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Possible Explanation for Nonappearance of Watch Had Suddenly Dawned on Simple Farmer.

Supt. J. E. Gursler of the Carnegie Steel company has established a cost-price store for his 12,500 workmen, thus circumventing the local profiteer.

One of the local profiteers asked Mr. Gursler if he would not shut up the cost-price store, as it was interfering with the other stores' profits, but Mr. Gursler answered:

"Will I shut up our cost-price store, eh? Well, that is about the naivest question I ever heard. Yes, it's as naive a question as the young farmer's."

"The young farmer's?" said the profiteer.

"A young Pike county farmer," explained Mr. Gursler, "stalked up to the inquiry office in a Pittsburgh station and asked:

"This here's the inquiry office, ain't it?"

"Sure is," said the capable young clerk.

"Wall," said the Pike county farmer, "about eight hours ago a gazabo took my new watch down the street to get my name engraved on it free gratis so's it wouldn't get lost, and I'm kind of tired of waitin', so what I want to inquire is—is there onrest in the engravin' trade, and are all the Pittsburgh engravers out on strike or sump'n'?"

NO INSURANCE ON HAPPINESS

Lloyds Refuses to Take the Risk That Seems to Be Involved in International Marriages.

About the only thing the Lloyds will not insure is happiness to follow an international marriage. While some American women who wedded representatives of the nobility of the old world found happiness, a vastly larger number found failure to be their portion. The honeymoon trail of these internationalists shows many shipwrecks. As a rule the representative of the nobility seeks a mate among the wealthy who have unsatisfied social ambitions. Given these conditions, the chance for presentation at court, the glamour of a title, the exclusiveness of social relations with the titled great, cause many a young woman to forget prudence and have made many fathers and mothers willing to approve a heavy bet on a slim chance.

The long string of women who have come back across the Atlantic broken hearted and slim of purse since Nellie Grant made her unhappy alliance has taught little wisdom to those who are courted by the titled but oftentimes penniless nobility.—Ohio State Journal.

SHE WAS FORTUNATE

There was an old woman who lived in a shoe.

But that was long ages ago;

The price of a shoe in those glad days Would not now pay for the toe.

VOLUNTEER CROP KANSAS, WORTH 100 MILLIONS

TOPEKA, Kas., Aug. 25.—Stories of sudden wealth in the Kansas wheat belt are numerous this year, due to the unusual acreage of "volunteer wheat," a crop grown from seeds which fall in the previous harvesting. Officially estimated there was 1,500,000 acres of volunteer wheat in Kansas this year, or about a sixth of the total harvested acreage. This wheat yielded probably 40,000,000 bushels or representing a monetary value of about \$100,000,000. The total Kansas crop of wheat is estimated officially at 150,000,000 bushels.

The large acreage of volunteer wheat is due to the fact that a great deal of this acreage was deserted as wheat land by the owners, after last year's none too bountiful crop had been harvested. The 1919 acreage was in excess of 11,000,000, by far the record for any state in the union. A wet fall caused the kernels of wheat which had fallen to the ground during the harvesting, to germinate.

Finding the "volunteer" crop making a stand, farmers did not disturb the growth and, with ideal wheat growing weather this spring, the volunteer wheat made yields fully as bountiful as the rest of the crop.

Innumerable stories of "deserted acreages," producing \$5,000 to \$25,000 worth of wheat come from western Kansas where the bulk of the volunteer wheat was grown. Others tell of farmers who purchased farms this year and paid for them with the returns of this year's wheat harvest. Illustrating the "sudden wealth" general throughout the western Kansas counties, where land has been cheap and favorable seasons few and far between, a recent canvass of wheat yields in the vicinity of Oakley, a small town 60 miles east of the Colorado line, in Logan county, showed at least 50 farmers whose wheat crops this year are worth more than \$50,000 each; at least 25 have more than \$75,000 of wheat each, and every farmer has a good crop.

Thirteen counties, most of them in northwest Kansas, this year are yielding 43,701,637 bushels of wheat according to the latest official estimate by the state board of agriculture.

The one big drawback to the Kansas wheat growers' prosperity this year is the lack of facilities in which to transport their wheat to the mar-

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ket centers. Cars are still scarce, especially in the central and western parts of the state, but the situation is not as desperate as it was two months ago, grain dealers report.

Favorable summer rains have assured a big corn crop in Kansas this season. The crop has been officially estimated at 140,000,000 bushels, and the official forecasters now assert that the continued favorable weather means the yield will mount still higher. The Kansas weather bureau here reported that this is the first year in its 33 years' existence that Kansas had "bumper" wheat and corn crops the same year. A baker who has lived in Kansas 52 years is authority for the statement

that in that time such a favorable crop combination never before occurred.

Similar conditions prevail with the oats and barley crops which have been harvested. The state raised 20,000,000 bushels of barley, four times the average annual yield of the last 20 years.

Alfalfa and grain sorghums to which millions of acres are devoted in Kansas, likewise are producing bountiful crops. Kaw valley potato growers report one of the best crops ever grown. As one editor of western Kansas says: "The horn of plenty appears to have been dumped right into the lap of Kansas this year."

