

ROSEBURG NEWS-REVIEW

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COLLECTING THE TAXES.

In its reluctant approval of the county court's contract with an attorney to collect, on a commission basis, \$50,000 in delinquent personal taxes, the county taxpayers' league has, so to speak, made a virtue of necessity.

The controversy between the Southern Pacific and Oregon Trunk railroads over the construction and operation of railroads in the Klamath basin brings to the surface once more the discussion about an east-and-west line across Oregon.

The golfers who are forced to join the Hot Stove League during the rainy season will take new heart with the announcement of the Roseburg Country Club that grass greens and fairways may be installed on the course.

Douglas county is raising about one-third the broccoli this season as in former years and we sincerely hope that one-third receives a three-thirds price.

The teniblers in Calexico and Mexicali make it possible for the boys in that wet and toppy district to revive the slogan, "Let's shake for the drinks."

One thing to be thankful for—the New Year is starting off without Aimee or Ormiston in the headlines.

Don't forget—Roseburg has its chin stuck out and determination in its face.

A few more days like this and we'll put the red flannels back in the moth balls.



PUNISHMENT.

A man is pinched for grievous crimes, which are the scandal of the times. In court at last he takes his place, a jury of his peers to face.

There is no justice now," they wail; "we might as well tear down the jail, and of our courthouse make a rink, for law is badly on the blink. When such a criminal goes free, who should adorn the gallows tree, we might as well capitulate and let the sinners run the state."

C. E. SPENCE ILL AT PORTLAND HOSPITAL

Word has been received in Roseburg that C. E. Spence, state market agent, is very ill in a Portland hospital.

PRUNE PICKIN'S By BERT G. BATES

GOOD EVENING FOLKS— Guy Walt Pierce, who is soon gonna go back to his bald-faced calves, today says that the newspapers are the bunk and then in the next breath says he may turn a lotta big loose from the pen as his last official act.

DUMBELL DORA AND STUPID SARAH THINK A catcher is feelers who work at the slaughter houses.

FASHION NOTES. Stockin's are bein' rolled shorter than ever, bein' held up by the ankles. Waists will be shifted to just below the shoulders and the skirt hems will be two inches tighter around the neck.

Our heart goes out to the bozo who got ten years at hard labor for holdin' up a Scotchman.

Douglas county is often called the "boardin' houses friend" on acct. of the large number of prunes raised here.

The news trickled into our sanctum this a. m. about one of the prominent villagers who was wont to place a couple bottles of home brew in the pantry window to keep 'em cool and to behold some wise guy lifted the refreshing liquid and now the doctor (for that was his profession) is anxiously waitin' for a call 'cause he knows dern well that the feller who stole it can't live long.

Life is what you make it, Roseburg is what we make it. Death comes ready-made, so don't worry about that.

I WONDER WHY? I wonder why so many do such very foolish things? For instance, why a tenor who can't sing at all, still sings? I wonder why a boarding house serves prunes and raisin pie? Why college boys wear socks that fall, and why some girls wear none at all? We smile at things that would appall before! I wonder why?

I wonder why life's got to be a swift bewildering swirl? I wonder why that Boy I see Turns out to be a Girl? I wonder why young people dance With gears thrown into high? Why orchestras put care to rout By turning all the scores about, And throwing all the music out? I say I wonder why?

I wonder why, when people wed They straightway steer a course By Custom's Compass, dead ahead To founder on Divorce? There is no sense to half the things I ponder and decry; I do not worry much, because I'm dumb on Evolution's laws, And yet these tangles give me pause And make me wonder why!

Gol dang, we have gotta few friends in this ol' world after all. Only yestiddy, a kind-hearted individual walked right straight into our sanctum and reachin' for his hip, we thot we'd better scoot, and we did, and when fin'ly we peeked from beneath the desk we saw him handin' a hunk of jerky towards us. Tain't such a bad world after all.

Hot puppies! How's this for balmy weather? A couple more days like this and we'll move the Los Angeles chamber of commerce to Poseyville!

After the first of the year when the boss has already informed you that there'll be no increase in your salary it is dern hard to laugh as heartily at his bun jokes as you did before.

LAFE PERKINS SEZ—

"To some fellers Sunday just means a day to put on a clean shirt."

Special Trains 1 Dollar By Wickes Wamboldt

I heard a man raving the other day because railroads are hauling the special train of Marie of Roumania for \$1.00.

"Outragious," he raved, "contributing to a rich royal party a sum so large as that railroad fare would amount to. Railroad companies should make those people pay and give that money to the poor."

Even though those railroad companies charged full price for hauling Queen Marie's train, these companies would not give that money to the poor. Those same roads have been known to charge

full price for making other special trains around the country but there is no record of their having contributed that money to the needy.

