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THE DAMAGING WORM.

As a farming section acquires years of age pests of various kinds appear to damage and ruin crops which have required heavy toll and expense to grow.

This year the Grande Ronde valley is experiencing that very thing. A little worm, yet without name but just as vicious as though the worst title in the English language were applied to it, is taking toll from thousands of acres of spring wheat.

Men who thought they could bet on their crops as large this year are, in some instances, being forced to plow their wheat under and see nothing in return for their labors. Science has not been able to combat this condition; the loss is apparent.

And, from time to time, other pests will come. It is the history of other farming sections. While land is comparatively new it is free from crop enemies, except for an occasional hail storm, such as we are all familiar with, but the bugs and the worm work greater havoc for they go from one field to another until disaster and loss stalk gauntly across a valley which the year before produced heavy tonnage to feed humanity.

There is but one conclusion to arrive at—it is one of the features of farming that is liable to happen, for farming, after all, is one of the greatest games of chance known to man.

HE WILL REPRESENT EASTERN OREGON.

Bishop C. J. Black is on his way to Chicago to represent La Grande and all Eastern Oregon. He is a good man for such a task. His heart and soul is wrapped up in this great country. His forceful and truthful statements will never be questioned and when he tells the homeseeker of the merits of this land that homeseeker will believe him and, perhaps, will journey this way. Mr. Black is a good man for us to have on the job and the Observer believes he will carry the messages of this section to many people who, in time, may locate in the best country on the face of the earth.

THE HEN'S RESPONSIBILITY.

A poultry expert says that 25 to 50 per cent of the hens in America are mere "boarders." Inasmuch as hens are not kept for artistic or altruistic reasons, he demands that all of those boarders be removed from the flocks and devoted to the only purpose they are good for—roasting, boiling, or frying. Every hen is to have her egg-laying record tested, and die the death if she fails to measure up to the standard with a satisfactory margin of production over consumption of raw materials.

harm to fill its ranks with young men of education and culture. But the outlook for the traditional pursuits of a scholar is not a very inviting one.

The cause is evident enough. With the exception of law, the professions no longer pay anywhere near so much as business careers, in either money or honor. When they are more looked up to, and when they command better incomes, perhaps business will become less inviting to the student with the world before him.

DUNBAR MEETS THE CRISIS

Employers, employees and merchants can get together and make adjustments in keeping with the times and fair to each other if the spirit is there. The spirit exists in Dunbar, Pa.

The town of Dunbar is made up mostly of employees of the American Manganese company. The manganese business being hard hit, like others, the company gave notice that it would be necessary to shut down the plants July 1. The employees got together, talked things over and agreed to take a wage cut of 40 per cent if the company would keep things running. The company agreed, and in turn reduced the rental of all the company-owned houses 40 per cent. The merchants of the town, realizing that it was necessary to meet the situation or go out of business, have pared their prices to the bottom layer.

Result: Instead of a dead town with closed shops, closed houses and stoves, unemployed men and women, working and buying are going on almost as usual. It is true that nothing very stupendous is being done, but the depression is being tided over, and everybody is doing his share of the tiding. When the rise begins everybody will be on the spot ready for it, honestly entitled to his share of the coming prosperity.

Wages going down and labor efficiency going up, and the consuming public wins both ways.

It's awful, the way these automobile price-reductions are cluttering up the roads.

Summer is the time when people seek rest and change. Owing to the business situation, more will seek change this summer than will look for rest.

"The great Anglo-Saxon race is for oil," says the Norfolk Virginian-Planet. And by logical consequence, for armament to insure the oil.

Tretzky predicts a naval war between Britain and the U. S. in 1924. The ship is father to the thought, and it is spite Tretzky that would do it.

