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AN ASCENDING SCALE—We glory in tribulations also; knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope; and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.—Romans 5:3-5.

Colonel Lindbergh finds glider flying easier than driving an automobile in city traffic. And still we aren't very enthusiastic about flying gliders.

March went out like a lion in the middle west and east but in these parts it resembled the woolly little lambs now making their appearance on scores of ranches throughout the Grande Ronde valley. The weather has been as perfect as it could be considering how much spring fever it has caused.

Harry Corbett, candidate for governor, announces his platform and says the high standards of education has their foundation in our normal schools. The attendance at the Eastern Oregon normal indicates how badly needed was this institution east of the mountains, how important its part will be in the development of education in the future of this section.

KEEP THE HIGHWAYS OUT OF POLITICS

The refusal of the state highway commission to co-operate with the Marion county court to the extent of \$100,000 in the building of the North Santiam highway was resulted in considerable feeling in that county and attacks on the highway commission by Salem newspapers. The incident has state wide interest because it may tend to jeopardize the established policy of the commission and throw the state highway system into politics.

The highway commission turned down the request because the North Santiam road is not on the state highway map, not a part of the present state system. According to law the commission cannot spend money for roads not on the state map and the commission is absolutely right in its decision.

Now the Marion county representatives want the commission to add this highway to the system so that the co-operation of state funds can be obtained. The commission turns down that request, also, saying that it has long been the policy of the commission to complete the original state road system before any new roads were added. That policy, which is widely approved in all sections of Oregon, has been in effect through three successive state administrations. It is sound, logical. It keeps road building out of politics and has helped give Oregon the fine system of highways she now possesses.

To violate that policy would be the worst kind of road folly, would make a pork barrel out of state highway funds—which is the last thing the people of Oregon want.

Much pressure is being brought to bear on Governor Norblad, so Dame Rumor has it, to use his influence to have the highway commission change its policy and approve the Marion county road. Attractive bait held out to the governor, we understand, is a large majority of votes in Marion county at the May primaries.

We refuse to believe that Norblad would lend himself to such a scheme in spite of his desire for enough votes to win republican nomination. He is a political candidate, it is true, but he is also governor, and would not be guilty of ending his influence to destroy a proven highway policy. To do so would be political suicide.

No one subject is of more general interest to the people of Oregon than the state highway system. It is the one tangible state asset of which everyone is proud, everyone envious. It is the one state activity of large importance that is now singularly free of political considerations. Its policies are established and accepted. Any move to change them would result in resentment and opposition in every corner of the state.

Marion county needs additional state highways no more than many other counties. She can build her own roads or wait, with the rest of us, until the present highway system is completed and the state is ready to consider additions. The state as a whole cannot afford to have highway building hrown into politics. And it will not tolerate any change in policy that would tend to do just that. The highway commission is to be congratulated on its stand against Marion county in this case and Governor Norblad will do well to back up the commission in every way.

Girl Is Kidnaped

By Detroit Gang

DETROIT, Apr. 2 (AP)—The girl of a nine-year-old boy and one of several school mates are practically the only ones on which police were basing their search today for six-year-old Mary Beach and her older brother, Joseph. The girl and her older brother, Joseph, were picked up by a strange man in an automobile

while on their way home from school in Dearborn a suburb, Tuesday noon. They were driven about 40 miles before the boy was put out near the Detroit city hall on the pretext of going to buy candy, Joseph said. At that point the trail of the kidnaper has been lost.

The Geological Society of America estimates the probable thickness of the earth's surface layer beneath the Pacific to be about 25 miles.

Improving Lots In South Elgin; Farm Is Leased

By Mrs. Lynn Hill (Observer Correspondent) ELGIN, Ore. (Special) — Cliff McCullough is making a number of important improvements in his property in the south part of town. The large vacant lots adjoining his home, the east, have been cleared of the rubbish and are being plowed. The remaining buildings have been torn down or moved from the lot and the entire place will be fenced. Mr. McCullough has been interested in raising chickens and plans to use at least part of his property for a chicken park.

The dance under the auspices of the Eastern Star social club given Tuesday evening was so enjoyable that a series of similar affairs will be given throughout the spring and summer. A large number of people came from the valley, mostly from Alsea, Imbler and Summerville. The music for the old time dancing was furnished by the Hartley brothers who have been living in the South Crick Flat country. The members of the social club served refreshments.

