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UNLUCKY ON USED TALENT

The criticism to the effect that the Grande Ronde Chautauqua is playing used talent is not entirely fair, for it happened that just a little ill luck followed in the making up of the program. Stefansson was here last winter and his talk the other evening was a repetition of his reindeer meat story and other tales of the north. Skehill had been here before but he came with an entirely new message and his Russian talk was good.

Sunday afternoon the "fill-in" speaker was a hopeless failure, but that could not be avoided, for the original Hunt Cook was unable to make the circuit this year, so the fill-in gentleman was supplied as one of those emergencies which sometimes is quite necessary.

Many excellent features are included in this year's program and the mere fact that some of the talent has been used here before should not in any way condemn the program nor cause the slightest criticism.

Chautauqua is always worth while. It is the great extension school for everyone that meets under the trees, and amid the smell of coffee from the camp fire and violet perfume from the sweet young girl just going out in society, one hears the good thing of the world brought to you without any effort on your part.

COMMUNISM CANNOT SURVIVE

We listened last evening to Tom Skehill, Chautauqua lecturer, who discussed Russia. He told of the conditions in that country before the present revolution and there was little new in that phase of his talk, for every school boy had heard many times the bad part of the Czar's ruling. He did not tell the good of the Czar, and surely there was some good in the man who reached such world prominence, even though the bad was far greater than the good, yet there must have been some features of the Czar's administration worth while.

Skehill dealt chiefly with the present-day communism in Russia better known as Bolshevism. From information which he gained at first hand, while living with a Russian family in Petrograd, one is led to believe that a principle of government in some form, is being tried out by the Russian people.

From the iron heel of oppression to the steel heel of coercion and restraint in Russia's history, according to Skehill. In other words, the Czar ruled with an iron hand coupling the church and state, while Lenin and Trotsky rule with two iron hands, divorcing church and state but putting in place of the church the theory that communism is the correct principle of government, which will if successful make of Russia a land where individual effort shall pass because everyone will be working for the state and no inducement will be offered to any man who will do his work better, or accomplish more. Communism cannot survive.

DECIDING ON STREET LIGHTING

Everyone interested in La Grande's appearance should attend the city commission meeting tomorrow evening, for at that time the question of installing new street lights will come up and there should be a complete attendance of the business people and as many property owners as can attend.

Making changes in city affairs is not one man's duty nor obligation, nor three men's duties nor obligations—it is a matter of interest to everyone. If there is any good reason why La Grande should, during the present financial conditions take on the expense of eight or ten thousand dollars in order to improve and beautify the street lighting system, that reason should be spoken in open meeting Wednesday evening when the commission is in session.

If there is bound to be some changes anyway entailing a heavy expense in changing poles and wires—we say, if this is absolutely essential, then it might be economy and good judgment to go a little farther and install a system that would be beautiful as well as permanent.

With these two sides of the question barely touched, the Observer joins Postmaster Bragg who is chairman of the committee which is to get everyone out at tomorrow evening's meeting, and insists that the attendance be large, and that every person attend with the full determination to be heard on the subject. Remember, eight or ten thousand dollars just now is some money even to a corporation the size of La Grande. But if there is an expenditure to be made anyway, then remember the new lighting plan may be feasible.

THE GREATEST ENGINE

A current magazine, announcing an article to appear in an early issue, utters a few suggestive truths which not only inspire the reader to watch for the article but also to do a little thinking on his own account before it appears. The announcement reads:
"You have seen it often. It is a self-propelled engine of sea water and soap bubbles, with a gas engine that converts sugar into alcohol and bubbles it in a great many little cylinders. This engine has the best carburetor and oil system ever devised.
Give it plenty of clean gas, keep it clean, and shut it off ever so often to cool—and it will run for a lifetime, developing enormous power. And it is nearly fool-proof."
"This engine is yourself!"
Considering how carelessly it is treated, how frequently it is abused, how irregularly it is exercised or rested, and how ignorantly it is sometimes fed, the human body is far and away the greatest engine in the world. These are days in which this engine needs particularly good care. It shouldn't be fussed over and tinkered with. But the simple health rules which are available to all who are interested enough to look them up should be followed faithfully. Simple and sensible clothing, simple and non-beating

THE OFFICE CAT



—BY JUNIOR—

Possessions.

