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CITY PAPERS EXAGGERATE DAMAGE

Johnson Creek Flood not Half as Bad as Represented. Scare About Dam all Bunco. Put up Job of Job Hunter.

There is no question that the overflowing banks of Johnson Creek were sufficient cause for considerable excitement last week, and some little damage was done but there was no justification for the misrepresentation practiced by one or two of the city dailies. The water has been just as high before this and there was less danger to people living in Mentone this time than previously for the promoters of the tract built quite an embankment a couple of years ago, which assisted very successfully in preventing the water's coming further up into the tract and surrounding homes that a few years ago were completely isolated by the water.

This embankment was the cause of a lot of excitement on Thursday night. Word was circulated that some Japs had mentioned blowing up the dam for the purpose of releasing the water. It is not believed that the Japanese in this section made any such remark, or had any such intention. If the remark was made it was most likely made by some one who thought he could make himself a job as watchman by circulating the story. It is not believed that anyone had any notion of trying to carry out such threat.

It was also represented that about 3000 acres were under water while the actual facts would place the area far under that. Anyway there was much under a section covered, probably 500 acres. That was enough. The submerged area reached from below Main street, perhaps half way to Kendall Station, eastward to Lents Junction, and north nearly to Gilbert avenue and east to Buckley avenue near Gilbert Station. At one point about a mile east of the Lents school house the water reached across the Gilbert road to a depth of four to six feet.

A few people were inconvenienced but none seriously endangered. The water came up slowly and there was absolutely no chance of its going much higher. The talk of breaking the embankment and relieving the rise of water was foolish. After a certain height was reached the waters were directed to other outlets and a further rise would hardly be possible. Johnson creek is too small to permit of a large volume passing some points above at any one time, thus the flood was limited.

However there was considerable loss in the garden tracts where the spring crop is coming on. Lettuce, onions, radish and cabbage over-flowed for a considerable time was bound to suffer. The publicity given the matter has produced one good effect. The sheriff has expressed an opinion that the whole trouble could be avoided by a little expense. The county, property owners, and the Portland Railway Company should get together on some form of improvement that would put an end to the loss and inconvenience of these periodical overflows.

Advertised Letters

Advertised letters for week ending Feb. 12, 1916: Beard, Mrs. W. D.; Conrad, Mrs. John; Cantwell, Mrs. A. M.; Clark, Mrs. W. T.; Clark, W. T.; Day, Mrs. F. E.; Davis, Jno. T.; Dillman, Conrad; Dorsey, Rev. J. P.; Hine, R. E.; Irish, H. E.; Kimmel, Irene; Smith, Helen.

Geo. W. Spring, Postmaster.

Cromwell's Way.

In the days when Oliver Cromwell was lord protector of England there was no fine discrimination to favor members of an embassy. When such members committed crimes against the law of the land they were held to the same accountability as though they had been natives. So it was that on July 10, 1653, Don Pantaleon Sa, a Portuguese nobleman, brother of the ambassador from that country to England and a knight of Malta, was beheaded on Tower hill. He had killed an Englishman, mistaking him for another. The Portuguese took refuge with his brother, the ambassador, who claimed that by the law of nations his house was an inviolable sanctuary for all his countrymen. Cromwell sent a messenger to state that if the criminal was not given up to the civil authorities the soldiers would be withdrawn from guarding the embassy and the mob left to do as it pleased. Every effort was made by the Portuguese and other ambassadors to save Don Pantaleon's life, but without avail. Cromwell made no other reply than, "Blood has been shed, and justice must be satisfied."—Indianapolis News.

THOMPSON DEATH DEVELOPS FAVORITISM

Although Ernest E. Thompson of Lents died at the county hospital on Saturday, Feb. 5, his wife in Lents was not notified of his death until Wednesday evening, the 9th, the information reaching her by mail. She had been expecting his death for some time and she left word with the hospital officials that in event of his death she was to be notified and that she wanted the Lents undertaker to take care of the funeral. Instead of carrying out her instructions the county hospital authorities sent a special messenger to Portland on Monday and left an order with a certain undertaker to come out and embalm the body. When Mrs. Thompson learned of the situation she went to A. D. Kenworthy and instructed him to take charge of the body and the funeral.

