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OREGON WEATHER

Fair with moderate easterly winds.

INVEST IN DOLLARS

"A dollar is about the cheapest thing there is today," advises a savings bank. "Why not buy up a few every week, put them in a bank and wait for a rise in value?"

Doesn't that set one to thinking? We have heard much about the "cheapness" of dollars, and have usually thought of that quality only in connection with spending them. It is true that they will not buy much today. Because of this very depreciation people become more reckless. "A dollar has so little value," they say. "What good is it? Might just as well get rid of it. Anyway, there are plenty more where it came from."

But the supply is not going to last forever. The flow of dollars will not always be so plentiful as it has been lately—all financial history teaches that. Money fluctuates in value like other things; it has its period of plenty and cheapness and then its period of comparative scarcity and dearth. A dollar may never again buy quite so much of the commodities of life as it did before this war, but it will certainly buy more some time than it does now. That time may not be far distant, either.

This is the time, therefore, to make a good cash investment. Take a flier in dollars. Hang onto some of the money flowing through your hands—you can probably grab more now than you ever could before—and stick it in the savings bank before it gets away from you. This is a perfectly sound business idea, which any financial expert will endorse. When you take those dollars out of the bank, after a while, they will buy a good deal more of the things you want than they will now. Meanwhile, the bank will pay you for the privilege of taking care of your investment.

PRICES NOW AT THE CREST

There are many indications that the wave of high prices of clothing and shoes is nearing if it has not actually reached its crest. This does not mean that prices will fall at once. It may mean that the retail purchaser will pay even higher prices than now prevail.

But the manufacturing prices give signs of a decline, according to the statements of those well informed on the market situation.

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Quality and Service

The following extract from an Associated Press dispatch in The Union published Thursday morning tells its own story:

"New York, Jan. 28.—The wool market rapidly is approaching a normal pre-war basis and manufacturers' demands for raw wool will be met in full soon, according to Arthur William, federal food administrator, who conferred with representatives of the American Woolen association here today.

"High clothing prices, in the association's opinion, have reached their crest."

Until with a few weeks the trade reports have shown a wide and unsatisfied demand for wool. The sheep of the world did not seem able to meet the demand. Practically all European countries except Russia torn to pieces by bolshevism were in the market for wool.

Then the tremendous slump in foreign exchange caused a check in buying and the purchases were reduced to absolute necessities of the people. A further decline in demand now points to a satisfaction of the call for wool.

It must not be supposed that under present conditions there can be a rapid reduction in prices. In fact a sudden drop in prices would be disastrous. A gradual return to normal conditions is to be desired, even though the readjustment requires longer than some of us think necessary, and the trade straws indicate that readjustment is on the way. It will be aided by wise policing of the pocket which checks waste and extravagance.

At a recent meeting of shoe manufacturers in Boston there were seen the first direct indications that shoe prices would soon decline. Manufacturers reported that export trade had almost ceased. Whereas a few months ago, they were facing the problem of meeting the demand, they are now discussing finding a market for their surplus product. This means lower prices for footwear, not at once but in the not distant future.—Sacramento Union.

To Keep a Husband.

The skill required is not so great. Nothing flatters a man so much as the happiness of his wife; he is always proud of himself as the source of it. As soon as you are cheerful you will be lively and alert, and every moment will afford you an opportunity of letting fall an agreeable word. Your education, which gives you an immense advantage, will greatly assist you; and your sensibility will become the noblest gift that nature has bestowed on you, when it shows itself in affectionate assiduity, and stamps on every action a soft, kind, and tender character, instead of wasting itself in secret ripening.—Justus Moser.

Men, are you going to buy a suit this spring?

If so, now is the time to buy for the spring prices will be much higher.

GOLDEN RULE

Buried Under the Floor.

An Abyssinian funeral is a very singular affair. When a new-born infant dies it is almost immediately buried under the floor. After the demise of an adult, the body is washed in water sweetened with honey, wrapped in a shroud, sewed up in a mat of braided straw, and laid upon a litter made of boughs cut from trees.

The lamentations of the relatives resound among the cliffs, and the news is rapidly communicated to all the people of the neighborhood, who at once set out to condole with the mourners. As soon as they catch sight of the funeral procession they begin to weep and cry aloud. When they join it, the men range themselves on one side of the bier, the women on the other, and chant. When the religious ceremony is over, the corpse is buried in the churchyard.

Taking Blood Stains From Feathers.

Make a strong solution of salt in water, and saturate a large and thick cloth with it. Wrap feathers up in cloth and keep until blood gets soft. When soft rub out with gentle pressure, putting something hard under feathers with blood on, and rubbing with the back of a knife. Each feather must be done separately. Of course goose or other feathers for cushions or pillows may be put into a cotton bag and washed and dried, but a preliminary soaking in brine will be of advantage.