Al Coburn has leased the Jake Halkarth farm north of Elgin and will take possession at once. This is one of the best farms in that district.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Fager, of Palmer Junction, drove to Elgin Tuesday. This was their first trip this spring by auto and they report the route quite rough as yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Brown and family have gone to Baker county where he will be employed for some time shearing sheep. The Brown family has been living on the R. J. Green farm south of Elgin for the past winter. Mr. Green has had his large band of sheep at this farm during the lambing season which is now about past.

George Wadley, of Eagle Valley, came in last Saturday and will spend the next ten days visiting with his brothers, John, Raymond and Arnold, and his mother, who live in the Hindman district. He reports rather uncertain prospects for crops in Eagle Valley country due to scarcity of snow the last winter.

E. E. Harmon and Frank Hazelwood are planting a cherry orchard at this time.

Mrs. Sadie Steers spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baker, at Palmer Junction. Mrs. Steers has a farm in the Palmer Valley where she made her home for several years. The Bakers own the store at Palmer.

Mrs. Clarence Eckstein, of Palmer Valley, has been in Elgin for the last two weeks. She has been staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Townsend and with Mrs. William Eckstein.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Arant drove to Baker Wednesday on business. The entertainment to be put on at Rock Wall range hall is expected to be a very merry and delightful evening. All are invited to attend the occasion which will begin at 8 o'clock, with a program arranged by Mrs. Kate Lewis, range lecturer. Then there will be a pie sale, after which a carnival amusement entertainment of various kinds, a fortune teller, a fish pond to attract the children and all the booths that the best carnivals should have. The evening will close with dancing. The object of the entertainment is to raise funds to apply on the new hall.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Beeler, of La Grande, were visitors Monday at the Nels Rasmussen home.

Mrs. M. G. Allen and Miss Pauline Becker were visitors in La Grande Sunday.

John Crohan is quite ill at his home in the Rock Wall range. At the meeting of the Women's club here Thursday at Mrs. Henry Sommers' mention should be made of Mrs. Henry's entertainment feature of the afternoon. Due to the nearness of census time, Mrs. Henry gave a review of census taking, mentioning that the first one reported were in Old Testament times. Her entire discussion was very timely and interesting.

Mrs. J. W. Brown read in the closing of this order of business an amusing chronicle of a census-taker's call.

Jim Slack has recently purchased a pair of blue foxes from William Hollins, of Imbler. This is the first fox farm to be established in Elgin.

Northern Swift was in Elgin from Palmer Junction Saturday. Sospy Davis, of Palmer Valley,

has been spending the last week with friends in Elgin. Mrs. Frank Giltner, Mrs. Nyal Graham, Miss Averill Stewart and Miss Diane Arant went to La Grande Tuesday.

E. E. Arant, principal of Elgin schools, drove to Walla Walla and back on Saturday. He was also attending to business connected with the school in La Grande Tuesday.

Mrs. Earl Chandler has begun her duties as census-taker in Elgin and Frank Hazelwood has been appointed to enumerate the people living outside the city limits.

The Loyal Women of the Christian church will meet at Mrs. Foulton's home on Thursday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Arant had as their guests Monday and Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. Parker of Portland, Ore. and Oklahoma.

Mrs. Jack Vanderoot and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Guthrie spent Sunday with Mrs. Vanderoot's daughter, Mrs. Gid Rydman and family in the Cunningham district north of Crick Flat.

Mrs. Florence Elliot moved to her beautiful new home last Monday. This is the house she recently purchased from J. W. Brown.

Owing to the mild warm weather, a number of Elgin people are planting early gardens.

Nels Rasmussen has been driving to La Grande every day to have treatment for abscesses in his head. He is very much improved at this time.

PERRY SCHOOL TO HOLD FAIR FRIDAY, APR. 4

By Mrs. Mary B. Kall (Observer Correspondent) PERRY, Ore. (Special) — The Perry school will hold its fifth annual school fair and also an exhibit of its recent club sewing followed by a program and refreshments Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The Misses Cooper and Frances Smith and Mrs. Harry Williams will assist the school children with the afternoon's entertainment. This is free to the public and everyone is urged to attend as all will be repaid for their time and attention.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Holden were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wilkerson, of La Grande, one evening last week.

