OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

Auto tourist travel through the Willamette valley is under way already.

The Union Livestock association will hold its twelfth annual show at Union, June 2-4.

The ninth annual conference of the Deschutes Baptist association was held at Redmond.

It is reported that hop vines in the Independence district are making a thrifty growth.

A large cougar last week killed a calf on the farm of George Leedy, four miles north of Toledo.

A dairy and sheep extension school was held at the North Craft farm in Douglas county Friday.

McMinnville Elks to the number of 600 will attend the state convention to be held at Salem in July.

A gain of $1,616,869.36 in deposits in the three banks of Eugene has been made during the past year.

The high price of sugar has caused a slump in the demand at Hood River for strawberries and cherries.

Under the auspices of the Jackson county farm bureau a two-day dairy school was held in Medford.

Merlin Gold was instantly killed at Hammond Lumber company, Camp No. 10, near Clatskanie, by a flying log.

Union high school district of Madras has voted to issue $50,000 in bonds for immediate construction of a building.

Both bonds and special tax for a new high school gymnasium carried in the special election held at Monmouth.

Three airplanes will be sent to Eugene from Mather Field, Sacramento, for the air circus to be staged there May 20.

In order to conserve fuel for spray rigs the Hood River Apple Growers' association is urging conservation of gasoline.

Because of lack of patronage, service of the Portland Navigation company between Salem and Portland has been discontinued.

The Alsea River Lumber company has shipped a carload of fir logs to New York to test their adaptability for veneering purposes.

Scores of small fires in the hills around Eugene have raised a pall of smoke. The fires are caused by farmers burning brush.

The Corvallis Commercial club has gone on record against the specific gravity test for gasoline and in favor of suspending the law.

The laying of the six miles of submarine telephone cable to connect the Tillamook rock lighthouse with the shore, has been completed.

A tract of 34 acres partially within the city limits of Albany was purchased by the Linn county fair association for permanent fair grounds.

The Astoria board of school directors is calling for bids for a new gymnasium for the high school to cost when equipped about $50,000.

The twenty-ninth annual session of the Southern Oregon Medical association was held at Roseburg. It was decided to hold the convention at Grants Pass next year.

The state land board has received a total of $644 in royalties from three Portland sand and gravel companies for sand and gravel taken from the bed of the Willamette.

Albert Meaders and W. J. Jenkins, who escaped from the prison wood camp last Saturday night, were captured at Mill City by Cherry James, a guard at the penitentiary.

More than 150 plumbers and their wives, from all sections of the state, gathered in Salem for the nineteenth annual convention of the Oregon State association of master plumbers.

Will R. King of Ontario, former democratic national committeeman for Oregon, has resigned as chief counsel for the United States reclamation service, to become effective June 15.

Shortage of gasoline is becoming acute at Klamath Falls and may result in the closing down of all sawmills which are supplied with logs direct from the woods by motor truck.

A movement has been started among Marion county taxpayers to introduce a bill in the legislature at its next session prohibiting the catching of mountain trout during the spawning season.

The state desert land board will ask congress to extend the contract between the state and federal governments relative to the Walker Basin irrigation project in Deschutes country for a period of 10 years.

Statistics show, according to the war department statement, that Oregon's enlisted strength for its national guard is 2152 men, of which 1346 have been enlisted. During the month ending May 1 there were enlisted in Oregon two companies of infantry, two companies of coast artillery, one company of engineers with 117 men and four officers, and one quartermaster detachment of 24 men, composed mostly of commissioned officers.

OCEAN CASTS UP OLD SHIP

Identity of Ancient Vessel Found on Rockaway Beach Uncertain—May Be Historic Pirate.

Rockaway Beach has another sensation, the Brooklyn Eagle states. Not content with washing up hundreds of thousands of crabs, lobsters and clams, the great tide recently dug an ancient oceanic relic out of the sands and left it to bleach in a winter's sun, like some skeleton of a departed dinosaur. According to Capt. Joseph Meade of the Rockaway coast guard station, it is an old sloop o' war.

Nobody knows its history. From all appearances this washed out corpse in an ocean graveyard was once a saucy war vessel, mounting nine guns, including the old time bow chaser that used to bark with ferocity at pursuing vengeance.

