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MEEKER'S PHILOSOPHY

Death in claiming the body of Ezra Meeker has taken away one of the few connecting links between the days of the Oregon Trail and the present, removing one whose span of life was above the average, despite the hardships to which he subjected himself in the days that his presence so vividly recalled. No statement could, perhaps, better express Ezra Meeker's philosophy of life than his own words used in his autobiography in describing the death of "Twist," one of the oxen with which he crossed the continent as a member of the Oregon Trail monument expedition. Homely philosophy, apparently guiding rules in the life of this sturdy pioneer, mark this excerpt as follows:

"Yesterday morning Twist ate his grain as usual and showed no signs of sickness until we were on the road two or three miles, when he began to put his tongue out and his breath became heavy. But he leaned on the yoke heavier than usual and seemed determined to pull the whole load. I finally stopped, put him on the off side, gave him the long end of the yoke and tied his head back with the halter strap to the chain, but to no purpose, for he pulled by the head very hard. I finally unyoked, gave him a quart of lard, a gill of vinegar and a handful of sugar but all to no purpose, for he soon fell down and in two hours was dead.

"Such is the record in my journal telling of the death of this noble animal, who I think died from eating some poisonous plant.

"When we started from Camp No. 1, January 29, Puyallup, Washington, Twist weighed 1,470 pounds. After we had crossed two ranges of mountains, had wallowed in the snows of the Blue mountains, followed the tortuous rocky canyons of Burnt river, up the deep sand of the Snake, this ox had gained in weight 137 pounds, and weighed 1,607 pounds while laboring under the short end of the yoke that gave him fifty-five per cent of the draft and an increased burden he would assume by keeping his end of the yoke a little ahead, no matter how much the mate might be urged to keep up.

"There are striking individualities in animals as well as in men, and I had liked to have said virtues as well; and why not? If an animal always does his duty; is faithful to your interest; industrious—why not call it by the right name, even if he was 'nothing but an ox?'

"We are wont to extol the virtue of the dead and to forget their shortcomings, but here a plain statement of facts will suffice to revive the memories of the almost forgotten past of a type so dear to the pioneers who struggled across plains and over mountains in the long ago.

"To understand the achievements of this ox it is necessary to state the burden he carried. The wagon weighed 1,430 pounds, is a wooden axle and wide track with an average load of 800 pounds. He had, with an unbroken four-year-old steer,—a natural-born shirk—with the short end of the yoke before mentioned, hauled this wagon 1,776 miles and was in better working trim when he died than when the trip began. And yet, am I sure that at some points I did not abuse him? What about coming up out of Little Canyon over, or rather up the steep rocky steps of stones like veritable stairs, when I used the goad, and he pulled a shoe off and his feet from under him? Was I merciful then or did I exact more than I ought? I can see him yet in my mind, while on his knees holding the wagon from rolling back into the canyon till the wheel could be blocked and the brakes set. Then when bid to start the load, he did not flinch. He was the best ox I ever saw, without exception, and his loss has nearly broken up the expedition, and it is one case where his like can not be replaced. He has had a decent burial and a head-board will mark his grave and recite his achievements in the valuable aid rendered in this expedition to perpetuate the memory of the Old Oregon Trail and for which he has given up his life."

NOTED HANGMAN DIES

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Dec. 6.—Karl Gold, Hungary's busiest hangman, died today from apoplexy. He had hanged 130 men since 1848.

Mrs. Huch Ritter of Tiller was in Roseburg Wednesday afternoon shopping and visiting with friends.

More than 750,000 Frigidaires

are now in use

..and the NEW FRIGIDAIRE has broken all former sales records • During the past ten years more Frigidaires have been sold and installed than all other makes combined. And the New Frigidaire, greeted on the day of its presentation by a flood of telegraph orders, has broken all previous production and sales records. So great have been its sales that there are now more than 750,000 Frigidaires in use. See the New Frigidaire at our showroom... today.

J. W. LEITZEL
Sutherlin, Oregon

PRUNE PICKIN'S

By Bert G. Bates

GOOD EVENING FOLKS—

Well folks—
There's allus
Sumthin' to take
Th' joy outa life—
The O. S. C. football team
Arrived home from New Yawk
WEARIN' DERBIES!

