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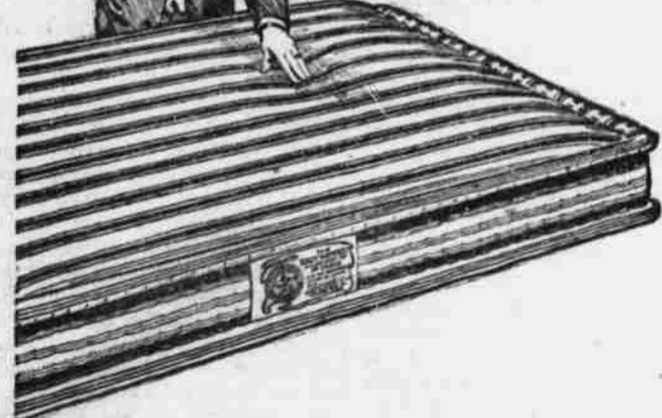
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Entered at the postoffice at Weston, Oregon as second-class mail matter.

The public banked upon the hitherto good name of the long-established house of Morris Bros. The name of its president, John L. Etheridge, held little or no significance. The Oregonian is right in this conclusion: "What the public thinks is that every dollar Fred S. Morris has, and every resource he can command, should be put at the disposal of the victims of Morris Bros., Inc." Here in the interior the absorbing mystery is embodied in the question, What became of the million dollars or so that Morris Bros. are supposed to be short? Unless Morris or Etheridge embezzled this money and lost it in secret speculation, or covered it up, it is possible that the inventory of the bond house's assets will disclose a much more favorable condition than early reports would indicate. That much money could hardly be lost in the process of buying and selling good securities. The concern's profits on its large volume of business must surely have taken care of its overhead. Mrs. Etheridge declares that her husband has no money. Perhaps Mr. Morris will in due time be able to shed some light on this financial problem.

In its continual attacks on President Wilson, which have not ceased since the election, the esteemed Oregonian not infrequently refers in scornful terms to his Mexican policy. And yet the Wilson policy of "watchful waiting" has assuredly justified itself. Tired of bloodshed and with an able man at the helm, Mexico is in a fair way now to become peaceable and prosperous. With intervention at any phase of Mexico's bitter inter-ethnic strife—and there was never any choice between intervention and patient endurance—the United States would have acquired a Mexican problem that would have made England's Irish problem look like a hair-pulling match at a pink tea soiree. Often a discriminating and instructive critic, we fear that the Oregonian permits itself at times to degenerate into a common scold.

The Cincinnati Enquirer deals strongly as follows with a mooted topic: "If there had been no Non-Partisan league, no Wheat Growers' association, no American Cotton Growers' association, and no Live Stock Producers' association in existence to encourage their millions of members, from the very moment prices began to fall, not to sell their products on the falling market, billions of dollars in value of those products could have been disposed of long before the present low level of the markets was reached, and a large percentage of the estimated loss could have been avoided. Then notes in bank could have been paid, and the situation confronting the financial institutions of North Dakota and other western states never would have arisen."

Editor Pickell of Rosenbaum Review has this to say in his current issue: "Some have expressed vigorous objection to the Buy a Barrel of Flour movement and cite in substantiation the fizzle of the Buy a Bale of Cotton movement at the beginning of the great war. They overlook this vital difference: The purchase of a bale of cotton was speculation, pure and simple. The purchase of a barrel of flour is food in final hands."

If it will help matters any, we are frank to say to the president-elect that the appointment of Charles Evans Hughes as secretary of state would meet with our hearty approval.

For years two Kentucky friends have bought their shoes at half price, says Oregon Journal. John takes the left, for his only remaining leg, and George takes the right.

The well known care exercised by a Portland bond house in the examination of records might profitably have been extended to that of its too enterprising president.

Miami, Oklahoma, breaks into the first page by means of an advertisement offering caskets at one-third off. Cheap undertaking to get this town publicity.

The poet soldier sadly left Fiume. Taking it with him by airplane evidently presented a problem too difficult for his erratic genius.

We have too much regard for journalistic ethics to even hint that the remarkable growth of the moonshine

industry in the extreme East End is due to a ready market in the sanctums of the esteemed Milton Eagle and the esteemed Freewater Times.

With sagacity befitting the only king slipped back into the deck, Constantine is quick to indicate that he knows now who holds the winning hand.

And still, wheat hasn't dropped so low that Athena and Weston farmers cannot congratulate themselves that they are not raising alfalfa hay.

His head having been struck by a shell fragment, it does not appear that D'Annunzio was wounded in a vulnerable spot.

The whilom president of a Portland bond house having taken his departure, the house has taken an illuminating inventory.

However, the Atlantic City couple so safely married in an airplane at a height of 3000 feet, may fall out later on.

