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Josh Wise Says "Boy Bean still nourishes a ambition ter go on th' stage and is havin' himself built a pair o' velour pants. He says that all anyone needs ter make good as a comedian is a 19-cent joke book and a Sunday night audience."

LAUGHS

Impossible Barrier "How much is radium worth an ounce?" asked the man with an arithmetical mind.

"That" replied the practical person, "is an idle question. After you get through imagining an ounce of radium you haven't imagination enough left to imagine the price."—Washington Star.

Couldn't Prescribe

"A tramp at the back door who has already eaten a piece of that pie I made yesterday wants to know if you can do anything for him?" "Tell him, my dear, that I am a commission merchant and not a doctor."—Houston Post.

Needs Chains

Alice, an enthusiastic motorist, was speaking to her friend, Maude, in relation to the slowness of a certain young man in proposing.

Too Intimate

"Where did you work last and how long?" demanded the colonel. "Did you quit of your own accord or were you discharged, and—"

Oversupplied

Mrs. Henpeck—Have you any chops? Butcher—No. But I have some nice tongue.

Explicit Directions

"My boy, can you tell me the quickest way to the police station?" "Sure! Just grab my papers an' run, and I'll show yer!"

His Peculiarity

"Blinks always hits the nail on the head!" "Yes, but he usually drives it into the wrong place."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Too Much to Ask

"Ab, my day is spoiled. I came off without my cigarettes." "Algernon will let you have some of his." "Dear me! I can't smoke cigarettes with another fellow's monogram on them."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

RUSSIANS TAKE PRZEMYSL

(Continued from Page 1.) sued rations to soldiers and civilians alike. The last direct word from Przemysl before the announcement of its surrender was that the Russian attacks were infrequent and that the defenders had little to do. Przemysl was well stocked with ammunition and provisions when the siege began, but there have been indications recently that hunger was an effective ally of the Russians. It was reported that aeroplanes were making daily flights to Przemysl with cargoes of provisions.

GENERAL LETHARGY IN COMMAND

CROP prospects were never brighter in the Rogue River valley than they are today. Fruit trees are laden with bloom, promising a record crop. A greater acreage has been sown to grain than for many years. Prices of all kinds promise to be better than for many recent seasons. But one thing can happen to convert a prosperous year into a season of famine—and that is lack of heavy spring and early summer rains. If no rain comes, the question will resolve itself into one of keeping the orchard alive, not of caring for bumper crops. Our biggest cloud on the horizon is lack of a cloud.

The seasonal rainfall since September 1 totals only 9 1/2 inches, as against a seasonal average of 21.19 inches, a shortage of nearly 12 inches. What makes it worse is that this phenomenally dry year follows a dry year, so there is really little moisture in the soil.

The only farmers or fruitgrowers who are not worrying are the comparatively few who have irrigation. It makes no difference to these whether the season is wet or dry—they have their crop insurance.

A few weeks ago an effort was inaugurated to form an irrigation district. It met such a storm of protest from those who need water most that it was abandoned. Many who were never known to assist any kind of a development project worked hard and aggressively against one.

A committee was appointed from the farmers to initiate some other method of securing irrigation. The Rogue River Canal company offered to extend its system, providing necessary acreage was secured, but so far as known no progress has been outlined, and no effort made to secure canal extensions.

General apathy is in full command. Those who have tried to do something toward helping the valley save itself, wearying of the abuse and villification their efforts were received with, have quit trying to secure irrigation, as they have quit trying to secure new enterprises and industries, discouraged by soreheads and knockers.

The Lord is evidently not to be depended upon for an unflinching and regular supply of water from the heavens. He has placed an unflinching supply in the streams, but if the people haven't energy or foresight enough to develop it, crops will continue to be an uncertainty. No one is going to develop it free of cost to those benefited by it.

Instead of developing and expanding, the valley has been vegetating for several years. But it cannot even vegetate without water. Yet nothing is being done at the critical time, when it must be done, to insure prosperity and avert calamity.

Thirty years or more ago one of the most far-sighted of the valley's pioneers, the late Fred Barneburg, declared that the best thing that could happen to the valley would be a year of drouth and famine, to wake up the people to the need of irrigation. His hope is likely to be fulfilled any year. Until it is, a majority of the land-owners will be content to raise partial crops, forego intensive cultivation, and farming and fruit growing continue an unprofitable gamble.

A year of total failure would be a high price to pay for needless stupidity and ultra-conservatism, but we may have to pay it to arouse the valley to the realization of its greatest need—water.

