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HEARING AND HEEDING—Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.—Luke 8:18.

Electric food for the future, predicted by a scientist, won't be the first instance of shocking meals.

When you graduate from the school of experience nobody gives you a sheepskin. You are glad to have saved some of your own.

We may live longer if we live more slowly, as a philosopher suggests, but in that event we never would catch up with a lot of things that make life worth living at all.

The job of being chief justice of the supreme court is a big responsibility. Presidents and those who might have been presidents are preferred candidates. The new chief, Charles Evans Hughes, qualifies in more ways than one. No jurist in the country could better fill the shoes of Mr. Taft or better lend the same quality of dignity and respect to the office he vacates.

The world has always been in need of men to do the things that could not be done. The need is as great today as ever. When Columbus started out to sail around the globe men laughed at him and declared it could not be done. Columbus did not succeed, but he proved that the thing could be done. When Samuel Morse started to transmit messages between distant points by means of a private wire people said it could not be done, but Morse proved differently. Fifty years later Marconi showed people how to talk through the air without even the use of wires. Edison achieved two things that most people declared to be impossible when he used electric current to produce light and when he reproduced the sound of the human voice. Motion pictures are another of the "impossibles."

George Cheney, amiable editor of the Enterprise Record-Chieftain, seems to question the truth of temperature reports from La Grande. "There is much curiosity," he says, "not to say skepticism, about the minimum temperatures reported from La Grande every winter. The public is puzzled to know how it happens that the thermometer stands at zero in La Grande and at 24 below at Island City and Imbler, at 26 below at Pendleton and 34 below at Elgin. Another oddity is the way Wallowa county temperatures are read from La Grande. From that distance a telescope is the instrument which should be used, not a magnifying glass." George, maybe you're right. It certainly feels colder than it is sometimes. But we aren't consciously hushing up any California earthquakes on you. A government thermometer is, after all, just a government thermometer. And having lived with it a long time we no longer expect it to agree with the unofficial and more sensational variety to be found at Island City, Elgin and Enterprise. From those communities we take the railroad reports for want of government records—and any railroad man will tell you it has been cold enough in all directions the last few weeks. What are ten or fifteen degrees between friends, anyway? Especially when the difference is below the zero mark. When it gets that cold, the exact temperature loses its importance with most of us and the calendar commands our attention. Calendars can't well be questioned—and next June we'll all be comfortable again.

TO PRISON IN FOUR MONTHS

There is a striking illustration of the difference between the British and American administration of criminal law in the conviction and severe punishment of Clarence Hatry and three of his business associates within four months after the exposure of the financial fraud perpetrated by them.

Their devious financial operations resulted in losses estimated at tens of millions of dollars, but neither these imposing figures nor the high station these men had occupied in the business and social realms lent them special advantage once they were haled before the bar of English justice.

Several men equally prominent in finance and society faced similar charges in the United States a year or so ago. Brought before the bar of American justice they were able to stave off final judgment in their case for months and when sentence was finally imposed one escaped with only the disgrace of his male-factions and upon the others the heavy hand of the law dropped relatively lightly in contrast with the penalties being paid by the Hatry group.

Four months from affluence and honor to the stone pile in England. And instead of popular acclaim as "Napoleons of finance" their lot was bitter condemnation by both the court and the people. As Will Rogers remarks, the disarmament delegation might well spend some time studying the ways of English justice while they are in London.

Abe Martin



COME IN, YOU'RE NEXT

The wages of sin are disgraceful considerations the brand of handiwork we're gittin' these days. Marryin' is ticklish business. Libbie Purviance, who got married last to keep from bein' an ole maid, wants her pre-war name back.

THE OPEN COURT

CORRESPONDENTS MUST SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO THE EDITOR IF THEY DESIRE LETTERS PRINTED.

