



"YOU SAY LAMB CHOPS ARE FIFTEEN CENTS A POUND! IT'S AN OUTRAGE. YOU BUTCHERS ARE HIGHWAY ROBBERS."

IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS

CHARACTER SKETCHES BY A. RUSSELL



"MARY, MY EGGS ARE TOO SOFT. HOW OFTEN HAVE I TOLD YOU I WANT THEM MEDIUM!" "I'M SO SORRY, BOSS. I'LL BE MORE CAREFUL NEXT TIME. WE HAVE WASHDAY AND I HAD TO MIND THE BABY AND—"



"YES, IT'S READY MADE AND I PAID TWELVE-FIFTY FOR IT AND THESE SWELL TAILORS ARE ASKING \$25 AND \$30 FOR SUITS NOT A BIT BETTER."



"MISS DUNN, THERE ARE TWO WORDS MISPELLED IN THIS LETTER. WHAT'S THE MATTER?" "OH, PLEASE, MR. HARD, DON'T DISCHARGE ME. I'LL NEVER GET ANOTHER JOB."



"HERE, BOYS, GET A MOVE ON AND FINISH THIS JOB—YOU DON'T THINK I'M PAYING YOU THREE DOLLARS A DAY TO REST YOURSELVES, DO YOU?"



"AH GETS SIX BITS A DAY AN' AH JES LOVES TO WASH CLO'S FOR MAH MISSUS."



"YESSUM, BROILERS TWO FER A QUARTER, FRYIN' SIZE TWENTY CENTS A PIECE—NOT A NICKEL CHEAPER—AN' EF CITY FOLKS HAD TO RAISE 'EM, THEY WOULDN'T KICK ON THE PRICE."



"WHAT WILL YOU HAVE, RYE OR SCOTCH?" "I'LL TAKE A COGNAC IF IT'S ALL THE SAME TO YOU. MY DINNER DIDN'T DIGEST AND THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A COGNAC TO TUNE UP YOUR STOMACH."



"IT USED TO BE SHOCKING, THE DISPLAY OF A STOCKING, BUT NOW, IF YOU PLEASE, IT'S BOTH ANKLE AND KNEES."



"WHY, CERTAINLY, I'LL ALLOW YOU A MONTH'S RENT. AND—WELL, YES, I'LL PAY FOR THE MOVING. WE ARE ALWAYS GLAD TO GET DESIRABLE TENANTS."



"DEAREST, MY ALLOWANCE IS ENTIRELY TOO LARGE. HERE'S FIFTEEN DOLLARS BACK." "BUT THEN THIS NEVER DID HAPPEN, EVEN IN THE '90S."

EASTERN PEOPLE VISIT THERE

NORTH POWDER, Aug. 10.—(Special.)—Mrs. Dean Olson, of Hunting ton, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. E. C. Dahlstrom, this week.

Robert Reardon of Haines is spending the week with Kevin Laughlin.

R. F. Williams and wife and Mrs. E. J. Moore visited friends in Menah an a few days last week.

James Dalton and wife have returned to their home at Oak Farm, after spending several days at this place.

Floyd Walk and family, Fred Gardner and wife, of this city, and Walter McGrath and family, of Union, have been camping in the mountains for a few days.

Mrs. Robert Palmer and daughter Fern, of Baker, have been visiting at the home of her brother, L. B. Russell, and family.

Mrs. Herman White and Mrs. Bob Hoover and children left Saturday for a few days' summer at Wallawa Lake. They will stop at the home of Mrs. Johnson and wife, at Lostine, before their return home.

Miss Lucille Pfaff, of Portland, is spending the week with Miss Inez Johnson.

Albert White, who has been seriously ill for the past few days, has been taken to a Portland hospital for an operation.

L. B. Russell and family and Miss Edna Duncan visited relatives in Baker Friday.

L. McGregor, of Bonanza, Calif., is here looking after business interests.

Chas. Hutchinson and family have returned from Yellow Pine Park. They also visited relatives in Pette, Mont., on their trip.

Attorney Henry Hesse is transacting business in La Grande this week.

Cyrus Jones and wife, of Paoli, Ind., are here for an extended visit with Mr. Jones' brother, Walter Jones and family.

Luther Moore took a cough of rest to Portland Saturday.

Ed Augustus, of Richland, was called on relatives here Sunday.

W. A. Huddelson returned from Portland Sunday, where he had been spending the week with the Bayers. Miss Lucille remained in Salem for a longer visit with her grandparents, A. B. Huddelson and wife.