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



THE OFFICE CAT



Little Dreams From Life.
Scene—Dine store.
Dramatic Person—Tired shop girl and tireless shopper, with a few merry villagers scattered about.
Time—The present.
Tired Shop Girl—Ho, hum, hazy (yawn). Was they something for you?
Tireless shopper (also yawns)—Nops, I'm just looking around.
Tired shop girl—Way back in the time. (Yawns some more.)
Tireless shopper—Where's the music counter?
Tired shop girl—Way back in the rear.
Tireless Shopper—D'you know whether that Kl. Vampire is instrumental or vocal?
Tired shop girl—Tain't either one—it's a rouch killer.
Merry Villagers—Haw, haw! (Quick Curtains)

An old La Grande jester calls the attention of this pillar of poetic piffle to the fact that Mrs. Nellie Fish is seeking her son, Orville Bass, and asks us to join in the search.

Our Own Stone Show.
Drink to me only with thine eyes
And I will pledge with mine,
Or leave some coronal in the cup
For there's to be no wine!
The thief from the soul doth rise,
Doth crave a drink that's fine;
But could I brave Herod's sip,
My name would never shine.

"Wanted—Boy with wheel over sixteen years old," gurgles a wisp. Next thing we know, none one will be advertising for a hoop skirt.

Impertinent Clerk.
The police are working at the theory that a bird who stole that lady's curls from a hair on X Avenue is a married man.

A New York taxi driver has been arrested for hitting two women. So they kill 'em in pairs or no count down there.

Our Own Hall of Fame.
Miss Tompkins Hays, we are informed by Miss C. Lincoln, is employed by an Indianapolis telephone company.

V. Persis Dowey (name verified) declares that the shimmy, while outlawed as a dance, "is highly valuable as a personal bodily exercise to beautify shoulders and necks." Now that a practical use has been discovered for it, the shimmy is more than ever doomed to the ash can.

Belligerent Belittles?
We buried him with heavy stones, and held a celebration; The bomb was always hurled in— On other's conversation.

Hail the New Champ.
The champion, stony aun who one of our readers declares, always holds back a couple of minutes in telling anybody the time, has lost his title. A woman in New York

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who is suing for divorce alleges that her husband always turned off the electric lights in the home, as soon as he had read the evening paper.

Our anxiety concerning the pronunciation of Mr. Carpenter's first name is relieved by the finding that he has 100 syllables; it should be "Georgious."

A Kiss is really nothing at all, but some people are happy with nothing.

Night Hawks like Moonshine as a rule.

ETIQUETTE EVERY DAY

Theatre Party Invitations.
It is wisest always and most complimentary to give these invitations the note form, whether the entertainment offered is that of the theatre, opera, a concert, or a reading. The request for a friend's company may be suitably put forth in such terms as:
Dear Mr. Stevens:
Will you give me the great pleasure of your company on Wednesday evening, the 16th, when I shall entertain a few friends at dinner and afterwards at the Grand Theatre to see the new play "Stepping Stone"? We dine at seven o'clock at my home, and I shall hope to include you in our party of twelve.

Yours very sincerely,
Elizabeth Dowling.
Tomorrow: "Home Party Invitations"

Europe has 50 languages and 587 variations. The comparatively small number of variations in their languages is due to the fact that they have no baseball writers over there.—St. Joseph News-Press.

