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of a blue serge suit. No matter how many suits of fancy mixtures you may own, there's always a renewed satisfaction in putting on a blue serge. But there are "blue serges and blue serges," and the best piece of serge in the world cannot be made into a satisfactory suit unless behind it are the skill and the "know how" of the expert tailor.

We call your attention to the most complete line of shoes in the valley for men, women and children. We give that "satisfaction guarantee" with every pair. If you have shoe troubles, give us a trial.

We carry a complete line of ladies' and misses' ready-to-wear goods. Ladies' house dresses, street dresses, suits, coats, etc. That famous Alexandria kid glove for particular dressers. Kayser silk gloves in all shades and colors.

ONE VISIT TO OUR STORE means a regular customer for us.

H. G. Enders & Son

"WHERE YOU DO BETTER"

Classified Advertisements

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TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

LOST—Pair gold-rimmed bifocal glasses. Finder please leave at Whitely's store. 94-21*

FOR RENT—One of the best two-room offices in the city. Hot water heat. Citizens Banking & Trust Co. 94-22

FOR RENT—At a bargain, small house and an acre of ground partly in berries. Good garden ground. Poultry house and park. G. W. Benedict, 219 Mountain Ave. 94-1mo.*

FOR SALE—1 1/2 acres fine land. Water right, city water, two good houses and barn. Must sell. \$1,850 will buy all. New four-room bungalow, large lot, plenty of fruit, in suburbs. Only \$700, part cash. A snap. F. G. McWilliams, real estate dealer, 175 East Main St.

LAND IS HIGH around Ashland. There's a reason. Let me sell you a nice farm of better land for half the price asked here, in Alsea valley, Benton county, Oregon, one of the prettiest and richest valleys in the state, finely watered and soil "rich as mud." \$75 per acre, with good terms. Your choice of two. See owner, R. D. Sanford, north end of Laurel St., Ashland. 94-2mo.

At an estimated cost of more than \$12,000,000, a Canadian railway expects within a few years to have opened a two-tracked tunnel four miles in length through the Selkirk range of mountains between Calgary and Vancouver.

Atlantic City had 1,043 population in 1879. Now it has 50,000 residents and at times has 200,000 visitors.

—Buggies at Piel's for \$39.90.

WANTS ENTIRE FIELD

Oregon Gas & Electric Company
Wishes State to Prevent Making of Coal Gas.

Salem, Ore., April 18.—The Oregon Gas & Electric Company, which has plants at Ashland, Medford, Grants Pass and Roseburg, has today asked the state railroad commission whether it has the authority to prevent a competing public utility from being granted a franchise in a city.

The company alleges that it is losing money on its plants, especially at Medford, and recites that W. J. Hills at Medford has begun negotiations to bring a competing company to that city, following the refusal of the Oregon Gas & Electric Company to give an option on its plant.

In the opinion of the Oregon Gas & Electric Company such a move would be almost criminal, as it is losing money under present conditions.

Medford, April 19.—"It is true," stated Mr. Hills today, when shown the foregoing dispatch from Salem, "that Dr. E. H. French and myself have been working upon a plan to start a gas plant in the valley. We plan to manufacture the gas from the coal deposits just east of the city, which show up splendidly under test. There are 1,000,000 tons of coal blocked out now and each ton will produce 10,000 cubic feet of gas.

"By using this coal we can put 'dollar gas' on the market. We first figured with the Oregon Gas & Electric Company, but our negotiations have ended. We can make gas from coal at 60 cents a thousand cubic feet, distribute it for 22 to 25 cents, which leaves a reasonable profit at \$1 a thousand. The present rate paid in the city is from \$1.50 to \$1.75.

"The company doing business here at present says it costs them 97 cents to manufacture and 22 cents to distribute. Their cost comes in the freight they pay to the Southern Pacific to haul in oil.

"I do not see how they can shut out a competing concern, even if they are losing money."

Animals That Count.

Tid-Bits: Nearly every one has seen trained animals that "count," or at least give the impression that they can count. Most of these are performed by signals the trainer makes which are understood by the animal. The gesture of a hand, the tone of voice, the stamping of the foot, and various other signals will enable a horse or other animal to pick out the number wanted, or stop "counting" at a given number, the counting being done by taps of the hoof.

