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BEHOLD AT EVENINGTIDE trouble; and before the  
 morning he is not. This is the portion of them that spoil  
 us, and the lot of them that rob us.—Isaiah 47:14.

## Superintendent Finch

Portland.—Some wisacre once said, "Men are only boys  
 grown tall, hearts don't change much after all." And that's  
 about right, for Saturday night as the writer boarded train  
 No. 23 at La Grande we saw a brand new coach on the  
 rear of the train and later learned it was the new private  
 car of General Superintendent Finch of the O.-W. railroad.  
 In the car was Mr. Finch and his family and William Bol-  
 lons, superintendent of the second division. The new car's  
 interior had been planned by Mr. Finch and he explained  
 to Superintendent Bollons and the writer the different com-  
 partments. Really Mr. Finch has all the Pullman car build-  
 ers backed off the lot when it comes to utilizing space in a  
 car. He has everything in his home on wheels from a big  
 refrigerator that would hold a beef to a modern shower  
 bath. And the two veteran railroad men reviewed every  
 feature of that car with the same interest that the young-  
 sters watched the toy electric train in Joe Carr's show win-  
 dow during the holiday period.

Incidentally Mr. Finch's former private car has been  
 assigned to Mr. Bollons at La Grande. That was necessary  
 because recent cold weather froze the Bollons private car  
 from end to end, pipes, brakes and all.

Railroad men are always interesting. General Superin-  
 tendent Finch is an encyclopedia of transportation infor-  
 mation, and while he seldom talks for publication, a conver-  
 sation with him is always enlightening and educational.

The word "efficiency," which has been so commonly  
 used and so greatly abused, has come nearer being worked  
 out 100 per cent in railroad work in the past few years  
 than in any other line of business.

When one stops to think that everything the railroad  
 uses, including labor and materials, has advanced on an  
 average of 93 per cent, and transportation costs have ad-  
 vanced but 39 per cent, it can readily be seen that a lot  
 of "efficiency" had to be put in actual practice by rail-  
 roads to make things harmonize commercially.

It has been done. The Union Pacific is serving the  
 public well, but it has cut expenses on every corner. Ex-  
 pense cutting is the one thing occupying attention of all  
 railroad heads today.

One thing forcing this is the automobile and motor  
 bus, which have almost spelled ruin to the passenger busi-  
 ness. Another thing is complex regulation which has grown  
 by leaps and bounds of late years, and which is very ques-  
 tionable as being a benefit to either the railroad or the  
 consumer of transportation.

*Bruce Dennis*

All building records for the United States were broken  
 in 1924. We're putting the hammer to the uses for which  
 it was intended.

The price of gasoline reminds us, we can let the old  
 jit shirk; and departing leave behind us footprints on the  
 way to work.

The movies announce one-reel films depicting the life  
 of the ant, spider, bee, etc. Imagine sitting through a slow  
 movie of a tortoise.

Charles M. Schwab sees six grounds why 1925 will be  
 a prosperous year. He has reasons for the faith that is  
 in him.

It may be that the art of dancing is deteriorating, but  
 the camel walk is a long step forward.

The chap who says we should come out flat-footed for  
 reform may be right, but what have fallen arches to do  
 with formality?

## THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



THE FALSE TEETH DISPLAY IN FRONT  
 OF OLD DOC PULLMAN'S OFFICE, WAS  
 STOLEN LAST NIGHT—THIS IS THE SECOND  
 BIG ROBBERY WITHIN A WEEK.



**OFFICE CAT**  
 TRADE MARK REG.  
 By Junius

It takes all kinds of people to  
 make a world and the world cer-  
 tainly has them.

We greatly need some such  
 forceful, popular man as Roose-  
 velt, to laugh the people out of  
 folly which hasn't a leg to stand  
 on.

**CAUTION**  
 "Front! Ice water in room 235."  
 "Yes, sir."  
 "And, front, tell the gentleman  
 to open the windows and close the  
 transom when he pulls out the  
 cork. This is a respectable hotel."

**MUD AND STARS**  
 A man looked out through a win-  
 dow wide.  
 When the purple night was in  
 bud,  
 There were trees and flowers in the  
 rain outside,  
 But he only saw the mud.

Another man looked in the gloam-  
 ing time,  
 Out through the iron bars;  
 He glanced beyond the mud and  
 grime,  
 And he only saw the stars.

It isn't so much what the world  
 holds fair,  
 For stars and mud there be,  
 And it isn't so much what's really  
 there,  
 For what we LOOK FOR we see!

Woman's inhumanity to man  
 makes countless thousands climb  
 into dungeons even in La Grande.

The French are a practical folk.  
 They make fewer records and more  
 plans.

**WHERE CREDIT IS DUE**  
 Even if he judges do sometimes  
 make a wrong decision, said Uncle  
 Eben, dey's entitled to a heap of  
 credit for stayin' awake while de  
 lawyers argue.

After all, the greatest optimist  
 in the world is the man who is  
 preparing to get married.

**VERY SAVING**  
 Efficiency expert: "Have you any  
 labor saving devices in your store?"  
 Proprietor of Hickville General  
 Store: "Only the clerk."

It is strange how Americans are  
 ashamed of thrill. A La Grande  
 woman bought a new hat for \$2  
 she told the price to a friend, who  
 commented, "It looks it." The next  
 time she was asked the price, she  
 said "egs." "It is stunning," re-  
 sponded the second friend.

Some mighty ugly women make  
 a cool living writing beauty hints.

The most scandalous snarl is  
 that which comes from the frying  
 onions of our neighbors.