To the Editor:
Once again rain has fallen, and once again V avenue in a hog wallow, both ends better than the middle. A few loads of coarse gravel dumped onto the road would fill up the bad places making it firm for travel.
La Grande has a city commission of unexcelled business ability and a city manager second to none in Oregon, yet V avenue remains a menace to traffic, a menace to life, a hog wallow when rain falls.
Did some passerby lose a monkey wrench in the cogs of the city machine?
Verily hope deferred maketh the heart sick. And so does a hog wallow in the most important thoroughfare of our city.
L. GARIBOLDI

Month Good One For Logging In Wallowa County

By G. C. Meek (Observer Correspondent)
WALLOWA, Ore. (Special)—The month of January has been one of the best for logging in this community experienced in a number of years, according to loggers. James Crowley, who has been logging near Moxley until recently says that it has been ideal for logging in that section. He reports that the snow has not been over 20 inches deep at any time and being light and dry has been no hindrance to skidding or cutting. W. C. Gettings and son, who have been logging in the Upper Whiskey creek section, are reported to be progressing fairly well, with the exception of being laid off for a few days during the past week while the truck with which they have been hauling the logs to the railroad here has been broke down. Elmer Osborn and brother "Shorty" Osborn and Glenn English, of Parnip creek have been engaged in logging in the South Fork canyon during the past several weeks and report conditions very good there for logging until the soft weather of the latter part of the week since which they have been laid off.
Roy Schaeffer, of Lower Valley, has been quite ill the past few days, suffering from an attack of appendicitis. He is reported considerably improved and able to be up and around again.
James Crowley was a La Grande business visitor the last of the week.
Many of the farmers over the community have been taking advantage of the good sledding during the past two weeks in getting up their year's supply of wood.
Typical March weather has prevailed over this section of the country during the past two days.

Extremely warm weather together with frequent rains have caused the snow to melt away rapidly and all small canyons coming down from the higher sections of the country were running large branches of muddy water on Saturday. The snow varied in depth from 5 to 20 inches, however, since the melting has been in progress the snow at the deepest places has settled to only a few inches deep. The stock water shortage, which has been a serious one at many of the farms in the dry farming areas is ended now. Many of the wells which have been quite low since early in the summer have filled brim-full within the past 24 hours. Practically all the snow has been melted off the roads in the valley section and wheeled rigs are being used for hauling feed, etc. The snow is still plentiful enough to make fair sleighing on some of the roads in the higher sections. Reports from farmers in various parts of the community tell of improved conditions of the livestock since the weather has become warmer. In most instances the stock are said to be gaining flesh again and not nearly as much feed is being required to keep them satisfied. Many say that during the extreme cold spell they found it practically impossible to keep enough feed out for the stock which were being fed outside. There is a much greater waste of feed at this time than when the weather conditions were drier because of the feed being trampled into the wet snow. F. H. Weinhart of Dry creek is a business visitor in town the last of the week and reports stock on his farm doing well. He has been building a sheep shed to be used in lambing out a band of ewes which will start lambing during the latter part of the month. A small amount of lambing is being done at a few of the farms over the community although no large number will begin lambing until the last of the month. A considerable amount of hay is being hauled from some of the farms in the hills. With the winter season quite well advanced and the greater part of the stock still in good condition it is felt that there will be plenty of hay for all needs in this community, even if the spring should prove to be a late one.
Bruce Cox returned home from Portland Sunday where he has been for the past several days attending a convention of retail hardware dealers held there.
Leroy Plass and family and Mrs. Giles Plass of Enterprise were visiting with relatives here Sunday.
P. A. Downing, of Leap, has been busy the past several days hauling hay from the valley to his farm for feed for his herd of dairy cows.
George Coleman, of Powatka, was a business visitor in town the early part of the week. He reports a foot or more of snow in that section.
Joe Feagins who lives at the former P. W. Heakott farm in the Leap community recently installed a phone at his farm connecting with farmers line No. 8 which extends from Wallowa into that community.
Eben Lathrop, of Parnip creek, was delivering some fat hogs to Evans the latter part of the week for shipment with the Wallowa County Marketing association. Some who have been feeding bunches of hogs during the past few weeks while the

weather has been quite cold say that they have made but little gain. The cold weather has also been very hard on young stock hogs, slowing up their growth to a considerable extent.
John Couch, of Leap, finished hauling his hay from the Lostine community the last of the week.
Roy Gastin, of Leap, was a business visitor in town the latter part of the week.
Bruce Fisher, of Leap, and other farmers of that community who have not been able to find all of their horses which were ranged in the timbered areas during the summer have been busy recently in an effort to find the balance of the stock. Since the fall of snow in the timber covering the feed the horses have mostly all come out and in some instances are said to be badly scattered over the country making it quite difficult to get them all gathered.
T. G. Johnson has been busy the past week hauling logs from the Maxville section into town with his truck.
Tom Wootin who is employed by the Wallowa Hardware company here left by auto Sunday for Spokane where he will attend the implement men's convention there during the first three days of this week.