My poor old dog has got the fleas, he's got the jerks and palsied knees, he's got the mange and got the sneezes; but, still, he's mine. He's stiff as any baseball bat, he takes no interest in the cat, he doesn't know where he is at the greater time.

But, still, I spread his honor 'round, I praise his virtues through the town, I save him from the cruel pound, because he's mine.

I lie about my pointer rare, I lie about his glossy hair, I name his honor everywhere, because he's mine.

My dog is shabby and run down, he's never licked a dog in town, I am ashamed to trot him 'round, and yet, he's mine.

He hasn't got the pep to roam abroad in search of juicy bone, he loaf's away his time at home because he's mine.

And every day he gets three feeds, I cater to his earthly needs, it is a careful life he leads, because he's mine.

I let him loaf around the yard, a yard that he could never guard, while I go out and labor hard for me and mine.

It's funny what us chaps will do because possession tells us to; I guess I'd board a walrus, too, if it were mine.

I house a gang of hungry rats, a bunch of lousy, useless cats, and just about as useless brats, because they're mine.

—Mercy!

We have often felt that way about it, too, but what we started to tell you was that you can see this sign on a store in Brazil, Ind.:

PHONOGRAPHS.
The Dann Music Company.

A local Democrat says fortunately for Secretary Hughes, he found a copy of "The Complete Letter Writer" in the department of state.

Castor oil will never be a popular medicine until it is necessary to get a doctor's prescription and feel wicked about it.

"Dis heah cost of livin'," observed Mandy Morgan, "is gettin' somethin' awful! Would you believe me, a single ham done cost mah husband six months in jail!"

The Precocious Youngster.
When a foolish mother pets and fawns around a baby 'til it yawns,
Then picks it up ad patters thus:
"A henny" baby, dearie, cut!
Does it ain, pitise, oddings sink,
At it would like to have a drink?"
It does me good in every way,
To hear the pampered youngun say,
As if it was much bored: "I think,
Dear mother, I should like a drink."

One of our bustling young married ones says that next to the tragedy of having no corn cakes, the worst thing in the world is to have 'em and then be so late for work that you can't stop to eat 'em.

foods and beverages, some exercise in the open with plenty of regular sleep are about all the engine requires in the summer time.

"If you can run a car well, you can run your own engine equally well." If you try, of course.

The Vacationless Senate

The Senate almost voted itself a three weeks' vacation which was to take up the latter part of the month of July, but a few senators with active consciences decided that the nation's business was more important than the senators' vacation, and enough of them voted that way to keep the senate on the job.

It isn't any pleasanter for the national law makers to slobber in the heat of Washington than it is for any group of business men or others to slobber anywhere, and thoughts of a vacation are natural and human. But the fact remains that the Senate has been in session for months during which the weather was cool and comfortable, and in that time so small an amount of important legislation has been accomplished as to be almost negligible.

Meanwhile, the serious problems which confront the country are taking no vacation. The disabled soldiers who are still waiting for effective relief know no vacation from the illnesses and worries which surround them. Burdensome and onerous taxes go on. Business suffers. Reconstruction lags. Real peace is not attained. Little is done about big projects for developing American resources and opportunities.

When business is at a critical stage and the future dark, the good business man stays on the job. The senators who saw the nation's affairs and their own responsibilities in this light are to be commended.

MILK VALUABLE FOR STOCK FEED

Rapid Increase in Acreage in the Past Few Years.

Best and Surest Way to Improve Crop is for Each Farmer to Select Seed and Give Plant Good, Clean Cultivation.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Milk has long since passed the experimental stage as a farm crop in the southwestern United States, according to Farmers' bulletin No. 1147, recently issued by the United States Department of Agriculture. This is shown by the rapid increase in its acreage and value in the past 19 years. From approximately 25,000 acres in 1899, valued at \$200,000, the crop had increased in 1918 to 1,205,000 acres, valued at \$21,300,000, nearly fifty-fold in acreage and more than one hundred-fold in value. The increase in acreage in the ten years from 1909 to 1918, inclusive, has been rapid and substantial, totaling about 900,000 acres, with an added value of \$19,400,000.

