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LIVING IN EARLY DAYS CHEAP

PROFESSOR YOUNG WRITES AN INTERESTING ARTICLE.

Cost of Living in the Pioneer Days Not What It's Now In the U. S. L. Period.

The cost of living in the early pioneer days of Oregon was but a fraction of the U. S. L. of the present day, according to figures given in an article by Professor F. G. Young, of the University of Oregon, in a recent publication of the Oregon Historical society.

The records were those of Edwin Young, who was sent to California to bring back some cattle for the early settlers here in 1837.

An accurate account of every expenditure was kept and submitted to the Willamette Cattle company, which was organized to bring the cattle to this state. The figures given show that while living expenses were small, wages were no larger in proportion. Modern conveniences, such as moving pictures, and other luxuries, had not found their way into the habits of the people and money went much farther.

Wages were never over a dollar a day according to the figures given in the Young account. This in marked contrast to the \$3.30 a day which is now paid for the most unskilled kinds of labor. Cows were not out of proportion to wages, however, and a saddle is listed at \$2.25. A good saddle these days will bring around \$50. Further on, a rope is listed at 25c, forty pounds of pork was purchased for 16c a pound, and wheat could be bought for 60c a bushel, while the present price is nearly \$2.00. Board could be had for about \$8.00 a month.

Clothing prices, as shown by the accounts, were but a small part of the amounts charged at the present time for wearing apparel. A pair of shoes was bought for \$2; a shirt could be had for 60c; "pantaloons" brought around \$4 per pair; although, in some instances, they are priced as low as \$2.40. No cases were recorded where article cost over the present prices, the whole account showing that a man could buy more at the earlier date with his day's wages than he could at present.

At one time young men might take as many kisses from a maid as there were berries on the mistletoe bough, and another kissing fancy was that he might go on kissing until a berry fell, had he a mind to.

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World Almanac of 1921 Off the Press Has Census Figures

The 1920 presidential election returns from every state in the U. S. as well as the 1920 United States census population figures for every state, and for every place of 5,000 or more inhabitants in this country, are included in the World Almanac for 1921. Past population and past census figures are also in the book, which is a complete work of reference as to the commerce, industry, crops and progress of America and the whole world.

Among other notable features are a biographic dictionary, tables of statistics, postal data, astronomical information, list of American colleges and universities, list of associations throughout the country, the big new laws of 1920, the great national highways, sea guide, armies and navies of the world, the tariff, summaries of presidential elections from 1856 to date, population, area and area, etc. of states and cities of the United States; census work, etc., statistics; most production and consumption, 25-page story of the Republican, Democratic, Socialist and other national conventions for 1920.

The World Almanac is published by the New York World.

WORK IS CURE FOR CRIME WAVE

DEAN F. G. YOUNG SAYS WAVE COULD BE STOPPED.

Declares There is No Magic About It If Everyone Is Employed Crime Would Be Lessened.

EUGENE, Jan. 15.—"Get everybody busy," said Dean Frederick G. Young, of the school of sociology, when asked to give a remedy for the crime wave sweeping over the country. "There is no magic about it. If everybody is busy at the right sort of productive employment we would have a surplus to exchange and will be free from the post-war financial troubles."

A sort of clearing house for the nations in which they will get together and bolster up the credit of those that are down and see that the exchange is not tampered with, was given as another effective cure for the chaotic condition of affairs that leads to a large amount of crime. This would require a great deal of generosity on the part of the nations, but would be a great aid to the stabilization of conditions.

The causes of the crime wave come directly from the war, according to Dean Young. There are two main factors that cause this trouble. "The first is that war always disintegrates the moral standards of the people, develops in them a spirit of recklessness, and dulls their sensibilities," said the dean. "The general shake-up of the occupations, and the displacement of the workers was the second reason given by the doctor. The war, he said, in developing armies took the people away from their former peaceful callings and it was difficult for them to get back."

That bathing on Christmas Day caused freedom from both fevers and toothache during the coming year is one of the old-time superstitions which still exists in France.

