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New President of Normal Arrives to Take Position

"It is more like a home-coming for me and Mrs. Landers than a move to a new place," says J. S. Landers, newly elected president of the Oregon State Normal school, who arrived last week from New Mexico to take up his work as successor to the late J. H. Ackerman.

Landers was in Oregon for twenty years before he went to Colorado and afterwards to New Mexico. He was for three years principal of The Dalles high school, for eight and a half years city superintendent and for eight and a half years city superintendent in Pendleton. He is personally acquainted with most of the members of his faculty in the Monmouth Normal and familiar with the aims and policies of his predecessor.

After he left Oregon he went to the University of Colorado for three years and thence to Albuquerque, N. M., as professor of philosophy and psychology. He is a graduate of Northern Indiana Normal school and Valparaiso university.

He was contemplating an offer of theanship of the training department in the normal school at Las Vegas, N. M., when called to Oregon to fill the vacant place.

"I believe that the normal school

of Oregon under President Ackerman and the board, has been put in splendid position for an immense growth in the immediate future. There was never a time when such growth was more important, for the emphasis in education is being changed and it is upon the normal school-teacher that we must depend for carrying the new emphasis to the public schools.

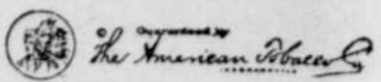
"The German system of education we used almost to worship, but it failed chiefly because its purpose was wrong and its ideal was wrong. We are now in a period of change, the German ideal of mere mechanical efficiency abandoned and the ideal of character development, in addition to the development of efficiency, becoming the new point of emphasis.

"The teaching profession is coming to a sounder footing than in former years. Whereas there was a steady frilling off in the tendency to seek normal training and to prepare for teaching as a life work, there is now apparent a return to it. Men who had almost entirely dropped out of it are coming back and will, I think, stay in it, now that salaries are made more nearly equal to salaries of other professions.

"I believe that there will be about 500 students in the normal school this year—a material growth in attendance—and expect to see a continual and steady growth each year in future."—Portland Telegram.



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Another One Discovered

The following with Polk county substituted for Linn would probably retain the original "kick":

"The moonshine's bright on the old Linn county still;

'Tis summer, the rumhounds are gay;

The corn top's ripe in the field beyond the hill

And the Wops make whiskey all the day.

The hooch lies stacked on the little cabin floor;

The hopper is shining and bright;

By'n bye some guy comes a knockin' at the door—

Then my old Linn county still, good night!

"Weep no more, my lady, O weep no more today!

One song we'll trill for the old Linn county still,

For the old Linn county still, far away."

—Benton County Courier.

PLEADS FOR KING OF BIRDS

Complete Extinction of Eagle Fore-shadowed by President of National Audubon Societies.

Eagles still seem to be fairly numerous in Alaska, whither they have been driven by the unfriendliness of their fellow Americans in the older settled sections of the country. Even in Alaska the slaughter of the big birds is being proceeded with in such a way that the tribe will soon be exterminated. There the eagle is charged with eating too many fish. Eagles have always lived off fish, and it would seem a poor kind of patriotism to deny the eagle the food which he is used to and which his ancestors have eaten for generations that cannot be counted. The president of the National Association of Audubon Societies, T. Gilbert Pearson, has protested against the slaughter of the American eagles that have sought a home in Alaska because they could find one nowhere else, and said:

"The good Lord certainly made

enough fish so that the emblem of our national independence might have one occasionally. It is my contention that the killing of these birds should be stopped until the eagle has his day in court. The late Governor Riggs, I am informed, expressed himself as feeling that the time had come when the bounty put on the killing of these birds should be taken off."

AUTOMOBILE MENACE.

A New York magistrate before whom many speeders are brought for trial, recently pointed out the serious growth of the automobile as an instrument of death, says a writer in the Thrift Magazine. He alluded to the fact that during the 19 months of American participation in the war, 48,000 of our soldiers were killed or died of their wounds in France. During that same period 91,000 persons, mostly children, were killed on the streets and highways of this country by automobiles.

We have learned through the centuries to regard Mars as the symbol of ruthless cruelty and death. Today we must consign the old war god to a quiet and comfortable seat in a rocking chair while Mercury assumes the role of the bloody butcher.

WORK FOR CENT A MONTH

Germans Enter United States Ports as Seamen and Then Flee to Interior.

Large numbers of Germans are shipping at German ports on American-bound vessels as seamen, at wages of one cent a month, Chairman A. D. Lasker of the shipping board, has advised Secretary of Labor Davis.

The belief was expressed by Secretary Davis that the Germans are permitted to land in this country as seamen and then flee to the interior.

Until a treaty is signed with Germany, it was explained, it will not be legal for German citizens to enter the United States.

Unemployed Set Fire to Lumber Yard.

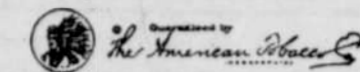
Disappointed over their failure to obtain jobs in a lumber yard in East London, England, which advertised for 50 men, 5,000 unemployed laborers broke into the premises and set fire to a stock of lumber valued at \$5,000,000.

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HIS PRIVILEGE.

"A feller has a right to hold his own political opinions, hain't he?" sourly demanded a neighbor.

"He has—if he holds 'em!" replied the gaunt Missourian. "It's only when he gets to slingin' 'em at me that I object."—Kansas City Star.

HELP FROM ABOVE.

Help came from the skies when a man walked off the sea wall into the Potomac river. The pilot of a seaplane, 500-feet in the air, saw him plunge into the water and, swooping down, enabled his companion flyer to drag the drowning man to safety.—Indianapolis News.

IN STYLE.

"That girl gave me quite a start."

"How so?"

"She has such big freckles."

"I thought she was wearing a dotted veil."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

MAKE A JOKE OF DISTANCE

Airplanes Cross the Desert in Hours, Where Transportation by Rail Would Take Years.

Regions that would have to wait many years before they could be traversed by railways are now quickly mastered by aerial transport. News comes from the British air ministry that a new air route has been opened up across the desert between Palestine and Mesopotamia. Notification has been received of the arrival at Bagdad of three airplanes of the royal air force, which have flown over this route.

The new route is about 580 miles long. It is an extension of the present Cairo-Ramleh route. It starts from Ramleh, where the main royal air force airdrome in Palestine and Mesopotamia. Notification has been received of the arrival at Bagdad of three airplanes of the royal air force, which have flown over this route.

The distances between the principal stations are as follows: Ramleh to Amman, 65 miles; Amman to Kasr Azrak, 55 miles; Kasr Azrak to Ramadie, 400 miles; Ramadie to Bagdad, 60 miles.

Engine Run by Sun Power. A novel engine is operated by sun power at Mead, near Cairo, Egypt. It consists of five 205-foot boilers placed on edge and in the focus of five channel-shaped mirrors. The engine's best run for an hour yielded 1,442 pounds of steam at a pressure of nearly 16 pounds a square inch—equivalent to 68 horse power. An acre of land is occupied by the plant.



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