Milk has not yet reached its economic limits in either acreage or production. These, it is said, should increase still further as the value and the adaptation of the crop are more generally understood. Many acres of land in the district where milk is adapted that are now used or devoted to other less profitable crops may be used to advantage by growing milk. The best and surest way to improve the crop is for each farmer to select his seed, prepare a good seedbed, and give the crop good, clean cultivation. Milk is used for feeding all kinds of stock. It may be used either as a grain ration or a roughage ration for horses and cattle. The use of the crop for silage is increasing. This silage is also used as food for man, milk meal being said to equal cornmeal either for separator use or in combination with wheat flour.

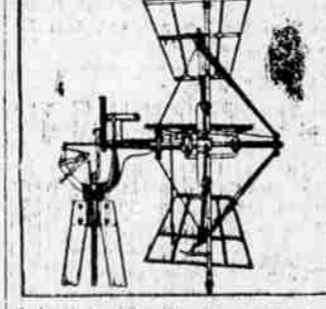
Detailed information concerning the varieties of milk and their proper cultivation, harvesting, storing and uses, are contained in a new bulletin, which may be had upon request of the United States Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C.

IMPROVEMENT OF WINDMILL

Means Provided for Constructing and Connecting Blades With Operating Mechanism.

The Scientific American in describing an improvement on a windmill, the invention of O. Olson of Ord, Neb., says:

An object of the invention is to provide means for constructing and



A View in Side Elevation With Certain Blades Removed for Clearness.

connecting the blades or vanes of a windmill with the operating mechanism. A further object is to provide means for preventing the windmill from becoming forced out of operation by a sudden blast of air. The windmill is so mounted as to obviate the necessity of a regulating valve, and is entirely automatic in its action.

IMPROVEMENT IN MARKETING

Important Fundamental Problem is Education of Public—Changes Must Be Gradual.

One of the important fundamental problems confronting marketing agencies, according to the bureau of markets, United States Department of Agriculture, is the education of the public to a point where it will generally realize that the present marketing system is a product of evolution; that improvements must be made gradually by changes in method and procedure and by eliminating specific recognized evils; that it is impossible to set up instantly a perfectly efficient and automatically operated marketing machine; or to cure all economic ills by legislation. The public must appreciate also why the specialists, that marketing is quite a search problem for the consumer as for the producer.

HELPS BLUE GRASS PASTURE

Drilling in Mixture of Red Clover, Alsike and White Clovers Good in Certain Fields.

In the case of rough blue grass pasture land which has stayed heavy in pasture and which should never be plowed, it is possible to get a little more feed per acre by going on the land in late March or early April with a disk drill and drilling in a mixture of red clover, alsike and white clover seed. In some cases it helps a great deal to go on with a disk harrow and tear the pasture up thoroughly.

The federal department of Justice is asking for the dissolution of the "cement trust." Wants to make concrete example of it.

"Iron Glad" HOSE for Children 39c

Summer Footwear

AT REDUCED PRICES

Clearance Sales of all Odd Lots and Broken Sizes

Many special values are available at this time, that save you from 20 per cent to 50 per cent on all broken lines. Many of the season's best Oxfords and Pumps cut below their actual cost.

There are Oxfords and Pumps in brown, black, grey and brown and White Sport Oxfords. All have low heels. Regular prices of these shoes were \$5.50, \$7.50, \$9.00 and \$9.50. There are all sizes and the entire lot is priced at \$5.00 while any remain.

Also there are Brown Oxfords and Strap Pumps. Nearly all are ARMSTRONG make. Our very best shoes, selling regularly for \$10.50, reduced now to \$7.25.

Many other items of unusual interest in our shoe department.

Children's and Misses
White Canvas
"KEDS"
39c per pair

Parents whose children each year wear these popular play shoes in white, will find an unusual opportunity here this week to buy several pairs for the price of one.

For lack of proper storage we cannot carry rubber goods over from one year to the next—hence the great sacrifice to clean this entire stock.

There are plenty of sizes for everyone from 5 1/2 to 3 1/2—a few white barefoot sandals are included in the lot, as well as a few pairs white button shoes.

Your choice of the entire stock while any remain at 39c pair.

36-inch LONSDALE
MUSLIN-TWILL
19c yd.

