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EDITOR GREENE'S OBITUARY.

Editor R. L. Greene, who has been making a very newsy paper of the Spray Courier the past nine months, bids his readers adieu in the following interesting valedictory:

With this issue of the Courier the editor, his able assistant and the energetic devil must say adieu to the patient readers of this great paper. The present Courier force has made a great success (except financial) in the journalistic world, but the stockholders are engaged in other lines of business, hence the sale of the plant, which leaves us out of a job. We hear that Arkansas wants a man who will execute ten murderers, but this is not inviting to men of literary taste. We have the honor to introduce to the gentlemen readers of the Courier Mr. R. D. Price, the new editor in chief, who will address you next week. Mr. Price is a bachelor gentleman who refuses introduction to the fair sex, and is too well known in musical and literary circles throughout the country to need any recommendation at our hands. The fact that the new editor is also a single man is evidence of better judgment than is possessed by the ordinary man. The retiring force desire to extend their sincere thanks for the encouragement which we have been given by the subscribers during our connection with this paper, and we are grateful indeed that we have not been sued for libel, although we would have considered it an honor to have anyone think that they could recover damages from us. And we are exceedingly grateful to the Four Hundred, the Needle Craft and various other ladies organizations which have kindly invited our hungry reporters to their great feasts, that they might receive favorable mention in these columns. We take great pleasure in bespeaking for the new editor the hearty co-operation and loyal support of the reading public. —Fossil Journal.

MORE BUGOLOGY.

It was not enough that we were bid aware of the mucilaginous gum-arabic which Uncle Sam so sparingly spreads on the back of his postage stamps, but now some bugaphobia fellow must come prancing to the front with the statement that in every postage stamp we lick, there are from seven to ten million bacteria. Really, what's the use!

No man, young or old, unless he is a mollycoddle, or scientifically bug-bound, is going to hold his hand, just as he is about to lap up the star-board side of a postage stamp, not even if there are twenty million of bacteria lying in wait for him instead of half that number.

We will admit that there are many things—very many things—more pleasant to the taste than the subsurface of a postage stamp; but the bugology fellows make no complaint on that score. With them, as in contrast with normal humans, it is not a matter of taste but the fear of malignant millions of microbes just waiting for the chance to gnaw our very vitals.

Yet, we are willing to bet even a parcel-post stamp, that of the unaccounted thousands who have deliberately salivated the obverse sides of George Washingtons, General Jacksons, Christopher Columbusses discovering a new world, and other engraved certifications that you had paid the price for postal service, not enough in this broad land have succumbed to the direct attack of bacteria to make one undertaker rich. —Telegram.

THE NEED OF THE HOUR.

The war has placed Uncle Sam in the predicament of a great department store owning no delivery wagons and not able to rent any. By this striking and homely figure Senator Fletcher of Florida illustrates the plight this country finds itself in today without a merchant marine. Since our trade grew apace in time of peace without fleets of our own, and because of the foolish fear some people have of the word subsidy, we now find ourselves in this awkward predicament. With the great carrying nations at war our trade is handicapped by the lack of a merchant marine. Were we ourselves at war our navy's operations would be even more greatly handicapped by the same lack. As President of the Southern Commercial Congress Senator Fletcher points out that cotton is in demand in Germany at 20c a pound, while in the South it is selling at 7c, that our cotton mills need

German chemicals and dyes and that this exchange can only be carried on in ships carrying the American flag. Senator Stone of Missouri says that the restoration of our shipping is the burning question of the hour.

But the proposition for government-owned ships is not the best way out of the situation. It may prove the worst in this trying time of war. This country once had a merchant fleet which made the Stars and Stripes a familiar sight in every port of the world. We did not then have to send our navies on cruises to let the rest of the world see how our flag looked. This merchant fleet was not owned by the government, nor are the magnificent commerce carriers of other nations, which have crowded our vessels off the high seas, government owned. Why not face the fact that all great merchant fleets have been created through some form of subsidy? A lot of people have been seized with spasms when they have heard the word subsidy. It is about time common sense reasserted itself. Our Southern and Western friends, who have fought all steps to build up a merchant marine, now realize most acutely the need of one. It is to be hoped the lesson of the war will have its effect. But don't let the Government go into business to drive others out.

