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**PORTLAND TRUE TO FORM**

Portland is playing true to form. It is now engaged in an effort to secure a portion of the business of the Yakima valley developed by the united energies of the business men of Washington. Portland's covetous eyes have long been turned toward its neighbor's fields waiting for the fruit to ripen there that it might steal some of it, while at Portland's door lies a field now uncultivated, largely due to Portland's lack of spirit and energy or desire to cultivate the field itself.

The effort to raise seven million dollars for the construction of a line to connect Portland with Yakima is typical of Portland. The city on the Willamette has ever believed that Washington is better than Oregon and its business more desirable. Portland has never been able to see Central and Eastern Oregon.

To fight Seattle and Tacoma's natural advantage in being located on deep bays, Portland has for years made one fight, to get the bottom of the Columbia farther from the top, and in this she has succeeded. Meanwhile Washington and Idaho have concentrated their efforts in developing their back country through systematic raids made on the reclamation funds. While they were thus engaged Oregon's representatives with their heart bent on appropriations for the Columbia permitted Oregon to be robbed of its just share of the reclamation funds, permitted section nine of the original reclamation act to be eliminated, thus allowing Oregon money to be used to develop its rivals.

We wonder at the workings of the

brains of the Portland leaders who are giving their time and attention to the promotion of the Yakima railroad. Can they not see that it would be far better for them to promote the construction of a railroad through Central Oregon from which Portland would secure practically all the business and benefits to be derived, than to spend an equal sum for just a part of the business of the Yakima valley, great as that is already?

We do not blame Portland for being jealous of Seattle. It ought to be; for Seattle has the constructive spirit. With many disadvantages the people of Seattle have gone ahead and built a city while Portland has been asleep to the possibilities which lie at her door.

Portland should awake to the realization that by the construction of a road through Central Oregon she will not only get the business of that big plateau, but she will be brought closer to the Southern Idaho irrigation region which itself is larger than the Yakima valley and as highly productive. With a water grade from Ontario to Crane, and no summits to cross from Crane to Bend, a road through Central Oregon would make possible the shipment of a large portion of the freight of this region to the Columbia river.

If for no other reason than that of good taste, the people of Portland should manifest at least as great interest in getting a railroad across Central Oregon as they do toward building a line in Washington. It certainly does Portland no good to have the people of Eastern and Central Oregon of the opinion that Portland is not interested in their welfare. Yet this is what they do believe.

It is true that Portland is backing the colonization development program; which is indeed a worthy effort and is appreciated; but how can that succeed without the railroad? If Portland is big enough to secure the construction of the Yakima road and the Central Oregon road too, well and good. Then we would withdraw our objections to

her activity, for if Portland is big enough to command the business of both Washington and Oregon and is so strategically located as to get Washington's patronage without neglecting Oregon interests, more power to her.

**FRUITLAND BENCH**

The eighty acre fruit and grain ranch, one mile and a half southeast of Fruitland, belonging to Mrs. J. H. Hendy of Fruitland, Dr. J. P. Maxfield of Alliance, Nebraska, and Mrs. Jack Keese of Los Angeles, was on Tuesday sold to Lee Howe of this place. Twenty-six thousand was said to have been paid for same, Mr. Howe trading in his ranch on the same street for \$6000. Possession will be given November 1st.

Thursday evening twenty-five of the neighbors and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cunningham gathered at the W. A. Colwell home where a surprise party was held in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham who left for Turlock, California.

Mrs. Otto Swanson received word of the arrival of a granddaughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Grover McGee of Portland, former residents here.

Dr. Ganoe of Ogden, Iowa, has been the guest of his sister, Mrs. Fairy Spahnower, on his way from Portland to his home.

O. W. Johnson of Payette, has purchased from Geo. Yeager the sixty acre ranch two miles east and one mile south of Fruitland.

The Royal Neighbors took in \$38 at the luncheon Wednesday night at the carnival dance.

Twenty-nine cars of apples have been shipped out by the Fruitland Fruit association, mostly Jonathans and Delicious. A week ago the Fruitland station agent reported nine cars of lettuce and eleven of apples shipped from this point. The past week eight cars of apples were shipped by Tuesday, after which no cars were available. Eleven cars of lettuce went out of Fruitland the past week, the railroad giving preference to the shipment of lettuce because of it being more perishable.

