

UNION COUNTY HAS GREAT OFFERS

Grand Ronde Valley One Most Productive in Country, Says Addison Bennett.

"TOM" WRIGHT STILL LIVES

Early-Day Experiences of Popular Banker Retold — "Joe" Church Proved Friend When Dynamiters Wreck Institution.

BY ADDISON BENNETT. UNION, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special Correspondence.)—Coming from the East over the O. & N. Railway, as you wind down the hills from Tekeaset, the wonderful Grand Ronde Valley lies spread out before you to the west and southwest. And in all Oregon there is no finer body of agricultural land than that contained in this magnificent valley. In dimensions it is almost an empire, reckoned on European standards, for the lowlands, the cooves and the foothills, all arable, aggregate some 300 square miles.

SCENES IN UNION, OREGON, ONE OF MOST PROGRESSIVE SECTIONS OF EASTERN OREGON COUNTRY.



UNION COUNTY HORSE SHOW.



\$50,000 HIGH SCHOOL BLDG. JUST COMPLETED AT UNION, ONE OF THE FINEST IN THE STATE.



UNION LIVE STOCK SHOW.



The last call and final price on high-grade Winter Overcoats, Raincoats and Suits. They've been this season's best sellers at \$35, \$30 and \$25—not many of a kind, but all sizes in the lot. You can now take your unrestricted

CHOICE AT \$14.85

See them today, as displayed in our large center window. Then come in and try some on. You'll surely profit largely. Do it now.

LION CLOTHING Co. Gus Kuhn Prop. 166-170 THIRD ST.

formal contract for the land it had agreed to purchase from Dorman by his signature. And this is where Dorman balked. He contended that the contract contained so many harsh terms and conditions that he could not agree to sign that it would be impossible for him to accept it as drawn. When he notified the colonization company of his refusal, that company declared the entire deal off.

Dorman now Sues. Dorman appears now as the plaintiff against the company and brings suit to compel specific performance of contract on the part of the colonization company. His pendens was filed at the same time the suit was instituted in order that all prospective buyers of land in that section of Eastern Oregon where the land is located, might be on guard.

The railway building over the tract is objected to by prospective buyers of the lands in the tract. Dorman contends that the terms of the deal he made with the colonization company are clear and that it must accept the land, while the company asserts that in face of Dorman's refusal to accept the contract agreed upon, it is not bound to pay the fortune demanded.

NEW OFFICIAL BALKED

GLADSTONE TREASURER MEETS OPPOSITION OF PREDECESSOR.

CONFLICT IN STATE LAW AND CITY

Charter Cause of Difficulty Between Pardee and Paddock.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—Not to be done by the board of the city of Gladstone, which was recently incorporated as a city, has a fight of its own over the possession of the Treasury. J. K. Pardee, Treasurer before the last election, insists that he has a legal right to the office and J. C. Paddock, elected at the last election insists that he is the Treasurer. A contest probably will be filed in the Circuit Court to settle the controversy.

PIONEER THE DALLES WOMAN DIES.

THE DALLES, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—Mrs. W. N. Wiley, a pioneer of this city, died here yesterday at the age of 71. Her maiden name was Mary McEwen. She came here with her parents in 1850 from Canton, N. Y. She married Mr. Wiley the same year, residing in The Dalles and vicinity until her death. A widower, three sons and three daughters survive. They are E. L. Wiley, of Wallawa; Roland of Hood River; W. C. of Nevada; Mrs. George Thompson, of this city; Mrs. H. McCaskey and Mrs. T. C. Condon of Portland. The funeral will be held tomorrow. The Wiley-McEwen wedding is said to have been the first marriage among white people at The Dalles.

DROWNED MAN IDENTIFIED.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 11.—The body of the drowned man found across the river Tuesday has been identified as that of Andrew Alexander Hanchell, of Roseburg.

WHEN YOUR HAIR IS FADED OR BRITTLE

"A beautiful growth of long, glossy and fluffy hair can be had by every woman—hair of a rich, even color," writes Mrs. Mae Martyn in the Washington Leader. "The only condition to this is that shampooing be indulged in at least once a month. And a word about what to use: Never, no, never employ soaps or mixtures containing 'free' alkali, because of the disastrous effects following. "A dependable and really delightful shampoo mixture can be made by dissolving a teaspoonful of castor oil in a cup of hot water. This is enough for a thorough shampooing of both scalp and hair. After a castor oil shampoo the hair dries evenly and quickly and retains its former shade, soft fluffiness and high gloss. Nothing is so effective for removing dandruff and keeping the scalp healthy and pliant."—Adv.

