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PLANS FOR FAIR GROUND

The so-called model farm east of Roseburg has proved an egregious and costly fizzle. After spending over \$25,000 on the property during the past ten years, with nothing to show in return, the state finds that it has on its hands a "white elephant," figuratively speaking, and it wishes to get rid of it. This situation being publicly announced through the ways and means committee of the legislature, which has ordered immediate disposal of the land, the grange of Douglas county has come forward with a proposal to have the place deeded back to the county and that the county in turn restore the premises to its original status of a fair ground. The proposal is both wise and timely. The county needs a suitable place for rural fairs and it is doubtful if a better place for the purpose could be found than this 55-acre tract that has become a heavy liability to the state. The land products and manufacturers' shows held in Roseburg annually for several years, creditable as they were, did not fully answer the purpose involved because of limited space. There was no room for livestock, factory products on a large scale or sizeable concessions. Without such adjuncts a county fair lacks completeness. If the old-time county fairs are worth resuming at all, they should in their detailed character be representative of all the industries of the county. Only generous acreage will allow for such things as well as for camping and certain attractions adapted only to roomy outdoor space. It will be readily recognized that the grange is more deeply interested in a county fair than any other element of our population. Its wishes in such a matter should be dominant. In this instance the grange has taken the initiative in a movement that will undoubtedly meet with county-wide endorsement and be followed up by successful exhibitions if the plan is carried to fruition. The appended plan to use a portion of the premises for a pheasant aviary should also receive favorable consideration. No better argument in favor of the idea could be advanced than reference to the fact that pheasants at large in this county thrive perfectly and multiply so rapidly as to contribute materially to the county's high reputation as a wild game paradise.

OLD RED SCHOOL HOUSE PASSES

The old one-room country school house, a feature of American life for many years, is disappearing, and there will be few to mourn its passing. A report from the bureau of education of the department of the interior shows that consolidated rural schools have been replacing one-teacher schools in the United States at a rapid rate during the past decade. In 1920 the 48 states had 189,000 one-room schools; in 1926 this number had shrunk to 161,000, and it is still going down. Advantages of education of the consolidated school are numerous, both from the standpoint of education and general health and comfort. The modern school bus, which can bring children from widely separated farms to the door of a distant school house in less time than it took their fathers to walk a mile, is a big factor in the change. The one-room school served the country well in its day; but the consolidated school can do the job better, and the sooner the replacement is complete, the better for all concerned.

AS THE

WORLD WAGS

BY G. C. R.

Who is Going to Solve the Puzzle of Handling Youthful Criminals?—A Champion is Vanquished

IT IS CERTAINLY sad that a 17-year-old youth was shot to death up near Portland Sunday morning. It is sad that a boy of this age should have been in the early hours of the day participating in a robbery attempt. It is sad that he should have gone there in a stolen automobile. The saddest thing of all in this is only one incident singled out of the scores of the same kind the country over.

WHO CAN EXPLAIN why the major portion of crime being committed in this country daily is the work of youngsters. Review all the recent sensational cases, and you will find that not a watershed crime, not a case where youths are responsible. There must be something wrong with the social fabric of our nation to cause this situation. The answer is not far off. It is a great man who will successfully solve this problem.

A MAN WHO with his bare hands could break a powerful man's arm, and has met a powerful antagonist, Hassen, who has been known in wrestling circles as "The Terrible Turk," was killed yesterday in an automobile wreck. Powerful as may be our physical bodies we all admit must some time meet a stronger being. Death may not be put down as a sentimental when we remark that the least we can do to make that final battle is to make going a little more pleasant for our fellow beings.

ALMOST LIKE FICTION is the account yesterday of a Seattle girl who went to Portland to marry a man who was in jail on a charge of passing bad checks. Who said the day of sacrifice and romance is over? As soon as the wedding is over, the accused man is to throw himself on the mercy of the court and take whatever sentence is meted out. All the love notes, a letter

and even the hard heart of a jurist will feel some sympathy for the incarcerated groom.

