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An Epoch in Baker's History

To formally open a play house which has cost a couple of hundred thousand dollars certainly marks an epoch in the history of any community. Such has happened up at Baker, for this week the people of that city threw open to the public one of the most magnificent natatoriums we have ever seen. Nature has been kind to Baker in that an everlasting supply of hot waters comes to the earth's surface near the city. The people said why not utilize this natural gift for the benefit of all. And they did. Not only did they develop the hot water supply, but they erected almost in the heart of the city a large community building which would be a credit to Chicago as a place of frolic and fun for the young and old. Modern to the last pillar and substantial as the Rock of Ages this building will stand for generations to serve the general public.

The pool is ideal, very large, and has a supply of warm water running through it day and night. The pavilion is of brick, steel and concrete with floors of polished hardwood for dancing and other kinds of amusement.

The setting of the structure is beautiful for it is in the city park and ornamental shrubbery studding a beautiful lawn will be the final development.

Baker opened this magnificent structure Wednesday night when many people from all over Eastern Oregon gathered there, speaking words of appreciation. At the same time, Baker, desiring to show her unstinted appreciation of her municipal band and its leader, Louis Freitag, who for twenty-five years has worked without compensation to keep a band in Baker, presented to Mr. Freitag a beautiful gold medal bearing appreciative words from the people.

On Thursday night a grand ball was given as the opening social event in the natatorium, and it was a great occasion. Strictly speaking it was an event of the people, not marked by caste or social stratum. Everyone attended and everyone had a good time; everyone talked natatorium, spoke of the civic pride centered in the institution, and thus Baker starts a new epoch of her history. It is an epoch that is going to be one of advancement; an epoch which will put local differences in the background and center civic pride on Baker's future welfare; it is an epoch which will tend to put the goods of Baker county in the show window of the world; an advertising epoch, if you please, for no community can thrive and advance without advertising in every form. The

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



THE OLD COPPER KETTLE THAT STOOD IN FRONT OF BURKHARDT'S STORE FOR TWENTY YEARS WAS STOLEN LAST NIGHT.

"We bought a can opener and that at least does not burn everything that comes to the table."

Did you ever hear a fellow say: "I had a swell time on my vacation, but believe me, I am glad to be back again?" Don't ever believe him. The hardest part about vacation is getting back on the job.

UNDOUBTEDLY A RECORD
A Chinese, fighting for citizenship in Chicago declares he was born in San Francisco, but admits that his parents never left China. This is believed to be one of the most absent-minded tricks the stork ever played.

LIFE AS I SEE IT.
Don't fuss with your neighbors about a few shortcomings. I know a very distinguished man who says "et" for "ate."

A. Dr. Stratton claims that women are being hugged too much in the modern dances. By straining our ears and listening intently we have not as yet heard any complaint from the women.—R. K. Moulton.

NO ARGUMENT.
"Do you deny that we are descended from monkeys?"
"If you want to claim that descent, old man, I won't dispute you. Why argue with you about your family tree?"

Study briefly the face of the fellow who is carrying a fishpole and you can tell whether he is coming or going.

The hen has a right to kick; she is never so much as allowed an egg of her own production.

ALL SIZES
"Twins, eh? What'll I do about a baby carriage?"
"Oh, they manufacture them for two and three passengers, old top."

Sally Skunkum says "Babe" Ruth is evidently a pigeon fancier, "cause he's been makin' a collection of 'hemers'."

PHILO-SOPHY
Talent won't get you any place unless it is backed up by ambition.

An editor wrote a southern Missouri subscriber, named Bill Je rey, advising him that his subscription had expired. A few days later the editor received his own letter, across the bottom of which was scrawled, "So's Bill."

The first frost this month will come on the morning of October 17th.

GOT 'EM ROLLED UP
The dimples deep of lucky Kate Have lost their luring charm, of late While Mabel now wins with all ease. Her only dimples grace her knees. —Judge.

THE OFFICE CAT



—BY JUNIOR—

MORE GIRLS
A girl I shun
Is Sue Carrots;
She's one of those
Human parrots.
—Cincinnati Enquirer.
I never shun
A single maid;
I love them all
Too much, I'm afraid.
—Hastings (Neb.) Tribune.

Perspiring Citizen—I don't think much of this weather.
Cool Friend—That's me, too, I try to keep my mind off it.

THERE'S ALWAYS A SILVER LINING
"I hear you've lost your cook.
Tough luck, remarked Bot.
"Oh, I don't know," replied Nutt.

