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THRASHING DAY.

We saw the men loading the wheat on their wagons as the interurban car sped past the wheat field, and all the old enthusiasm of childhood swelled in my heart. It was thrashin' day! Joyful memories pictured the scenes that were transpiring about the farmhouse which was to be honored with serving the wonderful noon day meal, says the Indianapolis News. "There would be women in the garden gathering beans, cutting cabbage, pulling beets and onions, and women in the back yard stripping the feathers from yellow-legged chickens, and women in the kitchen baking cakes and rows and rows of pies, and girls in the big back porch spreading long snowy cloths on the row of tables which they had succeeded in joining together for the occasion, and children—there would be children swarming everywhere, underfoot and in the way, but having the time of their lives. I could almost taste the gizzards and livers which those children would get to eat out under the trees before dinner, because it was so long to wait until second table.

porch. Ah me! I felt like quoting an old woman of the other days, who used to shake her head, saying mournfully: 'Things wa'n't like this in my day!' It always sounded as if her day was past, and I guess it was, and furthermore, I reckon the same thing is true of any of us when we object to progress of any kind. Those men were working with an improved machine. They no longer stand in the terrible chaff and dust, stacking the straw. They don't have to feed the machine, cut the bands or measure the wheat. I don't know what all has been invented to make thrashing easier for the men, but it doesn't take such a raft of men as it used to, so why not let the women folk have things easier, too?

"No doubt my little feelings of regret over the change about the farmhouse scene were due to the fact that I experienced only the joys of the old thrashin' days, being one of the children underfoot, and later one of the girls setting the table and naming plates, then watching in giggling groups just inside the kitchen door to see which handsome, sun-burned young giant would draw our plate. I helped pass all the delectable dishes and mind the flies off, but was never really promoted to the responsible place of chief cook, with the all absorbing idea of trying to get up a dinner that would beat all the other women in the company. No doubt if I were the woman of the house on the farm, one who had really tried the old-time methods of thrashin' day, I'd welcome the change and want a machine, too, a mighty swift one, down up at the front door ready to carry me away from the scene of action. Anyway, I'm never going to give away my age by saying mournfully that any old time method of doing the work in either farmhouse or city house was better than the new way, for I don't want any youngster to think that my day is over."

THE "SAFETY FIRST" LIMIT

Has the "safety first" movement gone as far as it can? That is a question which must occur time and again to the workers in the campaign. It is suggested in this instance by the report of a New York committee which advocates black and white signs at railroad crossings—conspicuous white targets, two feet in diameter, bearing a black cross and the letters "R-R." The committee says that it does not believe that a red danger signal attracts much attention, except at night, whereas the black and white sign would be startling enough to warn even the most callous automobilist.

But crossing accidents which take place because the driver is unaware that a railroad is there are few. The automobilist can usually tell by an embankment, by a string of telegraph poles, by many other signs, when he is approaching a track. Unless he is habitually cautious, no mere colored target can make him check his speed. Until he has learned that "safety

first" is a better motto than "Take a chance," he will disregard signs. To such a man, warnings and slogans, mean nothing. He must be reached in some other way, and that is the way which the safety committees must discover if they are to drive their good work further than they have carried it at this time.

The champion bicycle rider has retired with a fortune, his active career closing on July 4, the sport page announces. Almost everybody supposed the bike racer and the buffalo became extinct about the same time.

In the eastern theater of the great war, it's a wise town that knows what nation possesses it every other morning.

There's one thing about a coat of tan. It may not be becoming, but it always fits.

A Maine fisherman says he knows fish can talk. However, they show their good sense by not doing it.

Cure for Cholera Morbus. "When our little boy, now seven years old, was a baby he was cured of cholera morbus by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," writes Mrs. Sidney Simmons, Fair Haven, N. Y. "Since then other members of my family have used this valuable medicine for colic and bowel troubles with good satisfaction and I gladly endorse it as a remedy of exceptional merit." Obtainable everywhere.

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STATE NEWS BREVITIES. Eyrie Nest Lures Ranger. Fresh from the summit of Mt. Hood where he spends the Summers watching for forest fires, Forest Ranger Elijah Coleman has returned to his Eyrie lookout after a combined pleasure and shopping tour in Hood River. Mr. Coleman calls the mountain home God's country.

Deer Reported Plentiful. With deer reported more plentiful than usual and lower down in the mountains a rush is being made in the county clerks office at Albany for hunting licenses.

Lane Harvesting Begins. Threshing of what promises to be

one of the largest grain crops ever raised in Lane county, will begin this week. Oats, particularly, promise a good crop and the acreage is much above normal.

Bootlegger Uses Church. County Detectives Shaw and Jacobs and Prosecutor Thompson of Tacoma raided the soft drink saloon of a man at Elbe, by climbing under the pulpit of a church on a hillside and dragging out 12 whiskey bottles and a demijohn.

China Pheasants Liberated. The Riddle Rod and Gun club received a dozen young China pheasants the past week from the state game farm and they were liberated in an alfalfa field.

Concert Given at Seaside. One of the most artistic and best concerts ever given in Seaside was the benefit "Legends of Seaside" at the Critic theatre. Dr. Emil Enna wrote the music and Miss Virginia Drake the lyrics. Mrs. Harry M. Flavel of Astoria was the principal soloist.

Hood River Ships Vegetables. Record shipments of garden truck and produce will be made from Hood River this season. The Fruit Growers' Exchange estimates that tomato shipments will reach total of six carloads.

Bend Motor Traffic Big. Unusual numbers of motor tourists from all parts of the Northwest have been passing through Bend the past week, among them being Mayor Albee of Portland.

Crops Good but Late. Polk county crops of all kinds are from 10 days to two weeks late. All crops are either normal or heavy.

Glass Jar Cuts Cyclist. In an auto motorcycle collision in Oregon City, Jake Garlick was thrown violently on a quart jar he was carrying, the glass of which cut a deep gash in his head and left leg below the knee.

Old Settler Is Buried. One of Baker county's oldest settler's Augustus George, died a few days ago at the home of his son in Haines. He came to Baker in 1865.

Crater Lake Is Lauded. "Everyone who visits this section must say that Klamath is a wonderful country and is bound to become a really great scenic resort," said R. B. Marshall, superintendent of National Parks in the United States. He says there is no lake in the world that compares with Crater lake.

Boy Scouts On Outing. Nine members of the Bend Boy Scouts' organization are taking their annual outing in camp on the Deschutes River.

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