NO PUBLIC CLEAN-UP DAY IN MEDFORD

There will be no official clean up day in Medford this year, as far as the city is concerned. Instead, all property owners will clean up, and dispose of their own garbage, without waiting for the coming of the city garbage wagon. In the past it has been the custom for the city to pay for the hauling away of accumulated trash. Chief of Police Hittson served notice this morning, that the city ordinances covering health regulations would be strictly enforced, and those who failed to obey it were liable to arrest, and a fine of from \$10 to \$50 in the police court. The authorities ask that all citizens at once begin cleaning up their backyards, alleys, etc. Several highly unsanitary barns in the residence district, are under observation, and unless the owners take steps at once to better the conditions warrants for arrest will be issued. The police say that there is a disposition in certain quarters to ignore health regulations, and that trash has been collected for months. The coming of warm weather has increased the menace of this condition. Medford is the only city in the Rogue river valley that has not officially declared a "Clean Up" day.

EQUAL LIBERTY, SAYS GRAY

(Continued from Page One.) must be put down, that they must establish domination over the nations of the continent and that all must be subservient to Germany. "I would rather perish or leave the continent altogether than live in it under such conditions. After this war the nations of Europe must be free to live without the interference of the superior war lord; without the clang of armor and the sword continually rattled in the scabbard. "We claim for ourselves and together with our allies, we will secure that right to live and pursue our national existence, not in the shadow of Prussian supremacy, but in the light of equal liberty."

RED LIGHT FLARES FROM ROXY ANN

Squeamish people and converts of the Rev. C. E. Dodge, who left town a week ago under orders from a brother of one of his women followers, were given a thrill Saturday night by Russell Edmeades and party of boys who journeyed to the top of Roxy Ann and exploded skyrockets as a travesty on the prophecy, that the mountain was to erupt, and the valley to be destroyed. Strange as it may seem a number of people saw in the rockets flashing across the sky, the fulfillment of the dire forecast, and sincerely believed the appointed time had come. Some maintain that the sides of Roxy Ann have changed, though people who have gazed upon the peak for 30 years, note no shifting of the topography. Several residents of the east side of Roxy Ann were frightened by the red lights burned. It now develops that some of the women converts of the Rev. Dodge were so completely under his influence that they resigned their positions to go forth as missionaries of the doctrines he expounded. It was at this juncture that relatives stepped in, and the Rev. Dodge was forced to leave town. Dodge has a family living in Seattle. Women members of his local flock corresponded with his wife. The influence Dodge created by his teachings has not been broken by his departure. Members are considering the advisability of establishing a church in this city.

Indignant

"Doesn't your choir sing at the prison any more?" "No, several of the prisoners objected on the ground that it was not included in their sentences."—Stray Stories.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS THE DIAMOND BRAND... SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

MARY FULLER IN "THE MASTER MUMMER."



Winsome, gifted Mary Fuller at the Page Monday and Tuesday in a three-act drama, "The Master Mummer," taken from the absorbing and vivid-action book by E. Phillips Oppenheim.

NOTE PROTESTING BLOCKADE FRAMED AT WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, March 22.—It was stated definitely at the white house today that a note to Great Britain making representations on some features of the Order in Council is being framed and will be dispatched to London in a few days. The basis of the representations was not disclosed. Representations to Germany for reparation for the loss of the American sailing ship William P. Fry and her cargo, sunk in the South Atlantic by the German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich, also are being prepared and will be dispatched to Berlin in two or three days. The representations to Great Britain are expected to dwell chiefly on Great Britain's notice that she reserves the right to hold up all goods suspected of having an enemy origin or destination even though they are consigned to neutral ports.

FEDERAL BUILDING FINISHED MAY 11-'16

May 11, 1916 will be the official opening day of the Medford federal building, now under course of construction at Sixth and Holly streets. The contract of the Sound Engineering and Construction company calls for the complete finishing of the structure upon this date. All the governmental red tape will be unwound by that time, and the building ready for occupancy. The concrete foundations of the building have been completed and the work of laying brick will be commenced Thursday morning. The brick are now on the ground. Bids have been called for the plastering and lathing of the structure. All the excavating work has been completed. Material is on the ground for the sewer and culvert work.

SEVEN-HOUR ARTILLERY FIGHT

(Continued from Page 1.) her with their guns but it was apparent that she was destined for destruction. Eight effective hits showed the hopelessness of the situation for this vessel. Then she withdrew toward the mouth of the Dardanelles, which she reached in a few minutes under a hail of shells. The forts continued firing until the allies were out of range.

