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THE FRONTIER LINGERS

The men whose lives connected modern America with its colorful old western frontier are passing rapidly, and each time one goes the newspaper announcements of the fact are tinged with regret. Wyatt Earp, who wore—and used—his two six-shooters in the days when Dodge City, Kans., was a center of picturesque, lawless turbulence, is the latest of the old-timers to pass on. A few days before he went Tex Rickard died—and Tex, for all that he was identified with the ultramodern business of large-scale boxing, really belonged to the old frontier. The old frontier seems very remote to us now, but it is still amazingly close in point of time. Though their number is diminishing fast, there are still men who can recall the mad, bad days of Deadwood, Tonopah, and Dodge City, and the wild frenzy of the Klondike is still a living memory to a great many. But we have moved away from the things those names symbolize faster than the calendar would indicate. Wyatt Earp, the Dodge City peace officer, was not an extremely old man when he died; yet the Dodge City he knew is, in reality, as remote from modern America as the Boston of 1776. A whole cycle of history has been compressed into the last 50 years. The country has lived extremely fast. Processes of social evolution that ordinarily take centuries have been compressed into decades. It is not without significance that the death of every man whose life was identified with those old frontier days is chronicled at considerable length. We have a more or less subconscious regret at the speed with which the old days are rushing back into the past. Life on the frontier was hard, wild and tumultuous, and it never fostered the softer graces; but at least it was straightforward and comparatively simple. It had none of the complexity and bewilderment that the decade since the World war has brought. Probably we outgrew it faster than was good for us. Geared to the tempo of a leisurely, obvious social era, we have been plopped down into the middle of an era that is hurried and complex. Unconsciously, we try to solve our present problems by standards that were devised for an earlier day. Men who grew up in a day of horse-and-buggy transportation are compelled to spend their maturity amid automobiles and airplanes. This, as much as anything, is responsible for the turmoil and bewilderment that are so apparent in modern life. Things have come a little too fast for us. We read of the death of a man like Wyatt Earp with a pang because we feel, down deep, that we are somehow better fitted for his day than for our own. The generation now growing up will see things differently. It will be used to the age of machinery from the cradle, and it will be able to cope with it without giving way to doubt and perplexity. Instead of having to adjust human lives to mechanics, it will be able to adjust mechanics to human life. For that reason, we can look to the future with hope. We ourselves are in a bit of a muddle, but it's only natural. We're still too close to the frontier.

All the know criminals were rounded up in that Chicago drive, it seems, except the well-known ones.

AS THE WORLD WAGS

BY G. C. R.

Almeida's Phrenology—Keeping Down An Old Scandal—Chasing Our Roads—The Truth About News.

ALMEIDA HAS THE most intriguing of all the news stories of the week. He told the legislative committee yesterday that one more Superior Judge Charles H. Hays is a "love letter" to the judge. The judge said the money was a complete surprise to him, but he didn't mention anything about attempting to refuse the gift. He didn't mention the committee also discussed that the judge took some of his own money to pay. Investigators when the story came up that after all, possibly Almeida had not been kidnapped.

INNOCENT AS BOTH are trying to appear, it is strange they should be so insistent that the scandal of 1920 should not be reopened. Just the same it is fair that the people of the many communities, represented by elected members, know the truth. In the minds of most of us, however, there is no hope that the truth will be unearthed.

A BILL IN THE state legislature of Oregon which would amend other things provides that returned O. and C. grand jury money, in which Douglas county has a good share, shall be used in outfitting principal roads in the counties which received the refund. Whatever the technical arguments against this procedure, this writer will not be convinced when he says that our country's roads could stand much improvement. Good roads always are a sign of prosperity and that attitude is a panacea for industrial life.

