

ROYAL Baking Powder

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Makes delicious home-baked foods of maximum quality at minimum cost. Makes home baking a pleasure

The only Baking Powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar

No Alum—No Lime Phosphates



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Henry Olson, Mrs. McIntosh, Mrs. Masterson, Mrs. Charles Dennison and Mrs. Frost.

The Women of Woodcraft are planning a ball for Feb. 17, that is based upon the most stringent laws of leap year etiquette. Not a liberty is to be allowed the masculine guests—all are to be unarped joyously for this one evening by the triumphant hostesses.

The Eckhoff Hall will be brilliantly decorated for the event by sub-committees under the general committee on arrangements composed of Miss Babcock, Mrs. Hames and Mrs. R. Simpson, and the Woman's Exchange will serve supper to the guests.

F. G. Horton returned on the Breakwater Friday from a short business trip to Portland.

A big birthday surprise party was given Paul Welling in North Bend Tuesday night by a number of young people of the high school set, which proved to be a very jolly affair. Games of whist, pit and flinch, music and fun in general enlivened the evening and a "spread" brought by the guests furnished a fitting ending.

Chauncey Clarke, who left last week for Portland to meet an uncle, Joseph Fenholz of St. Paul, returned by Breakwater Friday.

Mrs. F. K. Gebbins was hostess at an evening party of cards Tuesday, Feb. 6. Her home was charmingly decorated in greens and yellow candles and shades, carrying out a pale yellow and green color scheme.

Thursday afternoon in afternoon, vaking game of basketball was furnished the enthusiasts of North Bend when the girls' team played the Panthers at the gymnasium. The game was rather one-sided from the start, but the boys were given a good fight for their victory. The whistle sounded in a final score of 25 to 12 against the girls' team, which promptly

challenged its rivals to another game, Friday evening, at which it hoped to retrieve its fallen honors.

Miss Willa Hall is terminating her visit with her sister, Mrs. W. N. Eckblad, today leaving on the Breakwater for her home in Portland.

A number of guests were invited to the Geo. Ayre home Tuesday evening to celebrate the eighteenth birthday of Miss Bessie Ayre. Games of various kinds, music, and the serving of refreshments pleasantly occupied the evening. Present were Misses Edith Hildenbrand, Beatrice Smith, Bessie Flye, Helen McLaughlin, Alpha Mauzey, Mary Price, Ada Clinkenbeard, Ruth Matthews, Alice Chase, Eliza Ayre, Mary Hansen and Janet Escott.

L. K. Ballinger returned yesterday on the Breakwater from a business trip to Portland.

The A. N. W. Club was entertained Thursday afternoon by Mrs. W. P. Murphy. The regular routine of light business was transacted and the afternoon remaining was spent in sewing. Mrs. W. S. Nicholson was guest of the club. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by her niece, Miss Eugenia Schilling and Mrs. F. M. Friedberg. The club will meet next with Mrs. L. M. Noble, February 15.

Monday evening, February 12, Miss Edith Thomas will entertain a number of friends at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Thomas, in North Bend.

Mrs. A. E. Neff is entertaining this afternoon at bridge at her new home in Railroad addition.

Mrs. T. W. Rennie entertained very informally at car's Thursday afternoon and served dainty refreshments to her guests, Mrs. C. M. Tyler, Mrs. Geo. Gelsendorfer and Mrs. R. A. Wernich.

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid met for a pleasant afternoon Wednesday with Mrs. John Dabney. No particular business was discussed except the holding of a racket-fool with on the last Friday of each month. At the special invitation of Mrs. Mary Thompson, the club will meet Thursday, Feb. 22, a holiday as it falls upon Washington's birthday, at her home. This invitation will displace the regular Wednesday meeting of the week.

Mrs. E. K. Jones returned on the Breakwater yesterday from a visit of several weeks with her sisters in Portland, Mrs. B. M. Richardson and Mrs. Wm. Ford.

Mr. Chas. Reizart was host Thursday afternoon at the Chandler hotel to a number of guests, among them being Mrs. O. C. and other members of the Bar, in honor of his eightieth birthday. No guest was invited who had not reached the honored age of fifty.

The Ladies' Art Club was entertained Friday afternoon by Mrs. Jas.

