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About the only combination of styles that the dress designers have overlooked is the bustle and wasp waist with the knee-length skirt. We offer this suggestion for what it may be worth.

### DAY-DREAMING

Spring is the generally accepted time for day-dreaming. With the young man, so the old saying goes, it is the thought of love that flits through his truant mind; with the young woman, possibly a vision of her hoped-for July trip to the sea shore; with the business man, perhaps a momentary pondering upon the pleasures of a well-whacked golf ball or a four-pound trout shedding droplets from a favorite fishing stream; and the youngest probably dreams of long summer days in which to swim and hike.

In all this springtime dreaming surely a community has a right to have its fling? Just a moment's respite from the difficulties of holding its own against present day troubles?

Picture then, if you will, a city of the future, a hub of regional aerial, railroad, and automotive transportation; a city of fine homes, thriving business places, attractive living conditions; a city surrounded by hundreds and hundreds of fertile tracts devoted to fruits and vegetables and dairy cows — rich fields of soil kept moist by irrigation ditches threading the valley; and a city almost within a stone's throw of many matchless playgrounds.

That, if a community may resort to day-dreams, might be La Grande's vision of some future day! And, unlike many of the dreams that intrigue our individual fancies, there is reason to believe that some day it may come true!

You may scoff. But consider! Isn't the soil of the Grande Ronde among the richest, most productive when properly handled, of the entire Northwest? Isn't La Grande's location geographically advantageous for land and air travel to all adjacent centers of population? Hasn't the foundation already been laid for making this city the educational center of Eastern Oregon? Haven't the preliminary steps already been taken toward the realization of adequate irrigation projects? Hasn't the community demonstrated real progressiveness and constructive energy in opening up its great scenic attractions by building the Mt. Emily road? And isn't it a fact that La Grande is the natural gateway to the aptly termed "Switzerland of America" — the marvelous Wallowa country — and to the incomparable Snake river gorge?

Perhaps the newly issued government map of the Eagle Cap primitive area was the inspiration of this community vision; and possibly pleasant memories of summer days happily spent in the shadows of the mighty Wallows were contributory.

But that map is enough to start anyone dreaming. It speaks of snow-capped mountains — Scajawana Peak and Matherhorn, thrusting their proud heads more than ten thousand feet above sea level. It suggests the glacier on the slopes of Eagle Cap. It brings to mind the fact that the Box canyon of the Snake river is the deepest known gorge in the world. It brings up visions of the white marble mountains that form part of the Wallowa range. It reminds us that the Wallowa country (along with a lake in far-off Switzerland) is the home of the yank, and one of the last retreats of the mountain sheep. It makes one dream of boating on the waters of a mirror-clear lake, and of sleeping soundly beneath warm blankets beside a rushing stream, and of sweet-scented, flower-strewn mountain meadows, and of — but enough!

As a last word, let us say just one thing more. Is it reasonable to expect that a progressive city in such a productive valley and surrounded by such a wealth of natural resources — is it reasonable to expect that such a city will not eventually carry development to such a point that it may fully realize the benefits which have been so plentifully provided?

Maybe it will take ten, twenty, or fifty years; but some day that "Community Dream" will come true! And in the history of community development even fifty years is not such an appalling length of time. Did you know that in this county there are living today people who were young men and women when the first soil was turned over by a plow in the Grande Ronde valley? It is probable that the progress of the next twenty-five years will be greater than that of the past seventy-five.

## Other Papers Say:

### BACK TO THE LAND!

One of the beneficial by-products of this business depression should be a widespread back-to-the-land movement.

True, farm products are low, and high profits from any farm property are out of the question.

But for that very reason, farm prices are low — lower than they have been in many decades.

As a result good farms can be purchased at rock bottom prices and on the easiest terms. A farm thus secured has many advantages over most any other form of purchase or investment.

With proper care a farm does not wear out, it is not useless about the time the final payment comes due. A new farm does not have to be purchased to replace the old farm every few years. With proper care and attention the INTRINSIC worth of a farm increases steadily in value.

Moreover a farm can't be wiped out by a stock market crash, or a promotion gamble, or crookedness in high places as is true of so many investments. It can't be stolen, or destroyed by fire. Even the government might fail, and still that farm and its ability to support and provide shelter for human life, WOULD REMAIN.

In other words, the ownership of a productive farm, at the present time, represents the HIGHEST FORM OF SECURITY, THAT CAN BE ATTAINED and as unemployment increases, and stocks and bonds continue to crumble, more and more people are coming to realize this fact.

There is another point. The average farm assures "living wages" — sustenance for a man, his wife and family, — and as bread lines increase, mere sustenance is for many a consummation devoutly to be wished.