The ship is bluff-bowed, her spikes are handwrought, her ribs are of stout oak and her bowsprit, broken short at the cap, is a mighty headstone on a sandy grave.

The old salts who are experts on such matters say the buried hull is an old British sloop. During the war of 1812 privateers manned by adventurous Yankees frequently hung about Jones' inlet, towing in their prizes for anchorage and running to shelter when British men-o'-war, out for revenge, bore down upon them.

Another tradition unearthed from the old skippers of clipper ships, now come to anchor on the Rockaway shores, has it that Capt. Jones, for whom Jones' inlet was named, at one time just prior to the Revolutionary war, pursued a profitable trade in contraband in the vicinity, unknown to the British customs. The handwrought spikes and the general shape of the rotting wreck plainly indicate that she was an oldtimer, very likely of Revolutionary times.

Village Within Extinct Volcano.

"Bottom" is the paradoxical name of a little village perched on the peak of mountain which comprises the island of Saba, in the Caribbean sea. No other spot in the world is quite like Saba; of all the islands of the tropical seas, it is the strangest, the most forbidding. Sheer conical, frowning, this island rises from the waves, its topmost pinnacle veiled in drifting clouds 3,000 feet above the sea, its coast rock-bound and precipitous. It is seldom sighted by ships, but those who do pass it would never dream that it was inhabited.

The mountain is an extinct volcano and the town of Bottom rests in its crater. No harbor breaks Saba's coast; there is no safe landing place or anchorage, and if one would visit the town one must step ashore from a small boat and climb a steep stairway of hundreds of stone steps or toil up a narrow, difficult trail. Every article brought to Saba from the outside world must be carried up the heights. The inhabitants are sailors, as they have been since the earliest times, and though they sail the seven seas they always return to their island home.

Thrift in Chile.

The Scots and the French had better look to their laurels as saving peoples. Chile bids fair to rival them. During the last ten years savings institutions have risen considerably in number. In 1910 there existed in the entire country but a dozen independent institutions carrying the accounts of some 200,000 persons; their complete savings amounted to only $4,000,000 in American money. In 1917 deposits rose to 110,000,000 Chilean pesos, which would equal about one-fourth as many American dollars. To this, in the year 1918, were added 50,000,000 more Chilean pesos. The nation has encouraged savings, through stamps and other substantial inducements. Incidentally it is worth while noting that lotteries are not permitted in Chile; down there they believe in getting rich slowly and surely.

Sounded Like a Curse.

A spinster of about forty years or a bit more recently had a house to rent. Now her last tenant had three healthy American sons and they had done a great deal of damage to the house so she had firmly declared that she would tolerate no children this time. So when a man responded to her advertisement, she asked him whether he had any children. "Seven," he returned and then went on to tell how good they were.

But the spinster informed him that she would not rent her house to a family in which there were so many children. Angrily the man turned away, but retorted over his shoulder: "I only hope some day you'll have seven children, lady, and can't find a house, either."—Indianapolis News.

Humor in a Bank.

The first day I worked in the bank in which I am employed I was given a sealed package marked "$10,000 in gold," which was in the form of a brick. I presented it to the down town bank for payment and was sent from one teller to the other, each one keeping his discovery to himself, until I got sore because of the fact that they had me going around in a circle and discovered I was the goat.

I might add that it was not a gold brick—it was a red one. C. B.

P. S.—Don't you think a d—n fool like me earned a dollar?—Exchange

Farther Away.

Mrs. Bowles—I've decided that Edith shall have her voice trained in Europe.

Bowles—Certainly; but isn't there some place in Asia?—Boston Transcript.

NOT TRUE 'GENIUS'

"Wonder Children" Merely Intellectually Precocious.

In Most Cases They Are Possessors of an Abnormally Retentive Memory —Do Not Necessarily Die Young.

A few days ago there appeared an account of the doings of Samuel Reschevski, a wonderful chess player, eight years old, who is confounding Berlin with his uncanny knowledge and skill.

These "wonder children" always arouse especial interest, and, as many explanations are put forward to account for their apparent genius, there are gloomy forebodings as to their meeting with an early death.

There have been many "wonder children" in the past, and it is strange, though true, that quite a large proportion have lived to the average age.

