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THE CHEAPEST WAY.

For a long time it has been our custom to speak of man power as the cheapest power there is.

We mention Chinese coolies who labor 12 hours a day for a few cents, and agree that this is the cheapest sort of labor; we say that such monuments as the pyramids and the Chinese wall would never have been built if the ancient rulers who conceived them had not had unlimited supplies of human labor.

But, as is often the case, we're wrong. Machinery—expensive, complicated machinery—is far cheaper than the cheapest of coolies. There is, one might almost say, nothing that man can do with his hands or his back that could not be done more quickly and cheaply by machinery.

Not long ago a western business man studied the transportation of goods from Tientsin, China, to the desert of Gobi. Coolies carried all this merchandise, moving mile after mile at a steady, space-devouring trot, and working for only a few cents a day—probably the lowest wages received by any laborers on earth.

On the other side of the world—in West Virginia and Virginia—huge freight trains carry coal from the mines to tide-water. There are many miles of costly track. There are highly expensive locomotives and cars to be built and maintained; there are crews of well-paid trainmen to operate them. There has been a tremendous investment of capital, as opposed to almost no investment at all on the Tientsin-Gobi route.

Yet the cost per ton of transporting goods in American coal fields is just about one per cent of the cost of the "cheap" Chinese transportation.

This is one of America's greatest services to the world. Our business men and industrialists have forever exploded the old belief that it is economical to have vast armies of poorly-paid, hard-working "wage slaves" to do work. They have shown that the most elaborate and apparently costly way is also the easiest and cheapest way.

Not only is it inhumane for a nation to depend on a submerged class of day laborers for its heavy work; it is prohibitively expensive.

That is why, some day, the oppressed coolie class, in China and in all other countries, will disappear from the face of the earth.

The American way is better.

PRANKS OF DESTINY.

Destiny plays queer pranks, sometimes.

On the campus of Oberlin College, in Ohio, stands a memorial arch dedicated to the memory of the many Oberlin graduates who were killed in the Boxer rebellion in China. Probably no other American college contributed more names to the list of those who were killed in that outbreak.

A year ago Oberlin gave its highest honor—the LL. D. degree—to a Chinese who had graduated from Oberlin a score of years before—Hsiang Hsi K'ung, a direct descendant of the philosopher Confucius.

Now Hsiang Hsi K'ung has been appointed minister of finance and industry for all China; Americans in the far east, it is said, look on him as the coming "strong man" of the orient.

A queer prank of destiny, surely. Oberlin, that saw her sons and daughters killed by the Chinese, replies by training one of China's sons so that he may help to bring China order and peace and prosperity.

RINGS FOR MEN?

Men, too, are to wear engagement rings henceforth. So says the retail jewelers of Massachusetts, in convention assembled.

It may well be. The jewelers offer to help any girl who wishes it to select a suitable ring. They point out that it's only fair, after all, for the male to wear a badge of his engaged status, just as the girl does.

But here's the rub; the stone, naturally, is to be bought by the girl. And how many young ladies, earnestly laying away every dime for wedding garments and the like, are going to dig down to bestow on friend husband-to-be an expensive ring?

Somewhat, we have a hunch that this scheme will die. And it won't be the men that will kill it, either.

Exercise and the outdoors are substitutes for wild parties, a psychiatrist advises. One of these evenings when you attend a party you won't know whether a man is asking you for quarts or quarts. . . . No party will be complete without a couple of discs on the hip. . . . When somebody suggests a necking affair, propose instead a chinning contest. Thus the horizontal bar soon will supplant the punchbowl. . . . But if the outdoors is a good antidote for spooning, then those park benches certainly fail to react.

An American pilfered documents of state in Mexico, says a dispatch. It appears we have a few diplomats after all.

Vitamins postpone the limit of man's maturity, says a dietitian. Tell your banker about them.

Today's definition: radio commission—a group of men who transfer the growl from the air to the broadcasters.

Newly married men are not the only ones who have to eat humble pie.

PRUNE PICKIN'S

By BERT G. BATES

GOOD EVENING FOLKS

Now we'll hafta settle down to the task of payin' for them dern Easter bonnets.

Went out to the country club yesterday and while the kiddies searched for Easter eggs the gawfers hunted around for sliced balls.



Paintin' screen doors and rathumism is a dern poor combination.

Debates on prohibition seem to be the latest fad among the notables of the nation. The same debates under take place in the old days when the head of the family returned home late at night from the saloon.

The Legion auxiliary will hold their annual Easter Ball tonight, thus giving the damsel of the township another chance to show off their bonnets.



While diggin' in an adjacent lot yesterday for fish worms ye ed. found a collar button and fer a few minutes we that mabe we'd discovered another Weepah.

