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It's strawberry time in the Grande Ronde valley—and the consumption of home-grown berries by home people is a very definite aid to this growing and important industry. Some berries, so valley growers say, are still being shipped in from the outside. This is unnecessary. Our own berries are of highest quality and will meet every requirement of the La Grande housewife. When you buy berries, insist on their being locally grown. Refuse to buy other than Grande Ronde valley strawberries. In that way you will protect and aid our own berry industry, will keep the money you invest in berries in circulation in our own valley community.

NO KNEE PANTS FOR DAWES
Democracy loving people who read of General Dawes' refusal to appear at the English court in knee breeches can well be pleased. The practice of this immediate performance—almost most of the same going to the late Colonel Harvey—of appearing in this court attire was never endured with enthusiasm or approval in this country. Ambassador Dawes in striking a popular note by remaining very much an American in his first contacts as the representative of this country in London.

Why an American ambassador should appear at court functions in stiff knee breeches and shoes with large silver buckles is more than most Americans care to understand. It is, everyone knows, the official court attire. But what is official in England is not official in this country, nor for American citizens in London. The ambassador is the official representative of the United States. And we thoroughly approve of Mr. Dawes' decision to remain an American in dress as well as in actions and opinions.

The incident of knee breeches has more to it than the casual observer would get, we imagine. In it lies a strong argument in favor of representative American business men being appointed to diplomatic posts, as Dawes has been, instead of too strict adherence to so-called career men. And that policy will result in greater benefits to this country, both in commerce and good will.

A career man is one who has been born and bred, as it were, in the diplomatic service. He has worked up from the bottom, spending most of his adult years in the foreign capitals of the world—and unconsciously has absorbed a great deal of the pomp and superficialities of other and less democratic governments. A career man, in many instances, has looked upon English diplomats as models after which the American variety should be copied. In some capitals of the world our lesser diplomatic officials are less American than they are European in temperament, point of view and training. They are not representative Americans. Most career men would not think of failing to wear the official court costume at St. James, as a result.

Former Vice President Dawes does not, we would judge, propose to spend his time hithering about ancient court customs. He evidently proposes to be a genuine, ordinary American in an extraordinary position of importance. He does not propose to make out that Americans are very different than they are. He proposes to represent this country with all the dignity and truth and good spirit that is in him.

His fellow citizens will thoroughly approve. Knowing little of diplomatic atmosphere and requirements, we are at least interested enough in our foreign envoys to wish them representative of the spirit and democracy on which we pride ourselves as Americans. We don't want to see "book-binders" in diplomatic jobs. And, fortunately, we can be sure that Charley Dawes will not get into that class.

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MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

CHICAGO GRAIN				
Wheat	Open	High	Low	Close
July	100 1/2 @ 101 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2 @ 101 1/2
Sept.	100 1/2 @ 101 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2 @ 101 1/2
Dec.	100 1/2 @ 101 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2 @ 101 1/2

Wheat 3 Cents Higher; Closing Is Unsettled
CHICAGO, June 28 (AP)—Wheat closed 3 cents higher, closing unsettled. Big Bend situation, most wheat \$2.25. Soft white \$2.15. Western white \$2.10. Hard winter \$2.10. Northern spring \$2.10. Western red \$2.10. Grade No. 2 soft white \$2.10. Grade No. 2 hard white \$2.10. Grade No. 2 soft red \$2.10. Grade No. 2 hard red \$2.10. Grade No. 2 soft white \$2.10. Grade No. 2 hard white \$2.10. Grade No. 2 soft red \$2.10. Grade No. 2 hard red \$2.10.

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Now is the time to step in to that Columbia Knit suit and slip into the cool water at the end of a hot day, remember you save 20%.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK
CHICAGO, June 28 (AP)—Cattle, hogs, sheep, etc. Market closed steady. Cattle \$12.00. Hogs \$11.00. Sheep \$10.00.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK
PORTLAND, Ore., June 28 (AP)—Cattle and hogs market steady. Cattle \$12.00. Hogs \$11.00.

ELECT STARR HEAD OF NEW STATE BOARD
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CONVICT AFFAIR DENIED
SAN FRANCISCO, June 28 (AP)—The state prison board denied an appeal of two prisoners convicted in 1926 in the murder of a woman.

Division of Labor
The division of labor is being studied by the state board of labor. The board is studying the various classes of labor.

Wards vs. Minors
There are about 600 wards of the state in the state of Oregon. The wards are the children of the state.

Deepest Rivers
The Amazon is the deepest river in the world, being 120 feet at its mouth and 200 feet 1,000 miles from its mouth.

Pocket Perils
Men's pockets are happy hunting grounds for influenza and other germs, according to a doctor, who says the pocket should be turned inside out, brushed, and disinfected regularly.

As easy to spoon from as an old-fashioned crock . . . As easy to open as winding the clock

That's the new Snowdrift can—a modern blue and white design quite as fresh and inviting as Snowdrift itself.

We have brightened up the cans and buckets in which Snowdrift is packed and have changed the proportions of the larger sizes—making it more convenient than ever to spoon this fresh, creamy shortening from the can.

You'll be pleased with this new convenience when you start using Snowdrift from one of the new three or six pound packages. They are just about as wide as they are tall and as easy to spoon from as an old-fashioned crock—easy to spoon from all the way down to the bottom of the bucket.

The new cans are air-tight too, as Snowdrift cans have been for several years. That's why, when you open a can, you find Snowdrift as fresh, white and creamy as the day it was packed.

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ABE MARTIN



Now James Lippincott got her new suit back from the tailor and had to look at the way in the window as home again. They don't do much in organization after all. Maybe we know you what he did to voters to the Embassy weekly stick around so long.