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The Automatic Teller

A big banking concern in one of the eastern cities is installing "automatic receiving tellers" in the schools, factories and workshops of the community in an attempt to interest children and salaried workers in very small savings.

The "teller" is a slot machine which looks like a cash register. The front is divided into slides for receiving coins from one cent to a quarter in value. The coin is placed on the slide, the slide pushed in and in return the depositor receives a stamp recording the value of his deposit. He pastes the stamp on a card reminiscent of a thrift stamp card. As soon as he has accumulated a dollar's worth of stamps the thrifty one takes them to the bank and is given credit for the amount in a regulation bank book. Or, if he prefers, he may draw the equivalent of his stamps in cash. Of course the bank urges that the deposit be left as savings to draw interest.

The war time habit of small savings is liable to die a violent death, what with hard times and declining incomes. Perhaps the automatic teller can prevent such a catastrophe. At least the fact that savings may be begun with a penny or a nickel is in its favor.

THE OFFICE CAT



WAITERS' SLANG

"Mutton with plenty of gravy in a hurry," says the customer, Baabaz in the rain! Make him run," shouts the waiter.
"Beefsteak and onions," says the customer. "John Ball! Make him a gummy!" shouts the waiter.
"Where's my baked potatoes?" asked the customer. "Mrs. Murphy in a scushkin coat!" shouts the waiter.
"Two fried eggs!" don't fry 'em too hard," says a customer. "Adam and Eve in the garden. Leave their eyes open," shouts the waiter.
"Peaches on toast," says the customer. "Bride and groom on the raft in the middle of the ocean," shouts the waiter.
"Chicken croquettes," says the customer. "Fowl ball!" shouts the waiter.
"Hash," says the customer. "Gentleman want to take a chance!" shouts the waiter.
"I'll have hash, too," says the next customer. "Another sport," shouts the waiter.
"Glass of milk," says a customer. "Let it rain," shouts the waiter.
"Frankfurters and sauerkraut, good and hot," says a customer. "Plo. Shep and a bale of hay," shouts the waiter, "and let 'em sizzle."
"Ham and Eggs," says a customer. "Two cackles and a grunt," says the waiter.
"Cut of coffee," says the customer. "Shot in the arm," yells waiter.

Governor Small says the corporations are to blame for his troubles, and the public says "shucks." A wise man may play the fool, but the fool can't play the wise man and expect an audience.
Lagrande Lover: "Artists say five feet four is the divine height."
She (crossly): "Darling, you know that I am five feet nine."
La Grande Lover: "You are more than divine."
EP. I. TAPP
The gasoline would not ignite. To pull the trigger loaded; A cigarette he paused to light. And then the tank exploded.
A NEW VERSION
Men are either anvil or hammer—them that ain't bellows.
"It's funny," said an Observer reader this morning, "but every one in a while we run across a person who can't write prose, but who is blamable sure he write poetry. They ought to be in jail with blow awnings over the windows."
WHO KNOWS?
Two beans lost all their clothes—And didn't know where to find 'em. Leave 'em a tone, for they're far from home.
With a couple of holoes inside 'em.
Much has been said about the freedom of the press. Does this mean that one can make his own editor? asks a man out in Inblier.
The automobile is going to abolish the little red schoolhouse. Meantime it is not necessary to abolish the school children.
The report that ears are coming into style turns out to be a fashion note and has no reference, as we hoped it might have, to the green corn crop.
Imprints.
Every thought and every action Of the hand or of the brain Leaves an impress, no retraction. 'Twill forevermore remain.
As the insect builds the island, Mite by mite and grain by grain Thus our characters are founded—From all evil then refrain.
—GRACE ROSE, Starkey, Ore.

Davy Rose of Starkey, aged 4, ran into the house the other day and screamed for his mother to come as sister had her hind leg caught in the fence. When Mrs. Rose arrived sure enough sister was hanging by one knee between the pickets on the fence. Davy's experience with stock in that country prompted him to think of the hind leg.