THERE IS A vast difference, it seems, between the poor and the "well-to-do" poor. Oden Mills, the great financier, died yesterday in New York, and was buried in the great funeral home at the funeral home in New York. A great philanthropist, he gave relief to the poor. All his gifts were qualified, however, by the one rule—they must go to the "well-to-do" poor. There is a

distinction worth a moment's thought. The same distinction could be drawn in the case of the wealthy. Without a doubt, there are rich people and "self-respecting" rich people.

FRENCH SCIENTISTS are boasting that they have outlasted old Sol in lighting a strawberry plant. It took them ten days with artificial light to ripen this little fruit, whereas the time consumed by the sun is usually so days in that country. While they are boasting, however, there is a little light that is being lost. The artificial light they are using is a by-product of the sun. It is pleasing that we can put nature's forces to work as we have done, but always we must give ultimate credit to nature and the hand which rules it.

THIS STORY ABOUT the taxi driver in Illinois who found \$500 in his car and returned it to the owner almost comes under the caption of "Now You Tell One." In reading the little yarn we were almost convinced of its truthfulness until coming to the paragraph which related that the driver paid his company for the drive he made to the home of the owner of the money when he returned it. It's a little bit of a kind which have been the staple of newspaper news for some time. "You can't believe what you read in the newspapers."

ON THE SUBJECT of the very city of newspapers, however, it is well to point out to the public that stories appearing therein are not the creation of newspaper writers but the reports of what some news sources have told the reporter. In other words, newspapermen do not practice "making" stories as they did in the old days of so-called "yellow journalism." For the most part, newspapers are not leading accounts published in our newspapers today are not blameable to the journalist but to his in-

Do You Know Your Own County?

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

TODAY: BROCKWAY

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

BROCKWAY—This place was for many years known as Civil Bend. The origin of that name is not certain. The post office was once discontinued and when it was re-established the postal authorities objected to a name with two words, so a new name was selected in honor of D. H. Brockway, a pioneer resident.

BOLON ISLAND—Bolon Island is in the Umpqua river north of Reedsport. This island has apparently had several names including Bone, Bowline and Dewara, but Warren P. Reed of Reedsport says that there is no doubt that it was originally called after a settler by the name of Bolon. The U. S. Geographic Board has adopted the form Bolon.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

From Roseburg Plaindealer
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The republican state central committee has been called to meet in Portland on Lincoln's birthday to select the time and place for the state convention and apportion delegates.

A petition is being signed in Oakland asking saloons in that town to close at 10 o'clock in the evening.

J. P. Darrow has donated an acre and a half to the Oak Grove school house, so that the playground may be extended to include a fine grove of oak trees.

Mrs. C. Clarke is having a neat building erected on her lot in Glendale, just across the street from her hotel. The structure will be occupied by the postoffice.

Trouble which has been brewing between Russia and Japan will probably result in war in the next few days. Japan has seized Korea, and the Russian general staff has given Viceroy Alexieff authority to declare war if circumstances make it necessary.

Crowded conditions of the Roseburg schools, making it necessary for 13 students to be housed in the city hall, will be remedied when the new high school (Roosevelt) is completed. On Monday, Feb. 22, the cornerstone will be laid, and the schoolhouse will be ready for occupancy Sept. 1.

The Roseburg Mental Culture club has under way plans for a rest room for families of country people who spend several hours in the city while the men are attending to business affairs. At the present time the wives and children must wait in stores until they are ready to return to the farms. The idea of a community rest room has been successfully tried in small eastern towns.

NEWS-REVIEW MEN
FIGURE VALUE OF
OLD HOME BARN

With one Douglas county black walnut barn worth \$14,000, M. Miller, business manager of the Roseburg News-Review, has been busy the last few days trying to figure out just how much his family barn and its equipment would total.

Pig sty, feed mangers and parts of the barn in the Illinois community where his home was were made of solid black walnut.

When his father was establishing his farm in the early days in Illinois he planted a row of black walnut trees a mile long on what he believed to be the dividing line between his place and his neighbor's. Later he found, when a survey was made, that all the trees were on his own land. Corn was planted surrounding the trees and cultivation of the grain served to make the trees grow bigger.

