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IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



A CITY LADY IN A PARIS GOWN CREATED SOME EXCITEMENT ON MAIN STREET LAST EVE.

Woman Civil War Spy.
A woman was the most dramatic of the Civil War spies. She was Emma Edmonds, who early had an ambition to be a foreign missionary. At the start of the war she became a nurse with the Army of the Potomac; later she was in the hospital, and when headquarters wanted a spy she volunteered. Eleven times Emma Edmonds entered the Confederate lines in disguise and was not caught. Once she went as a Negro youth and deceived the Negroes with whom she worked. She brought back plans of fortifications and such scraps of military intelligence as she could pick up. As a Negroess, she was sent to Confederate headquarters to cook, and there obtained valuable papers. During Pope's Virginia campaign, she made three visits to the enemy in 70 days and returned each time with valuable information.

Explosives Place Ship's Bolts.
In the performance of some government work it was found necessary to find a bolt or manner of placing a bolt so that it would withstand unusually high shearing stresses, and two successful methods were devised. In order to make an absolutely faultless fit of the bolt in the first case the bolts were immersed in liquid air until they contracted sufficiently to enter the holes quite easily, but when they had gained their normal temperature again they expanded to such an extent that the holes were filled. The other scheme consisted of making a small hole along the axis of the bolt and, after it had been placed, the hole filled with explosive and when this was discharged the bolt was expanded and caused to grip the plates. Subsequent tests proved that each of these methods filled the unusual demands.

The Land of Wonders.
Shasta county, California, is the land of wonders. The latest is the dancing egg. It is laid by an as yet undetermined insect on the leaves of oak trees. Masses of these eggs cling to the under side of the leaf and as they advance toward maturity they drop to the ground and dance about. By holding an oak twig containing any number of eggs to one's ear a crackling sound may be heard, like the spitting of electric sparks. The shell contains a tiny grub, working for release. In many towns collections of the eggs are on exhibition. When laid on a table these eggs bound about and spring into the air, sometimes to a height of 16 inches. They are particularly active in the early morning.

Why Coins Are Milled.
The milling round the edges of coins, B. K. (Woolwich), was introduced just over two centuries ago in this country. Previous to that time quite a number of people made a considerable income by filing a little piece off each gold and silver coin that passed through their hands. Things became so bad that coins often lost a quarter of their weight within a few months of issue. Even the strictest laws and the most terrible punishments failed to stop the practice, and our courage became hopelessly debased. Milling coins put an end to it at once, for you cannot clip or file a milled piece without giving the show away.

A Happy Couple.
"Darby and Joan" were an old-fashioned, conservative married couple, famous for their long life and domestic felicity. They are said to have lived, over a century ago, in Healdsburg, a village in the West Riding of Yorkshire. Darby and Joan are the hero and heroine of a ballad "The Happy Old Couple" of uncertain authorship, although sometimes ascribed to Matthew Prior. According to another authority, however, the ballad was Henry Woodfall, and the originals were John Darby, printer of Bartholomew Close, who died in 1730, and his wife Joan. Woodfall was an apprentice in the service of John Nelson Darby, an English theological writer.

In Those Days.
It was a merry place, London, in those days, and that's the truth. There was a difference between a gentleman and a common fellow in those times. Now every man has the same commonlike look in his behavior and countenance, and there is no outward difference between my lord and his groom. Then it took a man of fashion a couple of hours to make his toilette, and he could show some taste and genius in the selecting it. What a blaze of splendor was a drawing-room, or an opera, of a gala night!—Thackeray.

"Crepuscular Rays."
The beams of light sometimes seen radiating from the sun when not far from the horizon are called "crepuscular rays." They are due to rays of light passing through breaks in the clouds and made visible by dust or fine drops of water in the air. Their apparent divergence is an effect of perspective. The phenomenon is popularly described as "the sun drawing water." Sailors speak of the "sun's back-sweeps," while Homer wrote of the "rosy fingered dawn."

Honey From Bahama.
In 1920 there were 38,000 apiarists, containing 486,000 hives and 182,728 swarms, in Czecho-Slovakia, according to returns from the office of statistics, says a report from Trade Commissioner Freed. The honey produced amounted to 789 metric tons, valued at 10,200,000 crowns, and the wax to 53 metric tons, valued at 1,900,000 crowns.

BRUISES & SPRAINS
Alternative application of VICK'S VAPORUB cold cloths—then apply VICK'S VAPORUB
Over 17 Million Jars Used Yearly

Bible Thought For Today

BEGIN RIGHT IN YOUTH:—Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have pleasure in them. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.—Ecclesiastes 12: 1, 12.

Three-Fingered Jack

We remember Jack Godwin when he worshipped the roulette wheel; when he thought more of his twenty-one game than he did of his dinner; when he lived in the lower strata of life, made a bundle of money and spent two bushels. That was the Jack Godwin of Denver—the old gambling house Jack who defied law and order, who lived in the spirit of the Denver day of gambling and living the primrose life.