FARMERS AND THE UNEMPLOYED.

A great deal of loose talk is heard about the capacity of farmers to provide work for the unemployed. Many persons seem to believe that a farmer's business can be entrusted to anyone who happens to come up the road and all will go well with it. The unemployed wanderer will get a job and the farmer will be enriched by the product of his toil.

As a matter of fact, most work on the farm requires a certain degree of expertness. It is rough and a great deal of it is irksome, but it makes demands upon the intelligence and character of the man who undertakes to do it. Farmers who call upon the city employment offices for men in emergencies seldom obtain help whom they can depend upon. The ordinary man who takes a job on a farm is shiftless and incapable. He often fails to understand his orders when they are given, and if he does understand them it frequently happens that he is too lazy to obey them. Farmers cannot feel certain that the miscellaneous help whom they hire will feed their stock regularly, milk the cows properly, or honestly perform any other work that is entrusted to them.

The farmer's hardest problem is to obtain reliable help. His disappointments in this matter are so frequent that he is excusable for believing that honesty is an extremely rare virtue among the "dribbling" unemployed. All this indicates that there has been an extensive propaganda among unskilled workmen of the doctrine that nobody should do more work than he must. "Earn your money as easily as you can" is the new gospel which is preached to laborers.

It is a destructive gospel from the farmer's point of view and it leads him to depend more and more on machinery and as little as possible upon human help. Nobody welcomes mechanical devices more eagerly than the farmer, for machinery will not mangle or cheat. It takes orders without grumbling and obeys them to the letter. The farmer of the future will not hire many "floating" hands. He will do his work with the aid of gas engines and tractors.—Oregonian.

You should read up on the coming Morrow County chicken show. A full list of special premiums and the entire rules of the Poultry Association are to be found elsewhere in this paper. Four days will be given over to this important event and it is expected that many exhibitors from the outside will be here to compete with the local poultry raisers. B. F. Keeney, of Eugene, it to be the judge again this year. Mr. Keeney was here last winter and his work was highly satisfactory to the Association. We all look forward to a big show.

The work being done under the supervision of the Oregon Hygiene Society is of great value. Evil customs and ideas have been allowed to grow up among the people; many of the young are not informed as to many matters pertaining to life and health that they should know; parents, through false modesty and ignorance fail to give proper instruction concerning the most vital things of life, and as a consequence the young are left to learn as best they may the truths concerning sex matters. This Society is doing a great work over the State in spreading the proper knowledge and in correcting evils. Two meetings were held in Heppner the past week, addressed by Dr. J. E. Snyder, of Portland. The first was attended by adult women, only,

HOLIDAY SALE

The FAIR STORE is offering for the holiday trade the entire stock at the GREATEST REDUCTION OF PRICES EVER EXPERIENCED IN HEPPNER AND VICINITY. The stock consists of New, Clean Merchandise for Ladies, Men and Children and positively will mean a great saving to all who buy. We will compete with any catalogue house of Portland, Seattle, or Eastern points. In order to remodel the store we will make a clean sweep to make room for a big Spring stock.

LOOK!

DOMESTICS

All colors, 7 to 8c calicoes at this sale, per yard 4 1/2c
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12 1/2 bleached cotton flannel at this sale, per yard 8 1/2c
12 1/2 white heavy batton at this sale for, per yard 8 1/2c
Lot of 500 yds. of 10 to 12 1/2c batton at this sale, per yard 7c
10c flannelettes, all colors, at this sale for, per yard 7c
About 1000 yards of 10 to 12c dress and apron gingham at, per yard 8c
25c red flannel at this sale for, per yd. 19c

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR

\$1.50 to \$1.75 ribbed union suits at this sale for \$1.29
75c ladies undershirts at this sale for 48c
75c misses and children's union suits for 48c
One lot, ladies white fleece lined union suits, regular \$1.50 quality for 98c

LADIES' SKIRTS, CLOAKS and PETTICOATS.

