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THE BOY SCOUTS

The organization of the Eoy ised to be decent. Scouts of America is one of the promise to the American people, it northern Russia. even takes first rank. There may be more good from it than from the peace conference at Washington, Moslems saw America, the on tho there is a great deal less noise power which they had feared an made about it.

Boys who are to be the actors on fear and respect disappeared. the scene of human life in a few The Armenian nation, which ha years have been organized by the been promised a new birth, sa hundreds of thousands, in a way its hopes changed to despair a that appeals more strongly to them the one friend in the world o than any school or Sunday school which it relied turned his back i. work could, and bound by a pledge apathy. (published in the Enterprise two

useful but more or less altruisticto aim for the betterment of man-

Wise parents will encourage years and those of mankind gen- atic Turkey.

THE FARM BLOC

From a cloud no bigger than a man's hand, which alarmed Mr. Harding and called forth a protest and effort first to squelch it and then to placate it, the "farm bloc" has rapidly grown to proportions which threaten the dampening of "goy ernment by party" with a very considerable shower.

The farmers do not propose the formation of a new party but the exercise of their long-dormant power in legislation without regard to party lines. They are working for a square deal, not for the victory of any corrupt and moneycontrolled party, and their prospect of getting it is brighter than ever before simply because, for the first time, they are organized, as their exploiters have been for so lang a time.

BLOOD ON OUR HEADS

On this page is some testimony, given by Oregonians who are knwn to many of us, in regard to some of the horrors which have come upon the Christian people of Armenia.

The half is not told in these articles, though they contain enough to bring tears from a stone, and tears will do no good. Funds to save these children, whose parents have been murdered by the Turks while they have been driven naked into the pitiless desert, could not clear our skirts, and even such funds we sary" expenses of a campaign. are not supplying in quantity sufficient to save half of them from lingering deaths.

In time past the United States government was wont. from time to time, to interfere in Turkey to save the lives of Christians about to be slaughtered for being Christians.

Often and often again, under threat from the guns of United States war ships, the Sultan has yielded up the prey of fanatical Islam. No other government inspired the respect that ours did with the Turk. No other nation could exert so much influence in staying the blood-dripping hand their converts there, The United for Armenia to join the staff of New

States forced treaties recognizing the right of missions, and forced the perfidious Turks to abide by those treaties. And all this was done wihont firing a shot.

Then came the world war and Satan was loosed in Turkey. Great rivers ran red with the blood of the innocent. Our country intervened and turned the tide of war. At Versailles was seen the bow of promise. The Turk and the Hun and the Frank, the Saxon and the American and all the ribes of the earth sought peac', and with the rest, the Turk prom-

The league of natons was formed worth-while accomplishments of and it has been able to stop war this generation. Perhaps, in its in Silesia, in the Balkans, and in

> But political charlatans kep America out of the union, Torespected, turn slacker, and thei

The league begged this country, weeks ago) which tends to make the only one which had ever sucthen careful, humane, chivalrous cessfully dealt with the Turk, to accept the Armenian mandate, They are trained to be not only even if we stayed aloof from the league, but we refused.

League members hold the Sulkind, not purely for selfish gain to tan in European Turkey, which ibut a small fraction of the Turk s domain, but, saving the Sultan's their sons to join the organization face by acting as rebels, Turkish Sam gets one unit started with men and take an ambitious part in its hordes have been wiping out in activities, and will in so doing blood what remained of Christian- training with great zeal. make happier their own coming ity in the great stretches of Asi

These "rebels" sneer at America 'She is like the rest; she does nothing but talk," and th name of this country, which once was enough, without the actual use of a particle of force, to makthe Tork pause in his fanation butchery, is greeted with the sam contempt as those of the self-seeking nationalities of the world.

Millions whose only offense is their religious belief have gone and

Probably the question in congress which is of most moment to the country today is the struggle between the farmers and Henry Ford over Muscle Shoals. If the fertilizer trust can by Newberry tactics defeat Henry, the other trusts will probably be able to continue to defeat efforts for the betterment of the condition of the farmers in that same old way.

The Lebanon Expres wants 'the naked facts' about the condition in which the railroads were re turned to the railroads by the government. Why not bave them? We have them, without words, about members of society at the bathing beaches, opera houses, etc.

The Albany Democrat asks why, if the farmers want consideration by congress, they do not send more 'dirt farmers" there. The answer is simple. Dirt farmers do not have \$290,000 to invest in "nece-

OREGON BRIDE MOTHERS 2,000

Ethel Long Newman Writes of Life in Armenia, Where She Manages Great Crphanage.

Some vivid pictures of life in Rus sian Armenia, where gaunt famine stalks in the wake of devastating war, are given by Mrs. Samuel Newman, formerly Miss Ethel Long, graduate of Oregon Agricultural College, class of 1920, in letters to friends in Oregon. Mrs. Newman and her husband, the latter, a graduate of the Idaho Agricultural College, were married in Portthat threatened missionaries and land last spring, and soon after left

East Relief workers in charge of two large orphanages near Alexandropol, where an extensive agricultural reconby the Near East Relief organization. The Soviet government, unable to cope with the appalling conditions following the warfare waged in that region almost continuously since 1914, last year turned over to the Near East Relief three mammoth military posts which had been converted into orphanages, together with 118,000 acres of

land to be put under cultivation. "It is a staggering task the Near East Relief has undertaken," writes Mrs. Newman, "but we are working hard and making progress in the face of overwhelming odds. Sam has 20 000 acres of farm lands under his supervision, and is toiling early and late getting his farm units started. I am busy every hour of the day with my work in the orphanage here, which shelters 2,000 children and gives em- strain. ployment to the mothers and fathers of many hundreds more. The farms, you know, are operated in connection

with the orphanages. Besides receivag instruction in manual training and ther useful things, the larger boys are taught modern scientific methods of farming. The orphan girls are taught to weave rugs and to sew and cook. We are also operating several industrial units where cloth is wover and garments made for the children.