NEGRO LOSES COLOR SUIT

Black Refused Seats in Theater Gets Money Back but Pays Costs.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—Judge Kelly, in Circuit Court today, directed a verdict in the suit brought by A. F. Atkinson, colored, against P. H. Waters, manager of the Grand Opera-house. It was alleged that Atkinson purchased tickets for himself and family to a play several months ago, and were refused admittance to the seats designated because of their race. He sued for \$3000. Three dollars was tendered in court, and a verdict directed for that amount, Atkinson to pay the costs, amounting to about \$50.

BIG ACREAGE ISSUE

Slogan of "54-40 or Fight" Revived in Land Suit.

EASTERN MONEY INVOLVED

Court at Vale to Rule on Action Brought by Dorman to Compel Minnesota Syndicate to Buy 188,000-Acre Tract.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 11.—The old thrilling slogan of "54-40 or fight" is not dead for it has been indirectly made an issue in a suit brought in the District Court for Eastern Oregon by H. W. Dorman against the Oregon & Western Colonization Company to compel specific performance of agreement in the transfer of 188,000 acres of land owned by Dorman and sold by him to the colonization company for \$2,225,000.

Behind the suit, one of the largest ever instituted in the intermountain country, is history running back into the days of "54-40 or fight" when England and America were straining every nerve to obtain and hold possession of the rich Northwest territory. Some of the old-time spirit of those days is being stirred up at Vale for the fight over the land is to be bitterly contested.

Grant Made in Early Days.

With a view to the construction of a military road across Oregon from the east to the west, the Government in the early days, and when the west was a wilderness and considered too isolated for settlement, granted to a private company each alternate section for a width of six miles across that state. The road was not built, but the grant remained legally alive and was sold to a French syndicate. About a year ago this syndicate sold the vast grant, estimated as containing 800,000 acres, to the Oregon & Western Colonization Company, a Minnesota firm, with headquarters at St. Paul and backed by many prominent capitalists. The price paid was in the millions of dollars.

Harriman System Building.

The Harriman system began construction work on 125 miles of its Oregon & Eastern Railroad, an extension that is to be built east and west out of Vale through Oregon, directly and the right of way passes recently through the tract of 188,000 acres of land of the grant when Dorman sold to the colonization company. The activity on the part of the railroad boosted the value of the land, and appears to have caused trouble. On December 10, the Oregon & Western Colonization Company sent on its

standing of Tom Wright—and it is an exemplification of that true spirit of manhood which one so often finds in the West.

I started out to write about the Little City of Union, about the Grand Ronde Valley. I wanted to tell about the splendid country, about the resources, the possibilities, the ambitions of the citizens—and here I have consumed much space in "reminiscence." My excuse must be that it would be as impossible to write of this section and leave out Tom Wright as it would be to deliver a lecture on the foundation of Christianity and leave out Paul. I should say that in my explanation—I will give no excuse.

Many of the readers of The Oregonian remember that there have been several times when the same length of time for the last one on the first three days of June, 1911. But these events may not know that already these events are the most important of any in the history of Oregon, coming only second to our State Fair, ahead of that as a stock exhibit. The judge of the stock last year (1910) was the late Henry Failing, who has been the judge of the Madison-Square Show, at New York, and more than once for the Royal Society's Show, of London, England. He is the most noted judge in this country. I will give his published statement of the Union Livestock Show: "This is the best livestock show in the country west of Chicago." A statement like that means something, means a great deal when coming from such an authority.

These far shows have been made up of stock exclusively from Union, Baker and Wallawa counties. That is the reason for the great interest being taken in the stock in these three counties. And the 1912 show will be far better than the first three held. The promoters and exhibitors now see the possibilities of the events and the stock owners are making greater preparations than ever before. So you may reckon on it going to show the great interest being taken in the stock in these three counties. And the 1912 show will be far better than the first three held. The promoters and exhibitors now see the possibilities of the events and the stock owners are making greater preparations than ever before.

