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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS—"If thy brother be waxen poor, and fallen in decay * * * thou shalt relieve him; yea, though he be a stranger, or a sojourner; that he may live with thee."—Lev. 25: 34.

In a recent issue of Time, a weekly news-magazine of note, it was stated that Mt. Whitney, in California, the highest peak in the United States, has an elevation of 14,501 feet above sea level. We do not have available the government figures on mountain altitudes, but the supremacy of Mt. Whitney is generally accepted, we believe, though only by a small margin. Our records show Mt. Whitney to be 14,502 feet high, Mt. Rainier 14,408 feet, Mt. Shasta 14,380 feet, and Oregon's own Mt. Hood 11,225.

UNDESIRABLE ADVERTISEMENTS.

For many years, in Oregon and elsewhere, the publisher of The Observer has sought to censor or have censored as far as possible the advertising that has appeared in the columns of his newspaper, and that policy is followed today in The Observer. We sometimes make mistakes, of course, and frequently copy is slipped in by our employes which would otherwise have been refused, but in general we believe the advertising accepted meets two main requirements—it is reliable and it is beneficial to the community's business and home life.

The Observer refuses, during the course of an average year, hundreds of dollars worth of advertising that does not comply with our policy of reader protection and community betterment. Some advertising is turned down that is perfectly reliable in its character but that is considered detrimental to the business life of the community. Scores of mail-order advertisements are included in this matter that is refused. Recently we have had strenuous yet friendly arguments with representatives of companies selling merchandise from house-to-house. We have consistently refused their advertising because we are opposed to their method of merchandising, because we think it the most expensive to the buyer that can be conceived, because we believe the community should support local business firms who pay taxes and support our community activities. We turn down their advertising because we prefer to live in a community that has stores, a business district, and business life in preference to a community that buys its merchandise from peddlers and mail-order concerns.

We are fully aware of the fact that other papers do not follow such a strict policy, that some papers take any and all advertising offered them regardless of character or result. Leading local business men have said that they would accept peddler and mail-order advertising, have pointed out that the merchant sells his merchandise to anyone who will buy it, and that the newspaper has the right to do likewise—but our policy will remain unchanged. We will continue to turn down advertising that we consider undesirable from a community or reader standpoint—whose interests we consider paramount—until a law is passed requiring us to accept it. At the present time no state has such legislation in existence and the attorney general of Illinois last week expressed the following opinion along this line:

"A newspaper is not a public utility and is responsible for what it does the same as any other private concern. A newspaper management sells its space and may for any reason deny any and all proffered business, the same as any other private business enterprise. It appears to me under the laws of the state that a newspaper publisher may for business reasons, or out of pure whim, deny anyone the advantage of an advertisement or space in such a paper."

Fresh Rhubarb and Apple Pies

If you like fresh rhubarb, then you are sure to like our Rhubarb Pies. Our Apple Pies are also made from the fresh fruit.

Call and see us—you are sure to find something to satisfy your appetite.

Try our new Home-Made Loaf.

Gwilliams' Electric Bakery

"Home of Golden Crust"—Made to sell more. Open Sundays.



"Sir!" screeched the wild-eyed propagandist, "are you opposed to free speech?"
"Not unless I am compelled to listen to it," was the calm rejoinder.

The reason why a girl has a hard time selecting a hat that becomes her is because she wears her waist so low that nobody sees her hat.

Little bits of scandal
Whispered here and there,
Make a dandy "secret"
Women love to share!

"More than 70 per cent of widowers and more than 45 per cent of widows remarry," said George H. Ransome, the insurance statistician, at a banquet in New York. "They remarry usually a year and a quarter after their bereavement."

"Nine months after bereavement they begin to look around, to take notice—or, if I may put it in another way, nine months after bereavement they cease to pine and begin to spruce."

Telephone Operator: "It costs seventy-five cents to talk to Bloomfield."

Quisenberry: "Can't you make a special rate for just listening? I want to call up my wife."

Poise is that precious quality which enables the impetuous sheik to look the dear thing straight in the eye and ask her whether she wouldn't like to eat in a cafeteria for a change.

IF THEY LIVED TODAY
Solomon would be in jail.
Lady Godiva would be in style.
Methuselah would be in a side show.

Adonis would be a collar advertisement model.
Hercules would be a vaudeville strong man.
Eve would keep the doctor away for a day.

Cleopatra would write her life for "I Confess."
Diogenes would be in the psychopathic ward.

A champion diver recently fell five stories from a skyscraper and lived to tell the story. That makes a total of six stories.

11 Victims of Industrial Accidents During Week

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 29 (AP)—During the week ending April 29 more fatalities resulting from accidents in Oregon were reported to the state industrial accident commission than for any other like period in many years. Out of 791 accidents a total of 11 were fatal. Of the total number of accidents reported 623 were subject to the provisions of the workmen's compensation act, 163 were from firms and corporations that have not elected to come under the act and five were from public utility corporations not subject to the act.

SURVEY FOR LINE NOW COMPLETED

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road will be about 17 miles in length.

Route Inspected
Elmer Stoddard, who is behind the project, was over the ground Wednesday in company with Pete Hagenback, his engineer, making final arrangements about taking over ground for the right-of-way from the farmers. While arrangements were made to purchase much of it outright, some of the land was leased for as long a term of years as was deemed necessary for the removal of the timber in the large section which the rail line will tap.