The only "back to the farm" hereabouts is turned when the farmer motors to town to inquire the price of wheat.

The hordes of immigrants crowding in from a wet Europe do not seem to give a damn how dry we are.

Having always liked a fight, Ireland is at least given no occasion for regret that she isn't getting it.

What we need from congress is a law that will enable everybody to sell at high prices and buy at low.

We're here to say that Dave Nelson for state highway commissioner will certainly suit us.

Permit us to suggest, Mr. Harding, that Wood is considered good cabinet material.

It occasionally happens that when the bootlegger is found in he is found out.

Christmas in the Gould Home

One of the happiest family gatherings assembled around the Christmas banquet board was that held at the W. H. Gould home, Saturday. Children and grandchildren to the number of 28 were present to share in the delightful occasion. A bountiful dinner was spread at two o'clock in the afternoon, and family reminiscences, jokes and stories of early days filled the hours with pleasure. Those participating in the festivities were: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gould, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Tucker and family of Holdman, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Tucker and family, Mr. and Mrs. Will Gould, Albert Gould and family, Mr. and Mrs. O. N. McPherrin, Otis and Ray Gould, and Miss Alice Dowd of Washtucna, Wash.

Accused Booze Peddler Leaves

Claude Davis, who has been conducting the Pastime pool hall at Weston, left town Monday morning in response to a peremptory request from the authorities. He was accused of peddling several bottles of booze left with him for the purpose by a traveling man. The pool hall was closed, and creditors took possession of the stock. It was opened again last night under new management. The new owner is Walter Webb, well known local citizen and former hotel man, who has purchased the pool tables and fixtures from the Charles Co., Pendleton, to whom they had been mortgaged, and put in a fresh stock.

To promote pure-bred livestock raising, Klamath Falls banks are offering inducements to communities making the best showing. The First National bank has offered a high-class registered bull to the district that first rides itself of all scrub sires and replaces them with purebreds. The First State & Savings bank promises a registered buck of standard breed to the district putting in the greatest number of registered ewes in 1921. To encourage hog culture the Klamath State bank will give a registered boar to the district in which the largest number of registered sows are placed during the next year, and the American National bank, to promote the grading up of dairy herds, offers a high-grade bull to the district making the best dairying record in 1921.

Taxpayers of Multnomah county will be called upon next year to meet the largest tax bill that has ever been presented to them. The total will be approximately \$14,713,000, or \$53.44 per capita, based upon 275,288 population as shown by the federal census of 1920.

A squash so large that many people refused to believe it a real vegetable but thought it was an imitation made of paper has been on exhibition for several days in the window of Murphy's seed store in Albany. It weighs 181 pounds.

Shower for Miss Morrison

One of the most elaborate showers ever tendered a Weston bride-elect was that honoring Miss Eliza Morrison, given at her home last Thursday evening under the auspices of the Bachelor Girls' club, the local Eastern Star chapter and Pea Ridge residents. The engagement of Miss Morrison to L. I. O'Harra was recently announced, and many friends presented her at Thursday evening's gathering with substantial tokens of their love and respect. The gifts of silver, cut glass, china and linen produced a splendid array. Following a period of congratulations and social chat a splendid luncheon was served. Among the guests present were: Mesdames J. M. O'Harra, Albert O'Harra, Newton O'Harra, P. C. McCauslin, M. W. Pedersen, E. M. Smith, Nelson H. Jones, J. H. Williams, S. A. Barnes, Joseph Hodgson, W. S. Price, Marvin Price, Charles M. Price, Claude Price, E. E. Tucker, Misses Louise Rintoul, Lurline Brown, Wavel O'Harra, Frank Harris Davis, Ethel Isaacson, Doris Barnes, Ruby Price and Vera Morrison.

Religious Survey of Weston

A recent religious survey of the City of Weston made by Miss Vertie Myers, state missionary for the Church of the Brethren, is of considerable local interest. The figures are as follows, as furnished by Elder John Bonewitz: Professors of religion, about 188. Regular church attendants, about 75. Irregular attendants, about 113. Non-professors, about 158. Attend sometimes, 40. Children in Sunday school, 162. Children out of Sunday school, 25. Babies not in Sunday school, 19. The survey is not given as exact, for the reason that some families were not at home, some were moving away and others were moving in.

Found Hidden Still

While playing around the J. M. Banister barn Monday, Raymond Banister and other boys found a boiler lid from which emerged a piece of copper tubing, some glass jars and a keg. The outfit was manifestly part of a crude still, hidden away by parties at present unknown, and is now in the possession of Marshal Avery. Known for many years as a strong prohibition proponent, Mayor Banister is now being quizzed by local joshers as to where he has cached the rest of his moonshine factory.

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