

Laird Archer Secures An Interview From S. Newman

"The Bill Newman is one of the outstanding romantic figures of the Russian Caucasus," states Laird Archer, newspaper correspondent, who visited Portland last week. Newman is an Idaho man, whose wife, Ethel Long, is of the class of 1920, O. A. C. The Newman went to the Caucasus under Near East Relief two years ago. Mrs. Newman has a direction of the office of the Polytechnic Orphanage at Alexandropol, where there are more than 7,000 boys. Newman, who is a Baptist minister and who was raised on an Idaho farm, was to help develop certain farm projects to train the older boys in the modern methods of agriculture, bringing them to self-support as early as possible. "The Newman have more than made good," said Archer. "Mrs. Newman has acted as orphanage mother, manager of a clothing factory and now is secretary of relief work for a section 100 miles square in the mountains of the Russian Caucasus."

Newman Is Loved

"Few men are loved as is Sam Newman and his duty easier for him. Newman is a man of many parts. He is a horse rider about the country on a horse reared on the farms of Karna-Kala range formerly owned by the Carlinas, for the developing of blooded horses. They call him 'The Big American.' He is idolized because he launched the first successful effort in southern Russia to fight the dreaded Siberian plague, which always took a heavy toll from among the herds of Armenian peasants. Among the refugees, Newman found a woman, a veterinary surgeon, a Russian, and devised with her a system of educating the people how to war against the plague."

High Priced Microscope

Cooperating with them was a man whose story briefly told covers a world of romance and tragedy. He had been discovered one day by Captain Ernest Yarrow dining from the Near East Relief garbage pail. He seemed a man of unusual character and intelligence and was given employment about the station. Shortly after his arrival, while he still showed every mark of starvation, he was asked what he would have if he could have but one request granted. "I'd give my soul for a microscope," he answered. Later it was discovered he was a cousin of the late Czar Nicholas and one of the finest bacteriologists in the world. When given the microscope, he set up a small laboratory and began experimenting to find a serum with which to fight the plague. Their first concern was to the livestock gathered by the Near East Relief to supply their orphanages in the Caucasus, and they devoted every effort towards the saving of the infected livestock and to prevent the spread of the disease. In addition to this, the bacteriologist analyzed medicines brought from Europe, so that treatments formerly costing \$2.00 each were compounded in his laboratory at a cost of five cents each and are now being exported into the Balkans.

The cheapest public utility in the world is in the Russian Caucasus with Newman as general manager. He lights one entire town at a total cost of \$100 a year. He discovered an abandoned watermill and elsewhere found an abandoned dynamo. Putting the two together he set the watermill going with the help of his American workers and generated 85 horsepower and after lighting the village, hospitals and orphanages with 1,600 children, found he had water power enough left to run a small flour mill. The people of the district have shown how greatly they appreciate Newman's generosity by arranging to pay the entire cost of operation of the plant—in American money \$100—but how much in Russian rubles, whose purchasing power is about that of the fast-depreciating German mark. It is impossible to say.

Fleeing Orphans

"Newman is not forgetting his American citizenship, for when on this ranch he discovered a nest of about 100 eagles he changed Karna-Kala, the name given the ranch by the late Carlinas, to Eagle ranch. Here, with the aid of Leonard Hartill, O. A. C. '12, together with American traders, they are turning virgin soil for food for the 25,000 orphans in American care in the Caucasus. They have already demonstrated they can double the ordinary crop."

"If Newman can secure the consent of the Soviet government he expects to have allotted to some of his older boys a tract of from five to ten acres for their individual cultivation. Not satisfied with tinkering with a decayed plague, a public utility and a 15,000 acre ranch, Newman's next project is to divert an entire mountain stream to Eagle ranch to provide water power and such irrigation as is needed in its extensive agricultural development. He has found that a large volume of water heretofore wasted can be di-

verted at a very low cost and put to large use."

Oregon Workers Many
"No state in the Union has a finer group of workers in the Near East than Oregon and you should count it a privilege to give money, food and clothing to back up such folks as the Lovejoy, Miss Himmans, Mrs. Crankshank, Mrs. Burt and the Newman, all of whom are adding glory to your state by their service."

TIMBER LOOKED UPON AS A CROP

Whether timber is to be mined from our forests, without thought of replacement, like coal from our hills, or whether it is to be considered as a crop to be harvested and grown like other farm crops is the main theme of an article in the 1922 Yearbook of the United States department of agriculture, entitled "Timber: Mine or Crop?"

The article discusses very thoroughly the problems now confronting the country as a result of the lack of a forestry policy and the resulting depletion of the nation's forests by logging operations and fire.

Very Little Virgin Timber Left.
Nearly half the land area of the United States, some 822,000,000 acres, was originally forested, says the article, but the forested area has now been reduced to 138,000,000 acres of virgin forest, 250,000,000 acres of comparatively inferior culled and second growth, and 81,000,000 acres of barren land, a total of slightly less than 470,000,000 acres.

"Largely through timber mining," it continues, "the original stand of timber has been reduced from more than 5,200 billion board feet of virgin timber to 1,600 billion feet of virgin timber and 600 billion feet additional in culled and second growth stands."