But there are untrained animals that can count, and not up to the ordinary six or twenty numbers that about limit their ability in shows. Rather they can count to 30 or 100.

In some of the mines of Hainault horses are used to haul loads of ore over a little roadway and back by another route, as the tunnels are narrow. Thirty such trips constitute a day's work for the horse, and without a word from drivers these horses will start for the great incline that leads to their stable at the end of the thirtieth trip. In fact, many of the drivers do not keep account of the trips at all, knowing the horse will do so, and when at the end of the thirtieth trip the horses wheel suddenly and make for the outlet these drivers have to jump and loosen the catches that hold the tugs to the little cars.

But even this is beaten by oxen. "The stupid ox" has become a well-known phrase the world over, and yet, according to Montague, the oxen employed in the royal gardens of Susa to turn the wheels to which water pails are attached absolutely refused to do more than 100 rounds, as that was their day's work.

This work consisted in having the oxen travel in a circle, keeping the water-drawing wheel in motion and without fail on the hundredth trip around the circle the oxen would stop. Nor could they be urged to make another round.

It is said that wild apes can count to four, and in order to hunt them at least five hunters go out and four leave the place in a manner that will attract the apes. After the fourth hunter has gone the apes will come out and are thus secured, but they will never go out from their cover until four hunters have been seen leaving the place. The same is also claimed by naturalists of rooks and magpies.

Last year the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. served about 10,000,000 meals on its trains and steamships and in its hotels. The average was more than 30,000 meals a day.

The PORTLAND EVENING TELEGRAM and Ashland Tidings one year, \$5.00.

The Big Stock-Reducing Sale

IS STILL GOING ON AT

The Golden Rule

MEDFORD

You Can Save Money on Clothing, Shirts, Hats, Shoes, Work Clothing, Dry Goods, Notions, Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Apparel

OUR STORE IS FULL OF REAL BARGAINS. HERE ARE A FEW ITEMS:

Our Shoe Sale

Men's Dress Shoes, Oxfords and Work Shoes

These shoes are made specially for the Golden Rule by the best makers of popular priced shoes in this country, and range in price, marked close, from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per pair. Positively nothing but solid leather shoes handled by us. We want to materially reduce our stock, and will slaughter these for the next ten days at the following prices:

- \$3.00 men's tan and black button Oxfords, special, a pair \$1.98
- \$3.50 men's tan and black calf Oxfords, blucher cut, a pair \$2.95
- \$4.00 men's tan or black calf, button or blucher cut, a pair \$3.35
- \$5.00 tan or black calf, button or blucher cut, at, a pair \$3.95
- \$3.00 men's tan or black calf shoes, blucher or button, a pair \$2.65

We are closing out our entire line of \$3.00 Dress Shoes regardless of cost.

- Lot 3932, men's black oil calf Work Shoes, sizes 6 to 11, cut to \$1.98
- One lot 75c Tennis Shoes, all sizes, while they last, a pair 50c

Staple Bargains

- 12 1/2c standard Dress Gingham 8 1-3c
- All standard Calicoes, any colors 5c
- Yard-wide House Lining, any quantity 4 1-2c
- 72x90 bleached Sheets, 60c quality 43c
- 75c Sheets, 72x90 58c
- 90c, 81x90 Sheets 69c
- Yard-wide bleached Sheeting, any quantity 8 1-3c
- 72-inch standard Sheeting 23c
- 81-inch standard Sheeting 24c

Big Drive on Hats

Men's staple or novelty shape Hats, black, light or brown, sizes 6 1/2 to 7 1/2, clean-up at

\$1.39

Men's Hats, \$3.50 and \$4.00, go at

\$2.45

JAPAN JINGOES WOULD FORCE WAR

FANATICS AT TOKIO WOULD COMPEL NATION TO DECLARE WAR ON THE UNITED STATES OVER CALIFORNIA LEGISLATION

Tokio, April 18.—Open declaration that war with the United States is impending as a result of California's proposed anti-alien land-holding legislation, and that only the influence of Christianity could prevent hostilities, was voiced here today in a public speech by Count Shigenobu Okuma, former premier of Japan. Anti-American sentiment is increasing rapidly, and while Count Okuma declared the government did not share the popular hostility toward the United States, changed conditions in Japan now make it impossible for the government to restrain the lower classes and irresponsible newspapers who are insistent in their demands for immediate war.