Two construction camps have been founded and the men to occupy them are expected to be on the job today. One camp is located east of Telocaset on the old Allen place, now known as the Haller estate, about a mile in the hills above the Haller school house on the Telocaset-Medical Springs highway. The other camp is on Beattie creek at The Park.

Passes Medical Springs
Aside from the numerous grade curves necessary to overcome the climb to the side hills the railroad will follow the course of the Telocaset-Medical Springs automobile road, to some extent, except that it will take a shorter cut to The

EVERYTHING FOR THE SWIMMER

- Bath Caps**
15c to \$1.25
- BATHING SHOES**
\$1.25 Pr.
- WATER WINGS**
50c, 75c, \$1.25
- Red Cross Drug Store**

Honored



Dave Fall, Stanford University diver, has been chosen a member of the All-American 1926 swimming team by the National Colleague A A committee. He had his team mate, Wallace, national 220 and 330 champion, as the only representative of the west on the team. Fall has started in several

Park, not touching Medical Springs, at least not for the present. Hints have been dropped, however, that the road ultimately would be extended to Sparta in Eagle valley, to take in additional bodies of timber and perhaps reach the mineral belt beyond Sanger.

2 1/2 Per Cent Grade
The surveying engineer has declared that the grade from Ames siding into the hills will not run over an average of 2 1/2 per cent. At the siding the track will cross the old Fred Ames place, then over vacant pasture lands to Fred Haller's ranch. The railroad will cross the Telocaset-Medical Springs highway at what is known as Lyon's hill, in a northwesterly direction. It will then cross the Cox ranch, the Kyle property and on the L. F. Fisk ranch runs almost parallel to and near the auto road for some distance, then heading across the Joseph Lay ranch. The Park property owned by L. R. Brown, of Baker, thence through Clarence Vanorster's place, from where it will run on the Stoddard company's own property, utilizing the Beattie creek water grade.

15-Year Cut Seen
In the Stoddard tract it is estimated there is at least 110 million feet of timber, and Elmer Stoddard is quoted as having expressed the opinion that it would take at least 15 years to log off the country tapped by his new railroad. Mr. Stoddard also told farmers that when it came to car shipments

of grain over the road he would be willing to accommodate them in any manner which he could. The Stoddard interests also have leased a considerable acreage of timber in the hills back of the L. F. Fisk ranch, which Mr. Stoddard estimated would require at least a year to log off. It is possible that the company will run a spur from the railroad through the Fisk property to log off the latter body of timber. The plan to construct the rail-

road up Catherine creek from the grade, and also because one proportion is said to have been abandoned when a preliminary survey showed that it would be necessary to cross Catherine creek eight times at

cross his land. While much of the

timber would have been accessible from the north or Catherine creek side of the slope. It is believed that more of it can be reached by the chosen route.



ALL SPRING MILLINERY

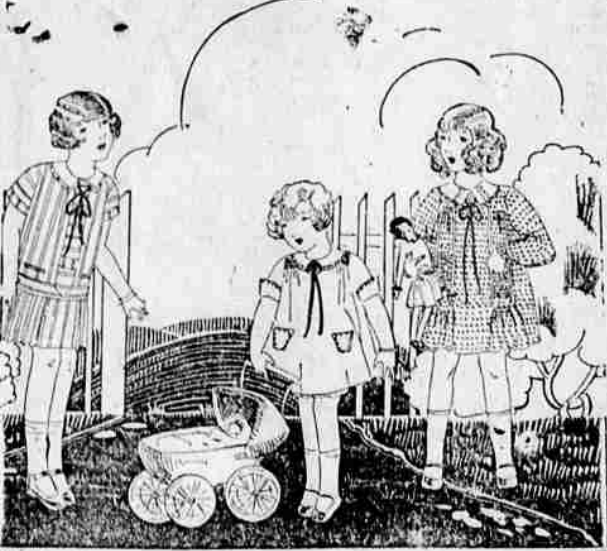
REDUCED 1/4 and 1/2

A large assortment of Straws, Felts and Silk Hats in clever shapes and new colors. This includes a number of smart giglo crowns and small turbans, all nicely finished in either flowers or dainty ribbon trims.

Come early while the selection is large

N. K. West & Co. Inc.

La Grande's Leading Store For 25 Years



Frocks For Spring And Summer

In a wide range of colors and styles. Made up with bloomers, age 2 to 10; made up without bloomers, age 2 to 18.
GINGHAMS, VOILES, ENGLISH PRINTS, RAYONS and SILKS
Priced 95c to \$16.95
WHITE SILK PARTY DRESSES
10 to 14 sizes. Regular \$10.00 to \$15.00 values, to be closed out at special low price at—
\$5.00 Each
BOYS' WASH SUITS
Age 2 to 8
\$1.25 to \$2.95
BOYS' HATS AND CAPS
50c to \$1.65
SHOES
For boys or girls, age 1 to 16.
The largest stock of Children's Shoes selling at lowest popular prices.
Our Ladies' Silk Hose at \$1.00
Are the best hose at the price on the market.
Norton's Kiddy Shop



Saturday, May 1 National Straw Hat Day The New Straw Hats

NO display in the history of West's compares with the present showing in smart straws. It embraces the snap brim, curl brim, and the wide brim sailor—with either fancy or plain bands. You'll find no smarter straws on "Fifth Avenue."

Swiss Yeddos --- Sennits --- Leghorns

\$4, \$5, \$6, \$7

N. K. West & Co. Store for Men

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