Fur Sale to Continue Saturday

This sale of the finest furs of the season will continue over Saturday. Women interested should see these—a \$75,000 stock on display here for your inspection. Capes, Coats, Scarfs, Chokers, and Novelty Pieces of all kinds. Every kind of fur represented. Entire stock to be sold for the last time Saturday at a discount of

25%

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THE QUALITY STORE

This monument, erected to the memory of Joseph Bradford Carr, in Oakwood Cemetery, New York, is a combination of classic and modern ideas in monument work.

Gen. Carr's Memorial, Troy, N.Y.



—We have made a profound study of monument building, and an order placed in our hands is sure to receive faithful, intelligent execution.

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Double Strand
HAIR NETS
15c

Just In By Express! JERSEY JACKETS

Black, Brown and Navy

\$6.00



After several weeks delay, we are again able to supply the ever increasing demand for these popular sport jackets of wool jersey.

A large shipment in the seasons' popular shades; navy, brown and black, arrived by express yesterday.

Made with Tuxedo front, pocket and belt. All sizes complete. See window.

Priced at \$6.00 each.

NEW ART PACKAGES

Ready for the Needle

A complete new assortment of embroidery packages and art work, awaits the inspection of those who are interested in embroidery work. There are infants garments, scarfs, table runners, center pieces, aprons, bags, etc. All new and priced very reasonably. You may inspect them in our white goods section.

ANGORA

For Trimming Purposes

Six inches wide, in brown, blue, black and white. To be used as collars and cuffs for sweaters, infants' or children's coats, as well as for all trimming purposes. See this in our neck wear department. Price \$1.00 yard.

Misses'

BLACK SILK HOSE

\$1.00

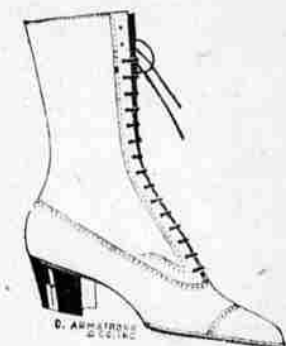
Calls for silk hose for children have been excessive of late; hence the arrival of these. They are "BLACK CAT," the same as our always popular cotton hose for children—they stay black when laundered.

We have them now in sizes 7 to 9 for the Miss of 10 to 15 years—in black only. Priced at \$1.00 pair.

A NEW "ARMSTRONG" SHOE For Fall

BROWN KID
\$12

A beautiful brown kid shoe of finest "ARMSTRONG" quality — with military heel and well sole. This shoe is one of the best our stocks contain for fall, and those who admire our Armstrong shoes will delight in seeing these. Try them on to feel the excellent fitting qualities. In all sizes and AAA to D widths. Price \$12.00. Tax 20c.



Conscienceless Grave Diggers.

A dead man in Burma always pays his fare across the mystic river of death with a small coin which he carries in his mouth. The curse that rests on grave-diggers as a class probably comes from the fact that most of the men of this trade have no scruples about digging the poor wretches up for their coins. It is believed that this causes the spirits of the disturbed ones to return to this world to suffer all the ills that the human imagination can conjure up for them.

Name of Labrador.

It is believed that Labrador was so named because Portuguese explorers thought the natives would make good laborers, or because of the labor required to make a living there. The name is connected with the old Spanish name for labor. The Labrador coast was discovered in the Tenth century by Leif, the Norseman, but no explanations were made. It was again discovered in 1497 by John Cabot. Explorations and settlements were made and the peninsula was named.

Ash Best Material for Bats.

In making baseball bats no substitute for wood has been found, says the American Forestry Magazine. Ash has won the leading place. Several qualities must be considered in selecting wood for bats, but the most essential are weight and strength. The shock and strain are severe at the moment of impact when the well-aimed blow meets the flying ball in mid-air, and almost instantly stops it and sends it in the opposite direction. If the wood is not excellent the blow shatters it.

Bing! Boom! Bang!

Will go the guns purchased during the GREAT SALE OF THE OREGON HARDWARE when, on Sunday Morning, Oct. 2nd.,

The Pheasant Season Opens

Don't forget, men, that regardless of the tremendous business and heavy strain this buying has put upon our stock, we can still take care of your requirements in both guns and ammunition.

Spend Both Sides of Your Dollar Here.

12 Gauge Shells \$1.29	16 Gauge Shells \$1.24	20 Gauge Shells \$1.19
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All Shells Reduced in Same Proportion
Every Gun Radically Reduced

Oregon Hardware & Implement Co.

LA GRANDE, OREGON

STAR

Saturday
Sunday

A HOLMAN DAY
SPECIAL PRODUCTION
The Rider of the
King Log

A Drama of the Timber Barons, versus
a Rugged Son of the Forest