

What Is Home Without a Baby

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Tripp writes fire insurance.

See F. M. Brown for loganberry tips.

Ruth Mills has entered the Normal.

The great Nazimova is coming next week.

Marion Butler was an Independent visitor today.

Captain J. S. Cooper was home from Portland Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Taylor Jones were in Portland last Sunday.

Dr. H. C. Dunsmore spent yesterday with the Macys in Portland.

Mrs. Chas. Oglesby of Salem is the guest of Mrs. B. F. Swope this week.

Lee Robinson, Misses Ivy Stanley and Pearl Smith were in Corvallis Sunday.

For Sale—1 horse weight about 1200 lbs.

G. W. WATTENBARGER, On the Sloper ranch.

Miss Manning is here from Portland visiting her sister, Mrs. H. L. Proppe.

Mr. Dougherty is here from Portland visiting his daughter, Mrs. P. M. Kirkland.

Eli Fluke was displaying a fine string of fish at Craven's Hardware store Monday.

Mrs. Dean Walker is visiting relatives and friends in Independence this week.

Mrs. Robt. J. Clark is here from Caldwell, Idaho, visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank Dickson.

Sam Muhleman and family have returned from Oregon City and resumed living on the farm.

Miller & Smith receive many compliments on the way they display their meats at the City Meat Market.

Dickson & Mattison have a full crew working and are accumulating a good bunch of wood for next winter's use.

The Baptist Ladies Aid will hold a cooked food sale at Calbreath & Jones' Grocery Store Saturday, February 21.

Mrs. S. E. Owen returned Sunday from a fortnight's visit in Eugene. She was accompanied home by Eugene. She was accompanied home by Eugene. She was accompanied home by Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Arrell are rejoicing over the advent of a son. The youngster made his appearance Tuesday, Feb. 3, and has been christened Llewellyn Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Robbie had as their Sunday guests a cousin, Ernest McKinney of Albany, and Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Hooker of Portland. The Hookers were former residents of this city.

M. Merwin was here from Portland last Wednesday. In talking with Mr. Merwin, he said: "I see a remarkable improvement in Independence and there is no reason why the town should not go forward now with the price of hops good. We are going to see the old town coming into its own again soon."

Phone the news to M2113.

Word has been received from Medford that Lawrence Eldridge, who has been suffering from an attack of pneumonia, is recovering nicely and has been removed from the hospital.

FOR SALE—Brown mare, 10 years old, weight 1600 pounds, sound and true. This is an excellent buy for anybody wishing a first class horse. Will sell at a bargain. See Mr. Stidd at Ace Garage.

The Baccalaureate service at the Methodist church last Sunday evening was an enjoyable event. Those participating in the music did credit to themselves and Dr. Dunsmore's address was pronounced his masterpiece of oratory.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rector are here from New Underwood, S. D., visiting Mrs. Rector's mother, Mrs. P. H. Drexler, and sister, Mrs. Percy Dickinson. Mr. and Mrs. Rector spent several weeks in California before coming here.

GUIDES VESSELS INTO PORT

Device for Automatic Conduct of Ships Into Safe Harbor Anchorage Is the Latest.

Accurate, automatic guidance of vessels through any and all weather conditions into the safe anchorage of a harbor would unquestionably be an improvement in ocean navigation, and the change is promised by an invention described, the other day, by the president of a British association. Germany is credited with the initial work, designed to provide a means for guiding her submarines through mine fields, and British inventors are said to have made it practicable for surface vessels in times of peace. To put it briefly, an insulated wire laid on the bottom of the sea acts as a guide for vessels provided with proper electrical apparatus, so that the path indicated by the wire can be followed in the dark, and the vessel come into port almost as if she traveled on a track. That it has been proved possible to provide such guidance continuously for 50 miles makes the invention immediately practicable for harbor entrances; and the cost is so definitely a form of insurance against loss of ship and cargo that the idea will hardly be allowed to wait long for adoption.

WORM IN THE BURR.

Worms have gone up. They cost more by the quart this fall.

The unpleasant tenant of the chestnut is the offspring of a beetle with an enormously long snout.

The mother beetle crawls over the ripening burr, and, by the help of her snout, thrusts her eggs down into it. When they hatch, tiny white grubs emerge and, boring into the nuts, proceed to fatten and grow.

Emerging from the chestnuts after the latter have fallen to the ground, they burrow into the earth, where they spend the winter, making their appearance in the following year as beetles.

JOIN THE 100 PERCENT INDEPENDENCE BOOSTERS

"A lot of us fellows in it and more invited."

YANKEES FIRST IN DARING FEAT

Make Descent of Victoria Falls in South Africa.

TAKE LIVES IN THEIR HANDS

Accomplish Hazardous Climb of Over 400 Feet and Stand Where No Human Foot Had Ever Trod—Never Has Any Living Thing Been at the Bottom of the Chasm, Save Baboons and Birds—Take Moving Pictures of Falls.