THE KAISER AND his wife called him the other day when Kaiser Wilhelm did a little visit on the world stage. He got all dressed up in his imperial uniform with no place to go. Strange that after the whole world, including his own country, has shown him that his act was a mistake, he should still be shown an illusory curtain call.

IF OFFICERS OF Canada and Dakota would leave these inland what-you-may-call them in this fight, they would solve the problem of their waywardness. It wouldn't last long for frozen toes, flu, and pneumonia to convince them they are wrong in the matter of dress.

IN OUR LOCAL and state newspapers yesterday there appeared a story which among other things stated that one Douglas county black walnut tree has produced \$15,000 worth of timber. Now, Douglas county has a large number of these trees. What has this county to look forward to as a future source of income?

WEATHER CAUSES HAIT OF PORTLAND FIGHT CARD

PORTLAND, Jan. 28.—Due to inclement weather tonight's fight card at the armory here has been postponed to Friday night. When George Olson, Portland boxer, battles and Homer Sheridan, Holbrook middleweight, will enter the ring for their ten-round main event.

PRUNE PICKIN'S

By BERT G. BATES

GOOD EVENING FOLKS

Well fellers
It kinda makes
The ol' chills
Quit itchin'
When ya pick up
An upstate paper
An' read about
The freezin' climate
An' heavy snowfall—
We just saunter
Out in the sunshine
Pick a rose an'
Take off our coat—
Yep, this is the
Nice place to live!

Dock Payne, who covets about the county peddler's pills to the air, is tuned down a ram-bunk-shus patient at the county farm this week who had to have about fourteen fellers to hold him down. Dock had him drink a tumbler filled with ester oil an' thass that!

Quits a few of the gay young blades of the village are goin' to Medford an' Eugene to witness the nudities of '29, namely "Gay Pares", a musical comedy which has a chorus as is.

The legion fellers are startin' rehearsal on their musical comedy next Feb. eve just at the time of yr. when eggs are cheap and hams are actors.

There's gonna be a real brawl at the armory tomorri night—goosh folks, it's gonna be a REAL one! Pat Padelford will meet Joe Marcus AN' HOW! Let's all go over and see it!

Well aggregation, it's the time of the yr. when we haven't much to say and small space to say it in. G'night!

LAPE PERKINS SEZ—

"A bobbed in Pooeyville is just about as useful as teeth to a chicken."

Do You Know Your Own County?

Interesting bits of information concerning the origin of names and some landmarks in Douglas County.

TODAY BUCKNECK MT.

(Editor's Note: Material in this column was obtained from the recent book "Oregon Geographic Names," by McArthur.)

BUCKNECK MOUNTAIN—

Buckneck mountain is on the divide between Rogue river and N. Umpqua river, northwest of Crater Lake, and has an elevation of 8173 feet. The origin of the name is not known, but it was applied by a sheepherder some time prior to 1906.

BUCKFORK—Buckfork is the name of a post office located on Buck Fork, a tributary of North Myrtle Creek. Buck Fork stream was probably named for Buck Fork, a prominent landmark south of Lane mountain, as it heads near the peak.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

From Roseburg Plaindealer
JANUARY, 1904

The cost of the 1901 census of the United States was not quite \$45,000, or a little over 1 cent per capita. The cost of the 1900 tabulation was \$13,115,439, or a per capita cost of 17 cents. This increase is due to the extension of the census service.

Having been returned \$7,000 taxes collected as their position the Flathead Indians near Okanogan, Wash., are having over \$7,000 collected tribal apportion.

Members of the house committee on judiciary are expecting a lively contest between the unions and employers over the anti-injunction bill for use during strikes particularly. The bill passed the house is not passed but was lost in the senate. President. Comptroller of the American Federation of labor is showing an active interest in the passing of the law.

