

In putting up a building, the first and most important consideration is the foundation. If it is right the structure will hold its shape, retain the architectural beauty and be permanent.

The same principle is involved in corsets. A garment to look well must have even, smooth, well proportioned lines. If corsets are properly constructed they will insure these lines, essential in presenting a pleasing appearance.

Health is a big factor in all of our lines. Complexion, gracefulness and disposition will need very little thought if good health is maintained.

The human body is as strong as its weakest part. Be sure that you have

Real Corset Satisfaction

A graduate Corseterie will gladly explain the merits of the Redfern and Warner's corsets.

A special display in window number 5, shows 6 of the newest Warner models. They represent the most careful and correct corset construction. A noticeable change is that they are nipped in at the waist. Other features prove their newness.

Notice the models in the window, then visit the corset department where a fitting room is maintained.

Redfern Distinctiveness

That the Redfern is a corset of unusual worth is proven by the fact that many noted actresses wear them. Ladies who necessarily must depend upon their appearance. This corset is made in the newest and most authentic styles. Designed by artists, to please the most exacting people, they possess every desirable feature.

The materials and workmanship are positively first class. They wear satisfactorily and keep the shape intended.

A good assortment of models are ready.

Each \$3.50 to \$8.50

Warner's Great Values

See the special display of Warner corsets in window number 5. The new styles are shown on models. You can easily see and appreciate the latest changes.

Warner's corsets are exceptionally good values. They are made of good serviceable materials, and will give complete satisfaction. Priced from

\$1 to \$3

Corset Department, Second Floor

Remnants Are Half Price Wednesdays Watch for Our Wednesday Specials



Deliveries Leave Store Morning 1st 8:30; 2nd 10:30; Afternoon 1st, 2; 2nd 4:30

VALUES for CASH WORTH WHILE

Eat at St. Francis Hotel table d'Hote New Years dinner. d28-30

A \$1.50 ticket for \$1.25. Good for anything at New Elite. o25tf-adv

Careful attention given to all jewelry repairing at Kreamer's new store. o25tf-adv

Jewelry repairing of all kinds at Kreamer's new store. o25tf-adv

READ OUR WANT ADS

CORVALLIS PAPER MAKES A STRIKING DISCOVERY

Pays as Much Drayage for Half a Mile as the Railroad Charges for Eighty.

Corvallis Gazette-Times: We hear a good deal about the grasping corporation especially the railroads and express companies. But we get a little freight from Portland every week. Frequently the freight amounts to as little as 25 cents. Then it costs another 25 cents to have the article brought from the depot to the printing office. In other words, the railroad company charges us no more for hauling an article 100 miles than the local drayman does for hauling it half a mile. To put it another way, if the railroad company charged the same proportionate rate that the drayman charges, the freight that we now pay 25 cents for would cost \$50.00.

Marion Poultry Show

The Marion county Poultry Association announces a big poultry show at Salem January 11 to 14, with a large list of prizes, including a number of specials. The single bird prizes will range from 25c to \$2, with an entry fee of 35 cents for each single bird, exhibition pen \$1 extra. Exhibitors will be allowed advertisements over their pens. Entries will close January 7. This is said to be the only poultry show in the valley this winter, and therefore will attract wider attention than usual.

14,000,000 ACRES FOR FARMS.

Government is Giving Up Its Land for Agricultural Purposes Wherever Justified.

U. S. Department of Forestry, Portland, Dec. 29.—In his report for the last fiscal year, the secretary of agriculture makes quite plain the department's policy in regard to agricultural lands within the National Forests. The report states:

"It is the department's policy to make available for settlement all lands which are chiefly valuable for farming. In order to open such areas a careful classification is being made. Large tracts found to be valuable for agriculture or unsuited for permanent forest purposes are eliminated. During the last five years about 14,000,000 acres have been released. In addition, individual tracts are classified and opened to entry upon application of home seekers. Since the work was begun, more than 1,900,000 acres have been made available for the benefit of 18,000 settlers.

"In short, lands within the Forests really adapted to agriculture are being occupied as homesteads under favorable conditions. While the lands suited to settlement are classified and opened to entry, those which are chiefly valuable for agriculture are retained in public ownership. The alienation of timberlands under conditions that will lead not to settlement but to speculation and to increasing the holdings of private timber owners would defeat the very purpose for which the Forests were established.