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We would suggest that some of the fellers who are fightin' the North Umpqua road project and insist on writin' letters to the peepul fer publication in the Noos-Revu refrain from spellin' their words the same as we do in this colyum.

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An' besides, fellers, if you're again the North Ump. road, thass yer privilege—but why go abroad in this fair land of ours shoutin' boycott and throwin' mud at yer feller citizens? We all have a right to our opinion—you to yours and ours to ourn—an' if we happen to think that the North Ump. highway is just the ticket that doesn't make us a dirty so-an'-so.

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Pussonly we'd like to see the dumpyard eliminated and the North Umpqua road built. It's gonna cost some dough to do both—but we'd a dern sight rather spend a dime or so than just crawl up in our shell and finger our nose at folks who do believe in progress. Thass all 'bout that!

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The legion fellers were out today obtainin' a loan of a few shekels for an unfortunate buddy who'll lose his homestead unless he can raise fifty bucks by the end of this week. Don't crowd 'round, folks—the legion gang had that fifty smacks in about five minutes.

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Why not make this a reg'lar Xmas, folks? Instead of givin' silk lingerie to yer best gal—spend the dough in makin' some poor little kid happy.

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LAFE PERKINS SEZ—
"Have you a little influenza in yer home."

Twenty-Five Years Ago

From the Roseburg Review
1903

Judge Hamilton Leads

Salem—Out of 84 appealed cases decided by the supreme court, 57 were affirmed, 23 reversed and four modified. Judge Hamilton, of the second district, has the best record, with 100 per cent of his appealed cases affirmed.

Attorney O. P. Coshow is in Eugene on business before the Lane county circuit court.

Of the 142 equity cases on the docket of the Clackamas county court, which convenes next Monday, 64 are divorce suits.

Eugene—The big saw mill at Springfield, owned by the Booth-Kelley lumber company, has closed down because of the scarcity of logs in the pond. With the mill at Wendling also closed, several hundred men are idle.

At the city council meeting last night, a motion that the council meet on the first and third Mondays of each month was voted down. Bills allowed were: prisoners' meals, $2.75; street work, $11; lumber, $28.38; marshal and dog-catcher's salary, $61.25; wood, $12.50; recorder's salary, $20; treasurer's salary, $16.65; light and water, $36.

Cressline, Ohio, was thrown into a panic last night when two cars of dynamite exploded in the Pennsylvania yards.

E. D. Riddle and George Quine killed a fine bear at Banfield's mine last week.—Riddle News.

A prominent divine declares that the millennium will come in 1932. He bases his claim on Bible interpretations.

Wolf Creek—E. E. Blalock has struck a ledge on his mining claim on Coyote creek which it is claimed assayed $27,000 to the ton. In it he found a stringer of solid gold, from which he has taken out about $25,000, and still continues with the same width.

MEDICAL ARTS BUILDING TO BE CONSTRUCTED

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By employing an expert technician the tenants of this building will be able to give their patients the most thorough X-ray and laboratory service.

The building will front on Main street and will be 50 by 110 feet in size. The architectural design is very pleasing. The plans were drawn by Cleo Jenkins of Albany. The final contract has not yet been signed, but will be completed, it is expected, within the next few days, as soon as adjustments can be made to meet the requirements

DR. NERBAS
DENTIST
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New Models Are Ready

The new styles in Manhattan Underwear for men now on display here. You will find they represent greater beauty . . . greater fitting comfort . . . greater laundry endurance . . . greater dollar value.

Be sure to come in and see the new pattern in this underwear.

Harth's TOGGERY

◆ Xmas Bazaar and food sale. ◆
◆ Plum pudding a specialty. ◆
◆ Given by the ladies of St. ◆
◆ George's Guild, Saturday, ◆
◆ Dec. 8th at Roseburg Furni- ◆
◆ ture Store, Cass St. entrance. ◆

of the plans as adopted. Wm. Scott of Roseburg was low bidder on the plumbing and heating contract and Bailey Electric Company of Eugene submitted the low electrical bid.

