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Cooking under modern methods and conveniences is made so attractive the whole family is becoming interested.

"These biscuits are delicious; this cake is excellent," says the father. "I made them," says the daughter, and both father and daughter beam with pleasure.

Royal Baking Powder has made home baking a success, a pleasure and a profit, and the best cooking today the world over is done with its aid.

Expert Financiers Under Suspicion So Weaker Ones Take Place In People's Confidence

By ELIHU ROOT, United States Senator From New York

ARE we advancing in our capacity for self government? Are we maintaining our capacity for self government? All the rest is unimportant compared with that. If we have the spirit of true self governing people whichever way we may decide these questions of the moment we come through right.

Our life has become so complicated, the activities of our country so numerous and so vast that it is VERY DIFFICULT FOR US TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER. The wheat farmers understand each other, the importers understand each other, the bankers understand each other, but there are vast masses of the people of our country who TOTALLY MISUNDERSTAND OTHER GREAT MASSES OF OUR PEOPLE.

THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO THINK THAT THE MANUFACTURERS OF THE COUNTRY ARE A SET OF CONFIDENCE MEN. WHY, WE HAVE BEFORE US NOW GREAT AND SERIOUS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS OF THE COUNTRY, AND THIS IS WHAT STANDS IN THE WAY OF THEIR SOLUTION. IT IS THAT THE MEN THAT UNDERSTAND THE FINANCES OF THE COUNTRY—THE BANKERS AND THE MERCHANTS—ARE UNDER SUSPICION.

Great bodies of people will not accept what they say regarding the subject of finance, a subject complicated by all the currents and movements of finance throughout the world. THEY WILL NOT ACCEPT WHAT THE EXPERTS SAY—what the men who understand the subject say—because they do not believe their motives are honest. So that the only man that can be heard is the MAN WHO DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THE SUBJECT.

DECIDE ALFALFA NEEDS FERTILIZER

Washington State College, Pullman. (Special)—Apprised of the fact that in recent years there has been a marked falling off in the production of alfalfa in both the irrigated and upland regions of Eastern and Southeastern Washington, the experimental station has undertaken a study of alfalfa fertilizers with a view to remedying this condition. Calculations, analyses and deductions from the results of the first years investigation are now finished, and it is found that of all the alfalfa fertilizers tried out, the land plaster and acid phosphate fertilizers produced the best results. The latter doubled the production of the crop, making it a darker green, forcing a more luxuriant growth, and by prolonging the period of growth, retarding the blossoming period.

The alfalfa investigation, which is planned to cover several years, is designed, first, to determine whether or not fertilizers may be used profitably on alfalfa grown in the kind of soil which is characteristic of the falling alfalfa sections—the basaltic or volcanic ash soils; and second, to study the effect of the fertilizers and the changes in crop yields upon the permanent productivity of the soil. Ground limestone, "floats," or raw phosphate rock, nitrate of soda, and, as mentioned, acid phosphate and land plaster, were tried out. When the alfalfa on the plots to be treated was about four inches high, the whole area was disked, and following this, the fertilizer was sown in the alfalfa and harrowed in.

Only the acid phosphate and the land plaster or "gypsum" gave sufficiently heavy returns to cover the addi-

tional expenses of applying the fertilizer, and of harvesting the increased crop, as well as allowing a margin of profit. The others gave increases, which were comparatively small.

In the final phase of the study, soil analyses were made to determine the condition in which the soil of the different lots had been left. It was evident that the land plaster plot, and the one on which acid phosphate had been used—which had produced the best results.

Christian and Missionary Alliance
Sunday School at 9:45, H. C. Dietz, superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. Young People's Meeting at 7:15 p. m. Evangelistic service at 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:45. These are all gospel meetings. Our motto: "Jesus Only." All are cordially invited. W. P. KIRK, pastor.

NOTICE
The Annual Stockholders' Meeting of the Farmers' Irrigating Company will be held January 11, 1913, at 10 a. m., at the Commercial Club Hall, to elect seven directors to serve one year, and to transact such other business as may legally come before the meeting. All stockholders are urged to be present.

By order of the Directors
M. H. NICKELSEEN
51-54c Secretary.

"Whom have you there in tow?"
"This is Rip Van Winkle. He just woke up."
"Why guard him so carefully?"
"Well, we're letting him see the women's styles gradually, don't you know."

Please remember to post the dates of proposed public gatherings in the directory of entertainments at the public library.

TRADES RANCH FOR SHARE IN A MINE

S. C. Ziegler has traded his orchard valued at \$12,000, to the White Salmon Mining Company for \$15,000 of its stock. Before making the deal Mr. Ziegler had some of the ore assayed and it ran about \$36 copper to the ton and \$12 gold and silver. The mine is located back of Mt. Baker in a region more or less mineral. It is 20 miles from railway, close to a stream and it is said that the ore can be easily taken out.

