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FARM WOMEN AND THEIR WORK

The Post has received the following communication from a farmer's wife, living near Independence:

"Folks are now taking what they call their 'vacation.' The Post is full of names. What is a vacation? I never had one. When is mine coming?"

We hope, sister, that you will soon get yours. There is a certain amount of pleasure derived from a vacation and in numerous instances rest. If there is any woman in the world who deserves a vacation it is the farmer's wife. She ought to have a real, real long one.

Recently the government conducted a survey of rural life pertaining to women and the following paragraphs are taken from the report:

"The survey discloses a number of reasons why many women do not find farm life attractive. The working day of the average farm woman, as shown by the survey is 11.3 hours the year round. In the summer it is 13.12 hours. And eighty-seven out of each 100 women have no regular vacation during the year. On the average, the farm woman can find only 1.6 hours of leisure during the summer and only 2.4 hours in winter. Half of the farm women are up and at work at 5 o'clock in the morning.

"Forty per cent have water in the kitchen, but the other per cent must go to the spring or the pump to bring the water for cooking breakfast. Thirty-six per cent help with the milking. On the average, the farm woman has a seven-room house to keep in order. Seventy-nine per cent have kerosene lamps to trim and fill.

"Ninety-six per cent do the family washing, about half of them having washing machines and the other half doing the work with tub, wash board and boiler. Twenty-six per cent have gas or electric irons to make more comfortable the task of ironing. Ninety-two per cent do some or all the family sewing. Garden work is done by 56 per cent, 94 per cent make all or part of the family bread and 60 per cent have churning to do.

"Eighty-one per cent of all poultry stocks are cared for by women. One-fourth of the farm women help to feed and bed the livestock, and 24 per cent of them spend over six weeks in the year assisting with some part of the field work. All of this in addition to cooking the family meals and caring for the children.

"This, of course, is the dark side of the shield. It does not take into consideration the many compensations that come with the woman's daily round of work for the comfort of her family, and anyone who has experienced the satisfaction of living in the open country knows that the average farm woman is more fortunately placed than her average city sister. But the task is sufficiently grinding to send the farm woman to bed breathing a prayer that her strength may be equal to tomorrow's duties."

"Who or what is responsible for this condition? The women have the ballot; cannot they change it? The Post would like to hear from the farm women upon the subject. We will not publish names unless permission is granted. Write your letter and say what you please—let's talk the thing over.

MICKIE SAYS

IF TH' HOME TOWN PAPER AINT BIG ENUFF TO SUIT YA, BLAME TH' TOWN AN' NOT TH' PAPER! HOLY SMOKE! THEY AINT HARDLY AN EDITOR BUT WHAT WISHES ONCE IN A WHILE THAT HE WUZ IN A LARGER PLACE SO HE COULD RUN THINGS ON A BIGGER SCALE!



GUY PRATHER STRIKEN WITH "SLEEPING SICKNESS"

Guy Prather is seriously ill with what is called "sleeping sickness," a malady which has followed the flu epidemic of 1919-20.

He has been at Salem for nearly a year where he attended high school and his wonderful musical ability brought him to the front. Recently he has been playing a piano at the Canton cafe in Salem.

Guy had a severe attack of the flu during the epidemic and has not fully recovered from its effects. When he was taken ill the first of the week it was first thought he had a nervous disorder, but later physicians identified it as the "sleeping sickness."

MISS ELIZABETH COSPER WEDS WASHINGTON MAN

Friends here have received announcement of the marriage of Miss Elizabeth Cosper to Mr. Guy Wever in Portland last Wednesday. The keynote of the service, which was performed in the parlors of the Portland hotel at 12 o'clock noon, was simplicity. The marriage vows were exchanged in the presence of relatives and a number of intimate friends and was followed by a wedding breakfast at the Portland.

Mrs. Wever is the only child of O. F. and the late Pamela Allen Cosper and with her parents lived here some time before going to Lebanon to reside. She was very prominent in club work and at the time of leaving for Lebanon was president of the Independence Civic Club and had previously been secretary of the club. The influence of her uplifting activities during her sojourn among us is still felt and there are many ardent admirers here who wish her an abundance of happiness. Mr. Wever is a prosperous orchardist near Yakima.