Now comes the tiresome job of cleanin' up the egg shells.



While it may be a little early we've discarded the ol' red flannels for the fourth time this Spring.

What a glorious Easter it was with half the world engaged in warfare and the other half tryin' to shoot religion into each other by means of machine guns.

Most of the guys who claimed they attended church yesterday via radio were noticed out on the gawf line addressin' the pellet in biblical terms.



Among those who found the Easter parade yesterday a. m. irritable were the fellows with squeaky shoes.

Among the popular eggs noticed yesterday were fish eggs.

Easter started out with a blaze of glory about three a. m. Sunday mornin' with the local fire dept. roller down their hose for the big parade.

LAFE PERKINS SEZ— "Having perfected the poor workin' out for him about the fellows that hasta buy 'em the fur coats"

Used range stove at Powell's Furniture.

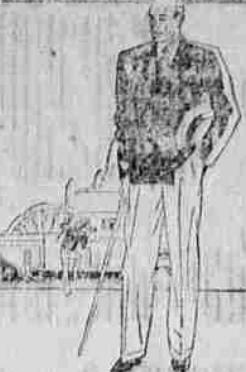
INSURANCE CO. OFFICIAL TO SPEAK BEFORE WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

W. C. Schuppel, assistant manager of the Oregon Life Insurance company, is to speak Tuesday before the regular meeting of the Roseburg Women's club. Each year the women hold a program in which a discussion of life insurance is presented, and this year, through arrangements made by Charles McElhinny, the local representative of the Oregon Life company, Mr. Schuppel will be invited to make this address. He will also speak in the high schools and before other groups.

EDWARD L. WROE DIES

Edward L. Wroe, formerly of Reedsport, died at Salem, Oregon, April 16, aged 81 years. Surviving are four brothers and two sisters, John A. Charles, Henry and W. A. Wroe, all of Reedsport; Mrs. Ella Johnson, of Marshfield, and Mrs. Clara Sweet, of Point Terrace, Ore. Funeral services and interment at Gardiner.

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REEDSPORT HIGH SCHOOL IN ASHES; LOSS IS \$35,000

REEDSPORT, April 15.—Fire of undetermined origin, believed to have originated in the boiler room, destroyed the \$35,000 frame union high school building here early Saturday morning. The building was erected several years ago and was modern. The loss is partly covered.

When the fire was discovered it was beyond control and efforts of firemen and bucket brigades were confined to saving the grade school less than 100 feet away, and other nearby buildings. These were scorched and windows were broken in them.

The school board plans immediate reconstruction, probably with a concrete building. Meantime, classes will continue, using lodge, church and grade school rooms.

ROSEBURG STUDENT TIED FOR FIRST PLACE HONOR

OREGON NORMAL SCHOOL, Monmouth, April 18.—A bright future in the field of history is predicted for Donald Skeen, Monmouth, only youth on the scholarship honor roll of 28 at the normal school for the winter term.

Lempe Davis, Portland, and Mrs. Fay Isom, Roseburg, tied for first place. Although Mrs. Isom's course was much the heavier, the fact that Miss Davis represented the school in the intercollegiate oratorical contest led the committee to place her at the head of the list.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED
Marriages licenses were issued Saturday to Harry L. Baldridge and Rachel E. Smith, of Reedsport; and Carl Brozio, of Wilbur, and Thelma James of Roseburg.

NOW YOU ASK ONE

Revolutionary Days
One hundred and fifty-two years ago today Paul Revere set out for a midnight ride on horseback that has gone down in history. So today we'll ask a few questions dealing with the American Revolution. You'll find the answers on the back page.

1—Of what British more did Paul Revere spend the warning on his famous ride?

2—Who led the Continental troops in the capture of Fort Mifflin?

3—What American officer won fame by his daring and generalship in the colonies' unsuccessful attempt to capture Quebec in 1775?

4—What French noble fitted a ship at his own expense and came to serve the Americans without pay, before France entered the war?

5—Where was the Stars and Stripes first hoisted by U. S. troops?

6—What Prussian officer greatly aided the American cause by drifting Washington's troops at Valley Forge?

7—That officer who served in campaigns in the southern colonies the American army during the war was a son who, years later, was to be a famous military leader for the southern confederacy in the Civil War?

8—What man commanded the French fleet that helped Washington's men in Cornwallis at Yorktown?

9—What was the date of Cornwallis' surrender?

10—Approximately how long afterward was the treaty of peace between America and Great Britain signed?