One often hears the argument when money is spent for this, or that, or the other thing, that it should have been given to the poor. A great banquet is held. "It should have been given to the poor." An elaborate decoration is done. "It should have been given to the poor." A big celebration is held. "It should have been given to the poor." A huge monument is erected. "It should have been given to the poor."

When people spend money in a way that seems to other people foolish or pernicious, it is because they think they have a reason for so spending it. They think they are getting something they want. If the proposition did not make a strong appeal to them, they would not turn their money loose for it. It usually takes something attractive to part a man and his money. The idea of the banquet, the decoration, the celebration, the monument, attracted some persons powerfully or the money would not have been forthcoming.

The idea of hauling Queen Marie's train all over the country for \$1.00 attracts some railroad companies strongly or they would not do it. If asked why they do it, the railroad management would reply that the poor could not give them anything in return, while Queen Marie can. She gives them publicity. The railroads that are hauling the royal party for \$1.00 feel that they are being sufficiently paid in one way or another; or they would not do it. They are not philanthropic institutions.

Your Boy and Your Girl BY ARTHUR DEAN, SC. D. The Patent Counsellor

Dr. Dean will answer all signed letters pertaining to parents' problems with their boys and girls. Writers' names are never printed. Only questions of general interest answered in this column, but all letters will be answered by mail if written in ink and a stamp, self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Address Arthur Dean, in care of The News-Review.

A New Year innovation Contributor's day hereafter will be devoted to publishing "From Me to You" correspondence between young people of both sexes on problems of life, living, loving, thinking, believing and acting as the young people see them. One day a week we will have an "open forum." We elder folk will listen in to "Sweet Sixteen" tell "Silent Bill" that "you will never get a girl by talking evolution," to "Col-ludate" informing "Seventeen Winters" "I never saw a girl who would not pet"; to "Senior High" that "it is my conviction that it is wrong for a girl to correspond with a man she has never met," to "Fighting Sixteen," the boy with the "I think that the small talk of a dance and the getting which goes on in the auto outside, the hall is a waste of precious time"; to "Sob Sister" who cannot get into a sorority because "the crowd at this high school won't look at a country girl"; to "Conscientious" who holds "a young person needs religion in these days as never before."

Instead of me attempting to answer all those letters through the column, let, for example, a girl of "Seventeen Winters" reply to the boy of "Seventeen Winters" and prove "that he's a cold proposition." Let's see whether "Silent Bill" can be elected class president by the girl vote. And why does "Sob Sister" get the black ball?

Newspapers have "Lost and Found" columns and "Exchange Lists" in their advertising papers. Why not once a week of "Lost and Found" ideas and exchanges of "From me to you" ideas and ideals (there is a difference between the words). I'll be the umpire and the older folk must sit in the bleachers for one day a week and remain seated. No slugging of umpire allowed. Let the boys and girls play this game.

Remember, players, that in addition a fictitious or "pet-name" is to be signed on one letter that we readers will be able to refer to "Sixteen," "Soph," "Twenty Two," "Bashful," etc. in the replies and discussions. Don't limit yourself to petting party material. We (because I am as young as you are—sometimes at least) want to give the older folk an impression that we can talk and think about religion, vocations, marriage, parental responsibility, etc. For a long time I've been telling the grown-ups that you young people were O. K. Now let's prove it to them by the clearness of our expression, the clearness of our answers, and the sweet reasonableness of our thought.

Is He Right? "Dear Dr. Dean: I do not know whether you remember my first letter to you. You published part of it. This time I'm writing on an entirely different subject; that of the attitude of girls toward petting."

"I am now attending—college and am pledged to the A. B. C. fraternity. I am a sophomore manager on our College Daily, and also president of our class. Not boasting, just giving you an idea of who I am."

"On a dance committee on which I served was one girl that particularly struck my fancy, we'll call her Ruth. She is as pretty as any girl I know and has a wonderful personality to go with it. But, when I first saw her she gave me an entirely different impression from what I now have. She looked to me like a 'pretty good party' to put it cold. Our annual big dance was coming up pretty soon and as it was going to cost me quite a bit of gold—twenty two dollars altogether—I figured that I wanted a date that would give me a pretty swell time. So I dated Ruth up."

"Along came the night of the dance and I called for Ruth. Did she look wonderful? Well, I hope to shout, she did! On the way to the dance I offered her a cigarette. She said she didn't smoke. Well, that rather surprised me for she looked like she would smoke. During the dance we naturally went out for some punch. The punch was 'spiked' and she wouldn't touch it after the first sip. Her stock just naturally soared with those two surprises. I drove home one-handed, but that was the extent of any advances on my part."