The work, the simple out-door life on a farm, do not insure perfect health of course, but they do encourage it; and health adds to security, form the two most vital factors in the happiness and contentment of life.

Unless we are greatly mistaken the back-to-the-land movement in this country has already started, — at any rate inquiries regarding farm lands are being received in this state in greater number today than for many years past — and the logic of the situation points to the movement increasing steadily in volume.

Thus one may say with truth, that depressions may come and depressions may go but the beneficial law of compensation GOES ON FOREVER! — Medford Mail Tribune.

### SENATOR BARKLEY TO BE KEYNOTER

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who presided, said, however, that harmony prevailed and that the recommendations were unanimous. The committee's selections will be recommended to the full national committee which will pass them along to the convention itself.

Governor Roosevelt at Albany said he was "very glad" to hear of Senator Barkley's selection, and that he felt confident the committee's action would be ratified by the national committee. In naming Mr. Shouse as permanent chairman of the committee, Gov. Roosevelt said, recognized his "long and tireless service in charge of the Washington headquarters."

Senator Barkley said at his home in Paducah that he was "gratified" by the confidence which is implied in his selection and that he would welcome suggestions from "all elements of the party" in the preparation of his keynote address.

### LINDY TURNS TO PLANE TO FIND CHILD

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carried a suitcase and a blanket. Many conjectures arose as to the reason for this, but none was verified.

Lindberghs Optimistic  
Dr. John Grier Hibben, president of Princeton university, who called at the Lindbergh home, with his wife, said an "air of optimism" prevailed. Mrs. Hibben said Mrs. Lindbergh was bearing up well.

John Hughes Curtis, one of three Norfolk, Va., intermediaries who believe they have established contact with the kidnapers, was away from his home on another mysterious journey that lasted since Saturday. There were reports, unconfirmed, that he also had headed for Martha's Vineyard.

In Great Britain Maj. Charles H. Schofield, of the New Jersey state police, conferred with Scotland Yard, spent last night in London, and left his hotel today for an unannounced destination. He had planned yesterday to go to Glasgow.

Move Is Mysterious  
In that city lives the mother of Betty Gow, the Lindbergh baby's nurse. Inasmuch as police have repeatedly declared they were satisfied with Miss Gow's response to questioning, this move was another of the many mysteries in the case.

Col. H. Norman Schwarzkopf of the state police, in his morning bulletin today, said his headquarters had not requested the activities in Martha's Vineyard, and they "are probably an independent investigation by some other department."

The police, he said, had had no contact with the kidnapers and have received no information of any kind about the return of the baby. He added that no report has been received at his headquarters indicating that the baby is anywhere in the vicinity of British Honduras, "and no activities are being conducted in this direction."

FIRE NEAR LINDBERGH HOME  
HOPEWELL, N. J., Apr. 5 (AP)—Investigation of the Lindbergh kidnaping waited today while state police and firemen battled a brush fire about the Lindbergh home.

proached within 15 feet of the home was still raging at 3 p. m., but according to a bulletin issued at that hour by Col. H. Norman Schwarzkopf of the state police, was not near enough to endanger the building.

### Tourist Group Of Chamber Will Go to Enterprise

The tourist committee of the La Grande chamber of commerce will attend a meeting of the Enterprise chamber tonight at 6:30 at Enterprise to foster co-operation between the two towns and to discuss plans for future tourist promotion.

Harley Richardson is chairman of the local committee and is one of the group to go to Enterprise tonight.

Talks will be given by several members of the committee. Mr. Richardson states, on methods of drawing more tourists to Northeastern Oregon and the needs of co-operation between Union and Wallowa counties.

Statistics drawn up from a number of surveys show the distribution of the tourist dollar, with the money spent for local transportation, including the cost of one's own automobile or other means of conveyance, topping the list at 23 per cent of each. Food costs 22 per cent; clothing 13 per cent; amusements and recreations, 11 per cent; housing, 15 per cent; personal, professional and domestic service, 4 per cent; laundry and cleaning, 2 per cent; fuel and lights, 2 per cent; and incidentals, 8 per cent. Practically every phase of the business field profits directly from the tourist dollar.

The meeting of the La Grande chamber of commerce on April 19 will be turned over to the tourist committee. Last fall the local commercial group put out two new pieces of literature with the appeal directed especially to the tourists, and the tourist committee is making a relief map of Northeastern Oregon for permanent display in the chamber of commerce.

### CRICKET FLAT PERSONALS

By Lois Witherspoon (Observer Correspondent)

CRICKET FLAT (Special) — Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Waelty attended the Union County Pomona grange meeting at Cove last Saturday.