The Observer does not mention this to humiliate Jack Godwin, neither do we mention it as an advertisement for him, but we do call attention to the fact that Jack did change his career; that he did accept a higher motive in life, and according to his own statement which no one can deny his great change was brought because of his acceptance of Christianity as he sees it. Today he is doing a great work. He is reclaiming men and women. His life has been consecrated to religion and he works at it all of the time. The fact that he was a gambler was not to his credit, the fact that he chose the underworld associates certainly is nothing to be proud of, but the pride that he does enjoy is because he shook off those associates, those habits, those easy money ways and became a staunch Christian citizen of this republic.

He is holding a series of meetings in La Grande and his work will live long after he leaves the community.

Pride in Union County

It is indeed hard to describe one's feeling of pride when one entered the Pacific International Live Stock pavilion in Portland during the stock show and saw among the very first exhibits the grain, grasses and fruits woven into one of the very best exhibits that was on exhibition. That feeling of pride grew more intense as one passed into the stock show proper, saw the Holsteins, the Shorthorns, the Whiteface cattle, the hogs and the excellent horses which this county's stock raisers shipped to the exposition.

Union county was there with the bells. She competed with the good livestock clear across the continent and from Canada to New Zealand. And she came out with many ribbons indicating the quality of our live stock.

Excellent judging marked every class and every event except one and that was the six-horse contest. By all fairness Floyd McKennon, a Union county boy, should have had first place in this contest and the Observer's opinion does not stand alone on this for the grandstand was so pronounced in favor of McKennon's work as a driver that the judges were hoisted when the decision was given to A. C. Rudy of Portland.

However, Union county breeds good horses as well as good live stock and could hold the bag on the horse show at the Oregon State Fair.

stronger than it was this year. We have the goods to show; we are proud of live stock men and the stock they produce, therefore we will all be on the job next fall in Portland.

The Beauty of Snow

As Willamette people love the rain so Eastern Oregon people love snow. Without snow our winter would be a failure and everyone would be unhappy. It has a stimulation; it makes the mind change, it brings forth beauty otherwise not obtainable.

The Grande Ronde valley is having its first snow of the winter and the people are happy. They are adjusting themselves to the white winter, and they know the holiday period is but a short distance off.

The man raised in a mild climate is to be pitied. He does not know the joy of a blizzard; he cannot appreciate the fine feeling one has who faces a snow storm and has the sharp wind cut his face; he cannot feel the buoyancy of cold weather. Again we say it is a great joy to live in Eastern Oregon, and one of the things that makes it such a joy is that we have winters with snow.

If you will notice Britain is strong on abolishing all submarines. She talks that more than anything else. Britain remembers what a hard road to travel the high seas proved to be when that Dutchman had his submarines working. We all agree with Britain—do away with the submarines by all means.

The non-partisan league has endorsed C. E. Spence, master of the Oregon grange, for governor. This is a case when Charlie Spence no doubt would like to have been saved from his fool friends. Or is it a case of chickens coming home to roost?

With everyone pleading for peace, including the Pope of Rome, the National Grange and every society and church in the universe, it would seem those diplomats will have a hard time of it to follow the lead of Secretary Hughes.

William Jennings Bryan is at the peace conference. He may be able to stay through it, but he did not stay through the war. The country well remembers that, too.

Farm products are to receive a ten per cent cut in freight rates, but nothing is said about how that ten per cent will be figured.

No foreign outlet for wheat is the way the market reads, but it is mighty gloomy already, to Grande Ronde valley farmers.

There is something very good about the capture of Roy Gardner. It occurred as one of the big news scoops for evening papers.

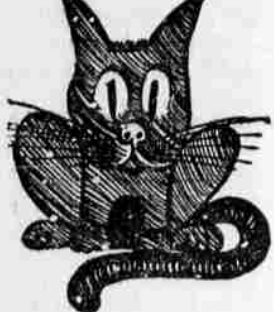
Let the Grangers have full sway for a while. They may tell us what the matter with things.

Most of the Indians have gone back to their homes after spending some time in this vicinity hunting. One of the Indians, "Little Hawk" was quite sick white here and as he is very old it is doubtful if he will be able to visit those happy hunting grounds any more.

The Grangers hunt entirely by "eye," by sense of muscle and small sense of smell.

THE OFFICE CAT

—By JUNIUS—



JUNIUS KNOWS
Of all the onery mortals That on this earth do roam, The meanest are the soreheads Who sometimes use a phone. These cranky individuals Should be required to stay At home until their breakfast foods

Tone up proper for the day. This indigestion is a thing That's very hard to fight And when it hits a cranky man He can treat no one right. Some Tanlax I think would help To straighten out the kinks, And lots of fresh fruits, so they claim,

Is mighty good for jinks. You know sometimes we listen to Five hundred just like you, Who dictate, jaw and quote the law, And run our business too. It gets so very tiresome When we try to please you all You get so all-fired sassy If we don't jump at your call. With noisy office, phone N. G. An old crank on the line, Now you'll admit it makes the life Of an Office Cat, sublime!