25c a Pint or 50c a Quart.
These prices of the very best ice cream that can be made is what Al Cain is serving and will be selling ice cream in the future. These are the best prices that have been made on the Pacific Coast in years past. Al also says their candy business is more than double what it was a year ago and the quality of candy they are making was never better at The Palace.

Fountain Pens and Eversharp.

Fountain Pens and a new Eversharp pen are being sold at Silverthorn's for school use at a very small price.

ARTIC MAY BE OIL BONANZA

Tract of Alaska, Considered Worthless May Be one of Richest Oil Finds in Years.

NOME, Alaska, Sept. 8.—Possibility of developing a supply of oil with in the Arctic Circle is indicated as reports received here continue to describe the apparent scope of the oil field believed to extend from Wainwright Inlet and Point Barrow, Alaska, to the eastward. A vast area of Alaska hitherto considered worthless may prove the most productive part of the territory, according to prospectors' reports.

The first definite information was brought to Nome in August by a prospecting party headed by R. D. Adams. This party reported that oil-bearing formations stretched from the coast to the western boundary of Alaska, where they seemed to merge into the Fort Norman Oil development on the Mackenzie.

The heaviest oil seepages were found near Cape Simpson, on the Arctic coast, east of Point Barrow, where the Adams party staked claims. The seepages occurred on several barren hills. On one the oil was seen to rise at a point near the top and flow downward into a lake. So conspicuous was this seepage that it could be discerned plainly at a great distance.

The most peculiar thing about these seepages, according to Mr. Adams, is their variety. They run variously: dark green, bright yellow and dark brown. The party collected fifty gallons to be shipped to San Francisco for chemical analysis.

Mr. Adams, while optimistic over the prospect of establishing producing fields, pointed out that only intense geological work and numerous test wells would locate the main sources. Even then, he added, there would be the difficult problem of transportation, which, however, need not be insurmountable.

Two Standard Oil parties from California put in the summer exploring some of the territory covered by the Adams party, and made similar reports of conditions. Since, five years ago, a teacher reported a "lake of oil" near Point Barrow, and natives added more startling details to the story, there had been sporadic prospecting for oil north of Nome.

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NOT ALLOWED TO TESTIFY

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automobile wreck on the Pacific highway, which gave rise to the whole affair.

This was the assertion of H. J. Forsythe of the O. W. and I. Airplane company, who arrived on the scene of the automobile wreck near New Era a few moments after the Smith machine, containing several sacks of whiskey, had crashed into a ditch seriously wounding Dr. Graham.

"Smith told me he had picked up Dr. Graham at Albany and was giving him a lift to Portland, Forsythe said. "Smith tried to break away and after I had phoned for the sheriff, and I had to hold him in the point of my gun. Smith offered me \$150 in cash, which he declared he had on his person, to let him go."

A Magnificent Lunch.

The best coffee that can be made for a cup is served with all lunches from 11:30 to 1:30 p. m. each day at The Palace. Just drop in on Al Cain at lunch time and let him prove all this to you.

READ THE OBSERVER WANT ADS

HOMESEEKERS ON THE WAY

Portland Tells La Grande to Get Ready for Middle States Folk.

Although on a much reduced scale, and culled of sightseeing elements as much as possible, the middle-western excursion of Oregon homeseekers will be in La Grande on the evening of September 24, if there is no further postponement of the trip. This is the word received from Portland this morning.

Instead of a special train the party will be transported in Pullmans attached to regular trains. The schedule calls for their arrival in La Grande late Saturday evening, and departure Sunday evening.

Careful plans had been laid for their coming last spring, but the reduced numbers and the new dates require a new program of entertainment here, which will be devised by joint efforts of the Realty Board and the Ad Club.

It is not expected that the number will be over 50.

ELGIN PREPARES FOR RACE MEET

Racing, Roping and Wild West Stunts Arranged for a Good Program.

ELGIN, Sept. 8.—(Special.)—Preparations are under way for one of the big events of the county to take place in Elgin on September 17 and 18 when some of the best ropers and riders will assemble for the competition in skill which will be shown during the wild west show for the two dates named.