Mr. Cosper has recently purchased an orchard adjoining that of Mr. and Mrs. Wever and will make his home with them.

CAR GOES OVER BANK; NOBODY IS INJURED

While returning from Newport last Sunday afternoon, J. A. Bewley driving his big Buick in which was riding Mrs. Bewley, his two nieces, Misses Gladys and Helen Bewley of Portland, and Mrs. E. E. Tripp, met a Chevrolet at a sharp curve on the canyon rim road about three and a half miles west of Hoskins. Just as Bewley started to pass the Chevrolet which was stand-

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SUNDAY, AUG. 1

MONROE SALISBURY

in "HIS DIVORCED WIFE."

Stone walls—iron bars—confine his body—yet his spirit wanders free—Taking upon himself another's crime—only to shield his wife—while she, and the guilty man seek happiness together. A new dramatic rendering of the eternal triangle with a gripping climax and a heart-satisfying ending.

Jeff and Mutt Comedy and Fox News

MONDAY AND TUESDAY, AUG. 2-3

'Chains of Evidence'

A box containing \$250,000 of radium is stolen. A mystery, murder, and romance come from it.

Also the Fourteenth Episode of the Great Serial,

'Smashing Barriers'

TRAPPED LIKE RATS

A smashing melodrama of risk and romance in the great outdoors, in the lumber camps, the football field and the mountains. 15 weeks of adventure!

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, AUG. 4-5

WILLIAM FARNUM

in "THE JOYOUS TROUBLEMAKERS."

A fascinating story of luck and pluck in the West—of luck in the finding of gold and of pluck in clinching possession not only of the yellow metal but of a golden girl as well. Bulging with pep, scintillating with humor and propelled with the battling force of a strong right arm.

Robin Comedy and Pathe News

FRIDAY, AUG. 6

CLARA KIMBALL YOUNG

in "THE HOUSE OF GLASS."

Miss Young follows her long line of artistic delineations of famous characters from universally known successes such as "The House of Glass." A genuine triumph in every regard and one of the best serious and intelligent photoplays yet made.

Comedy and International News

SATURDAY, AUG. 7

"The Red Lane"

A great love drama of the Big Outdoors starring FRANK MAYO. The story of a young convent girl thrown in the life of the Northern Woods, who is rescued from her revolting surroundings by a young American Custom's officer on border duty.

Herold Lloyd Comedy and Ford Weekly

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PRETTY MAID TAKES A JOURNEY

The horrid old freight train stood on the crossing when the two pretty maids in bathing suits came along and it just stood and stood and wouldn't move so the two pretty maids could go on to the river.

They just couldn't stand there forever, and suddenly an idea struck 'em. The box car before them was empty and both doors wide open; why not go thru the car! Why, of course, and it would be fun, too! So pretty maid number one climbed into the car and on thru she went as daring as could be. Pretty maid number two followed, but something about the interior of the car attracted her attention and she lingered. While she lingered ever-so-happy the old freight train concluded to go and went it did. She went, too, and some-how-or-other didn't mind it a bit. There was something novel and soothing about it.

Then, all-of-a-sudden, came the great inspiration! Why not make this her summer outing; ride 'round the world and back again! Gee, that would be fun!

And the train went on. But a pretty maid just can't do a thing when there's a man around. Long came a brakeman, mean old

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BAD MAN AT LARGE

The man who "sleeps day times and raises hell at night" better be mendin' his ways. A woman writes The Post that she is going "to print his name."

CITY AND COUNTRY

Mrs. W. H. Walker spent last Friday with Portland friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ober-son, Sr., are in Portland. A daughter living there is ill.

Last week a prominent young son came to make his home with Mr. and Mrs. Turnridge of Buena Vista.

Major and Mrs. Rose will go to Portland Saturday to meet their son who is arriving from England with his bride.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Henkle left Tuesday for Newport where they will open their cottage for the remainder of the summer.

