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RAIN

RAIN, the simple downpouring of drops of water, annually costs the state of Oregon, and Douglas county, too, a great deal of money. Oddly enough, but absolutely true, the cost here referred to is not a result of rain actually falling. The greatest trouble about Oregon rainfall is that people in other parts of this great country THINK that we have lots more rain than we do. That is where the cost comes in. A great need of this state is an increase in population. The idea seems to be abroad, however, that we go about with umbrellas and galoshes the year round. Some of the more charitable folks of other localities concede August to be a moderately clear month out here. Possible settlers are commonly known to go to the north and south of us to make their homes fearing a deluge should they cross the Oregon border.

Here are some facts: Sixteen states, one-fourth of all of the states in the Union, had more rainfall in 1927 than Oregon. A careful check of the names of these states fails to show that many of them are noted for having wet weather. These states had more rain in 1927 than Oregon: Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, New York, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

If you, as an Oregonian, visit New York City, some of the native New Yorkers will be sure to say to you: "Yes, that must be a great country out there but how do you stand so much rainfall?" If you know the rainfall statistics, the answer to that question is not only easy but pleasant. In 1927 the rainfall in New York City totaled 44.6 inches. The same year Portland, Oregon, had a total rainfall of 43.2 inches.

Roseburg has a better climate than does Portland. Although the ten months' period just past has set a low precipitation mark here with a total rainfall of but 13.4 inches, the average rainfall in Douglas county over the same ten months is 23.7. These facts need broadcasting to the far corners. Oregon as a whole has as nearly an ideal climate as can be found anywhere. Roseburg and Douglas county have a climate that is nearly perfect.

One might wish that Mr. Coolidge had selected a magazine of a little higher type than the Cosmopolitan as a vehicle for giving to the public his autobiography, but after all that publication will give him a very large "audience" even though its readers generally are of a class who feed themselves on lighter stuff than presidential records. Nevertheless this presidential record is to be a very human document if the opening article is a fair criterion, and well worth while for everybody to read.

Notwithstanding Colonel Lindbergh's precaution of sending out his wedding invitations in cipher some of the information has leaked already. If the whole wedding plan does not become public before the wedding day, it will be surprising.

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POEM FOR THE DAY

BY LOUIS ALBERT BANKS

COOLIDGE THE FAITHFUL

The Associated Press carried this dispatch March second: "Almost ready to go home again, after eight eventful years in high place, President Coolidge today said good-bye to those officials who have been nearest him during his service in Washington."

"At the last cabinet meeting of his administration he gave a final word of thanks and a parting handshake to the department heads who have gathered twice a week with him to make the decisions which shape the course of national history; then, in a final conference with the Washington correspondents, he told his questioners that he considered his one superlative achievement in Washington had been minding his own business."

Ah, here's a man who kept the faith;
Whose word was more than flimsy wreath!
He had the old New England pluck
That did not fear against odds to back.
He never did a thing for show.
Was always there when time to go.
The average man in him could trust,
And knew that he was always just.

The marble hills of old Vermont
Were not more steady than his front.
He did not much on tangents lean,
But had an honesty most rare.
The common things of daily bread
Gave shape to the things which he has said;
And, after all, that's just like life
With which our common days are rife.

We've clung to him and called him "Cal";
And common men felt him a "pal";
For every true and honest cause
Knew he could stand without applause;
Felt he would do what he thought right—
Could walk by faith if not by sight;
Possessed the grit to firmly stick,
Would always spurn the devil's trick.

God grant to him sweet aftermath
With many flowers along his path!
In all our hearts he holds a place—
Both he himself and his dear Grace.
These faithful souls will always share
In our devoted loyal prayer.
That life may bring them joyous elixir
Through many, many happy years.

The Seat of the Trouble—According to Mr. Hoover!



Do You Know Your Own State?

Excerpts from "Oregon Geographic Names" by McArthur, which explain the origin of names of geographic landmarks throughout the state.

TODAY: CASTLE ROCK

CASTLE ROCK, Gilliam county.—It does not seem to have taken much imagination on the part of early settlers to build rock castles in the air, for there are Castle Rocks in most of the counties of the state, the one about a mile west of the station of that name in Gilliam county being probably the best known. It is a low bluff, but is said to actually resemble a castle from the river. It is not known when this rock was first named. The railroad company has dropped the second word of the name for the station as a matter of simplification.

Catching Creek, Coos county, was named for E. C. Catching, an early settler in the vicinity of Myrtle Point. The creek is an important tributary to South Ford Coquille river.