MUMBLINGS OF JAILED 'DRUNK' EXPOSE MURDER

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child's throat with a knife.

Kudzinowski also gave details concerning the other slaying. Inspector Fred Frahm said. He said his victim was Harry Quinn and that the slaying occurred March 8 or 9, 1924, and followed a quarrel over a bottle of liquor.

OREGON NEWS

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 6.—Promise of probably unsettled weather late Friday in western Oregon was held out today by the weather bureau as an indication that the December cold snap was nearing its end. Another night of freezing temperature tonight, was promised before the expected moderation.

Portland had a minimum of 33 degrees last night; Baker, 10; Marshfield 28; Medford 28; Roseburg 24.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 6.—Instead of a circular design enclosing a map of Oregon the non-resident automobile permits to be issued by the state in 1929 will be rectangular, enclosing the map, and within the map will be a picture of Mount Hood. The sticker will be printed in three colors, Secretary of State Hoss said today.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 6.—H. H. Corey, member of the public service commission, has been notified of his appointment as a member of the legislative committee on automotive transportation by the national association of railroad and utility commissioners.

ROSEBURG NEWS-REVIEW POEM FOR THE DAY

By LOUIS ALBERT BANKS

THE FIRST AIRPLANE CIRCUIT RIDER

The recent news carries this story:

"Air travel has already been instituted as a means of spreading the gospel in Australia. An airplane was recently presented to Rev. L. Daniels for use in his parish of Welcannia, New South Wales, Australia, a district which is as large in extent as all of England."

In my young circuit-riding days,
We went astride a wild cayuse;
We rode through rought and muddy ways,
With saddle bags all flapping loose;
But now they have new-fangled modes,
Go rushing through the sunlit air,
Without the slightest need for roads,
When they would call the folks to prayer.

I thought I was a lucky boy
To have that bucking young mustang;
He often filled my heart with joy
And yet he gave me many a pang.
But in this age of aeroplanes,
The circuit-rider is a king.
He rides aloft through azure lanes
The gracious Word of Life to bring.

From cayuse, next the flivver came;
It's riders laughed and poked their fun.
"You were too early in the game,
Before the Fords began to run!"
Soon they must take the back seat, too;
Their gas mobiles will turn to junk;
The circuit rider's airship new
Turns all their boast of speed to bunk.

But with cayuse or car or ship,
They'll all the same old story tell!
It will with heaven's mercy drip—
God grant that they may do it well!
The circuit-rider new or old,
Commissioned by the King of kings,
Swift brings a truth worth more than gold,
And of his Master always sings.

NO FARM RELIEF THIS SESSION, HAUGEN SAYS

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of some senators that he had been connected with the insull power interest and that a man from the far west should have the job.

Mr. Coolidge, however, passed their names along to the senate today for what action that branch of congress may care to take—fight or no fight. There has been no outspoken opposition to Mr. Whiting.

West to Be Grilled

An indication that the fight might develop came as soon as the senate learned that the West nomination was before it. Chairman Nye of the public lands committee promptly announced that West would be asked to appear before that committee to state any connections he may have with the insull interests.

"Certain charges have been made," Nye said. "I have no doubt that Mr. West can state his position very satisfactorily in regard to these charges of his connections with the power interests, but I think in view of the charges he should be given an opportunity to speak."

Senator Nye said he would ask to have the nomination of West referred to his committee and that he hoped to take it up in committee on Saturday.

Hits at Propaganda

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The first legislative reaction to the federal trade commission's investigation of public power utilities came in the senate yesterday when Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, author of the resolution under which the investigation is being conducted, introduced two bills which he described as designed to affect conditions brought out by the testimony.

One of the bills would take away from newspapers their second class rate privileges for any reading matter printed for pay or furnished in connection with regular advertising in that publication unless the fact that it is being so printed is plainly indicated in an accompanying statement.

Another bill would make it unlawful for any person or firm engaged in interstate commerce to pay or offer anything of value to a school teacher or a member of a board of education in order to induce him to write for school books or to lecture, with intent to influence opinion in favor of the person or firm making the offer. A fine of $1000, six months in jail or both would be imposed or violation.