Racing, roping and wild west events, including straightaways, relays, Roman, ladies and gents saddle horse races, steer roping and bucking horse riding. Liberal purses have been offered and the whole town of Elgin is behind the show with all the energy the people possess.

Meat Importations From China.

Chinese meats imported into this country consist of hams and sausage. The hams are cured in a manner similar to ours, have a peculiar color, are small, and of poor quality, judged by American tastes. The sausage is prepared from pork and is about the size of a thin frankfurter, is hard and oily, and has an odor pronounced unpleasant to the occidental nose. These products are consumed extensively by the Chinese, who consider them quite a delicacy.

Concerning Wood Dreams

To dream you are in the woods signifies wealth. To dream of a woodcutter denotes good luck. To dream of a woodman signifies embarrassment. To dream of woodcutter shows signifies a hasty journey. To dream of a wood snake denotes slanders. To dream of wooden spoons shows an arrogant and hard-hearted neighbor. To dream of a woodpile shows a man in love with some afflicted woman. To dream you are in a woodyard denotes a happy change of fortune.

Flag Day Observed Since 1893.

Flag day, June 14, is the anniversary of the adoption of the Stars and Stripes by the continental congress in 1777. The day has been more or less observed since 1893. In that year George B. Hoar, a New York teacher, commemorated the birth of the flag with special patriotic exercises by his kindergarten pupils. Patriotic societies took up the observance and Flag day has become well established.

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



SHIPPING BUCKS BY TRUCK LOAD

Range Horses in Starkey Prairie Being Taken to the Winter Quarters.

STARKEY, Sept. 8.—(Special.)—James S. Dell, nephew of J. S. Rose, has returned to Nampa, Idaho where he is employed on the Short Line as brakeman. He has been visiting for the month in Starkey and likes this country very much.

After a few days visit with friends here Walter Kirk, wife and baby son Verne Gene, have returned to Meadow Ranger Station.

Smythe Brothers of Pendleton, who have sheep on this range, sent out two truck loads of bucks to their summer range Sunday.

Mrs. Jack Starkey, Mrs. John Wells and little son John Jr. and Mrs. Thornberg and son Alvin visited at the Rose home Sunday afternoon.

A very pleasant gathering of friends indulged in a musical party and lunch at the home of Mrs. John Wells Monday night in honor of her birthday. The event was a pleasant one and a good time was enjoyed by everyone present.

Ralph L. Sullivan and Tom Rose started Monday for Pendleton with a bunch of pasture horses. The horses are in fine condition. Ralph has three hundred head of stock on the range in this section.

BULLETINS

PORTLAND, Sept. 8.—Wage reduction for common laborers of the Portland Railway, Light and Power Co., ranging from sixty cents to \$1.20 a day, according to length of service of the employee was decided upon today by an arbitration board. The scale has been \$4.49 for eight hours. Under the new award laborers in service for more than one year will receive \$3.99 a day and those less than six months \$3.29 a day. The new scale affects less than 500 employees.

SOVIET DECLINES.

MOSCOW, Sept. 8.—The Russian Soviet government today declined to permit the International Russian Relief Commission recently appointed by the Allied Supreme Council to investigate Russian conditions preparatory to aiding in the famine relief.

OBSERVER WANT ADS GET RESULTS.

FAIR EXHIBITS ARE PREPARED

Union County Will Have Exhibition of Many Products; Home-Grown Peppers Among Exhibits.

Harry Avery, county agent, has been busy during the past several weeks preparing the Union county state fair exhibits and has practically completed the exhibit and has also many other exhibits ready and many more will probably be prepared before the exhibits are shipped to Salem about September 20.

Mr. Avery announced this morning that all farmers having samples of grain, vegetables or other products that they wish to exhibit should notify him immediately so that he can make arrangements to take care of the exhibits and examine them to see if they can be used.

The predominant note in Union county's exhibit will be a diversity of products. There will be many products on exhibition that are generally not believed to do well in this part of the country. Harry Swartz expects to exhibit some of the red pepper plants he raised this year. This is one of the garden crops that is said not to do well here but Mr. Swartz has proven that the Grande Ronde valley will raise peppers that are as good as any raised on the coast.

