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PRICES ARE GOING DOWN IN ENGLAND; WHY NOT IN THE UNITED STATES?

"London prices reached their zenith in September last, since when the drift has been steadily downward.

"There has been no such movement in the American commodity markets, which are at about top figures and show a tendency to rise rather than fall.

"In some cases high prices here are due to scarcity. In many instances they are the result of higher wages, higher taxes and the increased costs of production and distribution. Sometimes the pressing foreign demand is the ruling factor, and THE ELEMENT OF INFLATION IS CONSPICUOUS IN EVERY DIRECTION.

"The only cure for scarcity is enlarged output.

"The only offset to high wages is increased efficiency.

"The only antidote for taxes is economy.

"The only check upon inflation is more rigid discrimination in the granting of credit.

"The problem of financing big exports is still unsolved. Other nations are coming here for funds, Canada having placed a loan this week of \$75,000,000 that was quickly snapped up.

"Not only Europe is knocking at our bank doors, but South America and the Orient also."

The above are excerpts from the current weekly financial letter of Henry Clews, the Wall Street authority—the only broker who ever lived who does not speculate on his own account.

If Mr. Clews were a little less generous, he would attribute a part of the high prices in this country to the profiteers.

If commodity prices in England can steadily decrease, this ought to be the trend in this country.

There should be leaders in Congress wise and big enough to assist.

Congress ought to find a way to finance big exports; and the full resumption of world trade would very soon equalize prices the world over.

Needed, some wise leaders in Congress.
And to hell with the Borahs and their ilk.

There seems no way of having the loganberry court decisions applied or enforced in time to reach the immediate delivery of any great part of the present crop raised by the growers who were in the now more or less famous pool. But it seems reasonably clear that there is ample opportunity for interesting developments and speculations as to what shall ultimately become of the extra money received for their berries by the 100 or so men who were in the Loju pool. In the long, long trail of legal proceedings that stretch out before, when it is traveled to the end, every one will see that it would have been better in the first place to have mutual understandings and co-operation.

Again: Kolchak government soon to get allied powers' recognition. Seventeenth report.

The Three Guardsmen—Borah, Poindexter and Reed. But who is the D'Artagnan—Exchange.

It is understood that Japan has agreed to surrender the Shantung country to China—when the price of pork shops gets down to the level of pre-war figures.

Secretary Baker says the war camps were placed in the south on account of the better weather conditions. But what is the matter with Oregon weather?

The federal trade commission claims that the big five packing companies absolutely dominate a vast field of trade. As Ross Tweed once

inquired of the state of New York, "what are you going to do about it?" (He found out.)

Edward D. White, chief justice of the United States supreme court, is booked, according to current report, to preside at the coming trial of the ex-kaiser. A good Southern Democrat, by the way.

Spanish cabinet has resigned. Spain is in a bad way. She proved herself about the most craved of all the nations during the war, and now she has many troubles.

One British millionaire is to subscribe for \$750,000 Victory bonds of that country, and then give back the bonds. He says this is one-fifth of his estate, and he advises other rich countrymen to follow his example.

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Great idea. But it does not affect the profiteers.

Red Rupert should have thought about all these things before it happened. No one ever commits a crime and bears the consequences alone. Often the suffering of the innocent is the greatest of all.

Judge Alton B. Parker, the Sage of Esopus, has been elected president—of the National Civic Federation. The last time that Judge Parker preened his wings for a presidency was in 1904 and he was run over and mutilated by the late Col. Roosevelt.

JAPAN AND CONSTITUTIONALISM

A well-known writer on Japan, K. K. Kawakami, in his most recent book, has a pregnant sentence. "Throughout all its apparent flippancy," he remarks in the chapter on "Democracy in Japan," "The outstanding quality of the Japanese reveals itself, and that is their extreme sensitiveness to external forces and their ability to adjust themselves to new conditions of life which they deem beneficial or inevitable."

They are essentially a pragmatic people, anxious to be always "in the swim."