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SWINDLED AT WAR FRONT

Relatives of Dead Soldiers Are Being Victimized.

Relatives of soldiers who fell at the battle front are being victimized by cab drivers, hotel men, dealers in coffins and grave diggers, according to Paris L'Information.

The newspaper says this "odious exploitation of grief is such that it cannot be passed over in silence."

It is charged the worst cases of imposition occur in the Champagne and Somme regions, where unhappy pilgrims are charged from 60 to 65 francs (\$13) for a six-mile drive. It is said the carriage drivers, in agreement with innkeepers, invariably manage to miss the last train out of these regions so that the mourners are compelled to stay overnight.

Coffins of the cheapest grade, it is said, are sold at from 300 to 400 francs (\$80), while soldiers who open graves charge 60 francs for bringing the coffin to the grave, and in addition ask relatives to pay 40 francs (\$8) for 20 minutes' work in exhuming the body of a soldier. L'Information calls upon the authorities to repress energetically the activities of those "preying on the public."

FIRST LOOTERS PUNISHED

German Steel Kings Get Heavy Sentences From French Court.

An allied courtmartial has sentenced the German officer, Robert Roeking, administrator of mines at Karlsruhe, to ten years' confinement, 15 years of exile and a fine of \$2,000,000 upon his conviction of a charge of organizing the pillage of factories in eastern France. It was testified at his trial that he collected machinery and other material from the factories and blew it up in November, 1918.

A brother officer, Herman Ludwig, received a similar sentence by default. The Roeking brothers are known as the German "steel kings."

The evidence presented by the prosecution was to show that the brothers had systematically destroyed the French metal working plants at Briey, Micheville, Longwy and other places, transporting within two years' time millions of tons of material to their factory at Karlsruhe, including quantities of undamaged materials, so as to make the operation of what remained of the French plants next to impossible.

SMALL PAY IN CANDY WORK

Average Wage of 53,658 Workers Less Than \$500 a Year.

All is not sweet in the candy business, according to a report issued by Miss Mary Anderson, director of the woman's bureau of the United States department of labor. The average wage, for instance, is less than \$500 a year.

With the advent of national prohibition there will be a large increase in the consumption of candy, the report states. In 1914 the value of candy output in the United States was estimated at \$170,000,000. The total payroll of the candy States was \$25,500,000, of which the 53,658 workers received an average of \$475.50 each, or 95 cents a day.

Baby, Born at Sea, Gets \$2,301 Purse.

On the voyage of the big steamship Mauretania from Cherbourg, France, to New York a baby girl, Frances Astley, was born to Mrs. William F. Astley, who came to America from Scotland with her husband. A purse of \$2,301 was given the baby by the passengers.

GYMNASIUM PLEA

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place. Katherine Baker urged the need for basket ball practice, stating that there was not a floor in the town where the team could get the practice under the conditions as they were found when they were called upon to play in other towns. She said that players from other towns objected to coming to Grants Pass, as they did not like to play upon "a postage stamp floor." Charles Hallowell showed the need for a place where boxing, dumb bells, and other exercises could be indulged in, and Joe Harper placed the cost of the needed building and equipment at from \$15,000 to \$20,000. Gretchen Clemens told of the great advertising value of such a structure and its maintenance.

After the other speakers had explained the great need for the institution, and Mr. Bearss had said that the campaign was on in earnest and that it would not end till the gym had been built, Royston Lacey asked that all the business men present who would join in the movement by signing the petitions to call the necessary election stand up. The standing was practically unanimous. Lacey said that 100 signers would be required to get the school board's action in calling the election and that the petitions would be circulated in the next few days, when an election within the school district would be called.

Various other subjects were before

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the Chamber of Commerce for consideration, the session being filled with much interest. The highway to the caves came up for discussion, and it was explained that the state highway commission's approval of the project was now to be obtained, and the committee, consisting of Messrs. Bramwell, Sabin and Opdycke, was continued, to keep up its work.

Supervisor McDaniels spoke upon the project, and showed his interest in the support of the highway.

E. T. McKinstry told of the birth of the idea of the Khaki club, and after discussion, a committee, composed of Messrs. McKinstry, Sabin and Bratton, was appointed by President Bramwell to give further consideration to the subject, with investigation of proposed clothing, etc.

This committee is ordered to report to President Bramwell next Friday.

The need for the immediate action in preparing the auto camp ground for the coming tourist season was impressed by numerous speakers. The owning of a site for the camp was advocated, and the establishment of permanent conveniences and the daily care of the grounds. To further investigate sites, the committee, consisting of Messrs. Parsons, Hoffman and Baker, was continued, this committee also to report Friday.

A dozen applications for membership in the Chamber of Commerce were read by the secretary, and the applicants were elected to membership.



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