Genesis of the Bills

Testimony at the federal trade commission investigation has shown that some power utility publicity organizations succeeded in getting material printed in the news columns of newspapers which they considered beneficial to their interests. Testimony also disclosed that some college professors had accepted fees from power utility organizations and that some of these organizations had succeeded in having their printed matter distributed in colleges and high schools.

Introducing his bills Senator Walsh read at length in the senate from various speeches and newspapers articles or public documents which described the methods by which utility publicity organizations functioned in their relations with schools, school teachers and newspapers.

Berger Aims at Klan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The lone socialist in congress, Representative Berger, of Wisconsin, took a shot today at the Ku Klux Klan in a bill which he said would re-enact laws of nearly sixty years ago against the Klan of that day.

The Wisconsin man said the campaign had shown that "issues of tremendous importance were completely disregarded while the religious question became dominant." The south moved, he said, only when religion was invoked.

FEAR OF THE LAW CAUSES ABDUCTORS TO FREE VICTIM

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 6.—Fear because of widespread publicity and police activity today was believed to have caused "gentlemen kidnapers" to abandon an abduction plot and release Ed Alvey, 60, wealthy Louisville gambler and colorful figure of the racing world, after holding him prisoner nearly 54 hours.

Alvey, none the worse for his long captivity, returned to his home shortly before 1 o'clock this morning, having been released without payment of ransom money.

From the moment of his entry into the car until his release in a Louisville suburb, about midnight, identity of the abductors was carefully shielded from Alvey by bandages placed over his eyes. Regarding his imprisonment almost as an adventure, Alvey told his wife and friends who had gathered at his home when he arrived that he had been treated "royally" and would not mind remaining longer with his "hosts" as a guest.

"I lost nothing but the time," he remarked.

PRIZE STEER AT CHICAGO BRINGS BOY OVER $8000

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Hereford pet into the grand championship, said he would share his winnings with his sister Emma, 17, who helped exhibit the champion during the show, and with his father. It will go into a bank as a nest egg for his future education and for part of the financing of the Hereford herd he and his father are going to raise.

The grand champion carload lot of cattle exhibited by E. P. Hall of Mechanicsburg, Pa., was sold off the auction block at $44 per hundred weight to Arbogast and Bastian of Allentown, Pa. The carload lot of 15 averaging 1655 pounds each.

TINYMITES

STORY BY HAL COCHRAN — PICTURES BY KNICK

My, what a fix the Tinymites were in. Of all the funny sights! They floundered in the snow banks, trying to get upon their feet. 'Twas rather hard to stand, you see, 'cause snow's as slippery as can be. All of a sudden Clowny cried, "Well, say, this is no treat!"

Then Scooty jumped and cried, "I fear that we have lost our little deer. When we were tumbled from our boat, he quickly ran away. Right now it seems that we are stuck amid the snow. What awful luck! We have no way to travel, but it isn't safe to stay."

The others quite agreed with him. Although they all felt good trim, they knew they couldn't travel far, just walking in the snow. Soon Coppy said, "We all are bold, but 'twill be hard to fight this cold. There is no place to hide if winter winds begin to blow."

Just then a voice nearby cried out, "Say, what's this trouble all about?" The Tinies turned around and saw a friendly Eskimo. He walked up to the little bunch, and smiled and said, "I have a hunch that I can help you on your way, where'er you wish to go."

"We're bound for toyland," Carpy cried, "but now we have no way to ride." The Eskimo sat down to think, and then he shook his head. "Well, well, that's really very sad," said he, "but don't keep on going, 'cause I'll let you take a sled."

He turned and whistled very loud. A big surprise came for the crowd. Some little dogs rushed wildly up. They had a sled in tow.

READ THE STORY, THEN COLOR THE PICTURE

The Eskimo then loudly croaked, "Come on there, Tinies, hop aboard." The Tinies did and, once again, they were prepared to go.

(The Tinymites reach Santa's Toyland in the next story.)

SIDE GLANCES—By George Clark

Somebody threw a snowflake.

Superiority a Goal

Every human being wants to be superior; wants to win and tries to win.—Woman's Home Companion.

OUT OUR WAY

By Williams