There is something else about the stock interests of the county worth mentioning, and I refer to it with special reference to the Portland stockyards officials, and that is that the people of this entire section are taking great interest in the fat stock show to be held the coming Spring at the Portland stockyards. Much of the stock to be shown at Union in June first will go to that show. This not only speaks well for the growers, showing that they have stock they are proud to put in competition with that may come from other sections, but it shows the sort of stock now being raised here. And from all I have been able to learn I am convinced the breeders here are using as much judgment in their business as is usual in any of the famous livestock districts in the country. And it is certain that the more people that engage in the business here the greater and more pronounced will be the general standards and the higher the standards will be raised.

Before I dismiss the stock subject I wish to make mention that at this time the harvesting and best herd of Shetland ponies in the West is located. M. S. Levy is the owner of this herd, and he has made a great success of the business. Among his famous animals is Billy L., a gelding pony passed upon by the Government official inspector of cavalry animals as the nearest perfect specimen he had ever seen. Mr. Levy has taken a great many prizes, almost universally carrying off the blue ribbons and cups wherever he exhibits. Near here are numerous herds of Jersey, Hereford, Guernsey, Holstein and Devon cattle, all of the celebrated breeds of roan and draught horses, thoroughbred runners and trotters, the standard breeds of sheep and swine; in fact, all sorts of livestock. The quality and raising has fine numbers of birds and of animals is increasing every year.

standing of Tom Wright—and it is an exemplification of that true spirit of manhood which one so often finds in the West.

"Tom" Wright Popular.

I know there would be no failure here if "Tom" Wright was at home for he and Union are one and undividable—if there is such a word. And "Tom" is not simply an old settler, not merely an honorable citizen of Union, but one of the first and best citizens of the state. His name, of course, is not "Tom," but W. T. Wright. The W. T., however, seems as a designation, everybody speaking of him as "Tom." So I will drop the quotation marks and call him by his right name.

I have known "Tom" for many years. My last dealings with him had been as a sort of emissary from some intimate Portland friends of his in an effort to have him "stand" for the Congressional nomination from this district. That was some years ago, and had he just consented, without making a canvass, we should not now be regretting at Washington as we are, for Tom would almost assuredly have been nominated and elected. But aside from once serving a term as County Clerk and serving his town in such ways as all loyal citizens should, on School Boards and in the city administrations, offices to which he was elected against his wishes, Tom has never consented to accept public office and never will if he can avoid it.

For two or three hours I listened to Tom go over the history of this section as he recalls it for the last 47 years—almost to the "birth day" of April, 1845. But his story goes back to his boyhood home in Illinois, where he was born in 1845, to his trip with his folks across the plains in 1852, his later school days and graduation at the old Portland Academy in the same class with Judge Moreland and ex-Senator Levi Ankeny. But even in his school days he broke into business, going to Lewiston and into the Orofino gold fields, which, he says, are now spoken of in "Fifty Years Ago" in the columns of The Oregonian as the Perce fields. And, by the way, Tom says he finds more interest in those brief paragraphs than in anything else he reads.

Name of Failing Recalled.

During Tom's school days and for a short time after his father was engaged in the hardware business in Portland, with Josiah Failing, the father of the late Henry Failing. After dissolving partnership with Mr. Failing he was associated with Thomas Pritchard, a name that will not bring to the mind of many of the early settlers of Oregon. I stated that these firms were dealers in hardware, but even the dissolution of the partnership with Mr. Failing they had added general merchandise to their business.

In 1855 Tom associated himself with his father and Dr. Dorsey S. Baker, father of the Baker who founded the Baker-Boyer National, of which Miles F. Moore is president.