Lettuce is bringing a good price in the East, for the produce in Idaho is exceptionally good.

**RAILROAD HAS WATER WAGON**

Contrivance Said to Work Successfully in Minimizing the Discomforts of Dusty Tracks.

An appliance for sprinkling the right-of-way over the dusty stretches of track has been invented by W. H. Whalen, superintendent Los Angeles division, and is being tried out with apparent success by the Southern Pacific on its lines between Indio and Palm Springs, heretofore a very dusty section of track. According to the Literary Digest, a writer in the Southern Pacific Bulletin (San Francisco) says: "The sprinkler consists of a perforated pipe attached beneath the water tender of the locomotive in such a way that water is sprinkled on the track as the train passes over it. According to Mr. Whalen the experiments have proved very satisfactory, and Southern Pacific is planning the installation of these sprinklers on all its passenger locomotives operating in desert country. The scheme is an innovation in railroad operation. The Southern Pacific has made various attempts to allay dust by sprinkling off over its right of way in desert country, but none of them has proved as effective as the 'railroad water wagon.'"

**Dream of Death Fulfilled.**

To dream of an accident three times and then witness its fulfillment has been the unhappy experience just recorded of a Hobart (Tasmania) man. A laborer employed by the Hobart city corporation was turning the hand wheel of a crane. The jib of the crane swung around and a wire rope came into contact with the high tension electric wires overhead. The result was that the laborer was electrocuted. A week before the accident one of the man's workmates was uneasy in his mind. He was troubled by a strange dream that was repeated three times. In his dream he saw a fatal accident at the crane. It occurred in exactly the same way as that which caused the actual accident. He told his mates of the dream, which had made such a deep impression upon him, and it was the subject of considerable discussion. The fulfillment of the dream came as a shock to those who had been made familiar with the story.

**Elephant's Foot.**

Sometimes, during the war, we had rather curious bread, but we were never so far as we know—treated to "Hottentot's bread." This is the name of a tropical plant, a name given to it because its root-stock is used as a food by the Hottentots. And because this root-stock is a large, fleshy mass, cut off at the end, and covered with a corky, cracked bark, the plant is also called "elephant's foot." Out of this rough "foot" springs a climbing stem, bearing leaves and flowers. The name of "elephant's foot" is also given to a genus of plants found in India, having root-leaves which bear some resemblance to the foot of an elephant.

**GIVES LIFE TO MARIONETTE**

Latest Idea is to Have Living Heads Cleverly Placed on the Bodies of Cardboard.

The newest thing in the way of a marionette is made of cardboard, without a head and with pivots to provide joints for its arms and legs. It has no head because that feature of its anatomy is to be represented by the head of the person who operates the puppet, and who rests his chin in a cut-out notch in the upper edge of the cardboard (or wooden) background just behind the marionette. This background is painted to represent the drop-curtain of a miniature theater, and attached to the front of it, at the bottom, is a little platform for the puppet to stand or dance on. The movement of the marionette's arms and legs are controlled by strings which pass through slots in the top edge of the "curtain." Its living head, of course, does the talking, and may be disguised suitably for the various characters represented by a number of such cardboard dolls.—Philadelphia Ledger.

**Charge Extra for Children.**

Dining out is a sophisticated luxury, according to table d'hote restaurants which are charging 25 cents extra for serving children.

"Children take up a chair," explained the manager of a popular eating place, "and their parents order special dishes for them to be prepared in certain ways. Our waiters would rather serve three tables of adults than one table with a child at it."

"Do you add the supercharge to the bill if the child takes a regular dinner?" he was asked.

"No child could finish one of our table d'hote meals," he boasted. "And even if he did, he'd have to be waited on at every course."

"Haven't the waiters children of their own?" the customer inquired indignantly.

"Yes," replied the manager, "they have troubles of their own."—Chicago Journal.