Miss Lucile Craven entertained a house party of Portland friends last week end. Her guests included Miss Esther Wright and Messrs. Forest Wood and Hugh Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. J. McLeod returned the first of the week from an extended visit in eastern Oregon and the Sound cities. They spent several days with their son at Bremerton.

Mrs. G. W. Girard and daughter Miss Ruth, have returned from a pleasant visit with friends in The Dalles. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Girard's niece, Miss Dorothy Tetherow.

A. L. Kullander and Melvin Ray are delegate and alternate of Independence Post at the state convention of the American Legion being held in Astoria this week and it goes without saying that Independence is ably represented.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kurre and grand daughter, Elinor left Wednesday for Neskowin where they expect to remain for several days. Peter took 300 feet of rope with him. He is going down to the bottom of the ocean after crabs.

Mrs. Gustav Fischer (Anna Newton) left Monday for Los Angeles to join her husband. Mr. Fischer is a director in an art studio in Universal City and devotes his time to teaching "movie actors" the art of dramatic make-up. He learned the art while in France.

Mr. and Mrs. Oren McElmurry are entertaining their friends, Miss Elsie Scott and Miss Mable Davis from Guilford, Conn. The young ladies are touring the United States coming West thru the Canadian mountains and are to return East thru the southern states.

Last Thursday afternoon Mrs. George Wood opened her pretty home to the members of the Christian Ladies Aid. The ladies always pass their afternoons in a most industrious manner, but this time Mrs. Wood provided so much pleasure there was a draw to see which labored more diligently the tongues or the fingers. However, they have a deal of needlework to their credit, besides the pleasure from social converse. Mrs. Wood served a summer-time luncheon, including refreshing iced water melon.

HIGHWAY FRAGAS STILL PROVOKING

The latest move in the Polk county road fracas happened yesterday when Judge Stapleton modified the restraining order of Judge McCourt and permits the Warren construction company to proceed temporarily with the work of surfacing the highway between Kikkrean and Monmouth. The paving company came into court and contended that sixty per cent of the road is now hard surfaced and that about one and a half miles of crushed rock base is ready for the hard surfacing and that it was necessary to put it down within the next thirty days if the road is completed this fall. Judge Stapleton's modification is only effective until Judge McCourt returns to his official duties.

So it is that the controversy becomes one injunction and restraining order after another and the end is not in sight. It is hinted that the commission may conclude to postpone a settlement of the route until the legislature meets and let that body "rattle the bear." It is alleged that the commission would be victorious in the legislature if being claimed that the state at large does not favor putting the highway thru Dallas. While this is all hearsay should the "buck" be passed to the legislature it might affect the legislative race between Powell and Brown in Polk county this fall.

Offers of a compromise have been heard. It is rumored, source unknown, that a Portland newspaper will soon boldly advocate the following route: Kikkrean to Brunk's corner, to Independence, Monmouth and south to Benton. In a letter to the Monmouth Herald, Jay Bowerman, the commission's attorney, says in part: "The Commission offered to locate the Pacific Highway from Holmes Gap to Kikkrean; thence in a southeasterly direction to Monmouth over a route to be surveyed and located by the state highway engineer. This proposal was objected to by Mr. Kaste, attorney for the Independence and Dallas people on the ground that it would put two paved roads too close together. Commissioner Kiddle made a trip over the field last Saturday and suggested that the present road be continued south about two and one-half miles south of Holmes Gap thence to Dallas thence southeasterly to Monmouth. Presumably the road from Dallas to Monmouth would connect at Orr's corner with the paved highway now being constructed by the Warren Construction company. None of the proposals made by the Commission were satisfactory to the Court and the plaintiffs. The Court indicated that he would approve at least two of the locations proposed by the Commission but the attorney for the Dallas and Independence people stated that other proceedings would be immediately started to enjoin construction over any of the proposed routes."

We note one paper is asking what it is all about. A postal card fiend expressed it pretty accurately when he wrote the following beneath a picture of a couple riding in an automobile on a road so level and smooth that he didn't have to steer and so could keep both arms around the girl:

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