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IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



TOBE BEASLEY, THE GARDEN WIZARD HAS PRODUCED AN EVER-BEARING DANDELION, THE BLOSSOMS COME IN THREE COLORS—WINE, CHAMPAGNE AND CLARET.

Settling of Patronage

There is little use to kick or complain or to praise the handing out of political patronage in this day and age. It is different from years ago when a whole community took sides and fought it out as to who should be postmaster or some other officer. Nowdays the Associated Press tells the story of who wins and the next day everything is quiet and people have forgotten about the offices or officers.

The days of nursing grudges or holding in high esteem the congressman who delivers the package tied up with a neat blue ribbon are all over.

It is probably just as well, for many men who have prominent places in public life nowadays refuse to give endorsements of candidates or take part in the apportioning of places.

This was in evidence when Edgar B. Piper, of the Oregonian, probably the one man in position in the state to have urged appointments, refused to take a hand in the recent federal job contest even though his brother was a candidate.

We are living differently, socially and politically. Perhaps it is better perhaps not. Those were good old days when primaries were held and the candidate for postoffice who carried his precinct for the congressman felt that his success was assured. It at least gave pep to politics. Much as those days were interesting they have gone forever and henceforth political patronage is a liability to any officer rather than an asset.

Eastern Oregon shakes out of the recent federal job-giving with no important place—all jobs have been given to Portland and the Willamette valley, demonstrating again that the country east of the mountains is an adopted child in Oregon and is largely fit for taxpaying in the eyes of the lower country.

But, don't kick. The world has no time to listen to kicks and then what's the use, anyway?

The people of this section are much more interested now in some sane earnest legislation that will help the country.

The Grande Ronde Hog

The hog was deserted and a mistake was made. When Union and Willows county

ranchers had lots of hogs to sell they were more prosperous. But the trend was to bigger things and they hit into cattle and sheep, leaving the hog houses to rot and go down. We all know what has happened to the cattle and sheep business, and now everyone wants hogs.

Over in Union's part of the county people are paying premiums to get hogs to feed. Barley is low and wheat that will not stand the test is low with no hogs to eat it.

What we need is a constant stream of hogs going to market from these two counties.

Some farmers say, "We tried and lost money." Of course you did and you have tried other things and lost money.

No one is smart enough to make money on everything all the time. But hogs, one year with another, is as safe a business as one can find. Ask the man who has stuck to the hog and see what he says.

Hogs don't require herders nor camp tenders; they don't require automobiles, neither do they require high priced land or a big outlay for ranges.

And the hog comes nearer staying in harmony with the price of feed than any other animal. When feed is low hogs will be low, but let feed advance and the hog price responds quicker by far than does the price of any other meat animal.

Besides, there is always a market for the hog. He will always bring some money. When your note is due at the bank and you have a pen filled with hogs Mr. Banker is going to say, "all's well."

In Memory of Battle of Grande Ronde

It remained for J. Q. A. Richardson one of the pioneers of this valley to suggest to the Observer that the date of the annual pioneer picnic for Union county be changed to July 13th, in order to commemorate the battle of the Grande Ronde, which was fought on July 17, 1856.

On that day the settlers, headed by Mr. Richardson and others determined they would no longer put up with the abuse of the Cayuse, Snake and other Indians, so they gave battle to the Redskins between Mt. Emily and the Grande Ronde river. It was one of the few battles fought on Oregon soil and is well remembered by the older pioneers.

Using Mr. Richardson's language:

"We could not live longer under the conditions and there was nothing to do but fight it out. Every settler joined in the fight and we had a fine battle. I tell you Oh, yes, a number of the white men were wounded and several Indians were sent to the happy hunting ground from which even a Redskin has never been known to return."

It would be highly proper for the pioneer day to fall on the anniversary of this battle just for the sentiment it will carry to the present generation. Sentiment is quite a thing you know, remove it from life and you have nothing but eight per cent interest left. All agree that eight per cent is essential to the general scheme of living but it is a dry subject and easily figured.

Of course, the price of grain had to drop. Everything that comes from the soil is on the toboggan slide. Things which factories produce are being held up as much as the fight for higher prices can accomplish. But, then, one of those days the soil products will go higher and higher—it has to come—no country can live with the unbalanced condition we have today.

The Boy Scout will arrive home this evening after two weeks of fun in nature's paradise, thirty miles from railroad. It's great to be a boy—it always has been great to be a boy—but it is greater to be a boy now than ever before.

THE OFFICE CAT



—BY JUNIUS—

Ambition. You will never get anywhere unless you have higher ideals than this. I presented the woman to whom this tramp had applied for assistance. "Are you really content to spend your life walking around the country begging?"

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Timely Suggestions To Help Her Save

- Djer Kiss Toilet Water \$1.35
 - Djer Kiss Perfume, per oz 1.50
 - Djer Kiss Talcum30
 - Djer Kiss Powder50
 - Azurea Powder1.25
 - Lov' Me Powder75
 - Melba Powder50
 - Marine's Powder60
 - Melbalins25
- Odo ro no50c and 60c
Mulsified Coconut Oil50c
Hinds Honey and Almond 50c
Melba Skin Lotion35c
Peroxide15c
Listerine15c, 25c, and 50c

Save on every toilet requisite here—we have her favorites.

Her Handkerchiefs

must be numerous, and they must be nice. Most girls delight in a plain, hemmed, pure linen handkerchief—or perhaps one with a small figure or spray in a corner. These are 40c and 50c; others are from 10c to 65c.

BLACK SILK HOSE

on sale for \$1.95

Full fashioned silk hose reduced from higher prices to this low figure for quick removal to make room for new lots. There are all sizes in the lot, and every one of first quality, all pure silk and full fashioned. Black only, price \$1.95 pair.