Douglas county Republicans met at the courthouse Saturday night and organized the Roosevelt Republican club with 35 members. It was said to be the most harmonious republican meeting ever held here.

Expenditures next April will decide whether the city will accept the Carnegie offer of \$10,000 for the erection of a public library.

The basketball team of Thompson D. of this city has been organized and will play its first game with the team named here (his) next. Thompson and Cottage Grove will be played later.

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AIMEE CALM AS SHE TESTIFIES IN HARDY CASE

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is the former temple radio operator for whom a nation-wide search was conducted when the evangelist disappeared. Mrs. McPherson straightened in the witness chair. Her attorney, Cromwell Ormsby, leaped to his feet.

"Don't answer that question," Mrs. McPherson, he ordered. Ormsby then addressed the committee, saying the question had no bearing on the hearing. The lawyer was told that he was overruled and that the witness must answer the question. Ormsby again turned to the evangelist.

"I instruct you not to answer that question," "I decline to answer," Mrs. McPherson said, smiling, "on advice of my counsel."

All other efforts to extend the inquiry to bring out various enigmatic phases surrounding the disappearance of the evangelist ran up against the same legal stone wall.

While the white-haired jurist who is under fire, sat with folded arms, seldom speaking to his counsel, Mrs. McPherson occupied the witness chair for several hours, calmly answering questions. She appeared to be perfectly composed, confident and friendly, giving the general impression of trying to be helpful to the legislators.

Answers Came Smoothly
"Isn't it a fact," she was asked, "that Mrs. Kennedy (the evangelist's mother) said to you she didn't see why Judge Hardy should be worth \$2,500 when all he had done was to use the temple radio to make political speeches?"

"No," she would have been totally untrue.

"Why did you never pay him anything until this trouble came up?"

"Why, there wasn't any trouble," replied Mrs. McPherson. "No accusations had been made against me."

" weren't you anticipating trouble?"

"I am always anticipating trouble. Some one is always making me the target for something."

" weren't you anticipating trouble when Joe Ryan came back from Carmel with his story?"

"Certainly not," Mrs. McPherson smiled faintly. "That was so absurd."

"And wasn't it before then that Mrs. Wiseman Sleight had seen her famous note to the grand jury?"

Ormsby jumped to his feet. "Don't answer that question."

The evangelist, whose testimony was not completed, announced that she had postponed her trip to Canada temporarily, "so that I can be of all possible help in this inquiry."

LAMB SEASON WELL ADVANCED IN DOUGLAS CO.

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slight loss of mature sheep due to disease. The winter range condition has lowered the vitality of the animals to such an extent that there have been a good many deaths from liver flukes, stomach and intestinal worms, and other diseases common to sheep.

Douglas county, it is claimed, has more sheep owners than any other county in the state. The county does not produce as many sheep as some of the others, having about 14,000 head, according to estimates, but there are more farmers running sheep upon their farms than in any other locality.

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POEM FOR THE DAY
By LOUIS ALBERT BANKS

A STEP TOWARD FRIENDSHIP

"Mrs. Zimmelman de Tashof, recently appointed Fruit Commissioner of Argentina, is scheduled to arrive in the United States at an early date to undertake the work of establishing a demand for Argentine fruits in this country."

"She will attempt to foster the demand through explanatory lectures which she will give in cities in different parts of the country, illustrating them with pictures of the vineyard, orchard and melon regions of Argentina."

"A point will be made, it is said, that the reasons being reversed, the cargoes of Argentine fruit will reach the ports of New York just about the time that summer fruits and vegetables are out of season."

"A news note. We hail this lady from the South—Persuasive words within her mouth—To tell us all about her land. Its many fruits, delicious, grand. She quick returns our Hoover's call And rolls along the friendship ball. I think they must have liked him there—She comes so quick with trading prayer."

Her visit is a happy thought—F'm sure our fancy will be caught; She'll throw her pictures on the screen. Display the fruits of Argentine; She will not with our own compete. But make our round of fruits complete. I hope she'll so cement the bond That Argentine and we'll grow fond.

