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## OUT OUR WAY



WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY.

THE SUNDAY PORK ROAST

By WILLIAMS

## Rum Indictment



Walter Cohen, negro comptroller of customs at New Orleans was one of eight prominent officials there indicted on charges of conspiracy to violate the prohibition law and liquor smuggling. Cohen's appointment to federal office caused a storm of opposition in the Senate a few years ago. He is specifically charged with allowing an alleged rum running boat, the Rita, to enter the port.

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the notorious "Alma" or "Sven" brand, which was shown to be worthless as a commercial variety. Said this has recently been tried out extensively and is showing good returns. Yields as high as 17 bushels to the acre have been frequently obtained, with the price 6 to 10c and \$2.15 a bushel. Pasture experiments where the carrying capacity of various mixtures is measured by actual counts of sheep are being conducted. Further trials there are unusually inclusive and are affording valuable data.

The trouble with most inventions to end wars is they start wars.

### BEND CLUB DEFENDED

BEND, Ore.—While forces have been gathering for the battle to be waged by rival railroads for possession of central Oregon territory at the interstate commerce commission club has been quietly active. R. S. Hamilton declared at forum luncheon at the Pilot Hotel here. His statement was in answer to the criticism that the club has been "lame" at the switch in the matter of offering support to the northern lines in their plan for extension south of Klamath Falls. Support by the brass band method was denounced by Mr. Hamilton.

Portland is stunned by the universal appearance in that city of the 65c haircut. Poor Marshall Dana! His last evidence that La Grande is a high-priced town is now a thing of the past.

Hit Berton in her "port" quarters and you hit where it hurts. No wonder that Bert Haney is gathering supporters from all directions and all parties in his stand on the shipping board question.

It requires sixty men to carry the two-ton carpet covering the floor of the Waterloo chamber of the king's Windsor Castle in England. It is 89 feet long and 40 feet wide and took seven years to weave. Possibly there are a few little items like that which make taxes high over there as well as the cost of weeding your.

### WHAT YAKIMA HAS.

Speaking of Yakima, there are some statistics concerning that city and valley that are of such a character as to make anyone interested in the possibilities of irrigation sit up and take immediate notice. Some of these, and enough to whet one's appetite, were given in an editorial in Sunday's Oregon Journal. Here's part of the comment:

Yakima's population in 1920 was 18,522; in 1925, 28,000. Sixty per cent of the people own their own homes.

The assessed valuation of the city is \$13,000,000. Its trading territory supports 65,000 people, within a radius of nine miles. The number of families in the city is 6,200. There are ten grade schools and four primary schools.

There are 340,000 acres of land under irrigation. The total cost of the project was \$13,000,000. Only 13 per cent of the Yakima farms are worked by tenants. The average of farms worked by tenants in America is 42 per cent.

In and near the city are 63 manufacturing enterprises. Among them are the Cascade Lumber company with an annual output of 50 million feet of lumber; Libby-McNeil cannery, annual payroll \$246,000, annual payment to growers of fruit, \$328,000; the Granger Clay Products company, output 300 carloads of brick a year. The total value of all manufactured products in 1924 was \$8,567,000.

Yakima county ranks sixth in America in the value of agricultural products. The city has a cold storage capacity of 6,125 cars. The postoffice receipts for 1924 were \$126,000; in 1921, \$147,000. The bank clearings for 1924 totaled \$71,000,000. Bank deposits June 30, 1925, were \$9,041,000.

The savings and loan deposits on the same date totaled \$4,100,000. The number of automobiles was 49,428. The paved roads in the county have a mileage of 197, graded and macadam, 420 miles.

Of course that this unusual development has been made possible by the expenditure of about \$40 per acre for irrigation does not prove in the least that similar success could be attained by a similar project in the Grande Ronde, or any other valley. Although the cost in this valley, according to those who are most ardent irrigation boosters, would be considerably less than was experienced in the Grande Ronde, yet the results might also prove much less sensational. The success of the Yakima project simply goes to show that districts having certain qualifications can, under certain conditions, extremely worth while for everyone concerned. Those concerned with the irrigation problem here in the Grande Ronde, whether for or against, owe it to themselves and the valley to do a wise what simplicity there is, for example, and what measure of success or failure can be anticipated. That was the ultimate spreading of the information gathered in the county's first job.



OFFICE CAT  
TRADE MARK REG.  
By JUNIUS

A lavender hat on a grown man makes us wish we were young enough to throw rocks again.

Worried mother: "I'm sure I don't know what will do with Harold when he grows up, John. Had you ever seen such impossibly long legs?"  
"Don't worry, my dear. Perhaps we could let him get to college to prove that long legs are worth it in his walking distance of the station."

WOMAN.  
You occasionally paints a little, and powders now and then, and wears funny clothes, and has the usual features, at the moment, and all that.

It is the official information bureau for the whole family. It is more than a mere household encyclopedia. It is a handy reference for the outfit. It is a handy reference for the outfit. It is a handy reference for the outfit.

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Insomnia is sometimes caused by a habit of reading its volume or one with him.

How "It wouldn't be much trouble for me to marry. My father is a millionaire, you know."

About the only difference in phages using and interacting is in the source.

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## Corvallis Man Writes About Experiment Station at Union

(By John C. Barner.)  
O. A. C. CORVALLIS, Ore. (Special)—While the work at each branch experiment station has had and is having a pronounced effect on the agriculture of the community in which it is located and that of other sections of the state when similar stations are established, no station has rendered service over a wider territory and in a more varied manner than the one at Union.

Robert Withycombe, son of the late governor, James Withycombe, has been superintendent of the station since 1911. Under his administration in 1921, that he has won the complete confidence of the owners and tenants of the station. He has never failed to speak in glowing terms of the work of "our boys."

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ment of a dairy herd at the Union station. Instead of buying a purebred herd of proved production, the station bought 11 head of grade Jersey heifers and a preserved bull with a high producing lineage. The purpose was to see what could be done with a herd, the purchase of which would be within the means of the average farmer.

This year the recent improvement of the herd, which was made as can be found in any dairy region. Food and production records, with complete cost records are available for every step in building the herd, and are eventually coming entirely up to par.

As most of the livestock of the state comes from the same sources of concern Oregon, the Union station was early a center of experiments in the many phases of this industry. Tests with growing and fattening steers have been conducted with highly beneficial results in the form of improved practices which are adaptable to general farm and range conditions.

For a number of years the entire industry has been in a depressed condition that herds have been sold off entirely in numerous instances. Those who have continued in the business have had a very narrow margin that only the best practices are profitable.

Experimental work in live marketing has been carried on for years at the station, with some valuable results. A successful way of parturing heifer on alfalfa without injury to it and with minimum weaning in feed costs was perfected some years ago. It was found that in finishing light heifer for market alfalfa pasture made a saving of 1500 pounds of barley to 100 pounds of grain. Superintendent Withycombe has taken the championship and expositions at the Pacific International livestock exposition with his calves.

With the decline of the cattle industry and the rise of sheep raising, especially on general farms, facts on the farm flock such as were furnished Mr. Reynolds were gathered through experimentation.

A number of lamb feeding problems carried on at the station have been reported in bulletin form, and one bulletin is now on the press giving detailed results of the flock experiments, together with recommendations for farm practice based on these results.

It is shown that with proper management of the farm flock which breeds well at 10 cents a pound and cost at 10 cents a pound, a year for parting, 10 cents an hour for the farmer's labor, an 80 per cent net profit of 72 cents. Mr. Reynolds told the results. The same figures were too conservative, but conservation of energy has been the watchword among the experiment stations for many years.

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