MUNSINGWEAR

Be Sure She Has Plenty

They solve many a laundry problem when she has plenty of white knit Union Suits—in just the style and weave she wants. Her size is here, and she will find MUNSINGWEAR only at this store.

HER LUGGAGE TOO

must be in first class shape. Not necessarily a wardrobe trunk, although we have them, but a good leather bag or suit case—perhaps both—will be quite necessary. Our stocks are complete now and ready for inspection.

Showing the First of Autumn

DRESSES, SUITS, and COATS for the Miss

This week we will show the early arrivals, the very newest—and mostly for the Miss who wants to select early and be sure. We invite her this week.

ARRESTED ON MURDER CHARGE

PENDLETON, Aug. 20.—Fred Patterson, alias Pat Anderson and also known as Andy Anderson, was arrested about daylight this morning on a charge of complicity in the murder of Matt Jepson, aged rancher whose body was found in a well last Saturday on his ranch 16 miles east of Milton, according to a news report by the Walla Walla Bulletin.

The arrest of Patterson was made by Sheriff Houser, who with Deputy E. B. F. Ridgeway and A. Van Orsdale, a Walla Walla officer, comprise a posse that had sought the man for many hours. Patterson was arrested at Glassby's mill, 25 miles southeast of Walla Walla. At 11 o'clock this forenoon he was being held in the Walla Walla county jail.

A Candy Delight

A candy delight that anyone will appreciate can be bought at Silverthorn's Drug Store, at a special price, which means a big saving and a big treat, both in one. A 50c a pound candy on Saturday for 29c.

SPORT POT POURI

Sports News of Varied kinds and Sources.

With the day close at hand when Coach Ledell will send out a clarion call for prospects to his La Grande high school football team, interest in the 1921 football rules is reviving.

Fans will find that the new rules tend to clarify rather than alter. The alterations which bear directly upon the play begin with Rule 4. Here it is made clear that when time is called for the end of a game, or a period, and a fair catch has been made, the team making the fair catch shall have the privilege of the kick, but may not put the ball in scrimmage.

In Rule 6, the word "illegal" has been added, so that the rule applies not only to an incomplete forward pass but also to an illegal one. Rule 7 has been altered so that it now accords with custom. The rules formerly provided that the captains should toss for choice of goal. No one ever did it that way. The rules now coincide with custom and the referees toss.

One La Grande man says most wo-

TIME TO BE PACKING THE COLLEGE GIRL'S TRUNK!

And what a lot of delightful preparation for the next few weeks. A whole term's outfit to be selected. Nearly twenty departments here to help you in your selecting—each one contains articles of importance for her trunk. Start this week and make selections.

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Full fashioned silk hose reduced from higher prices to this low figure for quick removal to make room for new lots. There are all sizes in the lot, and every one of first quality, all pure silk and full fashioned. Black only, price \$1.95 pair.

"La France" Silk HOSE-\$2.50 PAIR
It is economy for the college girl to buy the best when she's buying. She knows La France hose—she should not forget several pairs before her trunk is packed. They are here in black, brown, and gray. Price \$2.50 pair.

Don't Forget a Silk UMBRELLA
for rainy days may be far away, but they're sure to come. Most girl favor the colored silk umbrella to match their costume—made with attractive ivory or leather strap handles. They're priced much lower now than last year. \$5 to \$12.

New Leather HAND BAGS
Trim, neat, little accessories to the new Suit or Coat are found among those footed leather bags. Some beautiful ones among them. Some are made entirely by hand. Hand sewn, and hand tooled. Some have locks and keys.
The wide range of prices will indicate the variety. \$3 to \$27.50.



men would rather be flattered than praised.
Safety First. Dentist (to patient who is opening his purse)—No, don't bother to pay me in advance. Patient—I'm not. I was only counting my money before you give me gas.
If the slogan "1921 will reward fighters," is true, there are a couple in La Grande men that are in a fair way to become millionaires.
There has been a lot said about Hon. Andy Volstead, pro and con—mostly con—but seriously now, what is your honest opinion of a man who would obliterate beer and chew plug tobacco?
Peter Tumbledown has a bigger crop of weeds this year than ever before. Some of them are so high they make a good shade for Peter as he sits and curses the government and things generally. Peter has found that it is much easier to complain in the shade than in the sun.
Our idea of the top notch of inconsistency is the sweltering guy who sits on a cake of ice trying to make himself think he's taking a sleigh ride.
A feminine voice called up the Observer office Saturday and asked for the Office Cat. We unbooked the receiver. The following conversation took place:
"Is this the Office Cat?"
"Yup."
"Have you red hair?"
"Scouting a mouse, we parried, "No what did Hare write?"
"Don't get fresh"—she was reasonable, like any woman—"do you know why your hair isn't red?"
"Nope."
"Cause ivory doesn't rust."
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Reduce Clothing Expense

AN OLD SUIT REMODELED IS OFTEN AS ATTRACTIVE AS A NEW ONE.

MAKING NEW SUITS

is our regular business, and if you want a new tailor made outfit we can give you the perfection of the art at remarkably low prices—a reduction in expense even in the new product.

BUT, if you want to economize, bring your old suit to us for remodeling, cleaning and pressing. We can make a marvelous change in that old suit—a change that will add tone to your appearance and much longer life to the garment.

The Wardrobe

WOOD W. BERRY

—Dry Cleaning a Specialty—

FURS AT ALASKA PRICES!

I have on exhibition and for sale the finest collection of Alaska Furs in the Northwest, at the most reasonable prices ever offered to the La Grande public. Foxes, Mink, Bear, Seal, Muskrat and many others. The public is invited to inspect this collection, some of which are made up ready to wear.

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