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THE HOME GARDEN

What is Home without a Garden?

ALL ABOUT RADISHES

The radish has been cultivated in gardens since remote times. The Greeks served it on gold plates in sacrifices to Apollo. Pliny tells of radishes in Rome that weighed 40 pounds.

Editorials From Over the Nation

TAO DOCTRINE OF LAO-TSE, CHINA, SIXTH CENTURY, B. C.

Translation of Reinhold von Praetorius, quoted in Pfleiderer's "Religion and Historic Faiths." New York, L. W. Huesch, 1907: There does exist an all-filling, completely perfect being which existed before heaven and earth.

PAPA A Right-Hand Pitcher in Marble

Cincinnati Times Star: Take seriously the proposal to erect in Washington a monument to symbolize the game of baseball. The senate has passed a joint resolution granting the necessary permission and the national fine arts commission is to render its judgment on the matter.

Wisps of Wisdom

Raincoat: A kind of water shed used to direct the rainfall into your shoe tops. People seldom buy from agents until after they have said "no" fourteen times.

THE EX-CONVICT

Chicago Journal of Commerce: If one may believe certain stage dramas and moving pictures in which players represent men convicted of crime and punished in penitentiaries, the man who has "one time" becomes the prey of either criminals or detectives on his release from prison.

WE ALL WORK OUT OUR TAXES

New York World: The Budget, the monthly publication of the national budget commission, puts taxation facts in a form to be instantly appreciated when it establishes that the average man living in the country works about forty-five days to pay in taxes the average city man pays in eight days.



Of Course You Can't Help It "Snap Up" With One of These New Shirts and These Warm Spring Days---

New Spring materials in English Broadcloth, Balloon Silks, Soisettes, Pongees and extra fine Madras cloths arranged in the new stripes and broken plaids--then the favored solid greys and tans. Shirts that are pleasing and balance up the rest of your outfit.

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Settlers Needed for What We Have

At last the keynote to the irrigation conditions in Oregon has been sounded by the securities commission. It took some time for the board to determine what many others already knew, namely that what we need in Oregon is settlers for the irrigated lands we now have, rather than develop more projects.

The Portland Chamber of Commerce, the state Chamber of Commerce and many individuals, such as Arthur Spencer, of the O-W.; Ben Dey, of the Southern Pacific, including other students of state affairs, have realized this is the great drawback for some time.

How to get settlers on irrigated lands has puzzled the railroads, worried every irrigation project board of directors and forced all agencies acting upon the subject to throw up their hands.

Reclaiming irrigated lands is a job for the stalwart and is no undertaking for milk-fed humanity. It takes grit, courage and self-denial to go to a sage-brush ranch and put it under water, taming the land so that it will produce. It is like every other natural resource--after it is found, the work is only begun.

The same is true with irrigated land. The shout goes up that the dam is built and peace and plenty will reign in a district heretofore occupied by the coyote. The community holds a celebration, but the work is only started. From that time on horny hands must battle to get the desired results. It takes more than money to do it--it takes muscle and brains.

People buy irrigation securities from beautiful prospectuses showing rich farms with silos and big barns. When they find that these are all to be erected, when they find that the men who are on the land can't meet their taxes and water charges, they become discouraged and denounce irrigation.

It is the same old story of expectancy without mature judgment. The state board can well turn its attention to colonizing the irrigated lands we now have rather than work to bring in new projects, only to have them sparsely settled and the old bankruptcy proceedings following almost every individual who tries the game of taming the wild lands.

More Politics

If the world court plan of President Harding is right, and we reserve our humble opinion on this subject, but we say, if it is right it is so near the League of Nations plan which President Wilson advocated that it can at least be called a half-brother.

Yet we find President Wilson, from his brick home on S street in Washington, D. C., denouncing the Harding plan just as vehemently as Harding denounced the League of Nations.

More politics. The big ones are just as guilty as the little fellows in playing the political game.

Quick work on the part of the sheriff's office prevented the big Telocaset still from making much moonshine. Strange how men who have been raised properly will try the impossible task of running a still, but they will do it occasionally.

The fish had a big time yesterday teasing the fellows from La Grande who bright and early journeyed to Wallowa river expecting to have a good day of it.

City Manager Hayes will have the everlasting blessing of a community if he can continue the good work of putting what macadam streets La Grande has in good, passable condition.

Island City people beat Mayor Kiddle to it. He called an official clean-up week and by the time the epoch started all the clean-up work was done by citizens of that community.

With an advance of 25 per cent. in building materials it looks as though every building that is now constructed was worth a little more than it was last year.

Students at an Eastern medical college have voted almost unanimously against making the school co-educational. Evidently the boys do not want their grades compared with those of girls.

Exploration of King Tut's tomb is being conducted with deliberation. There is no haste because there is hope that he will be rescued alive.

The rents in the garment of international peace can not be mended as long as the nations rip as they sew.

One dancer danced the fox trot until he lost his mind. Did not have much mind to lose.

In 20 years, according to the latest dope, the United States will be really dry, but it won't matter, as everybody will be a drug fiend by that time.

Relative to booze smuggling, prohibitionists apparently believe that America must dam or be damned.

Relief for the housing shortage is not to be found in homeopathy.

The bear that walks like a man should learn to act like one.

everything except eat a chocolate covered cherry. COMPLETE ADVERTORIAL (By Associated Press) COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Apr. 16.--The new \$299,000 municipal auditorium will be completed next month, it is stated here. The building has a seating capacity of 2,187. Bonds for its construction were voted last year.

FINISH ROADWAY RENO, Nev., April 16.--Fifteen miles of new highway, in addition to the road between Reno and Law-Washoe county this year.

One drawback to motoring is that it is so much easier to get batteries charged than to get gasoline charged. America is game to try anything once--except its criminals.

Another sign of spring is that the janitor is beginning to let the furnace roar.

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U.B. Thrifty says--



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