Mr. Miller recalls that as the trees would die his father would have workmen fell them and cut them up for stove wood. Now he ponders on how many dollars' worth of this expensive veneer wood went up in smoke.

R. R. Wood, advertising manager for this paper, has a bedstead at his home which Mrs. Wood's grandfather made of solid black walnut, the posts of which stand more than eight feet tall. He also has a few black walnut logs tossed into the family fireplace.

OILING OREGON'S
HIGHWAYS CALLS
FOR \$1,225,000.00

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 29.—A lengthy and costly road oiling program for this year was adopted by the Oregon state highway commission here late yesterday at its regular monthly session. The program calls for an expenditure of \$1,225,000, for oiling, resurfacing and reconstructing of portions of practically all important highways of Oregon.

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Colors for Spring—



THE colors of the Pacific coast have long been the joy of the artists, painters, and weavers alike. The rich browns of the mountains—deep blues of the Pacific—and the atmospheric tans of the desert, are all woven into the new fabrics for spring. When tailored in the new rope shoulder peak lapel body traced suit it makes the season's smartest garment.

Fashions of Tomorrow

Harth's
TOGGERY

Approximately \$250,000 of the sum necessary for maintenance of state highways will be provided from federal aid funds, with the state making up the difference.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The war department has approved plans of the Oregon state highway commission for a bridge across Haynes Slough, about nine miles north of Marshfield, Oregon, under authority of the state laws.

NON-COMPETITOR BREAKS
POLE VAULT RECORD

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
IOWA CITY, Ia., Jan. 29.—Henry Canby, who never has engaged in intercollegiate competition, improved upon the American indoor pole vault record from a dirt runway yesterday, although no new mark will be claimed. The University of Iowa sophomore, in practice, vaulted 13 feet 4 1/2 inches over the same runway used by William Droegemeier of Northwestern in setting the American record of 13 feet 2 1/2 inches last year.

ROSEBURG NEWS-REVIEW
POEM FOR THE DAY

By LOUIS ALBERT BANKS

AN INDICATION OF HOW THE WIND BLOWS

Here's news note from Liverpool, England, which reads: Some seven hundred men and women, the vanguard of two thousand delegates from thirty-four countries, were welcomed in Liverpool to the opening of the eighth quadrennial conference of the International Student Christian Movement by the Lord Mayor, representatives of the University of Liverpool and of the Anglican and Free Churches.

There are about thirty-five thousand institutions and seats of learning in the world with about 2,000,000 students. Of these 2,000,000 some 350,000 are connected with the movement.

That looks like Christ is marching on. 'Tis good to see how far He's gone. For these young college boys and girls Have worlds of pep beneath their curls; They come from all the ruling lands—The reins of power safe in their hands; They come to counsel 'bout their Lord—How 'round the world to spread His Word.

These bright young faces fresh from school Will soon be in the place to rule; And all their power of cultured might Will weigh the scale that sets toward right; They'll use their sharpened intellect To win for Christ the world's respect. Their love for Him will shine afar—Where'er it shines will banish war.

And now there come these Christian youth To tell each other all the truth! This Christian fellowship of souls Will play in future wondrous roles, Will smooth the friction of mankind Which mostly comes from ignorance blind, Will soften down the pride of race And fill the world with Christlike grace.

What miracles they'll work for good! How fast 'twill speed world brotherhood! When fresh keen youth sees eye to eye The world will soon make haste to fly. This world-wide comradeship with Christ—These kindred nations holding trust—Will speed the death of racial hate, Swift mold the world a Christian state.

U. S. DESTROYERS
JOIN SEARCH FOR
MISSING TRAWLER

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

BOSTON, Jan. 30.—The disabled British freighter Silver Maple was safely in tow today, after she had drifted helpless in heavy seas for 250 miles since last Saturday.