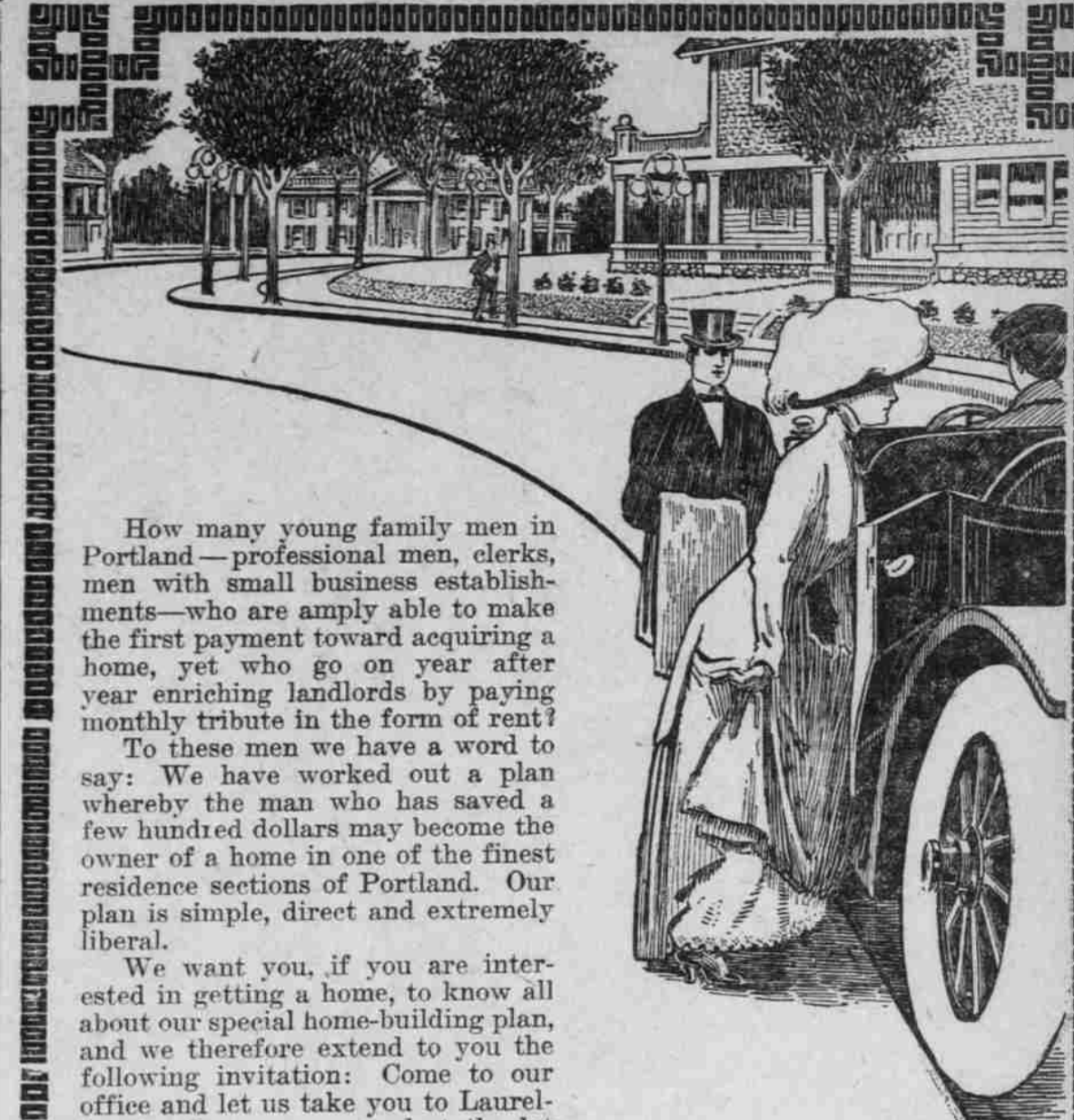
From that day until the present Tom has been a citizen of Union County, and one of the most respected and progressive men in the state. For 30 years he has been in the banking business, and now, associated with his two sons, B. M. and Joseph, he dominates the First National of Union, a bank well known throughout Eastern Oregon because of the safest and most progressive.