"Seventy-five per cent of the remaining virgin timber is west of the Great Plains, and more than 50 per cent of all our remaining saw timber is in the Pacific coast states, while nearly half of the lumber cut is consumed in the region east of the Mississippi river and north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers. Lumber producing and consuming centers are so far apart that we pay \$250,000,000 annually in lumber freight."

The article traces the shifting of the timber industry from the east to the Middle West and South, and then to the West. The necessity for vigorous reforestation and for the conservation of our remaining forests is emphasized since, according to the article, the available timber supply of the United States is being consumed about four times as fast as it is being replaced.

Copies of the yearbook, separate containing this article may be secured free upon application to the Division of Publications, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., as long as the supply lasts. Ask for "Timber: Mine or Crop?"

The motives of men are mixed, and it may be that the kin was organized in the cotton belt to promote the use of cotton sheeting.

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THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



O. A. C. PLANS TO HOLD BIG MILITARY TOURNAMENT MAY 26

CORVALLIS, May 19.—Three army airplanes from Vancouver, Wash., will carry news of the military tournament at O. A. C. May 26 over the Willamette valley, moving handhills in every town Friday and Saturday, May 25 and 26, respectively. The large battle planes to take part in the night sham battle on the outskirts of Corvallis have been sent to the headquarters of the 9th Corps area in San Francisco. If dispatched, the planes will leave Corvallis field, San Francisco, in time to arrange landing places near Corvallis, so night landing will be possible.

Outstanding the armory, the military tournament will be put on from 7 to 10 o'clock in Bell field, with flood lighting from the tops of the great grandstand on the west and the bleachers on the east. The huge smooth football gridiron will furnish an excellent footing for the horses in the mounted events, and the accompanying accommodations will take care of the thousands of visitors pouring in from over Oregon and southern Washington.

A polo game between the Portland Hunt club of Portland and the O. A. C. cavalry unit will open the program at 2 o'clock Saturday, May 26. The military circus on Bell field

at 7 o'clock will include all the events that have made the tournament successful in former years and several new stunts. The program includes a military review and ceremony, wall scaling competition, cavalry exhibition drill—rough riding, rescue races, rodeo stunts, and Tom Mix competition—infantry exercises, gun competition between the college unit and the national guard champions, rescue race, artillery exhibition drill, tug-of-war contests and bridge building contests. The night sham battle is to be the biggest of fair ever staged in the northwest. All combatant branches of the army will take part, and the pyrotechnics will light the heavens like day for the spectacular charges and counter attacks.

INFORMATION, PLEASE!
Judge: Biggs was always known to be a resourceful man, but this morning he was at his wife's end to solve a domestic problem. Not long did he hesitate, however; he decided to act. Going to the phone he answered "Number, please," with a most cordial, "Hello, operator. Say, my wife's away and the cook has just left. Will you be kind enough to tell me how long I should boil the coffee?"

A news story says many Russians are planning to leave their country for good, but it doesn't say where good.

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(By Associated Press)

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At a Chinese camp perhaps as many as 5,000 of these Orientals were gathered at one time. They constructed flimsy shanties and were modest in their activities, being content to go over the ground already prospected and abandoned and sat-

ified with the returns the cast-off "diggings" produced. No member of the race is said ever to have been accused of poaching.

Now here and there an old man or woman still remains and most of the houses have either burned down or craved in from decay. All have left Jintown and Tattletown, the abode of Bret Harte. Placeville in the '50s had a Chinatown with 1,500; today only four reside in a once busy district.

Jacksonville was the scene of a big "find" made by the Chinese miners, forty thousand dollars being cleaned up quickly, and the location kept secret for a long time. Chinese Camp is said to have been the scene of the first tung war on American soil.

It is a rare coincidence that will come out of hiding and bark furiously when there is a profit in sight.

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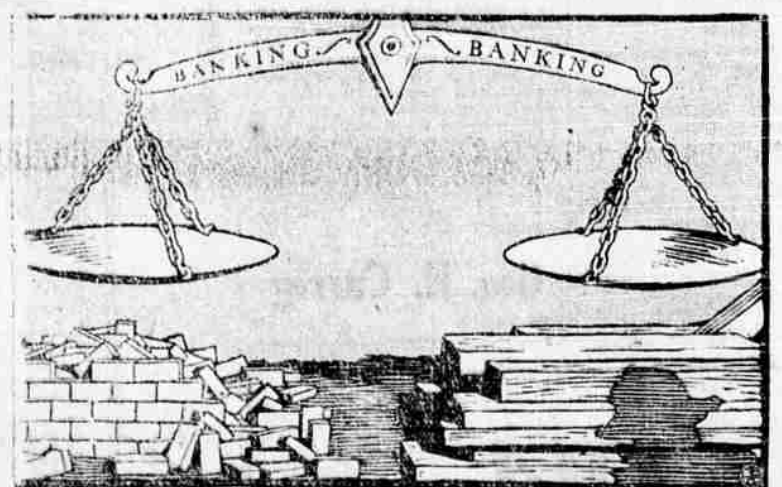
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