In recent years there have been a number of child evangelists who have startled the world by their eloquence and theology. In the United States a few years ago a boy nine years old attempted to convert the whole country, and when ten years old he was actually appointed minister of a church in North Carolina.

In Great Britain there are records of a child twelve years old who preached in a Baptist church at Porthcawl, and a small boy who, at the tender age of three, began preaching to crowded audiences and continued to do so until well after ten years old.

In the case of such prodigies, their talents consist chiefly in an abnormal, retentive memory and, provided that their temperaments are not emotional, they stand the mental strain exceedingly well, though there is, of course, the danger attached to the excessive physical strain which they frequently undergo.

To this type belong those children who learn rapidly by heart such things as the tunes, words and numbers of all hymns in the ancient and modern hymn-book. It is such children, with a high development of one faculty, who most often meet with early death, and maybe it was in such cases that old saying, "The wise die young" had its origin.

But the child chess player in Berlin belongs rather to the type of intellectual precocities, such as the learned child of Lubeck of the early part of the eighteenth century. This child could recite the whole of the Old and New Testaments before he was two years old, and a little later he was an authority on religious history and dogma. He mastered also ancient and modern geography and history and several languages before his death at the age of four years.

A contemporary of this wonderful child was fluent in five languages before he was five, and translated the Hebrew Bible into Latin and French at the age of eight. He survived until he was nineteen.

Historical and clinical evidence are both definite in showing that "wonder-children" are no more liable than other children to die young, nor is it found that children who assimilate knowledge readily and retain it show any undue signs of fatigue.

The great point in the case of children marked by special brilliance is to avoid any attempt at making the brilliance apply to everything, for in so doing the existing brilliance in the one special direction may tend to disappear. In the same way those who are intellectually brilliant must not be forced to become industrious in a practical way, for such interference invariably brings on over-strain and breakdown.

How's This, "Pedestrians?"

It was an inky black night and we were riding along a country road, when we saw a railroad crossing ahead. We stopped about a hundred feet from the tracks and peered through the brush and trees that lined the road. There up the track we saw a light moving toward us. The driver wished to move on, but I, being very nervous, objected loudly, so we waited at least five minutes. The light kept drawing nearer, but the driver in disgust insisted upon crossing, saying it was probably a slow freight. But again I shrieked loudly for I knew train lights were so deceiving at night and it must be nearly upon us by now. We continued waiting in the darkness for the train to pass, and as the light drew nearer we discovered our locomotive to be nothing more than a man coming down the track with a lantern.—Chicago Tribune.

The "Lion D'Arras."

A Paris dispatch announces the disappearance of one of the last of the war newspapers—the Lion d'Arras. These war time sheets, which did so much to cheer and encourage the inhabitants of the stricken towns and countryside, will be looked upon in the future as one of the most interesting products of the war years. The Lion d'Arras appeared in the city at a time when the enemy was within a few hundred yards from the walls. The founder of the paper was the Abbe Guerrin, who continued its editor during the 172 weeks of its existence.

The Difference.

Little Ethel—What's the leap year custom, mother?

Her Mother—It's the custom that allows a woman to propose to a man instead of putting herself to the trouble of thinking the matter out.

Little-Known Race.

In the extreme north of the Russian province of Archangel dwells one of the queerest and least known races of mankind. These are the Samoyedes, the wandering tribes of the vast frozen marshes which extend in these regions from the forest belt to the shores of the Arctic ocean. They worship idols and their sole wealth consists in reindeer. Living, the reindeer draws the sledge which transports the Samoyede and his belongings from spot to spot in search of the game and fish, which constitute his principal sustenance. Dead, it provides him with meat in times of scarcity, and with skin for his family tent. With its sharpened bones he tips his wooden fishing harpoons and hunting spears. Its sinews he uses to sew together the shirt, breeches, and boots of sealskin, which are the attire alike of the Samoyede men, women and children.

Chinese Ingenuity.

The inhabitants of the flowery land, it seems, are not immune, any more than the natives of less-favored countries, from the attentions of certain very active insects; but they are much more ingenious in dealing with them, says London Answers. They have invented a kind of little trap, which they place in their beds and elsewhere. The main principle of this trap is that it contains a sticky surface, which effectually trammels the feet of the strongest and most active insect that ventures upon it. There are charitable societies in China, instituted for the purpose of supplying these traps to poor people, and many persons gain their livelihood by calling round regularly to renew the sticky surfaces of the traps. They have a regular round of clients.