"In Oregon and Washington alone there are about 3,000,000 acres of logged-off land, much of it agricultural in character, now lying idle. In this condition speculative holdings of the land for higher prices play a large part. Another cause is the lack of transportation facilities. A settler may clear land and raise crops upon it, but he is helpless if he cannot market them. There are great acres of fertile land unused today on this account. In many sections near the National Forests pioneer conditions still exist. The population is small and the task of road building is beyond the means of the residents. There is little or no demand for the timber and the receipts from the forests which go to the community are small. The fact that the public property is not subject to taxation makes such communities feel, and very justly, that the forests are not contributing enough to local development."

In conclusion, the secretary repeats his recommendation of last year that "upon a showing of public necessity appropriations be made for specific roads and similar improvements, to be charged against the state's future share of receipts from the forests. Such action would promote the local development of agricultural and other resources."

THE DA BARA IS CALLED THE MODERN MEDUSA

Writing in the Chicago Herald Miss Louella Parsons the celebrated critic delves into an analysis of Theda Bara, the wonderful French actress, who comes to the Rolfe theatre, on Friday and Saturday in the latest William Fox Photoplay Supreme, "Sin," which was written and produced by Herbert Brenon.

"Her hair is like the serpent locks of Medusa, her eyes have the cruel cunning of Lucretia Borgia, till now held up as the world's wickedest woman, her mouth is the mouth of the sinner, scheming Deilah, and her hands are those of the blood-bathing Elizabeth Bathory, who slaughtered young girls that she might bathe in their life blood and so retain her beauty.

"Can it be that fate has reincarnated in Theda Bara the souls of these monsters of medieval times? Scientists have questioned this most extraordinary of women to secure fresh evidence to support their half-proved laws of transmigration of souls; but the result has only been to prove that, though Miss Bara is greatest delineator of evil types on the stage or screen today, she is in real life a sweet wholesome woman who detests the abnormal."

To Return to Dallas

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Thompson, who up to three and a half years ago conducted the Hotel Gail, at Dallas, have taken the lease of that hostelry off the hands of Henry Serr and will resume operations again Saturday. Mr. Serr is a former travelling man and was popular with his patrons while in the business. The Gail has always had an enviable reputation among valley hotels, and the return of the Thompsons will be good news to scores of their former patrons.

FORCE A CUT IN COTTON ACREAGE

Bankers of South Planning to Curtail the Output.

MEANS DIVERSIFIED FARMING

South May Now Become Great Cattle and Grain Section—Climatic Conditions Excellent For Production of Wheat and Corn—Three Thousand Financiers Co-operate in Movement.

Atlanta, Ga.—Three thousand bank presidents, constituting a majority of all in the cotton region, have signed a pledge "to extend financial aid to farmers who reduce their cotton acreage one-half in 1915 and plant the remaining land in food crops."

They also promise "to discourage in every proper way the planting of more than half of this year's acreage in cotton next year and to urge the supply merchants of their respective communities to adopt the same policy."

It is believed that this assures a reduction which will wipe out the cotton surplus in one year and will open a new era of diversified farming in the south.

The action is the result of a campaign begun by the Atlanta chamber of commerce in September. Letters were sent to all bank presidents in the cotton states explaining the plan and asking a pledge of co-operation on postal card. The replies received are practically unanimous.

Three thousand and ten pledges with signatures of the bankers have been received, and cards are still coming in. Of these pledges 517 are from Georgia, 725 from Texas, 225 from Alabama, 209 from Arkansas, 114 from Louisiana, 177 from Mississippi, 190 from North Carolina, 443 from Oklahoma, 108 from South Carolina, 113 from western Tennessee and 69 scattering.

This campaign is based on the fact that 80 per cent of the cotton farmers are more or less dependent on banks or supply merchants for advances with which to make crop. Heretofore the average farmer to obtain credit had to show that he would plant enough cotton to pay the debt.

Now the bankers and supply merchants will insist on a reduction of cotton acreage by one-half as a condition of credit. This is a reversal of the credit system of the south.