"Last night was my fourth date with her. This time we rode in the back seat. When I tried to put her head on my shoulder she wouldn't even consent to that. I know that she wasn't doing that because she didn't like me, because she had me around to her own house the night before to an informal dance—Z. Y. Z. society. Also I know a fellow that has known her for a good many years and he says that she isn't a party girl."

"Now there is at least one girl that doesn't have to cheapen herself to get a date. In fact she is one of the most popular girls in the class, going out with the class president and the chairman of an important committee, among others. She has a vivid personality, beautiful features, fine figure and can dance par-excellence. Possibly my opinions are a bit warped, as concerns her but how could I give an unbiased opinion of her at the present?"

"My feelings toward her at the present don't prevent me from saying one thing that is entirely true with most any one I know. A girl that is too good will tempt a fellow to cheat on her just as sure as I am sure of anything. Well, Dr. Dean, I believe you have the love story of yours truly to date—so that's that."

"But why in the Sam Hill shouldn't it apply to most any fellow? When I don't think that I'm so very much different from many others."

"P. S.: To be very practical, I used different tactics with Ruth than I've used with other girls. So maybe she is using strategy with me, too."

Now play ball. Here's an intelligent lad, evidently popular as is shown by college recognition, whose use of current phrases will delight the bleacher warmers. He makes one statement that needs challenging. What is it? What girl is going to get her answer published? Start your reply, "With reference to '1929' I want to say" (that will identify her reply with the letter she is answering). Remember folks, space is too limited to review this letter of '1929' when the published answer comes out. So remember its contents, or better still clip it for future reference. (Copyright John F. Dille Co.)

FIVE KILLED, 17 HURT WHEN TRAIN HITS STREET CAR

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) SUPERIOR, Wis., Jan. 7.—Five persons were killed and 17 injured, five perhaps fatally, when the Gopher limbed on the Great Northern railroad ploughed through a stalled street car last night.

Witnesses said that the car had started across the railroad tracks when the crossing gates descended knocking the trolley pole down and stopping the vehicle. As the engineer's headlights gleamed into view there were shrieks as the trolley passengers darted for the exits.

Only two passengers managed to get out of the car unhurt before the collision.

D. E. Nicholas of Klamath Falls was in this city visiting Thursday and overnight.

For sale, dresser with extra large glass, \$17. 9x12 rugs only slightly used. Used Conqueum rug. Used ranges as good as new at low prices. See these at Powell Furniture Store.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT U. S. Weather bureau, local office, Roseburg, Oregon, 24 hours ending 5 A. M. Relative humidity 5 p. m. yes. 77 Precipitation in ins. and Hundredths 25 Highest temperature yesterday 25 Lowest temperature last night 26 Precipitation last 24 hours .02 Total precip since 1st month 2.23 Normal precip. for this month 5.70 Total precip. from Sept. 1, 1926, to date 18.45 Average precip. from Sept. 1, 1877, to 1926 15.14 Total excess from Sept. 1, 1922, to 1926 3.31 Average precipitation for 44 wet seasons, (September to May, inclusive) 31.11 Unsettled with occasional rains tonight and Saturday; moderate temperature.

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MISS LUCY GRIMM PASSES AWAY AFTER A LONG ILLNESS

Miss Lucy Grimm, aged 19 years, daughter of Mrs. George Grimm of North Jackson street, passed away last night after a long illness.

Miss Grimm became ill from measles last fall. Three years ago while attending high school, and her heart was left weakened. She returned to school after an absence of a year, and completed her course there, graduating last June. A few weeks later she became seriously ill again and her condition gradually grew worse until last night when her death occurred.

She was born in Galeton, Pennsylvania and came to Roseburg with her parents when one year of age. She attended the local public schools and the high school and was very popular among the young people with whom she was associated.

She leaves a mother, four brothers and two sisters. Her father died about six months ago. The surviving brothers are Claude, Harry, Irvin and Roy, all of Roseburg, and the sisters are Mrs. Viola Churchill and Mabel Grimm.

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Jan. 7.—A shake up in the personnel of the city police and street departments was effected last night when Mayor George Fox took office, succeeding Isaac Best. The new city administration has issued instructions that petty traffic violations by visiting tourists are not to bring them as in the past. For several years considerable adverse sentiment has been aroused here by the arrest of many tourists during the summer season. Indiscriminate searching of cars also will be barred. Some opposition was experienced, the mayor recollecting a bare majority for his appointments, which embraced a complete change of the police force.

1 Bottle, 25 Drinks; 25 Drinks, 1 Coffin



Dr. A. Freidreich tested liquor found in the bottles shown, all of which were in possession of persons brought to Bellevue Hospital, New York City, suffering from poison. And every test showed the presence of deadly substances.