Sitting in his private office in his bank Tom went over the old days, told me reminiscences more than enough to make a story of several columns for The Oregonian, but a story of entrancing interest to one who delights in the up-building of Oregon. It would be impossible to touch on a title of the subjects he went over. Take the quarter-century fight with La Grande for the county seat; that alone would make a splendid novel. Just to touch one phase of it: Tom was, of course, the leader for Union, and the late lamented "Joe" Church was in charge of the La Grande forces. Everybody knows the acrimony, the bitterness engendered by such fights. But these two splendid men were afterwards friends and rose to the night of November 22, 1890, burglars broke into Mr. Wright's bank and made a wreck of the interior. Several charges of nitro-glycerine blew the vault, safe and furniture into smithereens. Fortunately the strong box, with over \$45,000 in it, resisted all attempts to get it open, and no more than a penny of cash was taken; the repairs, however, cost nearly \$4000, and it took several weeks to get things in order.

Church Would Be Benefactor.

The news spread over the valley that the bank had lost all of its money, and early in the morning, by sunrise, Mr. Church, who was in the banking business at La Grande, heard the report. As soon as he could get into his vault he packed \$10,000 into a grip and taking it over to Union he emptied the coin out on the counter of Tom's temporary quarters, saying "I thought you might need a little ready cash; here is \$10,000, and call on us for enough more to see you through."

That incident not only speaks volumes for "Joe" Church, but for the



How many young family men in Portland—professional men, clerks, men with small business establishments—who are amply able to make the first payment toward acquiring a home, yet who go on year after year enriching landlords by paying monthly tribute in the form of rent? To these men we have a word to say: We have worked out a plan whereby the man who has saved a few hundred dollars may become the owner of a home in one of the finest residence sections of Portland. Our plan is simple, direct and extremely liberal. We want you, if you are interested in getting a home, to know all about our special home-building plan, and we therefore extend to you the following invitation: Come to our office and let us take you to Laurelhurst, where you can select the lot upon which you wish to build. Then, if you are really in earnest about wanting a home, we will make the rest of it very easy for you. Remember that the building season will soon be here, and it behooves you, if you plan to have a home this year, to delay no longer in getting this important matter under way. Laurelhurst is now the most beautiful residence section of Portland, and is rapidly filling up with attractive homes. The atmosphere and environment of Laurelhurst are delightful. Take an hour off and look over Laurelhurst. It will please you.

MEAD & MURPHY, Sales Agents. Phones—Main 1503, A 1515. Office at Tract. Phone East 989. Ask for Salesman.

WOOL WAREHOUSE AIM

OREGON GROWERS PLAN FOR BUILDING IN PORTLAND.

Proposal Is to Store Product Until Panama Canal Opens—Mill for Baker Probable.

BAKER, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—A co-operative wool warehouse at Portland for the purpose of storing wool until it can be shipped East by water through the Panama Canal, in order to save freight, was the chief matter taken up today by the executive committee of the Oregon Woolgrowers' Association, in session here. The plan is to have the warehouse completed by 1912.

The matter was referred to a committee composed of D. O. Lively and F. A. Freeman, Portland; F. A. Phillips, Baker; William Smith, Arlington, and J. E. Smith, Pendleton. Mrs. S. C. Gage, of Portland, told the board that she would find funds in the East for the establishment of a woolen mill here, if she could be assured that the wool could be secured at the right price. The committee assured her that the wool would be forthcoming if a price was paid equal to that paid by shippers. Mrs. Gage says she has \$500,000 ready for the project.

F. A. Phillips, of Baker, was elected a member of the executive committee to succeed the late A. N. Whittier.

PIONEER THE DALLES WOMAN DIES.

THE DALLES, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—Mrs. W. N. Wiley, a pioneer of this city, died here yesterday at the age of 71. Her maiden name was Mary McEwen. She came here with her parents in 1850 from Canton, N. Y. She married Mr. Wiley the same year, residing in The Dalles and vicinity until her death. A widower, three sons and three daughters survive. They are E. L. Wiley, of Wallawa; Roland of Hood River; W. C. of Nevada; Mrs. George Thompson, of this city; Mrs. H. McCaskey and Mrs. T. C. Condon of Portland. The funeral will be held tomorrow. The Wiley-McEwen wedding is said to have been the first marriage among white people at The Dalles.

DROWNED MAN IDENTIFIED.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 11.—The body of the drowned man found across the river Tuesday has been identified as that of Andrew Alexander Hanchell, of Roseburg.