ADIE: "Hills, ours must be love all right—because I notice when we hold hands it just makes both of us speechless."

ROSE: "Don't be foolish, Adie. How could we speak when we are holding each other's hands?"

"March is a month of unbridled wealth," quotes a local man in spring poetic mood—"unbridled to the assessor."

Most of us do not care whether March goes out like a lamb, a lion or an Optimist, just so it goes out.

HAVE YOU a little tax exemption in your home?

Coming Home
I've fought for gold in the Arctic cold
And I've munched the trail to Nome.

I've pushed out wheels through Vander Platts,
With never a thought of home.

I've braved the sands of desert
And I've turned the sails of sea.

But it seems tonight the bright moonlight
Is pointing the home road to me.

Just a little old shack with the
Faint light gleams through the pane.

Twilight—then, starlight—epiphany
Of home! My old home at the end of the lane.

Getting Even
The grouse was disgruntled with
The letter which his stenographer
Presented for his signature. He
signed it, but made her put it back
in the machine and said: "P. S.
Inclosed is a poor stenographer."

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Smith—To this to be able to

meet famous people like Hoover and Smith and Lindy Brown. "I'd be happy if I could meet the installments on the car and furniture."

"Why take life too seriously? You'll never get out of it alive."

Husband: "I hate to admit it, dear, but I bought another \$10,000 policy."

Wife: "Oh, I could kill you!"

STATE PRESS COMMENT

(Oregon Journal)
If the legislature just closed had accomplished nothing else, its creation and adoption of a sound plan of taxation for this state would have stamped the commonwealth as one of value to the commonwealth.

When the legislature convened the state was facing a large and increasing deficit. The old tax system had broken down. Real property was heavily over-taxed. Millions in wealth was paying no direct taxes at all. Oregon was drifting toward financial chaos.

The legislature brought forward a plan. It is a sound plan and a just plan. The excise, intangible and income taxes will provide for a proper system of taxation. They will relieve property, they will reduce the deficit, and they will tax the wealth that has hitherto gone untaxed. Adoption of these measures was constructive legislation.

Other good measures were enacted. A number of bad bills were defeated. Little, if any, harmful legislation was passed and much that is of value was written into law. With that record behind them, the members of the recent legislature can return to their homes with the knowledge that the state has been helped as a result of their labors at Salem.

Time Will Tell

(Astoria Astorian)
"Time alone will tell whether the legislature acted wisely in placing the University of Oregon, Oregon State college and the normal schools under one board," remarks the Oregonian. The state board, of course, is correct. Time alone can tell. It is impossible to forecast the result. But we are inclined to think that the plan will work if the personnel of the state board is of the right calibre. It must be said that the governor's appointments justify the belief that the plan will work out successfully.

Criticizing the Governor

(Astoria Astorian)
Governor Patterson is politically ambitious and with tax, automobile and highway legislation coming up, he decided that best thing for him to do was to duck out of sight until the storm was over. With the session closed the governor is in a position to dodge the blame for any particular piece of legislation. In other words he has tried in every way possible to avoid making enemies, even at the sacrifice of strong convictions as to certain types of legislation as maintained immediately before and following his election.

March of Progress

(Medford Mail Tribune)
There is some talk of leaving out Paul Jackson street, so "progress" may have taken some steps to get on them. The thoroughfare is all right.

Source of the Inspiration

(Eugene Statesman)
The bill for better control of the state's higher educational institutions came up for consideration in the senate yesterday morning. It was introduced by Governor Patterson, to take the initiative in getting the heads of the institutions to agree on a measure for consolidation of con-

Twenty-Five Years Ago

From Roseburg Plaindealer
March, 1904

Assessor Geo. Staley announces that his deputy will commence listing property through the county on March 21. The work has been delayed on account of bad weather.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Graves, who have been conducting a local photographic gallery, will leave next month for Portland where they will engage in a similar business. Their many friends in this city regret their departure.

COLON.—Large and excited crowds gathered in the streets of Colon when it was learned that the senate had ratified the Panama canal treaty. Railway stations were decorated with red, white and blue electric lights, and shops displayed Chinese lanterns. Fireworks and music lasted all night.

The Sunday Journal of Portland came to this office on time. It has all the appearance of a metropolitan newspaper, and will doubtless make a success.

PORTLAND.—Damage to the amount of \$15,000 was done by a severe windstorm passing over this city Saturday night. Electric light wires and poles were blown down all over the city.

EDITORIALS ON THE DAY'S NEWS

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sons for his execution.