Mrs. Harry Williams, who has been taking treatments at Hot Lake. She returned to her home here recently.

Mrs. L. B. Hallmark, who has been suffering from sinus trouble, is reported to be better.

Victor Harrison and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Furzson recently visited relatives at Hillgard.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Mathson visited Mrs. Mathson's mother, Mrs. Walner, at her home in town last Tuesday forenoon.

Milton Smith was absent from school Friday because of illness.

Mrs. Elmer Sinclair has received word from her husband and sons who are working at Fort Klamath. The children and their mother expect to go to Fort Klamath to live in a few days. They will be accompanied by Mrs. Charles Whitman and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Braden were business visitors in town recently.

It is reported that Mr. Stringham has purchased both the Pershio and former Ed McEl houses and expects to make his home here.

George Carlson was absent from school Tuesday on account of illness.

7 CENTS A SQUARE FOOT

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 2 (AP) — State departments occupying the new state office building will pay a monthly rental of 7 cents a square foot for the year of contract decided yesterday. They will pay three about \$44,000 a year and will go to reduce the \$500,000 indebtedness contracted with the state industrial accident commission whose money was used in construction of the building.

The board voted to allow the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs the use of the hall of representatives during its state convention here in May.

A memorial to Abraham Lincoln, marking the spot where the Lincoln family started its trek to Illinois, has been unveiled at Greenville, Ind.

Pondosa Boy Is Injured In Fall; Arm Is Broken

By Mrs. M. F. Raymond (Observer Correspondent) PONDOSA, Ore. (Special) — John Murray, nine-year-old son of J. G. Murray, fell from a horse at the J. C. Turner ranch Saturday and broke his right arm in two places. It was at first thought to be only a severe sprain and he was not taken to a doctor until Sunday. An X-ray examination showed two breaks. The boy will probably have his arm in a cast for the next six weeks.

Miss Wilma Kennedy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kennedy and Leonard Whitten, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Whitten, were married in Baker Saturday. The young couple is well known here, the bride having been reared in this community and Mr. Whitten, while a Southern Oregon boy, has lived here with his parents for the last six years. He is a farmer with land holdings on the creek. At present they are staying at a ranch in Baker valley where Mr. Whitten is employed, but soon will come back here to live.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Duncan drove to Huntington Wednesday evening, returning Thursday. They visited Mr. and Mrs. G. W. South at the Fairfield dairy.

Mrs. Belle Mook and brother, W. C. Calder, of Baker, visited at Medical Springs from Sunday until Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Low returned from Union Monday where they have spent the winter.

D. H. Lowry, who has spent the winter at Medical Springs, drove over to Emmett, Idaho, Friday, returning Monday.

Mrs. Wilma Harsta was given a miscellaneous shower by the members of the Medical Springs Women's club Wednesday afternoon. Many useful gifts were received by the honor guest. Games and contests were the diversion of the afternoon, followed by refreshments. There were 25 women present.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Gaertner, of Union, spent Sunday and Monday with Mrs. Gaertner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Bloom, of Baker, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Whitten. Mr. Bloom is a forest ranger who has charge of the Astoria district and is in the Baker office during the winter months.

A number of friends of David Johansen surprised him with a party Saturday evening. After going to his home in a body and surprising him they went to the home of E. E. Bonham and danced for several hours. Refreshments were served at midnight. The occasion was Mr. Johansen's birthday anniversary.

Neville Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Smith, suffered an attack of appendicitis Tuesday afternoon and was taken to a Baker hospital where it was said he would undergo an operation Wednesday morning.

Ernest Bonham's left hand was severely injured Thursday when a heavy plank fell on it, two inches in the plank going nearly through his hand. He went to Baker for medical treatment and at present the injured member is healing nicely.

M. G. Murray, of La Grande, visited his mother, Mrs. Mary Murray Wednesday. Mr. Murray was envious by this company for several years, moving to La Grande about 15 months ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Mets Lersild and Mrs. Frank Larsen, former residents, but now living in Baker, were visiting friends and relatives in this section Thursday.