Two daring Americans have performed a world-beating feat—the descent of Victoria falls, in South Africa.

Scaling a precipice of 369 feet with a rope, they accomplished a hazardous climb down the remaining rocks to the extreme bottom of a great pit—a total of more than 400 feet—and stood where no human foot had ever trod.

First to penetrate the pit were Pilny W. Horne and William Stowell, both of Los Angeles.

Horne is a camera man and Stowell a film director for a film company. They are members of the Smithsonian African expedition, a party of scientists and motion picture men touring Africa.

Never in history, since the missionary-explorer, Doctor Livingstone, discovered Victoria falls in 1855, has any living thing been at the bottom of the chasm, save baboons and birds.

Just Imagine This.

To appreciate what the Americans did: Imagine a cleft in the earth 400 feet deep and of a width varying from 250 to 400 feet; sheer, perpendicular cliffs, absolutely without footholds; the chasm at right angles to the Zambesi river, which cascades over the one long side of the narrow, longitudinal pit, leaving the opposite cliff bare, mist-bathed and forbidding; imagine the chasm a hole in the earth, with only one narrow outlet near one end, a gateway with rocky sides falling vertically into a swirling pool of water, a maelstrom aptly called the Boiling Pot.

Had the rope broken there would have been no escape for Stowell or Horne from the bottom of the pit. They couldn't swim the whirlpool current. There was just a narrow ledge to stand on, no path along the bottom's edge to the gateway from the chasm into the gorge.

And Stowell and Horne made not one descent—but two. Previous to penetrating over the cliff of Cataract island to the bottom of Devil's cataract, the most westerly cascade of Victoria falls, a distance of 200 feet.

For maximum safety in daring a spectacular and unprecedented feat, a hand winch and 550 feet of rope were brought from Bulawayo, 280 miles away. The winch was set up on the top and weighted with boulders, the rope passing over a log lodged at the edge. The winch was operated by Thomas McEwen of Bulawayo, a veteran and expert "rigger," and a crew of Barotse natives.

A board saddle was rigged up at one end of the rope. Horne was tied in. Then, armed with a stick to fend himself from the jagged side of the rock wall, he went over the edge of the precipice backward and was let down.

After he disappeared over the brink he was invisible to the men at the winch. So other members of the Smithsonian party, led by Dr. J. R. Armstrong of Los Angeles, stood watch on the opposite side of the chasm.

Recorded by Movie.

Here also was posted another movie camera, operated by Henry N. Kohler of Chicago, taking long-distance pictures of the descent. With binoculars trained on the descending man—who seemed to be crawling down the sheer wall like a fly, for only the swaying guide rope could be seen, and not the rope bearing the weight—Doctor Armstrong watched for signals of distress.

After Horne reached the bottom and untied himself in a blinding rainstorm of mist from the adjacent Devil's cataract, that left him drenched, dripping and cold, the camera, the tripod and other paraphernalia were lowered down to him one at a time. Then Stowell made the descent.

The slow work of letting two men down and the separate pieces of camera equipment and the tedious, perilous climbing over rocks at the bottom to set up the camera consumed the whole day.

Next day the second and most spectacular descent was made. On the third day, directly opposite Rainbow falls, the camera man "shot" some beautiful scenes.

This stunt was a motion picture triumph. For the camera, set up on the narrow ledge at the bottom, covered in full sweep the magnificent picture of the cascades of the main falls nearly half a mile up the canyon, the picturesque trickles of Rainbow falls directly opposite the place of descent and the superb contrast of the nearly dry rock walls of the eastern portion of the cataclysmic chasm.

Prediction Drove Many Insane.

The statement by Professor Porta to the effect that the world would come to an end on December 17, drove 40 residents of Detroit to temporary or permanent insanity, according to Dr. Henry F. Vaughan, city health commissioner.

RACE SUICIDE HITS RUSSIA

Birth Rate Decreasing Due to Physical Conditions.

MARRIAGES ARE NUMEROUS

Government Offers Inducement for Ceremony by Making Official Gift of Expensive Cloth to Every Newly Wedded Couple—Decree Granting Absolute Equality to Women Is Contributing Factor to Further Race Suicide.

Marriages, made easy by official decree, are more numerous than ever before in Russia, but race suicide is rampant, according to a representative of the Jewish International Workers' union who has returned to Berlin after spending two years in observing conditions throughout the soviet republic.

Undernourishment the Cause.

Physiological conditions, arising from the long period of undernourishment, is said to be the cause of fewer children. Liberal marriage and divorce laws are responsible for the increasing number of marriages. One of the government's biggest inducements to marriage is the official gift of approximately 34 yards of expensive cloth to each newly wedded couple.

The greater number of Russians are so reduced economically that they have contracted marriages for no other reason than to obtain the cloth offered by the government. Many of these couples, after the ceremony, sell their cloth for sums varying from 3,000 to 4,000 rubles, split the receipts and then go their separate ways.

No Trouble to Get Divorce.

