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The comment in yesterday's Observer on the promotion of dairying in Union and Willowa counties was more unintelligible than usual because someone in the mechanical department left out a line. At least our approval of the project was obvious and we hope a conservative program of promotion can be undertaken.

### THE EDUCATIONAL SURVEY

Among other things at the legislative session, several thousand dollars was appropriated for a survey of the institutions of higher education in Oregon as a preliminary step for the consolidated board of regents which will govern the five state schools after July 1st. The money will be well spent and should provide a considerable amount of information that will be a great aid to the new board.

The purpose of the survey is simply to find out how our higher education money can be spent to the best advantage for the state as a whole. It will, no doubt, go into questions of enrollment, housing facilities, faculty load and wage levels, etc. It will determine what duplication exists in the various schools, will try to present facts that will show how waste can be eliminated. It will gather data from which the new board can decide questions of expansion and development in an impartial manner without the handicap of jealousies and school prejudices.

No doubt the survey will show that there are schools of music and departments of journalism both at Eugene and Corvallis. It will probably show that there are courses in business administration in both schools. It will probably show that there are teacher-training courses in these two institutions as well as in the three normal schools, some in duplication and some not because the normals thus far provide only a two-year course.

Several years ago in a political scrap the school of engineering was grabbed from the university and made a part of the state college. It's been a sore spot for years—but it now appears right and proper, from an educational standpoint, that the change was made. A technical school, such as engineering, can well be confined to the state college where agriculture, mining, forestry, domestic art, animal husbandry, etc., are specialized subjects for study.

One of the objects of the new board of regents will be to eliminate duplicated courses, to make a great technical school at Corvallis, a great cultural school at Eugene, and great teacher-training schools at the normals. A journalism department, for example, has no proper place in the state college. Neither a music school. These courses should be confined to the university as engineering should be confined to the college. A general knowledge of the subjects, if desired as a cultural background for the student undertaking technical training, can be had through student activities—the student press and student musical organizations. No such schools are found in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology or in other technical institutions of high standing.

As we have previously remarked in this column, there need not be and should not be any controversy or competition between the college and university. Both have a distinct sphere and have gained an enviable reputation throughout the nation in their particular sphere. In the same way should our normal schools be developed. They should be made four-year teachers' colleges as rapidly as possible. The university and college should not seek to duplicate the training courses thus offered.

If the consolidated board of regents will operate along these lines, governing our institutions for the good of state higher education as a whole, spending money or conserving it in direct proportion to existing needs and demands of student groups, then the creation of this new board will be thoroughly justified. The survey, soon to be undertaken, is a preliminary step in the right direction.

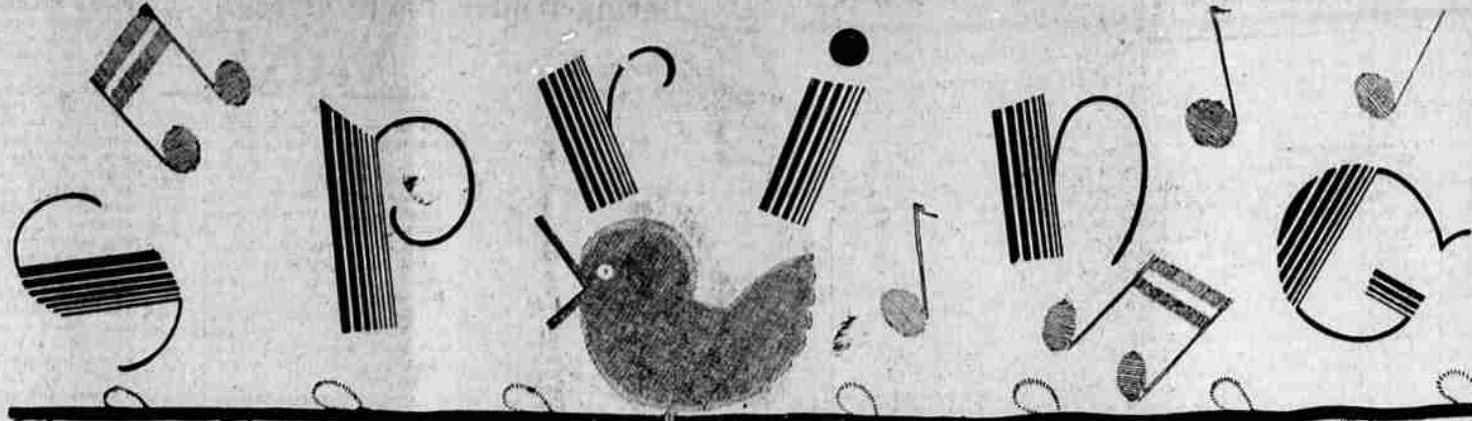
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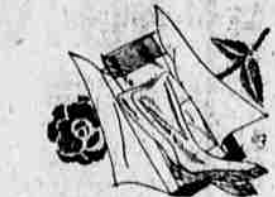
NOW appear either with or without fur. The soft clinging materials lend themselves attractively to the Spring mode of '29. You've never seen a more attractive collection of coats for either sport or dress wear than we're showing this season and you are asked to see them.

\$15.00 to \$79.50

### The Ensemble Of Frock with Matching Coat

SILK is the favorite fabric for the ensemble. Frocks usually appear of figured materials with coat or three-quarter length jackets of plain, matching or harmonizing colors in the newer Spring lines.

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HOSIERY is here in every conceivable weight and color, in several novelty styled heels.

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COSTUME jewelry—beads, chokers, ear screws, bracelets, etc., to complete the smart Spring costume.

50¢ to \$5.00



HANKIES—tiny wisps of linen or silk, either colorful or plain white with corner or border trims in colors.

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### NOW COMES FOOTWEAR



by Armstrong Red Cross Peacock Rice O'Neil

THE lighter colored and sunburn shades in footwear are correct for Spring. Often fashioned of two or more leathers of harmonizing shades. High, medium and low heels are included in the new showing which is interesting.

THE Lido—pictured above—an all-over creation of "lido-sand" kid with straps of pebbled Paris' calf and novel instep buckle \$10.00

AT the right—a trim pump of sunburn and lido-sand kid with attractive low applique on vamp; has high heel \$9.50



BAGS are varied this season in shape as well as size and color, in materials of calf, reptile and patent.



BUTTONIERS or flower adornments are smart, indeed, lending a touch of color to the face.

50¢ to \$3.50



GLOVES—the pull-on style—as pictured is one of the smart numbers. Fashioned of either kid or fabric.

\$1.00 to \$5.00

### The Millinery Mode Is Varied

PLAYING the important part as millinery does - - one cannot lay too much stress on the selection. Here we have a varied collection of new and novel interpretations of the Spring styles.

Priced from \$5 to \$25



BRILLIANT hues and color combinations mark the Spring mode as particularly attractive. The materials of bakou, felt, linen weaves, sisol, etc., together with unusual shapes and trims are intriguing.



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