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THE OLD HOME TOWN . . . By Stanley

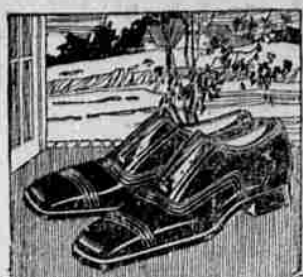


THE ARGUMENT—STATION AGENT DAD KEYS SEARCH FOR HIS WATCH, THAT HE TWIRLED OFF THE CHAIR, LED TO AN ARGUMENT IN HENRY HARRINGTON'S YARD.

Poets' Corner

HOT LAKE Just beyond the Blue Ridge mountains. Just beyond the drifting snow, Lie the famous Hot Lake basin. Known by Red Men long ago. Here the dusky warrior wooed his maiden. They in turn dressed the elk and buffalo. Made themselves their willing slave—In the ages of long ago.

Men's Stetson Hats



THE FLORSHEIM SHOE

Always that air of distinction which segregates "Stetson" from the ordinary and inferior makes.

\$6.75 to \$12.50

Our shoe business is big because men liked their first pair of Florsheims and came again.

Most Styles \$10

W. West & Co.



"A Block Off Pavement"

La Grande real estate men for a number of years following the first paving done in the city, carried in their advertising when possible, "situated just a block off of pavement," which meant the real estate offered for sale had the benefit of a paved street to within a block but did not carry the burden of improvement assessment.

Then, what happened? As years went by there was less demand for property located "a block off pavement" and finally real estate dealers found they could not sell property unless it was on pavement to any advantage. This is the situation now.

The street improvements are essential just as the built-in pantry, the sleeping porch and heating system are essential in home building. The expense of improving streets goes with the original cost of the lots and become just as much of the cost as the sewer or sidewalk. As we live nowadays property off paving is out of market and it will continue to be that way.

McArthur Enters Race

Former Congressman C. N. McArthur has announced his candidacy for the United States senatorial nomination on the Republican ticket in an out and out anti-Klan platform, indicating that the Republican party must bear the fight on the Klan issue. Why not the Democrat party, also? Is there any good reason to believe that Klansmen are all Republicans or that the Klan has any party affiliation?

British Take Up Ice Cream

The American consul in London reports that the British are taking to ice cream and that the consumption this year increased 1,000 per cent. Perhaps it is the climate that has made the English, heretofore unresponsive to the appeal of ices but, having secured a taste, like Oliver Twist, they want more.

No "Melancholy" Days

"The melancholy days" are here. Don't believe it. It was a mournful moment that inspired genius to paint a somber canvas of nature's most glorious garb. "Frost is on the pumpkin and the fodder's in the shock." The arbors hang heavy with grapes and the apple trees glow at sun down dull red with fruit.

Such days as these, gentle reader, be glad to be alive in Grande Ronde. This is Autumn's gilded temple, every hill a golden staircase mounting to the mellowed sun.

The prohibitionists are going to back Ford for the presidency. Look out for Henry, if he starts—he will need no prohibition support, judging from the spontaneity of the rank and file support that is heard wherever men and women gather together.

The rebuilding of Japanese cities draws upon the Oregon country for timber, and very properly so, for outside of some of the hardwoods, no lumber is obtainable any closer to Japan. This is one of the many things that points to successful business in Oregon for the next few years.

The American Legion's convention in San Francisco moved under very well directed leadership when it renewed its allegiance to the laws of the land and defied anyone who saw fit to agitate "red" leadership.

In these days there is a difference between getting wages and earning them.

Editorials From Over the Nation

WHOPPEIS.

Portland Oregon Journal: A New York farmer told this story to a reporter: The farmer came in from the field with a load of oats and left it standing near his barn. A few moments later a whirlwind formed, struck the load of oats and carried it into the barn without damaging anything.

This yarn deserves a place beside other immortal whoppers. Wasn't it Bill Nye who contributed one when he related that while riding home on his orphan haul, booming, bearing a jug of pre-Volstead vintage, there came up a wind so strong that it blew the jug inside out, and then suddenly reversing itself, blew the jug right again, without wasting any of its contents?

Two other classics of the kind may be recalled. A Nebraskan was telling a Canadian how cold it got in Nebraska and what a lasting impression the severe weather made. One extremely warm summer day a barn in which popcorn was stored took fire. The corn began to pop and soon fell in such showers that it resembled a snow storm.

If all the bearers of malicious tales could be transformed into whoppers, of such havoc would be sown, this old world would quickly become an abode of laughter instead of a vale of tears.

THE WALTON BLUNDERS.