Cowan at her home in South Marshfield. A valentine exchange to which each member will bring a little handmade gift will be held at the home of Mrs. A. L. Houseworth Friday, February 16.

The W. C. T. U. held a business meeting and social afternoon last Saturday at the home of Mrs. Fannie Wheeler in West Marshfield.

W. C. Bradley and family will move into the house belonging to Mrs. Early in West Marshfield, now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. John Lafon, when the latter leave March 15 for North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Tower and Miss Nora Tower are entertaining this evening at a dancing party at the Eagles' hall.

Miss Ollie Richards and Miss Gladys Roberts will be hostesses at a valentine party at the Hotel Sumner Saturday evening, February 17.

Miss Hazel Powers entertained at an afternoon sewing party last Saturday, features of which were the singing and playing of Miss Ruth Horton and the piano solos by Miss Lucy Powers. A number of the girls of the younger set were the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Murphy leave Monday for Los Angeles, California, where they are planning to make an extensive visit. They will go overland, stopping for a few days at Gardiner to visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Schilling. Miss Eugenia Schilling, who has been visiting them, will accompany Mr. and Mrs. Murphy as far as Gardiner.

The following music will be given at Emmanuel Episcopal church tomorrow at 11 a. m.

Organ, Invocation, Dussek; Madre Mio, Curshman; Postlude, Novello. Venite in A Schaecker Te Deum Baumbach Jubilate in C Schilling Anthem, Seek ye the Lord Roberts 7:30 p. m.:

Organ, Song, without words in E. Mendelssohn; Andante, Freyer; Andante, Rimbault. Magnificat in F Simper Nunc Dimittis in F Simper Anthem, Saviour When Night Involves the Skies Shelley Mrs. William Horsfall, Jr., organist and choir director.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. McArthur entertained at dinner Sunday Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Bargelt and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Kennedy.

FIRST AERIAL POST.

It Was Used in China, and a Wild Goose Was the Carrier.

The ancient records of China reveal the fact that our aerial post was forestalled some thousands of years ago, aptly enough by Celestial. It is true that the first postal air man was an aquatic fowl, and to this day the post in China is referred to as "the convenience of the wild goose," and pictures of that bird still appear on certain stamps.

The legend tells us that a Tartar chief was offensive to the Chinese emperor, who sent a special envoy to warn him. But the chief took the emperor's servant prisoner and made him shepherd to his flocks. In this condition of social degradation the unfortunate envoy languished for some years until one day he captured a wild goose and his mind was illumined by the bright idea of using it to carry news of his whereabouts to his friends.

With a letter secured to its leg, the Samaritan goose flew southward until, virtue meeting its customary reward, it was killed in the grounds of the palace by no less a personage than the emperor himself. The letter was read, and a punitive expedition rescued the captive and punished the rebel chief.—Pearson's Weekly.

PROOF OF GENTILITY.

Sleeves That Hid the Hands Showed the Wearers Didn't Work.

The practice observed among Spanish hidalgos of allowing the finger nails to grow into claws was to demonstrate that they had never done any manual work. The same custom exists among the Chinese for the same reason.

Among the Romans the wearing of long sleeves, which came down over the hand, was the fashion in aristocratic circles. This advertised to the world that the wearer did not engage in any labor and freedom from employment was the condition of respectability.

English boots and shoes have been designed more or less for the same purpose as that of the Chinese, who bind their women's feet in proof of their gentility. As early as the time of William Rufus "peaked roed boots and shoes" had their points made like a scorpion's tail, and a courtier named Robert stuffed his out with row, and caused them to curl round in the form of a ram's horn, a fashion which took mightily among the nobles. It is plain that the purpose of this fashion was to show that the privileged wearer was not dependent on any kind of labor or feetness of foot for his daily bread.

The practice of wearing tight fitting boots and shoes is an old one for Chauver, wearing of them in his day, says that it is—

Merveye sth that they site so pleyn. How they come on or off again. Later, in 1715, Horace Walpole said, "I am now twenty years on the right side of red heels."—Harper's Weekly

The Times' Want Ads bring results

New Things for Men

Black and tan Shoes, Stetson Hats, new shapes, New Cluett Shirts, New Negligee Shirts, New Silk Crocheted Neckwear, New Rain Coats and Gaberdines.



Benjamin Clothes

have all the newest ideas, and are the embodiment of style, fit, character and service. Benjamin clothes ARE BETTER CLOTHES.