**Maimed but Good Swimmers.**

Swimming is quite easy, and is even beneficial for these men who have lost a limb, especially in salt water, which seems to benefit the maimed limb. At a swimming match organized at Brighton for so-called disabled men, 16 competitors entered the water. Ten of these had lost one leg, three were minus an arm, and the remaining three had no legs at all.

The course was from the Palace pier to the West pier, and 15 of the 100 competitors covered the whole distance, roughly three-quarters of a mile. The one who failed had to leave the water half-way owing to cramps in the stump.

"It was perhaps the most remarkable swim that has ever taken place in history," comments the author of "The Handbook for the Limbless," from which the above facts are taken.

**Elephants Test a Floor.**

Wishing to determine the strength of his garage floor, a Canton (O.) man employed the services of five circus elephants to act as test load, relates Popular Mechanics Magazine. They were led upon the floor and grouped as closely as possible, making a live load of more than fifteen tons on the center of the floor—probably the first of this unusual description to be used for such a purpose.

**Asally Only One Occasion.**

It has often been a matter of speculation as to when, if any time, a man would feel perfectly at ease carrying a doll. This perplexing question, one that has no doubt disturbed the mental equilibrium of many psychologists, was solved the other night by two gentlemen who had given the matter much thought. The solution of the problem was that the only time that a male biped appeared unabashed while transporting a doll in his arms was when he was returning, in triumph, from one of the booths at a nearby amusement park.—Washington Star.

**DREAMLAND ATTRACTIONS**

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**A Newspaper's TWO Sources of Revenue**

Subscriptions and Advertising Are the Only Sources of Revenue a Newspaper Has and Often the Subscriptions Do Not Pay for the Cost of White Paper

Advertising today, especially in newspapers, is the greatest business getter there is. This is acknowledged by men who know. People read advertisements in newspapers. They have been educated to do so. Every merchant in our town ought to advertise. You remember the story about John Wanamaker? The first day he was in business his receipts were \$24.64. He kept the 64 cents and spent the \$24 the next day in advertising. We all can't duplicate this feat, but according to the best statistics available three per cent of the gross sales should be put aside for advertising.

Possibly you will say, "I don't need to advertise. I've been in this town thirty years and everybody knows me."

Probably they do, but did you ever stop to think of the sales you lose because your fellow competitor advertises? He may advertise the same goods you have in your stock, but the people don't know you have them. The other fellow gets the sale because he advertises. And, then, how much more business you would do if you did advertise?

We know of one merchant who advertised a lot of goods at 19 cents a yard. They cost him 27 cents. He took a clean loss, but while the sale was going on he could buy new goods at 12 cents. He put them in with the other goods and the result was that he cleaned his shelves of the old goods and he broke even on the deal. Advertising and good buying liquidated his stock without a loss.

We can't all be John Wanamakers, but we all can advertise in proportion to our business. Results will be sure if you advertise honestly and give service. A newspaper can bring people to your store, but it can't make people buy your goods. Your clerks must do that, and it depends on the service you give as to how successful your business will be.

What is done in the big cities can be done right here in this town if you will show the pep, give the service and advertise. Make business good. You can do it through this newspaper.

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Now Is the Time for Passage of School Bill

**Vote 314 x Yes**

Passage of the Compulsory Public School Attendance bill now—this year—will insure that a minimum number of private schools and private school pupils will be affected. Of the 36 counties of Oregon 16 are at present without any private schools whatever. The combined aggregate of pupils in all the private schools in five other counties is fewer than 200. The total attendance at the private schools, of the grammar grades, of Oregon is about 9841. The total attendance at the public schools, of the grammar grades, is about 131,689. Surely if the public schools are good enough for the 131,689, they are also good enough for the other 9841.

At present, while the private schools are few and small, is the time to make the change proposed by the public school bill.

**COSTS.** No tax will be levied for years to come, as the bill does not take effect until September, 1926, and no tax then if the amendment is in the courts for several years.

When all attend our free public schools the additional cost will be slight, for the overhead will be the same. Most of the children will find a place in existing classes and the added expense to the average taxpayer will be nominal. The great benefit to our nation will be worth many times the small cost.

Now is the time to pass this measure, insuring that in Oregon all of our children will be educated to a common patriotism, common ideals and a unified allegiance to our institutions.

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