Turks Get Confidence

This was the first day when the warships attacking the Dardanelles kept within range of the Turkish guns for any considerable length of time. The result for them was terrible, owing to the excellent marksmanship of the Turkish battery. The allies fired on this day 2000 shells without silencing one shore battery. The result has inspired the Turks with confidence and they are looking forward to further engagements with calm assurance.

John A. Perl UNDERTAKER Lady Assistant 28 S. BARTLETT Phones M. 47 and 47-32 Ambulance Service Coroner For That New EASTER SUIT Tailored to Fit SEE KLEIN 128 East MAIN Upstairs

CHILD OF THREE COMES TO MEDFORD TO SEE CIRCUS

Willie Painter, aged 3, residing at Central Point unbeknown to any one, boarded train 13 at Central Point on Sunday morning. The conductor going through the train found the child in a chair car and could not locate the parents or any one who knew the child. The child was unable to tell his name, so he could be understood, but said he lived in Central Point.

WOMAN WEAK AND NERVOUS

Find Health in Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Creton, Iowa. "I suffered with female troubles from the time I came into womanhood until I had taken Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I would have paid any price if I overworked or lifted anything heavy, and I would be so weak and nervous and in so much misery that I would be prostrated. A friend told me what your medicine had done for her and I tried it. It made me strong and healthy and our home is now happy with a baby boy. I am very glad that I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and do all I can to recommend it."—Mrs. A. B. BOSCOMP, 504 E. Howard Street, Creton, Iowa.

BOY USED GASOLINE TO START FIRE

The twelve year old son of A. Duff, living on Jackson street near Bartlett, started a fire in the kitchen stove Sunday morning about 9 o'clock with gasoline. The gasoline exploded, throwing fire over the kitchen, dining room, and bath room, and scorched the youthful fire builder. The walls of the three rooms were papered, and in a snap of a finger they were a mass of flames. The boy by a miracle escaped without serious injury. Neighbors, who happened to be using a garden hose, by quick application of water, prevented the total destruction of the home, and by the time the fire department reached the scene he flames had been extinguished. The damage will total about \$250.

GERMANS RETAKE MEMEL ASSERTS BERLIN REPORT

BERLIN, March 22, (by wireless)—An official statement given out today by the German army headquarters says: "A fresh attempt to take the German positions on the slope south of the Lorette heights was made last night, but resulted in failure. Another French night attack, this time north of Le Mesnil in the Champagne district, also was without success. Furthermore, all the French efforts to win back the position at Reich Ackerkopf resulted in failure. "The Russians yesterday were driven from Memel, on the Baltic sea, in East Prussia, after a short engagement to the south of the town, followed by tenacious fighting in the streets. Under the protection of Russian troops a Russian mob looted the private property of the German citizens of Memel. Carloads of goods were conveyed across the frontier. "A special report on this looting will be published. "North of Marienpol Russian attacks have been repulsed with heavy Russian losses. West of the Orzye river near Jadoorosak, to the northeast of Przasnysz and to the northwest of Chlanchanow, Russian attacks by night and by day have been broken down under the German fire. Russian prisoners to the number of 420 were captured."

CHILD'S TONGUE BECOMES COATED IF CONSTIPATED

When Cross and Sick Give California Syrup of Figs Children love this "fruit laxative," and nothing else cleanses the tender stomach, liver and bowels so nicely. A child simply will not stop playing to empty the bowels, and the result is, they become tightly clogged with waste, liver gets sluggish, stomach sour, then your little one becomes cross, half-sick, feverish, don't eat, sleep or act naturally, breath is head, system full of cold, has sore throat, stomach-ache or diarrhoea. Listen, Mother! See if tongue is coated, then give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the system and you have a well, playful child again! Millions of mothers give "California Syrup of Figs" because it is perfectly harmless; children love it, and it never fails to act on the stomach, liver and bowels. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. Get the genuine made by California Fig Syrup Company. Refuse any other kind with contempt. Adv.

Employment Agency MRS. RUTH SMITH

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THE PAGE STAR

Medford's Leading Theater MONDAY and TUESDAY THREE ACT VIVID DRAMA MARY FULLER in The Master Mummer From the absorbing book by E. Phillips Oppenheim VITAGRAPH The Girl at Nolan's Featuring Margaret Gibson, Anne Schaefer and George Stanley KALEM HELEN HOLMES in Railroad Raiders of '62 Sellg Comedy And Then It Happened It's Always a Big Show at the Page 6-10-15c Afternoon 2:15. Evening 7