American politicians will not soon forget the case of Governor Walton. Now will they fall to be instructed by his downfall, which most people now believe to be imminent. Governor Walton did some praiseworthy things. The displayed courage and high purpose. In the measure he took to combat an epidemic of lawlessness he revealed the sort of forcefulness the people usually admire.

Martial law can be justified by circumstances, but how can one expect antagonism to legislature and courts? If Governor Walton, when he instituted his martial law, had sent out a call for a special session of the legislature to help meet the emergency, all might have been well. But, far from doing this, he declared by words or inference that the men elected by the people to represent them were in fact enemies of the people.

His censorship of the press was incidental. Yet the newspapers, being accepted and patronized by the people, are their accredited agents for news gatherings, the eyes and ears of the public so far as public matters go. Having these eyes blindfolded and these ears stopped by government edict, did not please the people. And certainly it did not please the nation.

Governor Walton's purpose was good, his decisions were courageous, his opportunity was large. But Governor Walton made the serious error of forgetting that an executive in America must work with the people for the people's sake. He must make sure the people, in large numbers, are sympathetic. Trying to do something for the good of a state and people while trampling upon and affronting the latter cannot often succeed.

Syracuse Herald: Unfortunately most modern verse is not free, but unlimited.

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE

Kansas City Star: The case for Sunday observance is not a case for compulsory church attendance or even a case for legislation against a long list of nonreligious or commercial events. It is a case for individual thoughtfulness, and for church worship of such a nature as may be irresistible to any person who is willing to give just a fair amount of consideration to his own welfare.

The important question whether any individual can afford not to give a reasonable portion of his time to religious meditation and to worship. Not all of life should be a hurrying after pleasure or gain. The search that way is endless and unsatisfying. Man has a spiritual nature that leads him in his best moments to converse with the lasting and satisfying things of life. That nature should be cultivated; it should not be crowded out and dejected expression.

The opportunity of these agencies may be extended as their activities are shaped to meet the needs and desires of man's spiritual nature. It might be seriously considered whether it is the iniquity of human nature or the unsatisfying quality of much church worship today that turns the thousands to the paid amusements, the all-day motor ride, the eight or ten hours at the golf club or a full day's lounging about the house on Sunday.

Can any individual afford to neglect the religious life? Can the churches afford to allow him to neglect it?

WHY MOTOR BUSES AND TRUCKS

Livern Herald: If the state is to allow motor busses, they must construct paved roads wherever they operate. Graveled roads will not stand up under heavy traffic, especially where fast moving motorbuses are operated.—Alber Lea Tribune.

Why should the state allow these road destroying machines to operate on our highways unless they pay taxes in proportion to the damage they do? Motor busses and the majority of the motor trucks are commercial machines operated upon the public highways by private individuals for a profit. They are operated in competition with the railroads. The railroads built their own highways and maintain them and then pay into the state treasury 5 per cent of their gross earnings as taxes. The motor busses and trucks use the highways built and paid for by the public, and pay into the treasury as taxes a nominal fixed sum that is in many cases less than the tax upon a pleasure car.

There can be no dispute as to the damage done by these busses and trucks to our highways. They travel in proportion to all other road and weather conditions at high rates of speed to maintain certain schedules. It is claimed by those who have studied the matter that the busses and trucks do more damage to the highway than all the other cars operated upon them, and that were it not for these machines our highways would hold up ten times as long as is now the case.

Nor does this tell the whole story. Through the operation of these busses and trucks the revenues of the railroads are materially cut down and the public loses the tax the railroads otherwise would pay. The members of the legislature should be aroused to the situation, and the public should insist that they levy a tax on busses and trucks in proportion to the damage done to the highways. There is no more justification for permitting such motor vehicles to use the highways without proper reimbursement therefor than there would be to permit a private citizen to use and destroy any other piece of public property for his own benefit and financial gain.

Klansmen Initiate 500. CHIVALLISS, Or.—Klansmen from various towns throughout the Willamette valley gathered here last night for a klansession. H. E. Walter, local cyclops and secretary of the democratic county central committee, said 500 candidates had come for initiation, accompanied by several thousand klansmen. A parade preceded the initiatory services. A flaming cross was located about one mile north of Corvallis, on the west side highway, where the candidates were initiated. The whole city was invited to witness the proceedings. After the initiation ceremonies a barbecue was held. Klansmen from Siletz, Eugene, Roseburg, Albany, Lebanon, McMinnville and Nestor attended. The initiation was directed by Portland Klan, No. 1.