During the quarter of a century preceding the great war German officialdom and efficiency were in the lead internationally and got far more than their credit. The dangers to Anglo-Saxon civilization, on the other hand, came from a conscienceless plutocracy. With her two successful wars against two empires, now no more, the Chinese and the Russian, when she was advised by German military and civil officials, Japan won. During the past five years she meets with a danger of a new kind, for her industrial and commercial leaders have become money kings; and today the upper middle classes of the country are inflated with prosperity. Her successful wars made Japan believe in militarism, and now she faces the perils of plutocracy.

Entering the war as the ally of Great Britain, Japan has seen German autocracy overthrown and become contemptible. Emperors everywhere are in the dust and today the three great empires of middle and eastern Europe are mere geographical expressions, with little shape or form. They are not in the field of alliances or diplomacy; with whom should the Mikado's former ministers treat if they contemplated an anti-entente alliance? The mere mention of the problem does away with the supposed peril. For the first time in his books on the Japanese-American situation Mr. Kawakami recognizes that his native land must become a constitutional monarchy after the type of Great Britain or Belgium. Hitherto because of the Marxian socialism in which he was indoctrinated he had little love for Great Britain. But he now sees that Great Britain, the ally of Japan, must be the model which Tokio will copy. Like so many unacquainted with the real situation in the far east, he failed to understand that the "weary Titan," the British Empire, had begun to slacken in her far-eastern policy; was too little assertive in regard to the "open door" and other questions; and where our republic failed to support her let her oriental ally have things very much her own way. Japan has taken full advantage of the opportunity. This is the situation today: Japan is a spoiled child diplomatically, if not socially.

But with Berlin and all her ways discredited—so emphatically trusted in by Japanese statesman of the Katsuma type—and with a cheap plutocracy which is rapidly gaining the contempt of the people, the Mikado's advisors face a new situation. They must become democratic at their peril. They must align their policy and ways to those of Washington, London and Paris and deal fairly with an educated electorate. The Japanese riots of last summer were significant; they were a protest against an outworn policy. The parliamentary system, adopted under the advice of that sagacious statesman, Prince Ito, was far too closely modelled on the Reichstag; it must be modified so as to become central and not auxiliary.

Japan has only one policy for her future, if she will avoid the perils of anarchy—the natural reaction against soulless militarism and imperialism—namely, to get into real and close political sympathy with her three great allies. The process, while seeming time to develop, will be steady and sure if we can trust to the lessons of the past.

FUTURE DATES.

July 22, Wednesday—William J. Bryan speaks in Salem.
August 14, 15, and 16—Elks state convention at Klamath Falls.
September 22-27—Fifty-eighth Oregon state fair.

IN A SOCIAL WAY

By RUTH LENORE FISHER

A quiet but very pretty wedding Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at the parsonage of the First Congregational church, Miss Florence Bessie Schaefer and John Davis Fields plighted their troth in the presence of only the immediate relatives. The Rev. W. C. Kantner read the impressive services. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Fields went to their home at Eighteenth and Nebraska streets where they are at home to their many friends.

Mrs. Fields is the daughter of Mrs. Clara L. Schaefer, of 1761 South Liberty street and is very popular in the younger set. She is a recent graduate of the Salem high school. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Fields of 1155 South Thirteenth street and is also very popular. He is the depot agent for the American Express company and the host of friends of both are delighted that they will remain in Salem.

A jolly picnic party motored to Spang's landing Monday night and took a picnic supper. In the group were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lerchen, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Lytle, Carl Gabrielson, and James Young.

University of Oregon people will be interested to know that Orville Monteth, a former popular student and a star on the university football team spent a short time in Salem yesterday on his way to Springfield, Mass., where he will spend the summer with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Vinard, nee Alta Patterson, whose wedding was an event of June have returned from their wedding trip which was a most delightful tour in the north. Many interesting places in Alaska were visited among them being Taku glacier, the Sheldon Jackson school, and an interesting mountain trip from Skagway over the Yukon and White Pass railway. They are now making arrangements to go to Portland where they will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Elliott spent Tuesday in Portland where they went to meet their son, Captain John J. Elliott, who passed through Portland on his way to Camp Lewis from overseas. His host of friends will be pleased to learn that he will be in Salem in a few days.