Floyd Parks visited Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Witherspoon.

Mr. LeRoy Roulet spent Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Knight.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Bechtel, of Wallowa, were called to Elgin last week by the death of Mrs. Bechtel's father, E. W. Witly, who had been in poor health for several months.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hindman and Mrs. James Hallgarth and children were transacting business in La Grande Friday.

Mrs. Harold Blanchard returned to her home in Elgin Sunday after spending two weeks with her mother, Mrs. Mary Wickens.

Mr. and Mrs. Mantus Witly and children, of Wallowa, spent Sunday visiting at the home of Mr. Witly's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Q. V. Witly.

Clarence Witly and Ray Cope were Wallowa visitors Thursday.

Frank Culp, who has spent several months with his brother, Willis Culp and family, left Thursday for his home at Los Angeles.

### HOOVER ANSWERS ATTACKS ON HIS ECONOMY MOVE

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ernment functions, he asserted he had recommended such a step seven distinct times but that "the action recommended has not been taken."

The other two directions were direct reduction of appropriations and alteration of existing laws to reduce present unnecessary functions.

In his report, Chairman Jones of the appropriations committee introduced legislation to carry out the presidential suggestion for a commission to go into the question.

Speaker Garner, in guaranteeing house action on specific administration proposals, said "If Mr. Hoover has nothing to recommend, that is a different matter and it is mighty late in the season for him to try to get anything done through a commission."

EXPLAINS STIMSON'S MISSION  
WASHINGTON, April 5 (AP)—Declaring that economic burdens and the menace to world peace had increased in recent months, President Hoover said today Secretary Stimson was going to Geneva in the hope of facilitating positive achievements by the armaments conference.

Addressing newspapermen at a conference, the president said the secretary of state was traveling abroad only in behalf of "some concrete and definite results" from the arms parity.

Stimson will sail Friday. "There will be no discussion or negotiation by the secretary on the debt question," Mr. Hoover stated.

### MUSIC WEEK WILL BE OBSERVED HERE

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J. E. Wright, manager of the Liberty theatre, also will be responsible for special musical features during the week. Mrs. Eakin adds.

### Statement of the Ownership, Management, Circulation, Etc., Required by the Act of Congress of August 24, 1912

Of the La Grande Evening Observer, published daily except Sunday at La Grande, Oregon for April 1, 1932. State of Oregon, County of Union, ss. Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Harold M. Finlay, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the publisher of the La Grande Evening Observer and that the following is to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation), etc., of the aforesaid publication, for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 411, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to wit:

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HAROLD M. FINLAY, Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of April, 1932.

GEORGIA WARE, Notary Public for Oregon. My commission expires March 13, 1936.

Cheese coupons, instead of cash, have been circulating in Leroy, Saskatchewan. Coupons have been issued in return for milk at a co-operative cheese factory and made redeemable when cheese made from the milk was sold.

MINNESOTA COWS DOING BETTER  
ST. PAUL (AP) — Minnesota's average milk production per cow has increased 63 per cent the last 10 years, says Dr. C. H. Eckles of the state university. Production in 1919 was 475,508 669 gallons compared with 825,441,483 gallons in 1929. He attributed the increase to improved feeding methods.

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### IMBLER PERSONALS

By Mrs. Ray Wilson  
IMBLER (Special) — Mrs. Geneva Westenskow gave a delightful party to the Sea Gulls class, an organization of young women of the L. D. S. church, last Thursday night. The girls prepared the banquet. Those present were: Elva Richeson and Melba, Alice, Mattie, Ruth and Lucy Westenskow and the hostess.

Mrs. Wm. Henrie and Mrs. Frank Perry attended the shower given for the Berry twins at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Berry at Mt. Glen Friday night.

Mrs. Jas. McKiel is improving rapidly in health since her recent severe illness.

Thea Lloyd left for Portland Friday night to resume her work there.

Imbler is proud of the fine showing made by the contestants from here in the declamatory contest.

The Pythian Sisters dance Friday night was well attended and a fine time reported.

Mrs. Burnett Wilson returned home Sunday after visiting during the winter at Walla Walla and recently in Union at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fox. A turkey dinner was given in her home Sunday at which were present Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Wilson and children and Mr. and Mrs. Clive Wilson and Shirley.