FUNERAL TO BE HELD FRIDAY

George E. Stansfield Passed Away at his Home Yesterday Afternoon.

George E. Stansfield passed away at his home, 1003 Y Ave., Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. He had been an sufferer from dropsy and heart leakage for the past eight years but had been apparently better for the past three or four months, so his death was unexpected and a great shock to his family and friends.

George Elsworth Stansfield was born in Ohio, August 1, 1861. He resided there until his 19th year, when he moved to Trinidad, Colo., where he lived for two years. Then he moved to Carbon, Wyo., where he was employed by the Union Pacific Coal Co. as foreman of their mines for a period of ten years. From there he moved to Cumberland, Wyo., where he was in business until 1910, when he came to La Grande, where he has resided since. He was engaged in the grocery business in La Grande for a number of years but retired on account of his health.

He was married in Carbon, Wyo., to Miss Olive Gardner, August 19, 1885, and to this union five children were born, three of whom, with the widow are left to mourn his loss. They are Wm. A. and Chas. Dewey and Mrs. Oscar Humphries, all of this city, also five grandchildren and a sister, Lizzie Stansfield, who has made her home with them for the past twenty years. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge. This order will have charge of the funeral, which will be held from the Henry Chapel at 2:30 Friday afternoon.

Independent Oil Has Hard Time Against the Trust, Says Senator

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Sept. 8.—Charges the Mexican petroleum is being played against honor production of oil by monopolistic interests and that the outlook for the independent oil producers is not promising, were made in an address by Senator J. W. Harrel of Oklahoma here Tuesday night.

He declared he believed "monopolistic interests are hiding bankruptcy filing the man who is not connected with the large interests."

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Live Stock Breeding

Following the banquet at Union a few days ago when the subject of better milk strain cattle was discussed and Dr. W. T. Fly owner of the Hot Lake Holstein herd, made some very pointed and appropriate remarks about breeding for milk, or breeding for beef, but sticking to one or the other, the Boise Idaho Statesman, arguing the same point, prints the following editorial, which will be of value to all who are interested.

"Efficiency," says our dictionary, "is the ratio of the energy or work that is got out of a machine to the energy put in." We put so much coal energy into a steam engine and get out so much power at the drive wheel, and the engine which gives us most power per ton of coal is most efficient. We put so much water power through a generating plant and get out so much electricity, and the generating plant that gives us most electrical power from our available water power is most efficient.

"But efficiency applies to cows as well as to machines. We put so much hay, grain and water into one animal and get out so much butterfat or milk, if it is a beef animal, so much meat. The animal which produces most butterfat or most meat on a given quantity of hay is most efficient. And those who experiment with such things are telling us in these days that efficiency is a matter of breeding. That is why cattlemen are getting thoroughbred bulls, and sheep men thoroughbred rams for use on the range. That is why dairymen are careful to have only pure bred animals in their herds."

"Idaho farmers have had many demonstrations of the effect of breeding upon efficient production of milk, beef, mutton and wool. They will have some more at the state fair, where some of the best examples of Idaho stock will be exhibited and records compared. But the phenomenon of efficiency is not local at all; farmers are talking of the connection between efficiency and breeding everywhere from the hills of New England to the ranges of California."

"Here, for an interesting example of what others say, is an editorial from the Rockford (Ill.) Register Gazette:

"People in the cities who see references to sales of blooded stock in the country probably do not perceive that that is a matter of immediate concern to them. They are interested, however, in having farm production handled with good economic results. Pure bred livestock is not only more profitable to handle, to have to raise, to sell, but it is raised at less cost than ordinary stock. It has been determined by careful trials at the experiment stations that pure bred stock as a class makes gains in weight at less cost than the scrubs."

"This is shown strikingly in dairying, but the examples in all lines of livestock tell the same story. An example was given by W. S. Cora at the recent Lovejoy sale of Berkshires. The Cora herd was started by good blood from the Lovejoy herd and has had frequent reinforcement from the same source since. It was stated by Mr. Cora that of the nine loads of Berkshires shipped by him to the Chicago market this season eight sold at the top price of the day. The choicest offerings never have to wait for a buyer either. It is a frequent occurrence that only one load out of several hundred makes the top price."