WHEN YOUR HAIR IS FADED OR BRITTLE

"A beautiful growth of long, glossy and fluffy hair can be had by every woman—hair of a rich, even color," writes Mrs. Mae Martyn in the Washington Leader. "The only condition to this is that shampooing be indulged in at least once a month. And a word about what to use: Never, no, never employ soaps or mixtures containing 'free' alkali, because of the disastrous effects following. "A dependable and really delightful shampoo mixture can be made by dissolving a teaspoonful of castor oil in a cup of hot water. This is enough for a thorough shampooing of both scalp and hair. After a castor oil shampoo the hair dries evenly and quickly and retains its former shade, soft fluffiness and high gloss. Nothing is so effective for removing dandruff and keeping the scalp healthy and pliant."—Adv.

NEGRO LOSES COLOR SUIT

Black Refused Seats in Theater Gets Money Back but Pays Costs.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—Judge Kelly, in Circuit Court today, directed a verdict in the suit brought by A. F. Atkinson, colored, against P. H. Waters, manager of the Grand Opera-house. It was alleged that Atkinson purchased tickets for himself and family to a play several months ago, and were refused admittance to the seats designated because of their race. He sued for \$3000. Three dollars was tendered in court, and a verdict directed for that amount, Atkinson to pay the costs, amounting to about \$50.

BURG, Wash., who jumped overboard from his boat on November 28, when the gasoline exploded, setting his clothes on fire.

BIG LOG SALES ARE MADE

Camps in Deep and Grays River Districts Dispose of Property.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—All the logs belonging to the camps in the Deep River and Grays River districts, with the exception of six rafts belonging to Holden and Briggs, and a

number owned by the Brix Logging Company, are reported to have been sold.

While the prices have not advanced, there has been more inquiry for logs during the past few days and the indications are favorable for an increased demand and a better market when the camps resume operations, which will probably be about the first of the coming month. The first camp to start on the north shore probably will be the Portland Lumber Company's plant in the upper Grays River district.

Buy the records for your Victoria from Sherman, Clay & Co., Sixth at Morrison.

YOU SURELY MUST TRY THIS WHEN YOU HAVE A BAD COLD OR GRIPPE

Proves Grippe Is Never Effective and Tells How to Get Relief in a Few Hours.

You will distinctly feel your cold breaking and all the Grippe symptoms leaving after taking the very first dose. It is a positive fact that Pape's Cold Compound, taken every two hours, until three consecutive doses are taken, will end the Grippe and break up the most severe cold, either in the head, chest, back, stomach or limbs. It promptly relieves the most miserable headache, dizziness, head and nose stuffed up, feverishness, sneezing, sore

throat, running of the nose, mucous catarrhal discharges, soreness, stiffness and rheumatic twinges. Pape's Cold Compound is the result of three years' research at a cost of more than fifty thousand dollars and contains no quinine, which we have conclusively demonstrated is not effective in the treatment of colds or grippe. Take this harmless compound as directed, with the knowledge that there is no other medicine, made anywhere else in the world, which will cure your cold or end grippe misery as promptly and without any other assistance or bad after-effects as a 25-cent package of Pape's Cold Compound, which any druggist in the world can supply.



Everwear Hosiery. Guaranteed Hosiery. For Men, Women and Children. Well shod feet always pay a dividend of comfort, though the best shoe in the world will not be easy to wear with the wrong kind of hosiery—particularly mended hosiery. The rough spots or darns sink into your flesh, along the lines of least resistance. Everwear Hosiery never needs darning, and never causes a moment of discomfort. Buy a box today and join the Anti-Darn Legion. The Box of Six Pair with Written Guarantee. FOR MEN: Egyptian Cotton, \$1.50 per box; Fine Cashmere, \$2.00 per box; Silk Lisle, \$3.00 per box. FOR WOMEN: Egyptian Cotton, \$2.00 per box; Silk Lisle, \$3.00 per box. FOR CHILDREN: Egyptian Cotton, sizes 5 to 7 1/2, \$1.50 per box; Silk Lisle, sizes 5 to 7 1/2, \$2.00 per box; Fine Cashmere, sizes 5 to 7 1/2, \$2.50 per box. Pure Silk, Guaranteed 3 Months. Men's Pure Silk, \$2.00 box, 3 pair; Women's Pure Silk, \$3.00 box, 3 pair.

At the BEN SELLING and MOYER Stores