Last Sunday Capital court No. 225 of the national order of the Daughters of Isabella celebrated their fifth anniversary of the organization of their court in Salem. A few weeks ago an initiation was held at which 29 candidates were received into the order. Mrs. Paul Marnach being one of the candidates unable to be present at that time the initiatory work was exemplified with Mrs. Albert O'Brien in charge taking Mrs. Marnach as a Daughter of Isabella.

After the initiation a luncheon was served in the banquet room. Purple and white were artistically carried out in the decorations and menu. The place cards were dainty hand painted wooden ones. The committee in charge was Mrs. M. J. Petzel, Mrs. Mary Wenderoth, Mrs. S. T. Nash.

Five years ago the court was organized and Mrs. Albert O'Brien elected as grand regent. New members have been constantly added to the membership roll until it now reaches the 100 mark. Mrs. Anna Sumnerlin is the present grand regent and under her efficient management the court this year has been marked as one of the most successful since its organization in 1914.

W. W. White, a capitalist of Enterprise is a guest at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Kantner for several days. He is a brother of Mrs. Kantner's.

Miss Lenta Baumgartner has returned home from Roseburg where she was the guest of friends.

Mrs. Nelson Carrier has gone to her home in Chicago after being a guest at the B. E. Carrier home on Court street.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Price of Portland and their two small daughters spent Sunday with relatives in Salem while on their way to Crater Lake for their summer vacation. They are making the trip in their motor car.

Professor Henry Henry N. Stroumenmeyer is in Salem on a short visit from Portland. He is a well known Salem musician and has just

Alkali Makes Soap Bad For Washing Hair

Most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali, which is very injurious, as it dries the scalp and makes the hair brittle.

The best thing to use is just plain mulsified coconut oil, for this is pure and entirely greaseless. It's very cheap, and beats the most expensive soaps or anything else all to pieces. You can get this at any drug store, and a few ounces will last the whole family for months.

Simply moisten the hair with water and rub it in, about a teaspoonful is all that is required. It makes an abundance of rich, creamy lather, cleanses thoroughly, and rinses out easily. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and is soft, fresh looking, bright, fluffy, wavy and easy to handle. Besides, it loosens and takes out every particle of dust, dirt and dandruff.



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recently moved to Portland to make his home. He has recently been elected leader of the Shrine band there.

S. M. Endicott left last night for Iowa where he will visit with relatives for the summer.

Mrs. Thomas S. Anderson and Mrs. Charles A. Park are in Eugene attending the synodical meeting of the missionary societies of the Presbyterian church.

John W. Todd is in Corvallis this week where he is lecturing at the Oregon Agricultural college summer school.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Jenks and their two children returned last

evening from a motor trip lasting three weeks which took them to the Sound cities and through the Wenatchee valley. They were joined at Waterville by Dr. and Mrs. Winstanley and their children and made the trip to Lake Chelan. The journey is described as having been one of delight particularly the passing over the Snoqualmie pass where there is over 100 miles of pavement without a break.

"How did Solomon get his great reputation for wisdom?" quired Mr. Meekton's wife.

"Oh, I am sure, Henrietta, it was not through anything he thought up for himself. You know he had a great many wives and he probably listened carefully to all their advice."—Ideas.

How to Look and Feel Bright in Hot Weather

When depressed by the heat and you want to freshen up for the afternoon or evening, just bathe the face in a lotion made by dissolving an ounce of pure powdered saxolite in a half pint of witch hazel. You will find this more refreshing than an hour's rest. As a wrinkle-remover the saxolite lotion is remarkably successful. Its action is almost magical. The deepest furrows as well as the finest lines—whether due to age, illness, weather or worry—are immediately affected. Enlarged pores are reduced, flabby skin is "drawn in," facial contour is improved wonderfully. The simple ingredients of course can be had at any drug store, and you need not hesitate to try the lotion, as it will not harm any skin in the least.

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