Drawing Frost Gradually From Valley Ground

By Mrs. C. M. Hale (Observer Correspondent)
IMBLER, Ore. (Special)—The severe winter weather of last week has taken a very spring-like turn. The warm sunshine and falling rains have melted the snow, making much water which is standing on the surface as the frozen ground will not permit it to sink into the soil, though some of the farmers report it is gradually drawing the frost from the ground.
The Imbler high school basketball team was badly beaten Saturday night by the Haines team. The game was played on the Imbler floor.
There is still considerable illness either of bad colds or flu. Charley Lewis is back in school after a two week absence. Madeline Oliver is still absent having suffered a relapse. Her father, R. M. Oliver, is also ill of flu. Willie Fries has been absent from school for two weeks on account of the illness of his father, Henry M. Fries, who is quite ill at his home in the Pleasant Grove district.
William Park is now quite ill of flu. Wayne Park has just recovered from the same malady.
Clara Eimer whose home is at Lostine is visiting with relatives in this community. He is now at the home of his sister, Mrs. A. E. Lannan.
Marion Johnston froze one of his fingers quite badly during the recent cold weather but is again able to be at work.
J. C. Lewis spent last week working on the J. Dobbins barn near La Grande but this week will spend most of his time in La Grande where he is serving on the jury. Marion Johnston is also acting as jurymen this week.
The Ladies' Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. Etta Welch Thursday of this week.
Miss Sargent was sick and unable to meet her classes in the high school last Friday.
Mr. Johnston, also a teacher in the high school spent the week-end visiting in Walla Walla.
Mr. and Mrs. Chiek Clover and children and Mrs. and Mrs. C. C. Welch were dinner guests Sunday at the H. A. Watson home.
George Hardy is sending a shipment of hogs to the Grande Ronde Meat company, of La Grande. Mr. Hardy is now acting as local buyer for the company.

INCOME TAX FACTS

No. 3
The personal exemption under the revenue act is \$1500 for a single person or \$2500 for married persons living together. Also a taxpayer may claim \$400 for each person dependent upon him for chief support if such person is under 18 years of age or incapable of self-support because mentally or physically defective. Such dependent need not be a relative of the taxpayer nor a member of his household. The term "mentally or physically defective" includes not only cripples and those mentally defective but persons in ill health and the aged.
Frequently the question is asked, "Why is a return demanded when the personal exemption and credit for dependents amount to more than the net income and thus reflects a nontaxable return?" The filing of a return that shows no tax liability, however, is not a useless procedure as far as the Bureau of Internal Revenue is concerned. In many cases such returns are found upon examination not to be nontaxable, as claimed by the person filing the return. If the amount of personal exemption and credit for dependents claimed is more than he was entitled to under the law, such amount is properly reduced to the amount allowable and there is disclosed a tax liability.

PIONEER DIES

REDDING, Cal., Feb. 5 (AP)—James Mullen, 86, pioneer Shasta county business man, died at his home here last night after a long period of illness. Mullen, who came to California in 1850, operated a livery and feed business here for years. He is survived by two sons and a daughter.

OFFICERS SLAIN BY REBELS

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 4 (AP)—During a raid at Ixtahuamello, Vera Cruz, a band of agrarians headed by the mayor of the town, turned on a federal troop detachment and killed Colonel Herman Eridio Resas, Captain Zenon Gonzalez and one soldier. Troops fought off the attack and captured six of their assailants.

SACRED BULLS OF HINDUS THRIVE ON FLORIDA LAND

BRIGHTON, Fla. (AP)—Thirty-three Burma bulls, the humped and mottled breed sacred by Hindus, have been imported by Jimmie H. Bright, head beef cattle herd owned by James H. Bright.

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