True friendship's born of mutual good, Puts "neighbor" into neighborhood; And love is born of kindly deeds As we supply each others needs. If we may eat their juicy foods, Exchange in turn our Northern goods, We soon shall feel like family kin. And worthy friends we both shall win.

We must not lose a single chance To cultivate each new romance Which binds our hemisphere in one. And marks a new bright friendship won. For every nation made a friend Will help the wounds of earth to mend. Will hasten on the final peace When all discordant notes shall cease.

ATTENTION, MOOSE

Next meeting Wednesday, January 30th will be held in our old hall in the Douglas Abstract building. Initiation. Bring your candidates. GEO. GILHAM, Dict.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

CENTRAL DOUGLAS COUNTY ROD AND GUN CLUB

Editor News-Review: I have been asked to correct the News-Review news item relative to the above Rod and Gun Club and to state that the club was organized for the benefit of the sportsmen throughout central Douglas county. They are being affiliated with the Isaac Walton League of America and the N. R. A. of Washington, D. C.

The club is not in anyway affiliated with the commercial fishermen on the Umpqua river and only took under advisement the proposition of legislative amendments when realized that its result would be the elimination of the Chinook salmon, silverside salmon and winter steelheads from the river so that not only would the spawning beds be of no avail but there would be no fish for "ye anglers" which the Umpqua is now famous for.

In arriving at their conclusions, like good sportsmen, they decided that the upper river commercial fishermen were entitled to equal treatment with the lower river commercial fishermen, particularly in view of the fact that all of the upper river fishermen are property owners whereas many of the lower river fishermen do not own property in the county but just straddle from one river to another to the detriment of all concerned.

In fairness to our organization it is hoped you will see fit to publish this correction.

Yours faithfully,

J. W. LEITZEL,

President.

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TINY MITES

STORY BY HAL COCHRAN — PICTURES BY KNICK



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The boy was raised right mites were free. (The Trouble Tots are caught 'cause he was so tall. The Tiny in the next story.)

WATER DISTRICT OF GRANTS PASS WILL BE REVIVED

(Associated Press Licensed Wire)

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 29.—The

state reclamation commission yesterday received for deposit \$62,000 in bonds of the Grants Pass Irrigation district, thereby taking another step towards reorganization and refinancing of the district.

More than 82 per cent of the boundaries, or those holding 1,202,000 of the bonds, have now accepted the plan of reorganization.

The district has been in default since January 1, 1923, but will be able to resume interest payments as soon as the reorganization plan has been accepted by a sufficient number of bondholders. No reduction in the bonded indebtedness is contemplated, but a reduction to 2 per cent in the interest rate for the first five years and 1 per cent after five years are contemplated.

"Funds are now available for the payment of interest and are being held awaiting the further deposit of bonds," said State Engineer Luper. "The committee is having some difficulty locating the remaining bonds as they are not registered."

"The committee has had full cooperation of all California bondholders and it is believed that practically all the remaining bonds are held in the northwest."

If the remaining bondholders agree to the reorganization plan the Grants Pass district will be the first completed reorganization under the new act. So far the work has been carried on entirely by mail, but Luper believes it will be necessary to get into personal contact with many of the remaining bondholders in order to inform them of the situation.

OUT OUR WAY

By Williams

WHY-UH-YOU LIKE TO WIPE BEST DON'T YOU WILLIS?

WELL-YOU CAN IF YOU WANT—I'LL LET YOU.

YES WILLIS, YOU'VE GOT THEM ALL WASHED AND NOW YOU CAN WIPE THEM TOO IF YOU LIKE. EXCUSE ME LIL—I LIKE TO SEE TRACES OF CLEVERNESS IN THE FAMILY BUT I'M SO AFRAID A TRACE OF STUPIDITY WILL SHOW UP I CAN'T KEEP QUIET.

WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY.

J. WILLIAMS

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