BEN COTNER PLACE IS SOLD

LADD CANYON, Jan. 13.—(Special)—Sheriff Ewin and bride returned here from Portland yesterday, where they were married Dec. 29. Mr. Ewin is a former Portland man, but has resided here the past year on the A. N. Krause place, which he and his brother purchased, and Mrs. Ewin was Miss Elma Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson, of Portland, at whose home the elaborate wedding was solemnized. They received many beautiful gifts from the many guests present.

Ladd Canyon welcomes these young people and extends to them the warmest wishes for a happy wedded life. Mrs. Clyde Hopfel was hostess to the Get-Together Club ladies that day. "Dolly," which is the woman's name, is derived from Dolly, the name of the woman's mother. However, "Dolly" is the name of the child for a plaything.

Reading Matter.
The United States Civil Service Commission announces that an open competitive examination will be held in this city on February 5, 1921, to secure eligible from which to make certification to fill vacancies in first-grade, clerical positions, at salaries ranging from \$900 to \$1400 per annum, and future vacancies requiring similar qualifications, at this or higher or lower salaries, will be filled from this examination.

Both men and women, if qualified, may enter this examination, but appointing officers have the legal right to specify the sex in requesting certification of eligibles.

Information may be secured from the local secretary at the post office.

Reginald Heryford has been enjoying a visit from his brothers, Earl and Elton, of Calgary, Canada. They are visiting La Grande at the present time.

Mrs. J. F. Buttner received a telegram yesterday from her daughter, Mrs. Genevieve Childers at Oakland, California, stating that her month-old baby had passed away in one of the hospitals there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cotner sold their place a few weeks ago to a North Powder man, and they are busy getting moved to their new home in La Grande today. They have proven themselves very good neighbors and we shall miss them.

Neil McClure returned home from Baker Monday, where he went to visit relatives.

Mrs. Martha Stoll has gone to California to spend the remainder of the winter.

Forest Bainbridge and wife are here from Weiser, Idaho, visiting his sister, Mrs. Roy Halley.

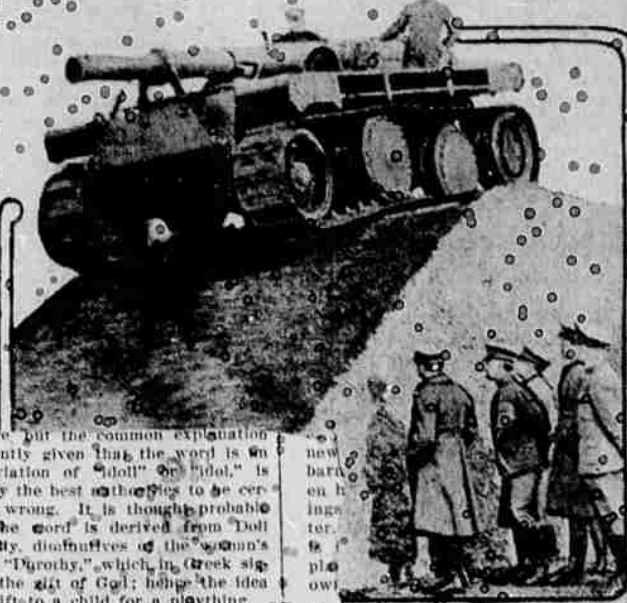
Miss Helen Peebler is greatly improving this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dobbin drove over from Union today in spite of the stormy weather, to spend the day with his nephew, Sherrill Ewin, and wife.

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The new Caterpillar gun mount, which is self-propelled, has many advantages over the old type now in use.

Large Timber Sale In Clatsop County Is Now Completed

ASTORIA, Oregon, Jan. 15.—The largest sale of Clatsop county was consummated Thursday, when the Minnesota & Oregon Land & Timber Company, of Minnesota, sold to the Clatsop Timber Company, of Iowa, a tract of 7692.36 acres of fir timber in sections three to 10, 15 to 22 and 30 of township six north, range six west.

The consideration was \$1,200,000. The property is located close to the eastern line of the county and is what is known as the Yeager district.

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