The government's decree granting absolute equality to women is also a contributing factor to further race suicide. Not only in theory, but in actual practice, the Russian women enjoy men's liberties and responsibilities. Having been granted the same wages the same political treatment and the same duties, many of the women, being thus forced to become breadwinners, are compelled to forsake home duties.

The bolsheviks, who take the position that marriage, although a sacred institution, should not be maintained after husband and wife cease to live together in harmony, have greatly simplified the matter of obtaining a divorce. They seek, however, to maintain family life, but are learning that their decrees, when put into action, tend to family disintegration.

STILL WAITS FOR RESCUE

Unromantic Ohio Sheriff Foils Bright Scheme of Fair Maiden.

"When the clock in the steeple strikes 1, bring a letter, a saw and a file, come for me." This appeal, written on daintily scented pink note paper, fluttered from a window of the woman's section of the county jail at Tiffin, Ohio.

Three youths passing rescued it from a snowdrift.

"I'll pay you well, if you'll only get me out of here," the writer promised. It was from a girl who is held for alleged forgery. The three youths were debating whether to take the risk of a rescue when Sheriff Charles J. Mutchler pounced on them, materially aiding them in coming to a decision. The "clock in the steeple" struck, but there were no signs of rescuers.

THIS CAT A SHOPLIFTER

California Tabby Found With a Nest Full of Stolen Articles.

Tootsie, a tabby-cat of San Bernardino, Cal., has been proved to be a shoplifter.

She is the pet of a lunchroom proprietor and she lives in his lunchroom. He saw her entering the lunchroom early one morning with a shaving brush in her mouth. He watched. She carefully deposited it in her own special corner. In the "nest" were found more than a dozen other shaving brushes.

The owner of a near-by drug store identified the brushes as his property. The theory has been advanced that Tootsie thought the brushes were kittens, which would account for her great care in removing them from the drug store to her "nest."

"NERO'S HORSES" IN VENICE

Famous Bronzes Returned—Were in Rome for Wartime Safety.

The four bronze horses which adorned the facade of St. Mark's cathedral have again been put in place after an absence of more than two years, due to their transfer to Rome, where they had been kept to avoid capture by the Austrians or destruction by air bombs. The horses are regarded as the finest specimens of ancient bronzes and according to tradition, graced the triumph arch of Nero.

Testified He Kissed 300 Girls.

The champion "Jack the Huggler and Kisser" of Indianapolis, Ind., is Ez Maroney, a twenty-two-year-old attendant at a skating rink. Maroney, a witness in the trial of a sixteen-year-old girl on the charge of delinquency, told Judge Lehr in juvenile court that he had hugged and kissed 300 girls in the time he had been employed at the rink.

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KNEW TEACHER'S WEAK POINT

But Almost Anyone Might Have Succumbed to Such Beautiful "Blarney."

The seventh-grade teacher was susceptible to praise—also she was fond of her boys and found it hard to refuse them a favor, especially if they coaxed real hard. The other day they asked her to take them for a weiner roast. From the first she was adamant in her refusal. The boys tried coaxing—they almost tried bribery, but still she said—"No."

Then the little Irish fellow in the class tried his hand. "Why, I think it is your duty to take us," he began. "The board said—"

The teacher's head was tilted high in the air. And the little Irishman played the card for which he had been preparing. "Oh, Miss M., he enthused, "when you hold your head like that you look exactly like a genius."

That plea in his blarneying voice would have melted a heart of stone. And the teacher laughed and went on the weiner roast.—Indianapolis News.

Melting Silver Dollars to Make Change

Ten millions of dollars, all in silver, are being melted into silver bars at the United States mint, in Philadelphia. Later the bars are to be turned into dimes, quarters and half dollars. The government finds it cheaper to melt the dollars than to go into the market and buy silver, now selling at the highest price in many years.

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AT THE ISIS NEXT WEEK

Opening the week for Sunday matinee, Sunday night and Monday night, Dustin Farnum makes a hit in "A Man in the Open." Said by the critics to be a good one.

A very clever and interesting drama, "A House Divided", comes on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. The stellar attraction of the week is on Thursday and Friday nights when the great Nazimova is seen in her newest and most sensational screen triumph, "Stronger Than Death." Mysterious, colorful India, where East meets West, where life is ever subject to new mysteries, new sensations, is the background of this superb story. Alive with tense drama, pulsing with a love story that grips and thrills.

The big Saturday night show consists of "Unknown Love" in which Dolores Cassinelli and E. K. Lincoln star, a Herold Lloyd comedy entitled, "Bees in His Bonnet" and the always interesting Ford Weekly.

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS FOR PRESIDENT

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with the government's need for income taxes. And through it all the public could sit in blissful satisfaction watching the scenes reelby.

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Because it is one hundred percent Independence, does not attempt to build up another community at the expense of its own, and is a booster rather than a knocker. That's why it receives the support and assistance of all progressive people who have the welfare of the community at heart.