These will be offered at this sale for astonishing low prices.

MEN'S UNDERWEAR

\$3.50 all wool union suits at this sale for \$2.48
\$2.50 wool union suits at this sale for \$1.78
\$1.50 heavy ribbed fleece lined union suits for 98c
Regular 75c underwear at this sale for 48c

MEN'S WORK SHIRTS, WORK PANTS and OVERALLS

75c men's work shirts, all colors at this sale for 43c
\$1.50 heavy overshirts, all colors for 98c
\$2.00 heavy wool mixed overshirts, all colors, for \$1.48
\$2.50 all wool men's shirts, red, blue and brown only \$1.98
\$1.00 to \$1.25 Union made overalls at this sale for 93c
\$2.50 corduroy pants for \$1.98
\$3.50 corduroy pants for \$2.48
\$4.00 corduroy pants for \$2.75

LADIES' and CHILDREN'S HOSIERY

35c wool hose at this sale for, per pair 23c
35c children's wool hose, all sizes, per pair 23c
20c white feet hose, per pair 13c
15c black hose, per pair 8c
One lot odd ladies' silk hose, all colors, 50c quality at 35c

MEN'S HOSIERY

50c men's silk hose, all colors, at per pair 35c
35c men's hose, all wool, at this sale, per pair 23c
25c men's wool socks, all colors, per pair 19c
20c men's good socks, all colors at 15c or two pairs for 25c

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We keep the Star Brand Shoes for ladies and misses and children. Also a good line of men's work shoes, booties and fine shoes including the famous WALK OVER SHOE for men. The prices of the entire shoe stock will be greatly reduced. Come early before the sizes are broken up.

SHOES

LOOK!

MEN'S CLOTHING

Our stock of clothing consists of high grade quality blue serges, browns, grey wool suits, mackinaws, overcoats and boys suits which will be reduced from 25 to 33 per cent on the dollar.

Men's \$22.50 to \$25.00 all wool suits at this sale \$16.50
Men's \$15.00 to \$20.00 all wool suits at this sale \$14.95
Men's \$12.00 to \$15.00 all wool suits at this sale \$9.95
50 overcoats valued from \$20 to \$25 each for only \$12.50
One lot boy's suits, blue serge at this sale for \$4.75
\$5.00 fine men's pants at this sale \$3.75
\$4.00 fine men's pants at this sale \$2.98
Men's \$8.50 mackinaws, all colors and all wool for \$6.95

NOTIONS

10c handkerchiefs at this sale for 3c
15 and 20 c handkerchiefs at this sale 8c
5c paper pins at this sale for 3c
5c spool thread, all colors O. N. T. or Coats (2 to a customer) at this sale for 3c
5c package of safety pins for 3c
15c slicker braid for 8c
50c white bleached towels per pair 43c
40c towels a pair for 33c

We have a good many items too numerous to mention which will be on sale. Remember the sale will mean a great advantage to you, for a good many items will be offered regardless of cost.

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and the other by adult males of the city. Dr. Snyder gave plain and unvarnished talks at both these meetings and his addresses have been spoken of in the highest terms by those who attended. A greater interest in the work of the Society has been aroused in this community by reason of the visit of Dr. Snyder, and the rising generation, as well as the one yet unborn, will know more and live better lives because of the great work being done in Oregon by the Hygiene Society.

Express Appreciation.

The Jewell Greenhouses of The Dalles showed their appreciation of patronage received at various times in the past by the Rebekahs and Odd Fellows of Heppner, by sending up a nice box of flowers for the Geo. W. Wright meeting of last week. During the course of a year the Jewell Greenhouses received considerable patronage from Heppner and they show by their action of past occasions that they are not slow to appreciate that patronage.