Mell B. Wilkinson, president of the Atlanta chamber of commerce, made this statement: "Being actual or prospective creditors of the south to a large extent, northern people wish to know whether it will meet its obligations. This depends on its ability to 'make the cotton. Just now cotton is selling 30 per cent below the cost of production.

"It has neither an open market nor a fair price, because of the surplus caused by the European war stopping thousands of cotton mills. This work of the Atlanta chamber of commerce is intended to accomplish two great objects. One is to wipe out the cotton surplus and to re-establish the market. This answers the question of the north. The other object is to replace the one crop system with diversified farming that means the south will become the great grain and cattle region of the continent. No other section has produced as much corn per acre under good conditions. Soil, seed and culture being equal, a month more sunshine makes more corn.

"Georgia, the Carolinas and Alabama have authentic records of more than 200 bushels per acre. Three thousand Georgia boys averaged nearly sixty bushels and seventy-six boys made more than 100 bushels per acre last year.

"Our returns show that the farmers of the southeast made this year two thirds of a year's supply of corn and forage. We have marshaled the financial resources of the south behind the farmer in his supreme effort to emancipate himself from the all cotton system."

The letters show a spirit of grim determination, abated by bankers, supply merchants and farmers, to cut the next cotton crop by half. These expressions come from every state from North Carolina to Texas, and the keynote is struck by J. W. Bolton, president of the Bankers bank at Alexandria, La., who says:

"It would be folly for us to attempt to take care of this year's crop and allow customers to plant a full crop next year, when by so doing they would depreciate the value of the security we have taken from them, which is their cotton."

HONORED BY SENATE.

Democrats Present a Gold Watch to Assistant Doorkeeper and Whip.

Washington.—The Democratic senators have presented a handsome gold watch to Thomas W. Keller in recognition of his thirty-five years of faithful and efficient service to the party in the upper house.

Though Mr. Keller's official designation is assistant doorkeeper of the senate, his duties are more nearly those of a parliamentary clerk or whip for the Democrats. He is responsible for the entry of all Democratic senators and by arranging transfers sees to it that every possible Democrat gets a vote.

Special Library Lamp Sale

\$23.50 Library Lamp	\$15.70
\$22.50 Library Lamp	\$15.00
\$18.44 Library Lamp	\$12.00
\$15.50 Library Lamp	\$10.34
\$12.50 Library Lamp	\$ 8.34
\$ 8.00 Library Lamp	\$ 5.33
\$ 7.50 Library Lamp	\$ 5.00

Ralston Electric Supply Co.

310 WEST SECOND STREET

STATE TEACHERS' ASS'N.

Adjourns, After Session at Medford. E. F. Carlton Was Elected President.

Medford, Ore., Dec. 29.—After adopting resolutions commending Governor Withycombe for urging the establishment of normal schools in southern and eastern Oregon, recommending the continuance of state supervision of rural schools, the fifteenth annual session of the Oregon State Teachers' association came to a close tonight with the election of these officers: President, E. F. Carlton, assistant superintendent, Salem;

vice-president, Geo. A. Brisco, Ashland; executive committee, Miss V. Ortschild, Portland; O. M. Elliott, Salem; H. D. Sheldon, Eugene; J. Percy Wells, Jackson county; committee on credentials, chairman, E. D. Ressler, Corvallis; J. G. Remel, Astoria; F. B. Hamlin, Roseburg; C. P. Bonney, The Dalles; Mrs. M. S. Sukerson, Salem; W. T. Foster, Portland; Miss Rea B. Parrott, Monmouth.

Eat your New Year's dinner at the St. Francis. d28-30

LOST—Pair of glasses, gold frame, one glass out, East of Lyon St. Return to Democrat Office. D27-30

MAZDA

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Electric lighting bills are always higher in the Fall and Winter than during the Spring and Summer months.

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The greatest help toward keeping lighting bills where they ought to be consists of using Mazda lamps.

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Until Jan. 1, 1916 we will give off 10 per cent. on Bicycles, and 15 per cent. on Bicycle Tires. Why not a Bicycle or pair of Tires for Christmas?



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With our best wishes for your prosperity and success for the coming year, we extend to you the

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University of Oregon Glee Club

at GLOBE THEATRE Saturday Night, Jan. 1

Prices 35c-50c

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