The United States coast guard cutters Tampa and Mojave reached the crippled vessel yesterday after a 900-mile dash from New England waters, and they started towing her to Bermuda, 450 miles away. Her rudder was disabled.

Meanwhile hope was revived for the missing trawler Seiner and her crew of 29. The destroyers Shaw, Davis and Wilkes acted on a report that a trawler resembling the Seiner was seen last Sunday drifting 12 miles southwest of Nantucket shoals.

It was the first clue of any kind since search started several days ago for the missing trawler, more than a week overdue at its home port, Groton, Conn.

Help was on the way today to the Norwegian freighter Terne, caught in the ice off Friar's Head, Nova Scotia, for nine days. The government steamer Sydney was dispatched from Halifax after Captain Blisset of the Terne wireless that his water supply was running low, although he had food for ten more days.

Another ship made good its escape from the winter perils of the Atlantic when the New Bedford dragger, William H. Klimgrew, was towed into port here by the trawler Klimgrew after she had drifted helplessly for eight hours last Sunday 165 miles south-east of Highland Light. A 60-mile an hour gale first swept her nets into her propeller and then twice parted the tow line which held her to the Klimgrew.

Flower seeds of all kinds are sold at Whigton Bros.

SUICIDES, FLIGHT
FOLLOW FAILURE
OF PLOT IN SPAIN

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

MADRID, Jan. 29.—Numerous rumors from various provinces in Spain were current today that there have been many arrests of high military and naval officers growing out of yesterday's revolt, which the government has stated was completely crushed. Confirmation of the rumors thus far has been impossible and it is expected that an official note will be issued.

It is understood that in Ciudad Real, where an artillery regiment revolted, two artillery captains have committed suicide while three others fled to Portugal with a general who is supposed to have been the ring-leader of the trouble.

King Alfonso was still at Seville today and it was officially reported that he would not reach the capital until Feb. 1. Nothing will be definitely decided until then concerning the punishment of offenders.

Premier Primo De Rivera worked at his office all night until six o'clock this morning, receiving telegrams and dispatching orders. Further rumors were to the effect that other movements against the government have been unearthed at Cartagena, Marica and Cadix.



STORY BY HAL COCHRAN — PICTURES BY KNICK

TINY MITES



READ THE STORY, THEN COLOR THE PICTURE

away, he pounced upon them very quick and seized them in his hand. (The Tintymites save the Trou-

ble Tots in the next story.) (Copyright, 1929, NEA Service, Inc.)

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.

SCOUTS ENJOY MEETING

Boy Scout Troop No. 5 sponsored by the Junior High Parent Teachers' association, met at the junior high last night in regular meeting. Of John Rangan and Wm. Ott, members of the boys' work committee of the Rotary club and V. B. Strawn and Roy Catching, members of the Boy Scout committee of the Kiwanis club.

The opening session of the meeting was in charge of Assistant Scoutmaster Claude Patterson. Programs for the opening are varied, the scout in charge arranging it according to his own ideas. During the opening last night each scout stepped forward, saluted the flag, returned to his post to be followed by the next in line.

There were three work periods, all being filled in by first aid practice for the council contest for grand honors. The first play period was in charge of Gordon Applewhite. This was taken up with a "centipede race". The second period was presided over by Elmer Dent and the third by Gene Tynan. Art Durand had charge of the closing exercises which consisted of reporting "good turns" and the "parading" of the colors. Each of the four men visiting spoke briefly to the scouts.

Following the meeting the troop officers held a brief meeting and made arrangements for the next meeting.

SIDE GLANCES—By George Clark



"—and you'd better be more considerate or I'll go right out and start that exclusive little tea shop with green shutters and red checked table cloths."

Mollalla—Electric line to be extended to farmers from liberal transformer.

Grants Pass—Construction to start March 1 on \$35,000 air beam and service station.

OUT OUR WAY

By Williams



THE BOOT JACK.