Hard to believe, yet true—this popular brand sells regularly for 35c yd. By buying large quantities in factory remnants we are able to offer it at nearly half its actual value.
Lonsdale Middie Twill 36c yd.

FANCY
SILK HOSE

Fancy lace, clocked and open work hosiery. Black, Brown and Gray, all sizes. Prices \$2.25 to \$4.00 pair.
Ask in our hosiery department.

POLITICAL HISTORY

July 12, 1789.—Battle of Catawba River.
July 12, 1804.—Alexander Hamilton died.
July 12, 1834.—George Eastman, manufacturer, born. The Eastman "Kodak" cameras.
July 12, 1864.—Engagement near Fort Stevens, Washington, D. C.
July 12, 1871.—Riots in Jersey City and New York.

Anyway, you've got to hand it to Congress on one thing. It's always getting ready to save money.

George M. Reynolds says the key to the business revival lies at home. Probably the trouble is that so many homes are flats.

Brig. Gen. Dawes composes violin music when he isn't working or swearing. He has written a "Melody in A Major" which Kreisler plays. We always said that fellow could make things hum.

It is reported that most of the workmen in Great Britain have been drinking unemployment pensions from the government. How long do they think it can last?

The National Woman's party is sending a commission abroad to study feminism. Isn't there enough of it in this country for observation purposes?

There is some effective slugging going on in the garden, too.

Round the County

A Little Bit of Everything Gleaned by the Observer About People and Things

Fence-Climbing Sure Test

There are many ways of testing the prowess of youth. About the surest test to apply on a man who seems along in years and says he is young, is to observe him as he climbs over a rail fence. If he has youth and sprightliness in him at all, it will surely crop out just at that moment. We applied this test on a man in Elgin the other day—and he made good. His name is Aire Rydman, and he is 72 years old. When a man gets to be 72 he generally discloses a stiff joint or two and a failure of muscle control about the time he climbs a rail fence. Mr. Rydman had been inspecting wheat fields and when it came time to leave, he approached, got on top, and over the rail enclosure a lot more gracefully and quicker than some of the young bucks with him. There was no creaking of joints. He has retained his youth remarkably. Mr. Rydman came here in 1854 and has made his home in this county continually since. When young he didn't ride in limousines, or even Fords, but he suffered the hardships of pioneer life, and hard work has been his middle name for a longer period of time than most young men of today are allowed to live. Yet he is husky, strong, healthy and nimble on his feet and can climb a rail fence gracefully.

Attempts to stabilize business seem to result mostly in stalling.

MEDICAL SOCIETY MEET TOMORROW

Physicians and surgeons of Eastern Oregon, as well as speakers and specialists from other sections of the Northwest, are gathering for the annual meeting of the Eastern Oregon District Medical Society at Hot Lake tomorrow. The day's strenuous program begins with surgical clinics for visiting doctors at the sanatorium at 7:30 a. m. Dr. M. K. Hall, of Portland and formerly of La Grande, is here today preparatory to going to Hot Lake tomorrow, where he appears as a speaker. The program for the day and the speakers follows:

Surgical clinics for visiting doctors, at 7:30 a. m.

10:00 a. m.—Meeting called to order at Hot Lake, Oregon, by President W. T. Phyll. Surgery of the Stomach, M. K. Hall, Portland; Discussion, J. J. Barlett, Baker, Oregon; X-Ray Diagnosis, Frederick E. Diemer, Portland; Discussion, W. A. Smith, Hot Lake.

12:00 m.—Luncheon.

1:30 p. m.—Business Meeting; Election of officers, etc.; Tubular Epididymitis, H. W. Howard, Portland; Discussion, F. E. Boyden, Pendleton; Importance of follow up system in Gynecological Operations, Francis Rose, Spokane; Discussion, Jno. A. Reuter, The Dalles.

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Save Your Eyes

The man of sense is he who best preserves those faculties with which nature has endowed him. Glasses are not an evidence of weak mind, but rather of strong intellect. In this day of conservation, men and women of strength, both mental and physical, wear them for preservation of nerve force and vitality, as much as for betterment of vision. Those at the forefront in worth while work are using every possible means to keep themselves fit and efficient and no man can be efficient with defective eyes uncorrected.

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