VETERANS TO TEACH

TORONTO, Ont., Aug. 25.—Two hundred war veterans, trained at public expense, will enter upon their new duties as teachers when the public schools of Ontario open next month.

Entry of ex-soldiers into the teaching profession is regarded with great favor by the education department, which has been lamenting the fact that the male school teacher has lately been fast disappearing.

Charlotte Bronte's writing was so small that it appeared to have been traced with a needle.

WILL TEST OCEAN DEPTH TEMPERATURES

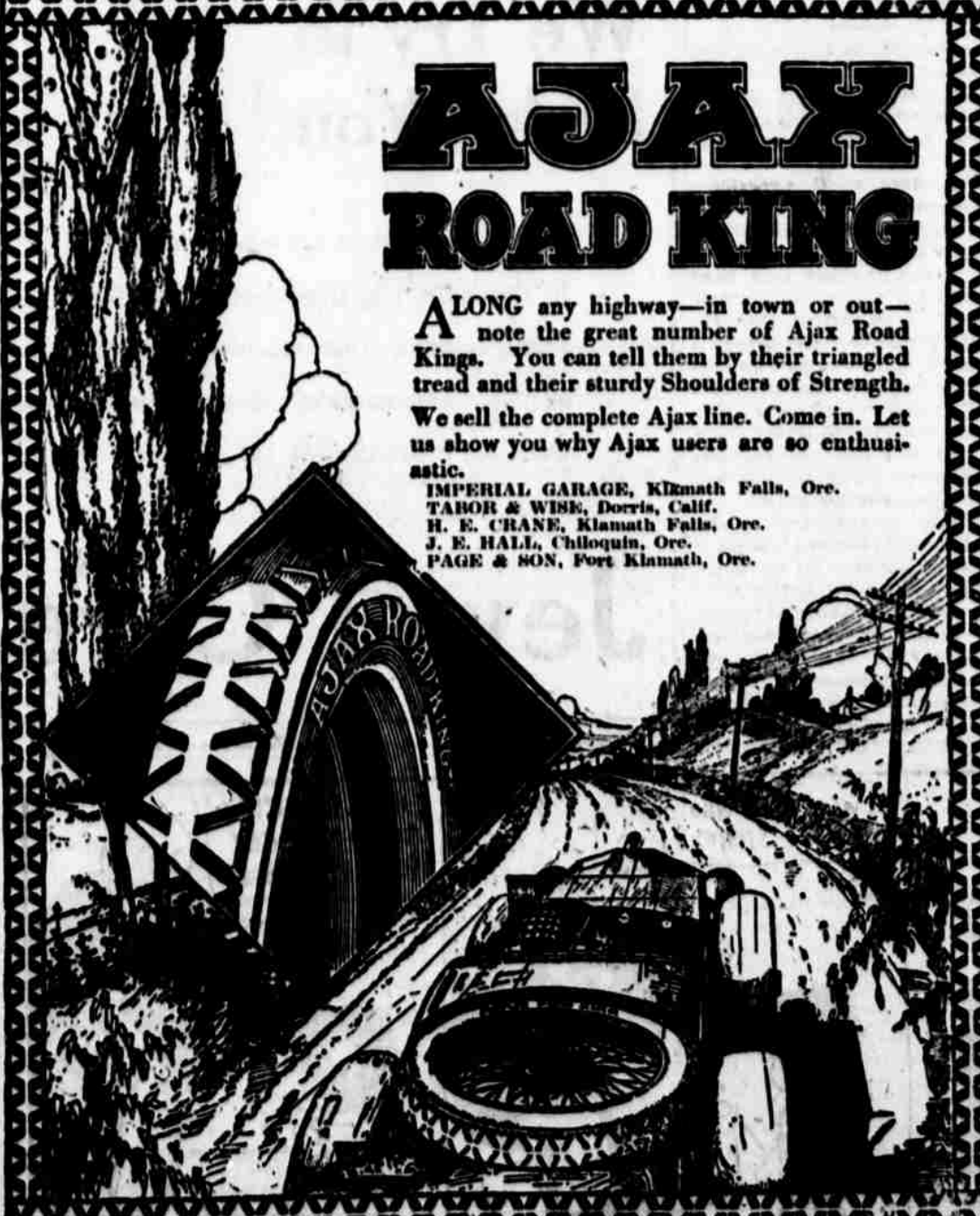
HONOLULU, T. H., Aug. 2. (By Mail).—Measurement of the temperatures of the depths and the surface of the Pacific ocean and a geologic survey of the Pacific basin were urged before the Pan-Pacific Scientific congress, in session here August 2 to 20, by R. A. Daly of Harvard university.

"The rapid destruction of aboriginal conditions in the Pacific presents the immediate corollary—the advisability of quick action on a large scale to preserve and increase Pacific resources," he said.

Mr. Daly held that the mapping of the Hawaiian shores and shoals was necessary and that investigation of the islands of Oahu and Molokai of the Hawaiian group would throw light on the geologic history of two of the "grandest cliff slopes in the world."

SAXONY SUBSIDIZES HOME BUILDING DRIVE

BERLIN, Aug. 6. (By Mail).—To cope with the existing house famine, the Saxony government has asked the Saxony people's chamber to consent to an appropriation of 50,000,000 marks. The amount is to be repaid by means of a rent tax.



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