The Athletic club has appointed committees for the various sports which they sponsor. The membership committee is composed of E. J. Hazen, Chas. Keenan and Milo Pratt. Croquet—Wm. Rollins, Frank Martin and Clive Wilson. Tennis—Lyle Wilson, Herbert Buoy, Ray Wilson, Baseball—Lyle Ledbetter, Everett Holmes and Gene McGoldrick. Horsehoes—Austin Martin, Ben. Raskopf and Elmer Weis. Dances—Walter Furman, John Morris and Chas. Keenan.

The Woman's club held its bi-monthly meeting at the home of Lucy Westenskow last Wednesday. Mrs. E. J. Hazen was the leader and gave a very interesting book review of "The White Bird Flying" by Bea Streeter Aldrich. Those present were Mrs. Chas. Cleaver, Mrs. Jessie Berry, Ruth and Lucy Westenskow, Mrs. E. J. Hazen and Mrs. Ray Wilson.

Mrs. J. W. King, chairman of the better homes committee announces that the better homes demonstration day will be held at the school house April 29. Exhibits of home made products suitable for the home will be made. Anyone having any home made furniture is requested to bring it there for exhibition. Miss Cannon's domestic art class will exhibit various articles of clothing which they have made.

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### United States Army Will Be Host Tomorrow in Honor of "Army Day"

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 5 (Special)—Army day, next Wednesday, April 6, which is also the fifteenth anniversary of the entry of the United States into the World war, will be observed at all army posts throughout the nation and its possessions, with appropriate military ceremonies.

Originated in 1928 by the Military Order of the World War, and officially sponsored by the war department in 1931, every element of the far flung United States army, from frozen Alaska to steaming Panama, and from the Eastern seaboard to Tientsin, Shanghai and the Philippines will on this day reconsecrate itself to ideals of unselfish national service and to the maintenance and enhancement of the record of splendid achievement and unswerving loyalty that has characterized the more than a century and a half of its existence.

The army had its beginning on July 2, 1775, when General Washington entered the American lines besieging Boston and organized the several units of the New England militia into a single force. Shortly afterward there was formed a national "Continental" force which eventually provided the backbone and was in fact the origin of our present regular army. Today many of our regular army units can trace their line over a period of more than 140 years, punctuated by service in Canada, Mexico, our Civil and Indian wars, Cuba, Philippines, China, and Europe, and proudly bear on their standards battle honors in which the names Lundy Lane, Cerro Gordo, Antietam, Santiago, Manila and Peking stand equally as a symbol of courage, honor and duty with this of Aisne, Champagne, Saint Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne.

Antedating the very beginnings of our present government, the history of the army is in fact the history of our government. Conceived in chaos, born in adversity, and reared in an atmosphere of the alternating hostility and approbation of those whom it well served, the army throughout its existence has remained true to its traditional subordination to constituted civil authority and loyalty to its government and its people.

No less glorious, useful, and effective than its performance on the fields of more than eight thousand separate battles and engagements, is the record of army accomplishment in prosaic and little known peace time activities which have so powerfully contributed to national development and well being.

The army provided the vehicle upon which our civilization advanced westward, its devoted members blazed the trail of exploration in the Americas from the Arctic to the Tropics. Army engineers made possible the completion of the Panama canal, military sanitarians through sacrifice of their own lives met and conquered tropical disease. Army armies not only powerfully contributed to the early development of aviation, but today are continuously engaged in making flying safer and more certain.

The army signal corps heliograph, telegraph, and more recently developed radio installations, were in so many cases only forerunners of the magnificent communication system with which we are now blessed, and finally in time of great distress and catastrophe it is the army upon which our people depend for restoration of order, food, clothing and shelter, knowing that it has not yet and never will fall them.

On Apr. 6 the army will be host to the people whom it serves, and will be prepared to show what it has, does, and how it lives. A visit to any military post where extensive observance of the day is scheduled, should fully convince our people that the army is not a thing apart but a living and useful component of our government—the very warp of the national fabric.

### Bridge, Marriage Mix, Expert Says

CHICAGO, Apr. 5 (AP)—Take it from Ely Culbertson you can be married, play bridge and still be happy.

The New York bridge expert, here to tell Chicagoans and others how the game is played, was asked if it was his personal experience that playing bridge and marriage were a bitter mixture.

"Only by observation," he replied. "Married folk probably should fight more than they do over their bridge games. The game provides a good peg upon which to hang their inhibitions. There has been only one marital murder resulting from a poor bridge play that I know of, but that doesn't compare with the homicide statistics of other marriage circumstances."

### HOUSE PASSES HAWLEY BILL

WASHINGTON, Apr. 5 (AP)—The Hawley bill directing the secretary of interior to acquire for \$300 a tract of land in Medford, Oregon, for use in administrative work of the Crater Lake national park was passed Monday by the house and sent to the senate.

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