; brown and black Kid and calf Oxfords, with military heels, and low heels; plain black and brown Pumps. All range in price from \$6.25 to \$12.00. Remember, here you will find only footwear of known quality, to be expertly fitted by competent shoe men.

URGE STORES TO CLOSE EARLY

All business houses were urged to be closed at 8:15 Saturday evening, according to a motion passed by the Ad club at its noon lunch today. The motion was made in order that all be given an opportunity to attend the concert of the New York Symphony orchestra. The concert company will arrive on the 7:45 train and the general public is urged to be seated by 8:30 in order to give the business men who might be a little late to be seated by the time the concert actually begins. It will be 8:45 or 8:50 before the first number begins and at that time the doors will be locked until this number is finished. As this number will take 25 minutes those not arriving on time will have a long wait.

SUGAR DROPS IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Apr. 26.—Sugar dropped fifty cents here today, following a twenty-five cent drop yesterday. Cane, granulated, wholesale, is now \$8.25 a sack, following the drop yesterday at San Francisco, where it is said a heavy south and central American import caused the decline. At New York sugar brought the lowest price there since 1917.

TO FILM STORY OF SORDID LIFE

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 25.—Clara Smith Hamon is in Los Angeles preparing to film the story of her life. "The picture will be produced in spite of all the powerful influences brought to bear by Jake Hammon's political friends, who don't want the real story to get before the public," she said. "If we can't rent a studio, we'll build one," she added. The production is to depict the life of Mrs. Hamon and indicate leading up to and including the famous murder at Ardmore, Okla., after which she was acquitted of the murder of Jake L. Hamon, Oklahoma oil king and Republican national committeeman.

Mrs. Hamon arrived with W. E. Weathers, vice-president of the Edmond Oil and Refining corporation, who is to be manager of the Clara Smith Hamon production company.

You can't train up a child in the way he should go by throwing cold water on his ambitions.

Love is the only sure cure for coquetry.

HARDING MAY TAKE TRIP WEST

WASHINGTON, Apr. 26.—President Harding is said to have indicated that if he finds an opportunity to get a vacation this year, he will spend it in the northwest. His friends are urging him to make the trip late this fall. The Northwestern trip was first suggested as a part of the trip to Alaska, but it has been indicated that President Harding has little hope of getting that far away this year.

DEATHS RESULT FROM STORMS

PINE BLUFF, Ark., Apr. 26.—Several persons are reported killed or injured in the storm which wrecked houses in the farming section fifty miles southwest of here today.

When a man thinks that long hair will make up for brain shortage he deserves pity.

SHERRY'S

TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW

Cecil B. De Mille's

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