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE LA GRANDE NATIONAL BANK

RESOURCES—
Loans and discounts, including redemptions, (except those shown in b and c)..... \$1,242,542.57
Total Loans..... 1,242,542.57
Deposits.....
Notes and bills redemitted with Federal Reserve Bank (other than bank acceptances sold)..... 110,798.66 \$1,122,743.91
U. S. Government securities owned:
Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. bonds par value)..... 200,000.00
All Other United States Government Securities..... 83,084.80
Total..... 283,084.80
Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.:
Banking House, \$26,744.94; Furniture and fixtures, \$16,194.37; Real estate owned other than banking house..... 74,551.00
Cash in vault and amount due from national banks..... 100,180.21
Amount due from banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States (other than included in Items 8, 9, or 10)..... 8,692.38
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank (other than Item 12)..... 6,886.93
Total of Items 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13..... 115,859.52
Checks on banks located outside of city or town as reporting bank and other cash items..... 2,061.35
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer..... 10,000.00
Total..... \$1,736,646.04
LIABILITIES—
Capital stock paid in..... 200,000.00
Surplus fund..... 65,000.00
Undivided profits..... 10,081.90
Circulating notes outstanding..... 291,645.00
Amount due to national banks..... 8,144.03
Amount due to State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States and foreign countries (other than included in Items 21 or 22)..... 9,252.87
Certified checks outstanding..... 640.00
Total of Items 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25..... \$1,057.90
Demand Deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve (deposits payable within 30 days):
Individual deposits subject to check..... 514,805.68
Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed)..... 176,294.70
Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve, Items 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31..... 721,099.78
Time deposits subject to Reserve (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice, and postal savings):
Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)..... 957,198.51
Other time deposits..... 106,142.95
Total of time deposits subject to Reserve, Items 32, 33, 34, and 35..... 507,614.46
United States Deposits (other than postal savings) including War Loan demand account and deposits of United States Disbursing officers (Bills payable other than with Federal Reserve Bank (including all gold and silver certificates) money borrowed, other than redemptions)..... 5,000.00
Bills payable with Federal Reserve Bank..... 28,800.00
Total..... \$1,736,646.04
State of Oregon, County of Union, ss: I, F. L. Meyers, Cashier of the above-named bank, do hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. F. L. MEYERS, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of July, 1921.
Earl C. Reynolds, Notary Public. (My commission expires December 9, 1924.)
Correct—Attest:
J. C. PENNINGTON,
J. G. SNODGRASS,
A. T. HILL,
Directors

POLITICAL HISTORY

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West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE Dress Materials For SUMMER FROCKS

27 INCH PLAID CHECKED AND PLAIN ZEPHYR GINGHAMS 23c YARD

Every woman who knows how to handle a needle is certain to be interested in these lovely new gingham in small plaids and checks. So popular have been patterns like these that we have had difficulty in keeping sufficient on hand.

These are fine quality Zephyr Gingham, all 27 inches wide, and all are priced at 23c yard.

Apron check gingham, 27 inches wide. Small, medium and large checks. All priced at 12 1/2c and 15c a yard.

Extra wide gingham in plaids, checks and plain colors are of fine quality, soft and lustrous and are priced at 26c a yard.

Chautauqua starts tomorrow. To those who are camping on the grounds, a gingham dress becomes quite a necessity. Here we are showing many new ideas in gingham frocks. Gingham and home dresses range in price from \$2.25 to \$19. Aprons from \$7.00 to \$14.50.

An accumulation of odd lots in a great variety ranging from 26c to \$3.00. Also many separate pieces included in the lot. Find these near the entrance. Your choice at

\$1.00

35c Yard



FOR WHITE SHIRTS
Whether a white wash shirt, a silk or wool—we are showing materials for each. For the white wash shirts you will see materials in one of our windows today.
In silks there are several sport silks, Duchesse Satin and Brocade, all are 40 inches wide and prices are from \$2.50 to \$5.00.
In woolsens, there are French Serge and Tricotine of different qualities and prices.

YESTERDAY BEGAN A SALE OF 500 YARDS OF MUSLIN OUR REGULAR 35c "MIDDY TWILL" AT 19c Yard

A large special purchase direct from the factory enables us to offer just 500 yards of this popular material at this extraordinary price. This is a regular grade selling at 35c a yard, the name of which is withheld, comes in factory remnants of 5 to 20 yard pieces. A fine bleached muslin or Middy Twill suitable for all purposes, 36 inches wide—while any remains—no restrictions at 19c yard.

Palace Confectionery Co. Keep This In Mind. Always keep in mind the choice candies that are sold at Silverthorn's

A fine grade Mercerized Batiste, especially adapted to undergarments. It is in both pink and white, and has small blue figure, 36 inches wide and priced at

\$1.00

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NOTE THE PRICES—Adults, \$3.00 for a season ticket; \$10.00 for a Membership or four tickets; \$1.50 for students and children.

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