Messrs. Balsiger, Empenger, Martin and Breitbach constitute the company, the working capital of which is to be \$800,000. The mining property was originally held by Martin, but he became ill, suffering from the effects of a broken leg, and finally interested Mr. Empenger and with Breitbach personally investigated the property, had the ore assayed, and the result was the organization of the White Salmon Mining Company.

FORESTERS ADD NEW MEMBERS

Local Court Offers Special Opportunity to Initiates for Short Time

Court Hood River, No. 42, Foresters of America, held a largely attended meeting Friday night and transacted much important business besides initiating some new candidates into the order. The meeting was very enthusiastic and much for the good and welfare of the court was accomplished. A new set of officers were elected. Brother Arlo R. Bradley was elected Chief Ranger and Dr. E. D. Kanaga was the unanimous choice for Court Doctor. The court is now in a better condition in every way than at any time for the past eight years and its future success is assured. Grand Secretary James Bain and State Organizer C. A. Boland left for Portland on Saturday last after finishing some very satisfactory work for the local court. The Grand Court has granted the Hood River Court a special dispensation for a short time so that all white males of good moral character, 18 to 50 years of age, sound in health and body can join this great order at the Charter Rate Membership Fee of \$5. This opportunity will last but for a short time. The meeting time hereafter will be Monday nights twice a month.

BUSTING APART!

That piano nearly walks off of the stage when the Arens brothers play dance music. Dance today, December 25, at Parkdale. Hard Time masquerade Dance December 31st at Mt. Hood.

The News can give you the best in printing.

We wish you a merry Christmas and all the good things that will make the day and season happy ones.

The Franz Stores

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Thousands of Fish Are Now Hatching Every Day At the Underwood Hatchery

This is a Sight worth Traveling Miles to See and Captain Treiber, of the Underwood Ferry, Has Arranged to Carry Passengers Direct to the Hatchery for the Next Four Weeks, During Which Time the Hatching Will Be at Its Height.

INTERCROPPING PREFERRED TO CLEAN CULTIVATION

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are sold for fancy prices the results might be better. "I don't think the farmer who tries to keep a large flock of chickens and take care of them along with his orchard will make a commercial success of them. Either a small flock should be kept or one which is large enough to warrant the hiring of one man to give them all his time.

"I believe that industries which might well be encouraged here in order to give greater diversity would be such ones as hay, alfalfa and asparagus. The last named appears to be especially well adapted to some sections of the valley."

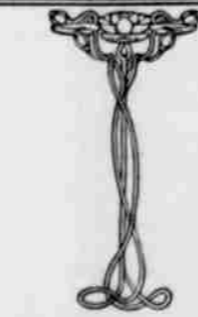
SAYS THERE'S STILL GOOD MONEY IN THE APPLE BUSINESS

(Contributed)
"What's the matter with you fellows anyway? What's the meaning of that long face, that dark hopeless expression? Have you lost your nerve? Have you lost your grit? Have you lost your good common sense? Just because you won't make 500 per cent on your investment this year you think you have a kick coming. You ride around in your automobile or you sit in your easy chair in your electric-lighted, all conveniences, furnace-heated, telephone-connected home with a long, pouty face, saying to yourself and every one you see, "Things have gone to the dogs. Why did I ever get into this apple game? What will become of us? What shall we do? Gosh, my orchard will only net me 50 cents a box this year and I only had 300 boxes to the acre.

"Don't you know you should be spending every odd moment you have in prayer for just such a year to follow next year and the year after? Don't you know that just such years as this and the prayed for years 'will 'make you?' What do you suppose the poor devils in less-favored localities are going to do this year, next year and the following year that will have to work all that time and then dig down in their jeans and pull out cold cash just for the privilege of doing that work? Don't you suppose they will see that spuds at 50 cents a sack will make them more money? Then what are you kicking about who will only make one or two hundred per acre, with a living thrown in besides. How many of you could go out now and sell your services and end up the year with that much velvet? Its a cinch you wouldn't have the automobile to run around in anyway.

"Brace up, buckle up, smile, darn you, smile and remember and keep on remembering that this valley, made long before we poor worms came into this world, was made beautiful and wonderful for a grander purpose than having sour faces pull it down. Such a valley and such beauty was made for men, real men, men who are not afraid to look a problem in the face, men who have faith in themselves and in the eternal goodness of things. If you are pinched, cut out the little things you don't want or don't need, but keep your eyes always ahead and thank God you live and can continue to live in the grandest, finest and most perfect place in the world."

We Wish You As



Merry a Christmas

as you could wish for yourself



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