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A Sorrowful Tragedy

One of La Grande's bright, energetic boys, Neal Smith, is dead, due to an accident while hunting. The outside world will read this bit of news with scarcely a passing thought, but in La Grande it is one of the most sorrowful things that has happened in years.

Neal was a fine fellow. His mother had raised him to manhood and he made good in every way. His life was clear and honorable; he was a coming fellow and was on his toes, so to speak, ready to go at all times. In his books he was well along and his home life was model.

The Observer offers no criticism of the accident—it was just one of those that happen in countries where people hunt and use firearms. The young man whose gun accidentally delivered the fatal shot is shaken with grief.

Today we lay Neal to rest, and with him the bright hopes and winsome personality of a fine young American. Sad, so sad, for this community to lose him in the heyday of youth, in the fulness of his manly charm.

A Flock of Birds

A naturalist calls attention to the remarkable "flock consciousness" of migrating birds. He is impressed by the conduct of the red-winged blackbirds on their autumn pilgrimage southward. During the summer, he explains, the birds are extreme individualists. Each one goes about his business, making a lot of noise and ignoring his fellows. But when fall comes, these scattered individualists assemble and are transformed in their manner of life. They cease their clatter, and each becomes a conscious part of something far bigger than himself. They act like a well disciplined army, but their collective action is more spontaneous and perfect than that of any human army.

"What," asks the naturalist, "is the power that stirs every blackbird of a flock of hundreds to arise at precisely the same instant? What is the command that moves each bird to take exactly the same course? What is the power that directs all of them to go, in compact mass formation, in precisely the same direction? There is never any hesitation, any confusion. The flock is not only inseparable and indivisible, it is also utterly unruffled and unharried."

"Instinct," he insists, does not explain it. "Instinct means anything or nothing. It is the closest naturalist's handy nostrum which he applies to all things which are beyond his comprehension. There is something more than instinct in the September maneuvers of the blackbirds. There is intelligence of a high order. There is communication and there is regulation. It is all beyond human ken."

Man is by no means superior to other creatures in all things. Here is an instance where birds are plainly superior to men, in power of mass action and effective co-operation. If mankind, in this chilly autumn of human affairs, could only act with the same high intelligence as the blackbirds, moving all together, without noise or confusion, like them we might reach the desired goal.

Disarmament Hopes Grow

By an almost unanimous vote the World's Methodist Conference, in London, recently adopted a resolution which is to be presented to every government participating in the coming Washington conference on limitation of armaments. The resolution calls for international disarmament and abolition of war. It reads in part:

"We believe that our statesmen can [illegible] that a way for the settlement of international differences by other means than armaments of war.

"We therefore [illegible] the Christian [illegible] must be the final court of appeal for differences [illegible] not by human slaughter.

"No word [illegible] could not deed under [illegible] to relieve the world of its [illegible] and the threat of war."

The Conference spoke, [illegible], only for its 32,000,000 followers. Actually it spoke for many millions more, for as the time for the conference draws nearer it becomes daily more clear that the great mass of humanity kind is eager for the reduction of armaments. Aside from the humane reason, which is concerned chiefly with stopping the suffering and misery caused by war, there are many so-called practical reasons—economic, commercial, industrial and social. Nothing but blundering, fear and greed can hold back disarmament, and they can not do so for long.

Tte Immigration Muddle

Cruelty and lack of common sense in enforcing the immigration laws at the ports of entry have been charged by Congressman Isaac Siegel, who is actively interested in immigration problems.

Mr. Siegel points out many cases in which he finds a lack of sensible interpretation of the laws, and has called the President's attention to the situation. The President believes that the principal fault lies with the steamship companies, which encourage immigrants to embark although knowing that the quota is likely to be exceeded.

A move toward straightening out the tangle was made recently in an order to the U. S. consuls in Europe to suspend the issuance of passports to immigrants when the number issued approaches the quota permitted. Pursuance of this course will allow a leeway to cover cases held in detention on this side because their quota has been filled.

Unless there is continuous contact and definite understanding between authorities in this country and those in Europe on all immigration questions, nothing can prevent the repetition of deportatons and detentions which best never have occurred.

If the steamship companies are doing their share to muddle matters they should be brought to time, even if this involves sevocation of their licenses.

John Shell, celebrating his 102nd birthday, complained that he didn't feel quite so fit as usual. The man plainly needs a vacation. He hasn't taken one for a century or so, and it's the last hundred years that are the hardest.

BOXING DISPLACES DANCING

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 20—Repairs and changes are being made at Dreamland Rink, long the home of boxing in San Francisco, and in a short time the building will again be used for bouts, after a long period of idleness. A new floor ventilating system, special lighting system, and new seating arrangements are being placed in the building.

WORKMEN REGISTER.

VLADIVOSTOK, Sept. 20—Ten thousand workmen with their families have already registered with the Labor Minister for repatriation to Soviet Russia, J. L. Littauer, Minister of Labor, has announced.

Mr. Littauer said that transportation of those desirous of returning to Russia requires some three to four thousand gold rubles monthly and that facilities for passage on the Ussuri railway have been granted.

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IN THE OLD HOME TOWN

THE TEAM CAME OVER FROM HOOTSTOWN LAST NIGHT AND PUT THE WORK ON FOR COUNCIL NUMBER 32 —A NICE LUNCH WAS SERVED.

THE OFFICE CAT

—By JUNIUS—

We lamped the following advertisement recently in a Dover, (N. J.) paper.