Women's and Children's Shoes

"MONEY TALKS" Hub Clothing & Shoe Co. MARSHFIELD BANDON



Don't take chances on your hat. Get the best—the Stetson

OI SEN HAS MUSIC MANIA

CHINESE WOMAN ACCUSED OF MURDER OF SEID BING CAUSES GRIEF FOR PORTLAND PRISONERS.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 10.—Joy prevails in the women's department at the city jail. The inmates once more are returning to sanity and sleep, and while Oi Sen laments in her native Chinese, there are grateful giggles among her fellow prisoners.

Even the weight of a murder on her mind has not dampened Oi Sen's love for music, or, possibly, she resorted to the talking machine in order to free her mind of the memory of the killing of Seid Bing. Anyway, like Macbeth, Oi Sen has been murdering sleep for every one confined with her on the top floor of the city jail building.

Scarcely had the Chinese woman informed the detectives of the details of Seid Bing's taking off than she asked for her photograph. This was found in the room of Wong Si Sam, one of her accomplices, whose razor, she says, finished Seid Bing. Oi Sen had 300 records, every last one of them in Chinese. These were carted to the city jail along with the machine.

The first record almost caused a riot, as people in the jail supposed the threatened tong war had broken out. Then day and night Oi Sen played her records. Any one who ever has heard a Chinese orchestra or a Chinese singer can appreciate the soul-harrowing strains that came from the instrument. The most cheerful note sounds like a scratchy plate pencil or a buzz-saw striking a tough pine knot. Matron Simmons would lock Oi Sen in a room with the machine and close the door, after which she would caulk all the cracks to confine the melody. Even with these precautions the grating, screeching records tarnished the air. Oi Sen had played 185 of the 300 records when she broke the machine. One hundred and eighty-five Chinese phonograph records are enough to cause murder.

QUEEN VENUS.

Orbit, Mass and Gravity of the Planet Twin of Our World.

Mercury is the nearest of known planets to King Sol, but Venus comes next, and in eccentricity of solar orbit—measured by having an average of about 67,200,000 miles—is the most irregular of the planets. The distance of Venus from our earth also varies, with an average of about 25,700,000 miles at her nearest, the average distance of Venus from our earth being approximately 120,000,000 miles at her farthest.

Queen Venus may be called the planet twin of our world, since her mean diameter and that of our earth are nearly equal. Nevertheless the difference of some 200 miles in their diameters leaves Venus with about 92 100 of the terrestrial volume. Venus mass or weight approximates 82-100 of that of our planet, and, dividing 82 100 by 92-100, we get 89-100, which is Venus density compared with the density of our earth. Venus gravity approximates 82 100 that of our planet, or, in other words, a terrestrial body weighing 100 pounds would weigh only eighty-two pounds upon the surface of Venus.

Queen Venus exhibits phases like our moon, but possesses no moon herself. She presents a bright and thickly clouded appearance and has an atmosphere which is estimated to be from one and one-half to two times as dense as our own. This beautiful planet was seen of course, by mankind in prehistoric ages, but the earliest known record respecting her was in a B. C. record engraved upon earthenware now in possession of the British Museum.—New York Tribune

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SINGLE TAX IS OPPOSED HERE

At a recent meeting of the Coos Bay Grange, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, There is a large sum of money being spent in Oregon for the purpose of influencing voters in favor of the enactment of a certain law known as the Single Tax Law, and

Whereas, Such a law would exempt from taxation a large amount of property and would thereby place an additional burden on the class of property remaining to be taxed, and

Whereas, Such a law would be unjust and detrimental to the best interests of the State in general and the producing class in particular.

Therefore, Be it resolved by Coos Bay Grange, No. 397, of Marshfield, Oregon, that we are unalterably opposed to such a law and pledge ourselves to use our best efforts to defeat the same whenever it is presented to the voters of Oregon for their approval or rejection. Be it further resolved that we denounce said "Single Tax Law" as being unjust and impracticable and would tend to retard the growth and development of our growing and prosperous state.

Adopted February 10, 1912.

CHARLES MAHAFFY, Sec'y. WM. BONEBRAKE, Master.

AN ENGLISH PENSIONER.

Superannuated at Birth and Drew the Stipend All His Life.