RIGHT OF WAY FOR ROOSEVELT ROAD GIVING TROUBLE

County Commissioners Gough and Buckley and County Engineer Prosser left this morning for Reedsport where they will spend a couple of days investigating the right-of-way problem for the Roosevelt highway. The state some time ago surveyed a right of way for the coast road and the county secured the right of way. Since that time there have been some changes made and the state is now demanding that the county provide a right of way in the new location. The greatest difficulty is in the Winchester Bay townsite. The original location followed dedicated streets, but it is now proposed to change the line so that it cuts directly across a number of lots, making the road on a curve instead of a right-angled corner as previously. The owners of the lots are demanding payment for the property and it is possible that it will be necessary to go to the courts to determine the amount which the county must pay to secure the land for the construction of the highway.

STAGE LINE MGR. CHOOSES DODGE SPORT ROADSTER

Display of a new sport roadster with flashy colors and a rumble seat is attracting considerable attention in the show windows of J. O. Newland and Son, local Dodge dealers. This is the first two-tone job put out by Dodge Brothers in such outstanding colors.

The roadster has the new type wire wheels with demountable rims, nickel headlights, nickel radiator with motorometer, tan top, and gray leather upholstery. The lower half of the body is cream in color. The upper half is blue and matches the wheels. A red belt stripe furnishes the contrast to set off both the blue and cream. The roadster was purchased Saturday by Dan M. Barton of the Pickwick Stage company and is being loaned J. O. Newland and Son for a few days for display purposes.

MARKETS

PORTLAND, Ore., April 18.—Fresh supplies of very choice country dressed meats were plentiful on the local wholesale street today, while post Easter season demand of butchers was strong enough in the early trading to hold prices firm at current levels of 16 and 18 cent tops for fancy hogs and veal, respectively. Dealers report a good Easter trade over the weekend with stocks of eggs and prime poultry brought in for the holiday trade well cleaned up.

Butter and egg prices continue firm with no changes on the dairy exchange. Activity of alfalfa buyers on the local market is holding the market steady. Egg receipts continue strong with a thousand cases or more being stored daily.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 18.—Wholesale prices; Butter steady; extra cubes, city 41 cents; standard 40 cents; prime firsts 39 1/2 cents; 39 cents; prints 44 cents; cartons 45 cents.

Hide to farmer: Milk steady. Best churning cream 33 in valley; delivered Portland 42 cents per pound. Raw milk (4 per cent) \$23.50 cwt, f. o. b. Portland.

Eggs steady; current receipts 19; fresh medium 19; fresh standard first 22; fresh standard extras 23.

Poultry steady; heavy hens 25 1/2; light 20 1/2; springs 25 1/2; broilers 20 1/2; pekin white ducks 20; colored nominal; turkeys, live nominal; dressed 27.

Ontons steady, local \$3.00 @ 5.50. Potatoes steady, 1.50 @ 1.85 sack. Nuts steady. Walnuts 27 @ 37; filberts 19 @ 20; almonds 24 @ 25; Brazil nuts 14 @ 15; Oregon chestnuts 17 1/2 @ 20; peanuts 11 @ 13.

Cassava bark steady 8 cents lb.; Oregon grape root nominal.

Hops steady; 1926 fuggles 25 cents; clusters 21 @ 22; one-year contract 20; two-year contract 19.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 18.—Cattle active, 10 to 15 cents higher on beef steers. Steers, good \$10.00 @ 10.75; medium \$9.00 @ 10.00; common \$7.50 @ 9.00; canner and culler steers \$6.25 @ 8.00; cows, good \$7.50 @ 8.00; common \$5.50 @ 7.50; low cullers and cullers \$3.00 @ 5.50; yearlings excluded \$6.25 @ 6.50; cutters and medium (cannery and butchers) \$5.00 @ 6.25; calves, medium to choice (milk fed excluded) \$8.00 @ 11.00; culls and common \$3.50 @ 8.00; vealers, medium and choice \$11.50 @ 13.50; culls and choice \$6.50 @ 11.50.

A good garden hose 50c at Powell's.

THEATRE ELEPHANTS KILL N. Y. WOMAN
(Associated Press Local Wire)
NEW YORK, April 18.—An unidentified woman about 50 years old was trampled to death today when three elephants appearing in an act at the theatre, broke away from their trainer. The elephants were captured within a few minutes and taken back to the theatre.

THE TINYMATES

STORY BY HAL COCHRAN — PICTURES BY KNICK



(READ THE STORY, THEN COLOR THE PICTURE)

to go away, but it has don no good. And as he disappeared from sight, the rain came down with all its might, and all the

Tinies huddled up as closely as they could. (The Tynimates have some tea in the next story.)