O. H. Sloan and wife had for their Sunday dinner guests Cyrus Jones and wife, of Paoli, Ind., Mrs. Chas. Stiger of Baker, and Walter Jones and family, of this city.

Mrs. Sadie Braxton and Mrs. Sarah Cordinger spent Sunday and Monday in La Grande.

Rev. Geo. Archer and family are spending two weeks in the mountains.

Harley Laughlin met with a very painful accident Saturday, when he caught his foot in a combine thrasher breaking several bones. He was taken to Hot Lake for medical treatment.

THRESHERS WILL START AT COVE

COVE, Ore., Aug. 9. (Special.)—Miss Frances Troy of Pleasant Valley is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. L. Becker.

Mrs. Herbert Van Gordon and children were guests at the L. V. Johnson home on Saturday.

Miss Hattie Wall of Elgin spent last week with her sister, Mrs. A. L. Heavilly.

Geo. Baker underwent a serious operation at Hot Lake last Friday.

Georgia Gassett and June Chadwick visited in La Grande Friday.

Miss Mabel Gibson visited at the Geo. Chadwick home Sunday. Miss Gibson will teach the Minnie school again this year.

Leonard Love and Guy Butler left Sunday night for Milton.

The Epworth League delegation to Wallawa Lake returned from a very enjoyable trip the forepart of the week.

Farmers are busy in the harvest field, the threshing machines are planning on starting this week.

MOUNTAIN ROADS IN FAIR CONDITION

Although many complaints have been heard from tourists about the roads between this city and Pendleton, in the opinion of Frank Hilton, who returned yesterday from a trip to Portland with Mrs. Hilton and Al Daniels and Mrs. Daniels, the roads between here and Pendleton are better than at this time of year in the past.

About 22 miles on the Umatilla side of the road is finished and that more than makes up for the bad stretches met with along other sections.

Tourists used to the paved roads have much trouble, Hilton says, and his party passed many parties that were having a hard time making headway and it is due to their party passing so many auto parties along the mountain road that they made the good time they made in the trip down last week, ten hours being the running time. An hour could be shaved off easily from this time, Hilton believes.

New Weapon for War on Rats. The exhaust of an automobile has been successfully used in driving away rats which resisted all previous efforts. The gas was turned into one of the rat holes and the rodents smothered out of others.

Candy—A Food. Candy has long since passed out of the class of unnecessary luxuries. It is everywhere recognized now for its food value. Pure sugar contains a large number of calories. When candy is made of pure cane sugar and chocolate it becomes concentrated in its food values and extremely beneficial. This is the kind of candy that Al Cain makes at The Palace. You can buy it in boxes or in bulk.

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GAME BIRDS ARE MANY OVER STATE

China pheasants and bob white quail will be much more plentiful in the Willamette valley this season than for many years, according to A. G. Burghdoff, state game warden. The pheasants will be plentiful also in Union and Umatilla counties, according to reports which state that there are thousands of the birds in that locality.

The open season for the pheasants in the district west of the Cascade mountains will be October 15 to 31 inclusive.

"We feel that the shortened season in effect this year will tend to keep the pheasants increasing until they eventually will reach the number here before promiscuous hunting was allowed," said Mr. Burghdoff yesterday.

"This will not be possible, however, unless the short season is continued."

The present favorable condition was brought about by releasing birds from the game farm last year after the closed season, so that all have a chance to propagate before the open hunting season. Three thousand birds were released February and March of this year just before the nesting season.

The open season in Union, Umatilla, Baker, Grant, Malheur and Wallawa counties is from the first Sunday to the second Sunday in October inclusive. In Hood River and Wasco counties, the season is from November 1 to November 10, inclusive. Other parts of Eastern Oregon have no open season on China pheasants.

The limit on birds will be the same this season as last, five on any one day and 10 during any seven consecutive days, provided that not more than three female birds may be killed in any seven consecutive days.

There will be no open season on pheasants in Tillamook and Clatsop counties, when an attempt has been made for several years to get the pheasants started. Game Warden Adams reports that in certain sections of Coos and Curry counties the pheasants are showing an increase although it has been doubtful if they could be started on account of wild cats, which prey on the young birds.

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mitments. Unthinking optimism and blind confidence have given way to reasoned perspective. The attitude toward the development of foreign trade shows an open mind. Several contributors counsel long credits if arrangements can be made to insure the risk. Several say they are doing a good export business, but these are concerns long established and they deal in commodities or

which there has always been an exportable surplus.

The spirit of the letters from contributors is good. There is shown an understanding of conditions with no pessimism and a calm confidence that time is the remedy. The fall of 1922 is given usually as the time when business activities will become general and the turn toward real prosperity will be made.

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