M. C. Sowers, who has been plaining mill foreman for the last two years, is moving to Portland. Mr. Sowers and family have been visiting in Portland for the last three weeks and came back Monday in order to pack their household goods.

ROCK INVADES HOSPITAL PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 2 (AP) — A two pound rock, which was blasted from a quarry near Kelly Butte, crashed through a window of the isolation hospital near there yesterday and rolled between the beds of two patients.

The accident was reported by the physician in charge, who said no one was injured except the window.

Georgia counties last year received \$2,150,000 as their share of tax on gasoline.

Menu Of The Day

By Mrs. Alexander George PINEAPPLE BETTY FOR DESSERT Cheese Fondue Baked Potatoes Escaloped Celery Bread Plum Jelly Head Lettuce Piquant Salad Dressing Pineapple Betty Hard Sauce Coffee or Tea

Cheese Fondue, Serving 4 1 cup cheese, cut fine, 1 1/2 cups soft bread crumbs, 1 1/2 cups milk, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon pepper, 1/2 teaspoon celery salt, 1/2 teaspoon finely chopped onion, 2 eggs well beaten, 1 tablespoon butter, melted.

Soak the bread and milk for five minutes. Add the rest of the ingredients and pour into a buttered baking dish. Bake for 25 minutes in a moderately slow oven. Serve in the dish in which baked.

Fondue are not as light as souffles.

Piquant Salad Dressing 2 egg yolks, 1 tablespoon flour, 3 tablespoons sugar, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard, 1/2 teaspoon paprika, 4 tablespoons lemon juice, 1/2 cup water, 2 tablespoons chili sauce, 2 tablespoons catsup, 1 tablespoon horseradish, 1 beat egg yolks and add flour, sugar, salt, mustard and paprika. Mix well and add the lemon juice and water. Cook slowly, stirring constantly, until the dressing thickens a little. Beat for 1 minute.

Cool and add the rest of the ingredients. Beat and serve on vegetable or head lettuce salads.

Pineapple Betty, Serving 1 1/2 cups diced pineapple, 1 cup crumbled toast (left over), 1 cup soft bread crumbs, 1/2 cup sugar, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/2 nutmeg, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1/2 cups water or pineapple juice, 4 tablespoons butter, melted.

Mix all ingredients and pour into buttered baking dish. Cover and bake for 20 minutes in a moderate oven. serve warm.

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Hard Sauce (For Hot or Cold puddings) 4 tablespoons butter, 2 tablespoons hot cream, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon lemon extract, 1/2 cups sifted confectioner's sugar.

Mix the ingredients and beat for 2 minutes. Let stand for several minutes and beat for another minute. Chill.

Pineapple sherbet and yellow cake covered with cocoanut frosting are suitable foods to serve for refreshments during the spring season.

Health Talks

A NEW CANCER CURE? There comes news from the west that a new cancer cure has been found.

Hundreds of afflicted sufferers rush to be saved. Physicians are deluged with inquiries. "Is it true? Is there a new and certain cure for cancer?"

The doctor looks up the medical literature. And what does he find? Merely the report of a new study of a relatively old experiment.

The authors of the experiment avow: "We do not claim to treat or cure cancer. We are carrying out an experimental effort to prove our contention that we have a potential extract from the cortex of the suprarenal gland of internal secretion located above the kidneys."

The experiment is valuable and interesting. Something of value may come out of it. But it cannot as yet be classed as a "cure for cancer."

Time is of great value in the treatment of cancer. The sooner cancer is diagnosed and treated the better the chance for recovery. In seeking for so-called new cures time may be lost and the chance for recovery sacrificed.

The experiment itself is certainly of great interest. It furthers knowledge of the character of the cancerous cell. It shows that the cancer cell has certain susceptibilities different from the normal body cell. Through such information it may be possible in time to find a method for its destruction without injury to the normal cell.

The extract from the cortex of the suprarenal gland is reported as liquefying cancerous tumors. Other substances, too, are reported to have the same effect.

Before a treatment can be considered as a cure for cancer, it would have to pass through the following tests: the tumors in question would have to be established beyond all doubt as actually cancerous in nature; the remedy must prove effective in all stages, even when the cancer has spread; and the cure must be permanent.

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