The death penalty was not visited upon him, as might be surmised, because of his brutality. He was stood up before a firing squad because he was suspected of having conspired with the rebels.

Here is a word of advice for Mexico, which in all probability will not be heeded: "If there were fewer brutal officials, it is altogether likely that there would be far fewer revolutions."

DAILY WEATHER REPORT

U. S. Weather Bureau Office, Roseburg, Oregon. Data reported by E. H. Fletcher, Meteorologist in charge.
Barometric pressure reduced to sea level 30.14
Relative humidity 5 p. m. yesterday (per cent) 73
Highest temperature yesterday 51
Lowest temperature last night 30
Average temperature for the day 60
Normal temperature for this date 58
Precip. in inches and hundredths: Precipitation for 24 hours, ending 5 a. m. .70
Total precip. since last month 14
Normal precip. for this month 5.25
Total precip. from Sept. 1, 1928, to date 14.83
Normal precip. from Sept. 1, to date 21.91
Total deficiency since Sept. 1, 1928, 10.08
Normal seasonal precip. Sept. to May, inclusive 81.13
Forecast for tomorrow: southwest breeze; generally fair tonight. Tomorrow becoming unsettled with rain, and much change in temperature.

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THE BIRD OF THE WEEK

(By Louis Albert Banks)
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THE GOLDFINCH

Goldfinches are called wild canaries as often as they are called by their true name. The goldfinch family of birds is a great blessing to the world in keeping weeds in check by destroying multitudes of obnoxious seeds that would otherwise overrun the country.

The goldfinch is valuable first of all for his beauty. He is a little bunch of shining gold mingled with black and his temper and disposition are as lovable as can be imagined. He seems always glad and hopeful—simply bubbling over with happiness and cheer. He cannot fly without showing it—his flight is just a series of exulting little bounds one after another. He cannot do anything without singing and his tune is sweet as "honey and the honey-comb" as David would put it. The goldfinch family covers the whole United States, and, though they vary considerably in plumage, the habits are much the same. They are known all over America as lovers.

One great naturalist says they always impress him as having something human about them. That tender little note, so common in mating time, "Dearie, O so dearie!" runs all through their social and domestic relations. They seem to greatly enjoy each other's society. I have devoted the poem entirely to their characteristics as lovers. The willow goldfinch and the green-backed goldfinch are the leading varieties in the west along the entire Pacific coast. They often nest near the ground in small trees and sometimes on tall thistles. They are late breeders, usually between July 15th and September 1st. They have from three to six faintly bluish white eggs, and are very devoted parents.

THE GOLDFINCH LOVER

Every way he can discover,
The goldfinch is a happy lover—
He seeks to show his tender loving
With all his cooing and his doving.
I cannot keep my lips from smiling
At his soft and sweet beguiling,
Hearing voice so soft and cheery,
"Dearie, dearie, O so dearie!"

Just now I see them on a thistle,
Hear his gentle tender whistle.
As snuggling up so close beside her—
Seeking lover like to hide her—
She acts as if she liked the fellow
He's so fine—such brilliant yellow.
As low he says in loveliest query
"Dearie, dearie, O so dearie!"

They're feeding now on the dandelions,
Or other weedy toothsome vladins.
Our Emerson was prone to say
A weed's a plant ere it's a noxious weed.
But still the goldfinch is a lover
He's always near her flame
—lover.

He always sings, is never swart,
"Dearie, dearie, O so dearie!"
And now the time has come for laying—
About the time of later haying—
And soon on eggs she will be sitting.

Around her still he will be fitting:
Again we'll hear that blithesome cooing—
Dearest type of lover's wooing—
That low persistent tender query,
"Dearie, dearie, O so dearie!"

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WALLACE GIVEN CONTRACT GRAVEL COAST HIGHWAY

The bid for graveling a 24-mile stretch of road on the Roseburg-Good Hope Highway from Canas Valley west of Bridge, awarded by the highway commission last week to A. S. Wallace of this city was won by the local contractor on the close margin of only \$87.50 over his nearest competitors, Wren & Greenough, Portland contractors. There were eight bids under \$50,000, and several above that sum for the work. The four lowest were close contestants for the job, there being a spread of only \$2355 between them.

Mr. Wallace is preparing to get after the work at once and has arranged for the drillers to begin operations as soon as they can get their tools trucked to the quarry, which is a short distance east of Bridge, and it is expected that nine tons of dynamite will be required in the first blast to loosen the rock so that the crusher can have plenty of material to work on. The crusher will be installed at once and everything gotten in readiness to start work, which will continue on through the summer before the job is completed. Mr. Wallace's bid for the work was \$52,580.