"It is not surprising to us when the prospective purchaser of an automobile seeks a car that will give him more miles per dollar of expense or most comfort per dollar of outlay. Nor should it be surprising that the farmer who is raising hams, beef steaks, mutton chops or pounds of butter should choose for his work the equipment that will give him most production per dollar of expense. It is just good sense, this matter of good breeding."

When Western Union business gets dull in Portland, all the manager has to do is to get a tip from Washington that the shipping board is not totting fare, and business picks up at the local office immediately.

Recently Leonard Wood thought this time he had the appointment grabbed, and with peace conferences being held there might not be much use for a military man, so he will govern the Philippines.

The Congressmen are taking a vacation. They need rest and change. The country will provide the change—and Congress will take the rest.

Safety for the School Bus

All over the country the school buses are starting out upon their winter's work of conveying the pupils to and from the centralized schools. Wherever such a conveyance is in operation there should be a campaign for especially careful driving and for the utmost vigilance at cross-roads and railway crossings.

Every year the chronicles of accidents include some of more or less serious degree to the school buses. These, like the vast percentage of accidents of all kinds, are mostly avoidable. A little more time and a little more care, a little more watchfulness would have saved minor accidents and perhaps lives.

The care of the school children does not rest wholly with the driver with whom the children are riding, either. It rests upon every motorist, railway engineer and motorman of suburban cars along the rural routes. Even the driver of a farm house has his share of responsibility for the safe conduct of these little children of the public.

The Kansas-Oklahoma-Missouri crowd shows they have not forgotten their old training at speaking pieces and singing songs, judging from the fine program delivered at their recent picnic in the park. Wonder if those Kansans have forgotten how to eat corn bread and sorghum molasses.

Iowa got a bunch of weather recently including a tornado, killing lightning and a cold rain. But who would want to live in Iowa anyway. Billy J. Ilson has gone back on the old state.

When a Grande Ronde six-horse hitch comes down the street no Packard, Locomobile, Cadillac or Pierce Arrow can divert the gaze and admiration of the people.

Editor Chapman of the Oregon Voter, having cut loose from other than sure-things events, still clings to his expression, "if Portland is to hold her fair in 1925."

Labor Day is going to mean more to La Grande in the future than it ever has in the past. The celebration was everybody's celebration, just as it should have been.

That Paris duke who sued his shimmy wife for a divorce need not come to La Grande for a second wife, because the girls can shimmy that poor French girl clear off the floor.

The girl that walked in her sleep at Seaside, stepped into the Pacific ocean but aroused from her slumbers too late and was drowned.

After three years of talk and the prospect of a good deal more this ought to be a sound peace.

COAL MINERS TO CONTINUE MARCH

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Wednesday night, prepared to march on this city and Roseburg Thursday, leaders of the men told an Associated Press correspondent who located their camp Wednesday.

Reinforcements on the way from the coal fields will bring the invading army to more than 1000 men, it was said.

Deputy sheriffs and private detectives clashed with the outposts of the miners, who held up two trucks and three men at the creek ford on the Harrisburg road shortly before 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The miners retreated, leaving four prisoners and three automobiles in the officers' hands.

The Associated Press correspondent, who had circled around the armed bands and approached from the rear, was waiting to be escorted to Harrisburg by five armed men when the fight occurred. Four armed men who were in the fight were picked up at they retreated. They said two of their men had been shot and four others were unaccounted for.

Sheriffs Deny Report.

The deputy sheriffs denied that any one was hurt.

A score of deputies and detectives met 15 miners in three cars at the ford, they said, and fired a few shots in the air as a signal for the men to surrender. Four surrendered and the others abandoned their cars and took to the woods without firing a shot.

Two of the four prisoners are from Harrisburg and one from Kan-

IT'S NOT THE FIRST COST, IT'S THE UPKEEP