NO ACORN

In Ohio they tell a story of a man who brought for entrance into a college there, a student, his son, for whom he wished a shorter course than the regular one. "My boy, can never take all that in," said he. "He wants to get through quicker. Can you arrange it?" "Oh, yes," said the president. "He can take a short course; it all depends on what you want to make of him. When God wants to make an oak he takes a hundred years, but He takes only two months to make a squash."

Price goes before a fall and a hawk is sure to follow the fall.

FLAPPER SONG

Delta Kappa Epsilon, Kappa Gamma Mu, Pearl pins, gold pins, Pins enameled blue— Oh Psi, Delta Phi, Delta Sigma Nu, Tea time, toddle time, Taxis for two, —Life.

Outside of the Tanlar advertisement, The Office Cat is probably the most popular department in the paper.

OLD FACTS, SCIENTIFIC AND OTHERWISE

Hosekiah Teltum, Goose Creek weather prophet, who never has made a wrong guess on the weather, declares the number of banana peels on the walks indicate a hard fall.

By feeding them only salt an Indiana farmer claims he can produce a breed of chickens that will lay eggs that will keep fresh for five years.

According to a Washington statistician if all the home brew made in the United States in the last year was put in barrels and the barrels stood on top of each other they would reach to the moon. Moonshine.

"You know that old bird who writes automobile verse?"

"Yes, what about him?"

"He got arrested today for operating his machine without a poetic license."

A plate from which a dog has eaten will never again be used for the preparation of human food among the true epics.

No Charge for Alterations

See several of the dresses in one of our windows

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THE QUALITY STORE

Last Day OF THE GREATEST DRESS SALE

EVER HELD IN THIS STORE

GREATEST IN NUMBER!
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Thursday morning we opened this sale with between 70 and 80 of the finest dresses of the season—nearly all silks—Crepes, Taffetas, Satins—Models that are original and exclusive, and dresses that would cost much more, were it not for the fact that they were secured in an extraordinary purchase.

Dresses so good in the matter of style, desirability and in quality of materials that the price is astonishingly low.

Remember tomorrow is the last day—few of these will be left Monday and will be sold at regular price.

Tomorrow our entire stock at

20% off

A NOTEWORTHY SALE OF

Blankets

An entire stock of cotton, wool, wool mixed and woolnap—excellent values at regular prices, all of them.

There are many of the finest, pure wool blankets made by Oregon City Woolen Mills.

There are several hundred in the sale—beautiful colors and patterns. All standard sizes.

All regular prices reduced 10 per cent—Tomorrow Only!

10% OFF

NEW Coats

A few new and exceptionally good coats arrived yesterday by express. There are a few customers still waiting for a coat.

We invite you to see these.

TRUSTS AND THE REDS AGREE

MOSCOW, Nov. 18.—Trusts and combinations are now openly fostered by the Bolshevik government. Every day brings announcements of new combinations of small factories to which the Soviet government has granted a concession and there is frank discussion of the necessity for organizing and combining industries to insure their success.

It is difficult to believe that a government which so recently denounced all the processes of capitalism is now openly advocating their adoption.

The great effort of the Economic Council of the government is to get small industries started which will supply the small manufactured articles required all over Russia, such as household utensils, kitchen equipment, garden tools and small hardware.

Such factories will require large quantities of sheet tin and sheet iron, which many of them hope to get from the government in tax.

America. The present supply in Russia is practically nil.

In cities like Moscow and Petrograd the government will supply these small industries with electrical power.

Seven tanneries capable of employing 1,500 persons have formed a trust at Nijni Novgorod and been granted a concession by the government to resume work as a co-operative organization.

The government has granted a concession to a combination of small knitting factories in Petrograd which will resume work on the condition that 12 per cent of their output will be paid to which many of them hope to get from the government in tax.

Announcement

The Newly Organized

"Sta Rex Orchestra"

will be open for engagements after Nov. 19th.

This Orchestra will be regularly employed at the Star Theatre and Rex Dance Hall.

Personnel of Orchestra
Phone Mr. Gekeler, Farmers 17.

Kenneth Gekeler, violin and Leader.
Henry Reese, Clarinet.
Andrew Loney, Cornet. (formerly with Lindsey's Orchestra.)
Frank Robinson, Trombone. (formerly with Lindsey's orchestra.)
Mrs. F. O. Mead, Piano. (formerly with Lindsey's orchestra.)
Everett Rosenbaum, Drums. (formerly with Lindsey's orchestra.)

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Are Positively Guaranteed to Put on Firm Flesh, Clear the Skin and Increase Energy When Taken With Every Meal or Money Back

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