TWO BAD FIRES GIVE DEPARTMENT BUSY WEEK END

The fire department was kept busy Saturday evening and Sunday morning by two bad fires. Late Saturday evening, fire was discovered on the roof of the C. H. Wickham residence on Mill and Sykes street. The department found it necessary to lay hose for this fire, which, however, was extinguished without any great loss.

The second fire occurred about 3 o'clock Sunday morning when the R. A. Blalock home, on East 5th and Commercial streets was totally destroyed. The fire apparently originated in the basement and had spread entirely through the building before being discovered. The entire house was afire by the time the department reached the scene so that hard work was required to save two adjoining residences. The firemen ran out two lines of hose and hooked on the big pumps, being forced to flood the fire with water for nearly two hours before extinguishing the blaze. The house has not been occupied for a short time, as the family recently moved to Eugene. The building and all of the furniture was completely destroyed. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

The one drawing the lucky number will receive an Easter bonnet at the American Legion Auxiliary Easter Ball tonight at the Oriental Gardens.

ROSEBURG DRILLER BIDS FOR WELL TO SUPPLY COQUILLE

MARSHFIELD, Ore., April 18.—The city of Coquille sees a solution of its water shortages in an offer submitted by W. C. Kernman, a well driller of Roseburg, who proposes to furnish a well that is good for 500,000 gallons daily. In the dry months of the year, Kernman offers to lease nothing for the city to invest unless he produces the well. In that case, he will be paid \$5000. The city would have to expend a much larger sum in making improvements at the present dam and reservoir.

Annual Easter Ball of the American Legion Auxiliary Monday evening, April 18th, Oriental Gardens.

COAST LEAGUE Baseball

(By the Associated Press)
Hollywood took both games from Portland yesterday, the first 5 to 3, and the second 3 to 2. Brilliant fielding and good pitching featured the Stars play in both contests. Batteries (first game)—Shellenback and Murphy; Couch, Sterl, and Yell—second game, Fullerton and Murphy; Ponder and Wendell.

The Seals and Sacramento divided honors in two games played here yesterday, the locals winning the morning game 7 to 5, and Sacramento in the afternoon 8 to 4. Sacramento left here holding top position in the league. Batteries (morning game)—W. Canfield and Koehler; May, Mills and Vargash. (Afternoon) Vlach and Sevel; Mitchell, Kunz, Mills, Hansen, Turpin and Vargash, Stokes.

Los Angeles defeated Oakland in both games of a double-header winning the first 20 to 5 and the second 10 to 5.

SENIOR HIGH MUSICAL
The Glee club and orchestra of the Senior High school will present their annual program in the Senior Hi auditorium Friday, April 22nd. One hour of solid entertainment including a chorus of eighty voices, an orchestra of twenty pieces and several fine instrumental and vocal solos. The public cordially invited. Admission FREE.

PLAYGROUND AT COUNTRY CLUB IS NEW PLAN
As a result of the great success of yesterday's frolic for the kiddies at the Roseburg Country Club, plans are being made for the installation of playground apparatus in the near future. It was decided yesterday to locate the playground in the big grove immediately east of the club house, where there are a number of big shade trees. The club will install swings, slides, teeters, and sand piles, where the kiddies may play in safety, while the parents enjoy a round of golf.

Corn planters in one and two row sizes are sold at Wharton Bros.

STATE IN DOBBS CASE BEGINS ITS HEAVIEST BLOWS
(Associated Press Local Wire)
SEATTLE, April 18.—The main offense of the state in its case against Dr. C. C. Dobbs, Kirkland dentist, accused of the murder of Lillian Whitcomb, school girl patient, began in superior court here today, when the more important of the 160 witnesses summoned by the prosecution were scheduled to testify.

New evidence was disclosed in a second analysis of the chemical content of the body of the slain girl, the state indicated, but the details of the report of the chemist have been closely guarded. George Crandell, defense attorney, asserted the defense also is supplied with plenty of ammunition to meet the legal bombardment of the state.

James L. and William P. Gerard, brothers, of Coal Field, Wash., whose testimony at the inquest that they saw a man resembling Dr. Dobbs on a bridge near the swamp where the body was found is regarded as the foundation of the prosecution's case, were scheduled to be the first witnesses to be placed on the stand today. The defense has indicated it will strongly attack the Gerard boy's story. Developments late Saturday indicated the defense also plans to attack the reliability of N. A. Baker, private detective employed by the state to aid in solving the slaying. Baker was expected to be recalled today for more intensive grilling.

WATER APPLICATION
J. J. Anlauf has filed with the state engineer application to appropriate 5 second foot of water from South Myrtle creek, Douglas county, for domestic use and irrigation of 40 acres. Cost \$1,000.

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Golfers You Have Met
by Kent Straat

HE'S HELD UP MORE PEOPLE THAN JESSE JAMES