FOR SALE
One Ford car with piston ring,
Two rear wheels, one front spring.
Has no fenders, seat of plank
Burns lots of gas and is hard to crank.
Carburetor busted; half way thru;
Engine missing, hits on two
Three years old, four in spring
Has shock absorbers and everything.
Radiator busted, sure does leak;
Differential dry, you can hear it squeak.
Ten spokes missing, front all bent,
Tires blown out, ain't worth a cent,
Got lots of speed, runs like the deuce,
Burns either gas or tobacco juice.
Tires all off, been run on rim,
But a darned good Ford for the shape it's in.

The wrist watch is a great traveler. It has traveled from the wrist to the ankle and is now as far as the knee.

Nowadays things move so rapidly that the man who says "it can't be done" is interrupted by someone doing it.

We Christen Thee
"BLINKETY BLANK"

The open muffler dingsumpus affectionately dubs his amount "Betsy" or the like. Everybody else, however, calls it and him other names.

Jack Dempsey draws the color line. He will not engage in a contest in the prize ring with any dark-skinned competitor. Jack Johnson included. In the matter of complexion Dempsey has a shade the best of it and does not propose to jeopardise it.

HUBBY'S MILD INQUIRY

"Wife, are you going to the seashore?

"Yes."

"Am I going?"

A preacher entered an Eastern Oregon restaurant recently. He sat down to the table and when the waitress, highly calcimined and peroxided, came up, he asked:

"How's the chicken this evening?" The girl replied: "All right, old kiddo. How's every little thing with you?"

Miss Gertrude Fisher of Philadelphia, six year ago adjudged the prettiest girl in America, is to wed soon. It seems to us that men are very, very slow to make the prettiest girl wait six years to be married. But, then, maybe Miss Fisher is very particular.

Calling a man a liar is the last word in wasted talk. If he is a liar he already knows it and you are springing old stuff on him. If he isn't one, you are and he has found it out.

There is no use denying that some of the 1921 bootleg liquor would make ideal snakebite medicine—if it could be applied to the snake in time.—Kansas City Star.

FOOLISHMENT
(Bide Dudley)

A youth who lived over in Corning
Said: "Girls always start one to scorning,
At night they fake up
A wonderful make-up
But, gosh, they look tough in the morning.

So I say here's to it
For undiscouraged grit,
For pure get-up-and-get,
For unalloyed, persistant,
Consistant and insistant,
Stick to it and hang by it,
Keep at it and re-try it.
The Weed unarmed, unloved, unaided,
Has all the garden faded.

Oregon State Golf Championship Will Be Decided Soon

Tournament Will be Held Early Next Month is Announced.

PORTLAND, Sept. 20—The Oregon state golf championships will be decide at the annual tournament to be held the week of October 10-15, according to decision just reached by the Portland Golf club. The tournament was to have been held Sept. 12-17, but was postponed.

Several reasons were assigned for staging the annual state event later than usual, the principal one being that a number of the state's leading golfers went to St. Louis for the annual amateur championships opening Sept. 17. Another was that some of the greens were in poor condition on account of shortage of water at the suburb where the course is located.

Officers of the Portland golf club are now making extensive plans for the tournament. Considerable work will be done to put the links in good condition.

They Al Do.

A Louisville girl announces that she "prefers matrimony to a vocal career." However, after she is married she'll no doubt find many opportunities to use her voice.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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FAMOUS COW'S KICK RECALLED

Fire Prevention Day Is or Anniversary of Mrs. O'Leary's Cow Kicking Lantern Over.

NEW YORK, Sept 20—October 9 will be the fiftieth anniversary of the date Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over the lantern causing the great Chicago fire, and the National Fire Protective Association has designated that day as International Fire Prevention day.

Since 1871 annual fire losses have been increasong until there is now an average annual monetary loss of -350,000,000 and an estimated loss of 15,000 lives yearly, according to the association.

The association is arranging for a nation-wide observance of the day to bring t othe attention of the people that the fire loss is everybody's loss and everybody's responsibility* and that the great majority of fires are preventable through the exercise of ordinary carefullness.

Dog Show Records to Be Put in Jeopardy

YAKIMA, Wash., Sept. 20—Efforts are being made to break all Pacific Coast records for size and attendance at the dog show of the Yakima Kennel Club to be held at the Washington State Fair here Sept. 21-23. Dogs from all parts of the Pacific northwest will be entered.

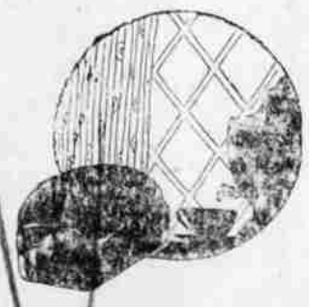
About 250 dogs will be entered. Puget Sound Kennel Club members are sending about 50. Chas. Campton of Portland, Ore., will have from 25 to 50 of all breeds and several Vancouver, B. C. fanciers including J. G. Jackson and Nate McConnell and expected to send their animals.

John McMann, Seattle, who has judged dogs in England, Scotland, Canada and many parts of the United States will act as judge.

TROUT BEING STUDIED.

YELLOWSTONE PARK, Wyo., Sept. 20.—Beaver and trout in Yellowstone Park have been made special objects of study by an expedition from the Roosevelt Wild Life Forest Experiment Station at Syracuse, N. Y.

Every Crust and Crumb of it is Good for You



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