## TRACE REDMEN TO MAYA TRIBE

TONOPAH, Nev., (AP)— Captain Allen Le Baron, British archaeologist, who has been exploring excavations of ancient villages in Nevada, passed through here recently on his way to the Colorado river to continue his quest for the identity of the first inhabitants of the American continent.  
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## Editorials From Over the Nation

**THE OREGON TRAIL**  
 Portland Telegram.—One day after Ezra Meeker's 94th birthday the senate passed the bill designating the highway over the route taken by the pioneers as the "Old Oregon Trail." If the house concurs with the senate's action, as it probably will, the famous old trail will be officially stamped with the name most fitting for it a name that properly indicates the visions that beckoned to the early settlers as they took their hazardous way westward.

The Oregon of that day was different from the one we know in size, in development and in the opinion of it that people hold. It was a long way from the center of government, farther away in time than the most distant part of the globe is today. In 1824 a senator pointed out in debate that a newly elected congressman traveling the Pacific coast would consume 250 days in the journey. By this the speaker proved to his own satisfaction, and to the satisfaction of a majority of his colleagues at that session, that the United States did not want Oregon.

Senator Benton, who answered him, predicted that in a century the population would be as great as that of the United States of that day, and his prediction has almost been borne out. But even he was of the opinion that because of the distance and the difficulties of travel the Pacific coast would eventually have to become an independent power, or else was a long way off in those days.

In 1828 in another debate our part of the country was described by Mr. Bates of Missouri as follows: "Between the Missouri and the Pacific, save a strip of culturable prairie not above two or three hundred miles wide, the region is waste and sterile, no better than the desert of Sahara, and quite as dangerous to cross. Now, the mountains the country is composed of rocky and stony ridges, dotted with spots giving life to nothing but the spruce, the hemlock and trees of that description. Lower down, nearer the coast, the soil, where there is any, is formed of rotted pine leaves, and even that is swept away by the floods which from time to time cover the land along the river banks."

It is my firm belief that if a settlement were made and agriculture attempted on any scale, large or small, the settlers would not remain two years.

Others claimed, however, that the difficulties of the journey might be so overcome that it would take far less time than was then necessary, and perhaps even more than justified them. But had it not been for the Oregon Trail there might be another story to tell. Its effect upon the achievements of the past century was greater than some of us realize, for by making the west an integral part of the nation it developed development in land, distance, transportation, which were undreamed of in the days when the question of the desirability of annexing Oregon was being debated.

It is clearly tied on with the history of the nation's greatness. An America hedged in on the west by rival nations could not have attained the position which our America has attained. The Oregon Trail opened our door upon the Orient and helped make us great, and its name deserves to be perpetuated among the names of great American institutions.

## X-Rays Germs



A moving picture of tubercule's germs, working in human lungs, re-  
 ceptly was shown in medical class by  
 Dr. (Dr. J. L. ...)

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## NORTH POWDER HOLIDAY WEEK SHIPPING HIGH MARKET QUIET

Total of 215 Cars of Stock Sent to Market in 1924; 32 Per Cent Increase Noted.

(North Powder News)  
 North Powder is maintaining its good record for livestock shipments, and the steady increase each year, takes away much of the talk of the country being spoiled for the raising and feeding of sheep, cattle, hogs and horses.

In the year 1924, according to the accurate record kept by the Bedwell-Evans Grain company, 215 cars were shipped from North Powder, an increase of 32 per cent over 1923, when 163 cars were shipped. Sheep furnished the greatest cargo, totaling 92 cars, cattle were next with 88 cars, hogs third with 28 cars, and horses last with 7 cars.

If the prices paid for these could be added, it is certain they would show this community doing a quarter million dollar business in live stock alone. With the other products of the farms and range, North Powder can boast a million dollar annual farm business, which is the answer to the continued show of prosperity shown by the small city. To our knowledge there is no community of its size in Oregon, that can produce a better showing, for it must be remembered that while livestock raising is a big factor and a big business here, it is a great deal smaller in value compared to wheat and hay, and dairy products. Then too, there is a fair lumber business here, and last, but not least, the ice business.

The following table shows the number of cars of livestock shipped each month for the past year:

Month	Sheep	Cattle	Hogs	Horses
Jan.	5	8	1	1
Feb.	4	11	2	2
March	4	7	2	2
April	2	10	2	2
May	14	2	2	2
June	14	7	2	2
July	1	2	2	2
August	24	9	2	2
Sept.	5	12	2	2
Oct.	5	6	2	2
Nov.	2	7	2	2
Dec.	2	7	2	2
Total	92	88	28	7

The year 1925 would also show a national increase over 1924, for there are thousands of head of livestock being wintered near the city. North Powder hay is bringing good prices because of the shortage in other sections, and the community is fortunate in being able to ship cattle and sheep from other western Oregon points.

Ship load of hogs most recently sailed from New York for Europe, which is a horse on Europe.

have large wood order files, low and badly broken stocks and strong confidence in the future, and they are not seeking much new business. Prices hold very strong with the tendency constantly upward.

While inclement weather, such as prevailed over large parts of the consuming territory the last fortnight, may continue to restrict outdoor work for some time, it is generally expected that both retail dealers and industrial users will begin their stock buying very shortly, now that the new year has arrived and preparations for the spring season must soon be made. Their stocks, as well as those of the mills, are generally very low, and the stimulated activity of commerce and industry is bound to find reflection in their requirements.

The lumber industry, it is said, has entered 1925 in a strong position, and faces the future with the generally expected expansion of an active and industrial users will begin their stock buying very soon.

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