PUBLIC RETURNING TO QUALITY TIRES. SAYS ALFRED A. AYA

According to Alfred A. Aya, Vice-President and Sales Manager of the Columbia Tire Corporation, the motorist public is swinging back to the buying of better grade tires. Mr. Aya has had exceptional opportunities to study this phase of the tire business during the last few months as he has covered 12,000 miles throughout the Northwest calling on dealers who handle C-T-C Tires, the product of his company.

"During the last three or four years," says Aya, "there has been a marked tendency for the motorists to 'try out' one make of cheap tire after another in his effort to dodge the rising prices of that time. Now, partly because he is fed up and partly because the prices have reduced somewhat he is gradually returning to the practice of buying quality tires. We feel that the C-T-C, a tire bidding for popularity on quality alone, although no higher than any other good tire in price, will ride into immediate demand on this wave of better tire buying. The Columbia Tire Corporation has practically completed its distribution in Oregon and has, as well, strong dealer connections in almost every large city from San Diego to Seattle."

It has also been announced that the Canal Tire Company, one of the largest tire houses in Seattle, has discontinued three nationally known tire lines to handle the C-T-C Tire exclusively. Since the sales development work of the Columbia Tire Corporation has been carried on less

than a year, this wide distribution and the complete "coverage" of the territory is regarded as a splendid achievement by local merchandising authorities. Mr. Aya states that there are 225 dealers in Oregon alone who are looking forward to a big year in 1924 for this new product of Portland.

LAVORY Harris, who handles C-T-C Tires in La Grande says that they have already found a most cordial reception for C-T-C's on the part of local motorists and that they are well pleased to see that tire buyers are learning to recognize the great margin of quality permitted by the western manufacture of these tires, due to savings on transportation, power and overhead.

CUPID MART IS RUN FROM JAIL

Denver, Colo. (AP)—The only prisoner in the history of Colorado's penal institutions ever to operate a "matrimonial bureau" while incarcerated in the county jail, is the unique distinction possessed by Ray W. Wood, a federal prisoner here, according to Warden Thomas Clendenen.

The great volume of mail being received by Wood led to an investigation by the authorities, which revealed, according to Clendenen, that Wood was in communication with a New York advertising agency in connection with the publication of matrimonial advertisements. Wood is said to have admitted that he had written the "bureau" from which he operated.

ated, but the fact that a postoffice box said to have been maintained by Wood was emptied of its contents daily, has led to the belief that he worked with confederates.

Hope for Revival of Reclamation Interest

PENDLETON, (AP)—Backers of the Teel Irrigation project in the west end of Umatilla county just south of Echo have hopes that interest in the reclamation plans will be revived in the near future. Recently a number of Echo business men interested in the project visited Pendleton and met with the Federated commercial clubs of the county. This body agreed to back the project after hearing the new plans which call for the building of a large reservoir to hold water in sufficient quantity to irrigate the land affected.

It is the intention of the Echo business men to lay their plans before the governor of Oregon and other state officials in the near future with a view of securing the endorsement of the commonwealth for the project. Sixteen thousand acres of land come under the proposition.

Humans really get superior. The Columbia Record: Girl eloped with a one-armed chauffeur in New York. We fail to see how she enjoyed such a ride.

Muskegon Chronicle: A fairly hard time to do is make a fortune and run around with Miss Fortune at the same time.

KODAKS \$6.50 and Up Brownie Cameras \$2.00 to \$15.00 ENLARGING CAMERAS \$3.75 to \$35.00 Films For All Cameras RED CROSS DRUG STORE Finishing

For Sale POTATO BAGS JUST RECEIVED Several Thousand Bags which will pass Oregon Law for Interstate Shipping. WANTED Apple Pickers and Packers Call Smith & Frees MAIN 522 1517 Jefferson

Some Livestock on Every Farm Specialized grain and hay farming without livestock to consume the surplus is like raising livestock without growing any of the feeds which will reduce the cost of producing the animals. Either way puts the scale of profits out of balance and leaves the farmer to face the possibilities of loss on maybe his one and only class of production. Similarly, milk products are more profitable than producing cattle for slaughter, for it is said the output of dairy products in one year is greater in dollars and cents than the total slaughtered worth of all the cattle in the country. We are particularly interested here at the La Grande National Bank in the development of permanent and continuous agricultural property and are always glad to lend assistance in providing the right kind and right quality of livestock for the farmers of this locality. The Pacific International Livestock Exposition at Portland, November 2 to 10, offers an unparalleled opportunity to study the ways and results of profitable stockraising. It is the greatest gathering together of purebred dairy and beef cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, horses and also, chickens and rabbits in the entire country. Why not attend this year? La Grande NATIONAL BANK SOUND-RELIABLE-PROGRESSIVE