The wife of an English cabinet minister had promised to stand godmother to an infant and, calling on the parents a day or two previous to the christening, expressed her regret that her husband had nothing left at his disposal of any importance and that the only thing he could do for her godson was to put his name on the pension list as a superannuated general postman.

The offer was accepted. The pension was regularly paid to the parents during the minority of their son and to him afterward as long as he lived. He thrived in the world, became an urban and attained a considerable age, often declaring that he had more pleasure in pocketing the few pounds he drew half yearly from this source than he derived from the receipt of any other portion of his income.

He died a few days after one payment was due, and one of his executors came to town to announce his demise and to receive the money. On asking the clerk who paid him if it was necessary to produce a certificate of the death he was answered:

"Oh, no, not in the least. I will take your word for it. My father paid his pension as long as he lived, and I have paid it myself for the last thirty years. I am quite sure that the old gentleman must be dead by this time."

This recipient of the public bounty had been a superannuated postman for upward of eighty years.—Exchange.

To Be a Real Actor.

Sinking one's identity in character parts on the stage is but an insignificant branch of acting. The displaying of a personality beneath the make-up, the incarnation of a written character in flesh and blood, by a sheer act of genius on the part of the actor in fitting a part with his own personality tempered to the limitations of his role—the creation in short of a living, visible and intelligible being, is the grand aim of the actor's art.

How well Richard Mansfield knew that art in his performances you saw an unpenetrable makeup; but, though Mansfield was hidden behind the greatest dramatic genius of our generation, fashioning steadily and superbly a character as he conceived it out of the materials placed at his command by the playwright.—Henry Koller in National Magazine

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STEEL ORDERS ARE GREATER

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—The United Steel Corporation announced today that the unfilled orders on the books of the company January 31st, totalled 5,379,721 tons, against 5,682,761 tons December 31.

BIDS WANTED

Sealed bids will be received until February 15, 1912, at 12 m. by Henry Sangstacken for building bulkhead from north end of present bulkhead in Nasburg's Addition to state mill. For plans and specifications, see

WEBSTER'S BLUE COATS.

His Liking For the Color Came From His Early Homespun Suits.

Daniel Webster went to Dartmouth college in a homespun suit of which probably every thread was carded, spun and woven by his mother's hand from the wool of their own sheep. It was a dyed in the wool suit, and the color was indigo blue.

In the south butternut was used; but, though the Yankee dyes knew all about the uses of butternut bark and the subtle power for slate color that lay in the sumac berries and bark of white maple and were not unacquainted with the various dyes that root and flower, bark and leaf could be made to yield through the agency of vinegar and alum and coppers to "set" them fast, the universal standby in New England was the blue pot, par excellence the "dye pot," that stood in the chimney corner of every kitchen in that region.

So Webster was fitted out in indigo blue from collar to ankle. Before reaching Hanover there came on one of those dreaching rains that wet a man to the skin. The suit held its own, but it parted with enough dye to tinge Daniel blue from head to foot.

Webster had a liberal stratum of sentiment in his mental makeup, and for some reason the color of his young manhood remained his favorite wash through life. He wore blue coats to his dying day. If any one ever saw him in one of a different color the fact has not been made of record.—Exchange.

CROCODILES IN WATER.

Practically Invisible Themselves, They See, Hear and Breathe.

The crocodiles are thoroughly aquatic in their habits, and their peculiar conformation enables them to attack and seize their prey unawares. Their nostrils, which lead by a long canal to the back part of their throats, their eyes and their ears, are placed on the upper part of the head, so that when in the water they can breathe, see and hear, while they are themselves practically invisible. When they dive their nostrils and ears are closed by lids or valves, and their eyes are covered by a transparent nictitating membrane. They are further furnished with an arrangement which prevents the water from getting down their own throats when they are holding large animals under the water to drown them.

The dentition of these reptiles is peculiar. The teeth are sharp and conical and are hollow at the base, and each tooth serves as the sheath of another, which will in time replace it. The tongue—for notwithstanding the ancient belief the crocodile does possess a tongue—is fleshy and is attached to the bottom of the mouth. And finally the lower jaw is hinged at the very back of the skull, thus giving the animal its extraordinary gape and also the peculiar appearance which caused the notion that it moved its upper jaw.

If you have anything to sell, trade, rent, or want help, try want ads.

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