The situation in Tokio is rapidly becoming alarmingly serious, and it is feared the lower classes may rise up against American residents here. At a mass meeting today thousands of persons, composed mostly of irresponsible, demanded instant retaliation against America by Japan. War

songs were sung to arouse the populace to patriotic frenzy. Certain newspaper writers have outlined plans for the seizure of the Philippines and Hawaii, openly denouncing the government submissive attitude.

Japanese officials are admittedly alarmed over the situation. Timed to show the friendly feeling of the government to the United States, Baron Noboaki, the foreign minister, today was host at a luncheon in honor of Dr. Hamilton Wright Mabie of New York; Dr. Peabody and John L. Mott, secretary of the international committee of the Young Men's Christian Association. The most cordial spirit prevailed.

After the luncheon the Americans met a number of representative Japanese Christians at the residence of Count Okuma, and the former premier's alarming speech followed. Mott replied, and agreed with the count, saying he now believed the influence of Christianity was superlative.

PEACE IS IN SIGHT.

Allies Accept Peace Proposals With Slight Reservations.

London, April 19.—Peace in the Balkans was believed in sight today, the representatives here of the powers momentarily expecting receipt of the allies' formal acceptance of the last peace proposals submitted by the powers. A dispatch this morning from Sofia stated that Bulgaria accepted the offer with slight reservation, the understanding being that Bulgaria would speak for all the allies.

International dissension among the allies, however, may postpone absolute peace. Reports from Vienna say that Bulgaria and Serbia each have demanded an explanation for the clash between Servians and Bulgarians near Kumanova, when 80 Serbs were slain.

The king of Montenegro, dispatches from Cetinje say, has admitted his inability to take Scutari alone and will withdraw.

MISS NELL GRANT TO WED.

Engagement of Granddaughter of Former President Announced.

San Francisco, April 21.—The engagement of Miss Nell Grant of San Francisco and Santa Barbara, a granddaughter of General Ulysses S. Grant, to Lieutenant-Commander William Piggott Cronan of the United States navy, was announced here by Miss Grant's mother.

Lieutenant-Commander Cronan is in command of the destroyer Jouett, now in Hampton Roads.

Miss Grant is the daughter of Jesse R. Grant, a second son of the late president.

A sand box for automobiles, like the familiar device on locomotives, to distribute sand under the tires to prevent skidding, has been patented by a Massachusetts inventor.

FRUIT PROSPECTS GOOD.

Only Apples Will be Less Than Bumper Crop.

Grants Pass Courier: The belated blossoms of the fruit trees of the Rogue valley are now bursting into full bloom, and the country for the first time in the history of fruit culture sees practically all varieties of deciduous fruit trees covered with blossoms at the same time. Usually there is greater length to the blooming season, but this spring has been backward, the cool weather holding all the trees back till the past few days have brought all out at once.

"This will be a record breaker for the production of nearly all varieties of fruit in the Grants Pass district," remarked Fruit Inspector Burke. "Peaches, pears, cherries, plums, prunes, etc., have never given greater promise than now, and we surely will have a great crop. Of apples there will not be a full crop, the trees taking a partial rest after a year of such heavy production as last. This year there may not be more than a fourth of the normal apple crop, but with added acreage coming into bearing the shipments from Grants Pass should still be very large."

Mr. Burke reports the orchards in excellent condition, well cared for and free from disastrous disease. Being late in coming into bloom, the danger from frost is greatly lessened, and less smudging will be required should it be necessary to bring the smudge pots into use at all.

The outlook for all berries and bush fruits is equally as good as that of the tree fruits.

Rev. Smith of Grants Pass Sued for \$30,000.

Grants Pass Courier: One of the cases to come on to be heard in the April term of the circuit court is that of Alice Rogers vs. Rev. W. G. Smith. Mrs. Rogers charges in her complaint that Mr. Smith on three separate occasions made remarks derogatory to her character, and she asks for damages of \$10,000 upon each count, or \$30,000 in all.

Argentina's imports for the nine months ending September 30, 1912, had an aggregate value of \$273,593,748, and exports from that republic amounted to \$252,040,240.

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IN SHOWING GOODS

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