U. P. TO MEET LOW COMPETING TIME IN NEW SCHEDULE

(Associated Press Local Wire)
PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 11.—The Union Pacific system announced today that its passenger train schedule between Chicago and Portland will be "at least as low" as any schedule of competing lines.

The statement was made from the office of J. P. O'Brien, general manager here, and consisted of a telegram from Carl Gray, president of the Union Pacific system, in Omaha.

The statement said: "With respect to our passenger train schedule between Chicago and northwest coast cities, we have a somewhat more complicated situation than our northern friends, because some of the Union Pacific trains are jointly utilized for both California and the northwest."

"At this time we can only say that the elapsed time of our passenger train schedule between Portland and Chicago will be at least as low as any of our competitors."

CHICAGO, Mar. 11.—The Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific railroad today announced its decision to cut five hours from its running time between Chicago and the Pacific northwest. This decision followed similar action announced by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads.

NEWS BRIEFS

(Associated Press Local Wire)
RACINE, Wis., Mar. 11.—The world's youngest burglars, who looted a Main street department store of \$1,000 in merchandise just two blocks from the police station, were in juvenile court today. A 12-year-old girl and her seven-year-old brother were held as the perpetrators of the burglary. Thursday night, their father was in jail charged with contributing to their delinquency, following recovery of the stolen goods in the attic of their home.

DALLAS, Tex., Mar. 11.—Eight persons were hurt and twenty narrowly escaped injury in a fire that destroyed the James P. Simpson company motion picture studios, and eight residences with a loss of \$100,000 here Saturday.

GREEN BAY, Wis., Mar. 11.—Phyllis Haver, motion picture actress, announced here that she will marry William Seeman, a New York wholesale grocer, in about six weeks when Miss Haver will have completed her work in the picture "Thunder" which is being made in Wisconsin.

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TRENTON, N. J., Mar. 11.—Foreign born residents who openly divide their allegiance between the United States and their native country, were scored by Paul J. McNutt, national commander of the American Legion, in an address here. He urged a more strict enforcement of the immigration laws so that the foreign born can be assimilated and made into "responsible and responsive citizens."

SALT LAKE CITY, Mar. 11.—The shortage of Max Heaver, city treasurer, who died last Tuesday under circumstances indicating suicide, was tentatively set at \$70,000 in a preliminary report of auditors checking his accounts.

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 11.—A horse valued at \$14,000, and containing the body of a four-month-old child was stolen last night from the receiving ward entrance of Methodist hospital in South Philadelphia.

Police said they believed bootleggers were the thieves, who hoped to use the horse to convey liquor.

NEW YORK, Mar. 11.—Hartoun, the biggest elephant in captivity, has developed a subcutaneous disposition. There are extra steel bars on his cage at the Bronx Zoo. He inhabits one while a keeper cleans the other. He is 10 feet, 7 1/2 inches tall, two feet shorter than the late Jumbo, P. T. Barnum's favorite.

SUMMERVILLE, N. Y., Mar. 11.—When David G. Wilson reached home the other night he found 13 dogs wagging their tails at him from sofas and easy chairs. A coal man had left the cellar window open, and the night was cold.

MINE UNION HEADS WITHHOLD COMMENT ON AN INJUNCTION

(Associated Press Local Wire)

INDIANAPOLIS, Mar. 11.—International Union of the United Mine Workers of America have nothing to say "at this time" regarding an injunction issued by Superior Judge Linn D. Hay here to prevent union miners from holding meetings at Bicknell and Vincennes antagonistic to employees of the Knox Consolidated Coal company.

Word was received from Terre Haute that officials of district number 11, of the mine workers, were enroute to Indianapolis for a conference at international headquarters.

Union officials have objected to the operation of the Knox Consolidated mines at a basic wage of \$5 a day, contending that the company is bound by an agreement signed at Terre Haute setting a scale of \$4.19 for the Indiana field.

FIGHTERS STOP IN CITY

Frank Church, proprietor of the Oregon Gymnasium at Portland, arrived in Roseburg last night accompanied by Frankie Monroe, Frankie Warnecke and Manila Kid, well known Portland boxers. They left this morning for Medford, where the boys appear tonight on a Medford card.

JULIUS ROSENWALD ILL

CHICAGO, Mar. 11.—Julius Rosenwald, millionaire, philanthropist and head of Sears, Roebuck and company, has returned from Washington, Ill., and has been ordered to bed by his physician.

He is suffering from a cold contracted during the inauguration ceremonies.

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