"It was all very discouraging at first." Mrs. Newman continues, "but now we are taking heart and working harder than ever. Sam had an awful time getting his first unit However, after scouring the whole country he got together a few plows and harrows and things; also, a little later, the modern machinery contributed by friends of the Near East Relief began to arrive, and Sam had the good fortune to round up 32 good reliable mules. He has sixteen teams now at work, and expects to nave a tractor in the field soon. * * * The poor peasants here had never done for them at first, but their eagerness to learn and to help is very pathetic. The great deep furrows Sam plows with his good American equipment are a never-ending marvel to them. When trained to operate it, he begins an other and the orphan boys take to the

When the Newmans arrived at Djelalioghu, the orphanage there sheltered only 400 boys and girls, and Mrs. Newman writes of these; "There were 1,000 in this lot last spring, but because of malnutrition and sickness, 600 of them died during the summer, so the Soviet officials had only 400 left to turn over to us. Enough have been brought down from the over-crowded orphanage at Alexandropol to make 2,000 here, and as you can imagine, I have my hands full, helping to mother them. It is wonderful to see how the wretched, dirty, starved little newcomers begin to blossom and grow as soon as they have been bathed, clothed and given a few rations of wholesome food." Mrs. Newman says there are things are still going down to deaths of the relief workers must think of as agony, and their blood is on our little as possible, and must turn away from when outside the orphanage To attempt to aid all the starving people, or even children, would be utterly futile, she says, and would exhaust the Near East resources without permanently helping any. The orphanages take in just as many as

can be managed safely. "We simply must ignore the rest," she writes. "Just outside our gates there are scores of starving children lying or sitting about listlessly, shivering in filthy rags, with their little bones fairly protruding through their skins. Many of them are sick and in pain, and they all beg piteously to be taken in every time they can catch the attention of any of the workers. Many times we have taken in 'just one more until it cannot be done again, else there would not be food enough for the ones we already have. Another awful thing one may see any day, are the little quiet bundles of rags lying on the sunny side of a wall or a hill side, just able to stir feebly now and then, or to lift up pleading little wist ful arms in supplication, if anyone passes. They will lie in the same spot for days sometimes, before they become quite still. Then the Soviet cart with its daily load of the dead, comes and picks up the little bundle. Just picture any one of the many mothers in this tragic land-half-starved and despairing, clad in rags and tatters with her naked babe in her arms, the little thing trying feebly to draw nour ishment from her dried-up breasts. I must not write of it, nor think of We must all keep strong for the work that is before us, and think only of the great good that we are doing. But I beg of you, never believe that there can be any exaggeration in the stories you hear of the sufferings and horrors here in this unhappy land.

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and adds another useless bureau to

the overhead of state government

Boys' Suits....

The value of livestock in Oregon per cent. The decrease was mostwas some decrease in number.

There is no inborn longing that may not be fulfilled. I think that is as certain as the forgiveness of sins.-

His Eightieth Birthday

Friday night the 80th birthday anniversary of L. E. Blain, head of the Blain Clothing company of Albany, was celebrated by a banquet at the St. Francis hotel, given by the stockholders and employes of the company. Mr. Blain has been in Albany since 1863.

The program was: Mr. Blain: 'How it Feels to Be 86 Years Young"; L. M. Palmer: "How I want to be when 80 years old"; decreased 37.1 per cent in the two Deo McClain: "What I want to years ending Jan 1 last. In the think when 80 years old"; Roy United States the decrease was 511 Nutting: "Who I want as my associate when I am 80 years old; any real farming, and it was very hard Dress Shoes a Specialty ly in value per head, though there C. H. Jessie: "The life I want to leave behind when I am 80'; A. W. Metzgar: "Why I want to live to be 80 years old"; Mrs. L. E. Blain: "How I helped Mr. Blain to live to be 80 years old"; Miss

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C. L. Standish of Brownsville got a severe cut in the knee last week while using a draw shave.

Mr. Bowman has bought a twoset woolen mill at Bandon and will enstall it on his property at him thru the same hand,

Brownsville. The Brownsville Times enigmatically say C. C. Jackson 'left

The first of a series of motion pictures furnished by the U. of O. was shown at Brownsville last Halsey Phone 166, Frank Kirk, Mgr All work done promptly and night. It was Shakespeare's "The

destination was Portland,"

Merchant of Venice. A petition for the recall of the Brownsville school board because the physical training class were taught a minuet is talked of. Worse thing, than the minuet have been

done in churches.

Claims for reimbursement for annery will run to full capacity animals killed or injured by dogs must be filed with the county court within ten days after the loss becomes known or they are not valid.

> Silas White of Brownsville is in a streak of ill luck. Some time ago he cut off his left thumb while using an ax and last week, while carrying a roll of fence wire and a loaded gun, the wire caught in the trigger and fired the gun, shooting

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