"Move Up."

Life is opportunity no matter where it is located. The right inner stimulus gives vision and the right expression of vision is toil. Learn to see life through its vista of possibilities and you get the unquenchable incentive to move up. Grumblers and complainers will move aside to make way for your progress while you rub shoulders with men and women who make living worth while. Each in his way ministers to his fellows and the untoiling rabble lives on the crumbs that drop from their abundance. Envy and criticism may grow loud and abusive. These but test the bigness within. The truly big have no time for retort, but with giant strides move on.

Catbird Imitates.

The catbird is so called because the note by which he is most commonly known is like the meow of a cat, but as a matter of fact he imitates almost every other sound he hears, says the American Forestry Association of Washington. It has been said that the catbird can imitate anything from a squawking cartwheel to the song of a thrush. He sings along apparently without knowing what he is going to improvise next. In color this bird is rather somber, being dark gray with a black cap. He is one of the most common birds throughout the United States, although rare west of the Rockies.

Unsatisfying.

The serious and responsible life of an ordinary prosperous man, fulfilling the requirements of our social organization, fatigues, and neither completely satisfies nor completely occupies. Still less does the responsible part of the life of a woman, of the prosperous classes, engage all her energies or hold her imagination. And there has grown up a great informal organization of employments, games, ceremonies, social routines, travel, to consume these surplus powers and excess cravings, which might otherwise change or shatter the whole order of human living.—H. G. Wells.

Family Mixup.

Last year I asked my best girl to become my wife, and she said "No!" But I got even with the girl. I married her mother. Then my father married the girl. Now I don't know what I am. When I married the girl's mother the girl became my daughter, and when father married my daughter she was my mother. Who in the dickens am I? My mother's mother (which is my wife) must be my grandmother, and I being my grandmother's husband, I am my own grandfather.—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Birds of Prey.

The rapacious birds breed slowly, only one brood being reared a year. Hawks and owls mate for life and their domestic history is full of happiness and interest. They are complementary to each other, the hawks hunting by day, the owls by night—the work of one supplementing that of the other. The eye of the bird of prey is the most perfect organ of sight that exists, and were it not for this class of birds the hilly districts would soon be overrun with harmful rodents.

Revenge.

Revenge is wrong. Let alone that the wisest and best of all judges has condemned it, it blackens the hearts of men. It distorts their views of right. It sets them to devise evil. It causes them to think unjustly of others. It is not the noblest return for injury, not even the bravest way of meeting it. The greatest courage—is to bear persecution, not to answer when you are reviled, and when a wrong has been done you to forgive.—Thackeray.

And now the papers are printing pictures of Villa's wife. It is said he is a murderer. If we had to have a face like that opposite us at the table every day we'd feel like murdering somebody, too.

Robert Fields who has been living in the Grand Island country took his departure Tuesday morning for Bickleton, Washington, where he has been employed the last two years during the summer season.

Motor Boat Regatta

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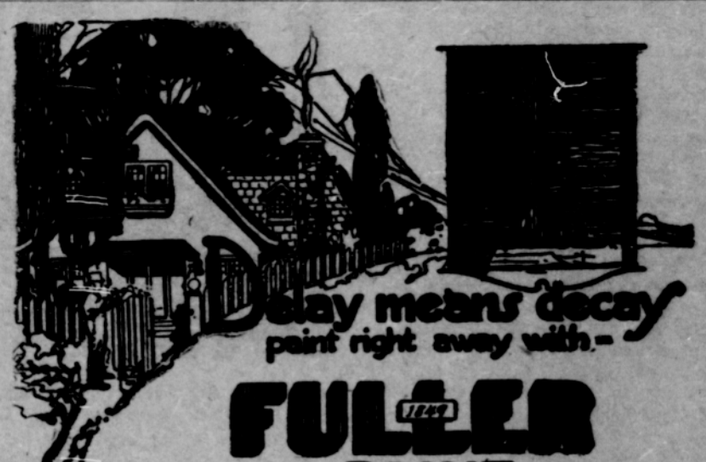

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