Now it is evident there was plenty of time to have sent word to the wife of the deceased before Wednesday evening. There was an opportunity to send word to the city undertaker, and why were not the wife's wishes carried out? This sort of thing has happened once before within the past year. When a Mr. Cramer of Lents died in the county hospital last June it was several days before word was received by his wife. In the meantime this same city undertaking concern had been informed and the body had been partially embalmed. Under Mrs. Cramer's instructions the case was taken over by Mr. Kenworthy, and completed according to the wife's wishes.

Now the question that arises is, are other parts of the county having the same sort of experience with the management of the county hospital. It is to be presumed Lents is no exception, and if that be true then certain undertaking establishments in this county are making a good business handling county cases, evidently with a mutual understanding between themselves and the management at the county hospital at Troutdale. If this is not true it is high time there were indications to the contrary in evidence.

Ernest E. Thompson, Deceased

Last rites were held for Ernest E. Thompson of 9711, 56 Ave., at 10:30 a. m., on Saturday at Kenworthy's undertaking parlors, Rev. Nelson delivering the address. Mr. Thompson died at the county hospital a week previously, aged 34. He leaves a wife and child to mourn his loss. He had been ill for several months.

Thackeray at Oxford.

An old story of Oxford and Thackeray is recalled by Thomas Ploymann, who writes in the Cornhill Magazine for the accuracy of his version. Thackeray had to apply to the vice chancellor for permission to lecture and found that gentleman ignorant alike of his name and fame.

Still, he had a trump card left, which he had been accustomed to consider would carry all before it wherever the English language was spoken. So, with a quiet smile of supreme confidence, he simply ejaculated, "Vanity Fair, you know!" Then at last, to his relief, a look of awakened intelligence manifested itself upon the vice chancellor's countenance, and Thackeray awaited the effusive outburst which would make amends for all. It came in the words, "Yes, yes, I have heard of 'Vanity Fair,' of course; it is mentioned in the 'Pilgrim's Progress.'"—Westminster Gazette.

To Make Copper Oxide.

An excellent way to make copper oxide for use in batteries is as follows: Take a quantity of copper filings or fine copper shavings and heat them in a cast iron container or in a crucible till they are red hot. Stir them with an iron rod, and while still stirring sprinkle a little water over the filings until they become ocher red. You will then have a good quality of copper oxide.

Copper oxide plates may be made as follows: Mix the granulated or coarse copper oxide with 5 per cent or 10 per cent of magnesium chloride and heat the heavy mass in forms made of iron sheeting, the forms being of the size of the wanted plate. The more chloride of magnesium used the more porous the plates will be. The coarser the copper oxide the better will be the results.—Popular Science Monthly and World's Advance.

The Traditional Nine.

Hokus—I have tried to kill that cat at least eighteen times. Pokus—Well, I suppose even a cat may lead a double life.—Pittsburgh Press

Very True.

Hazel—It's always to a man's credit when he stops drinking. Omar—Sometimes it is due to his lack of credit.—Indianapolis Star



—Cesare in New York Sun.

The Brandeis Appointment

The President has stirred up the Senate by sending in the name of Louis D. Brandeis for confirmation as a member of the Supreme Court of the United States. Mr. Brandeis has shown himself one of the most sterling patriots in public life today. It was principally through his activities that President Taft was compelled to remove Richard A. Ballinger from his cabinet, who was about to give a large portion of the oil lands, coal lands and water power sites to the big corporations. Mr. Brandeis has been a powerful and relentless fighter of the grafters and especially the big grafters which are so dangerous. It is believed that the Senate after fretting, fussing and squiring will confirm Mr. Brandeis who is so worthy to wear the ermine.

An interesting point in this connection is the fact that he is the first Jew ever appointed to the Supreme Court of the United States, and he is a credit to his race and his country.

Curious Manx Custom.

On July 5 every year all the officials of the Isle of Man, including the clergy in their surplices, walk to the top of Tynwald hill, and from the top of it the laws made during the year are promulgated in Manx and English. This promulgation of the laws on Tynwald hill is as necessary as the royal assent to the validity of all laws passed by the Manx legislature. This is one of the many relics which the old Norsemen left behind, and it dates so far back that its origin is lost in the mists of antiquity.—Liverpool Mercury.

Wonderful.

It was in the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. The little man with the hunted look on his face was standing before the mummy of an Egyptian princess. "Isn't it wonderful," he sighed, "to think that any one could make a woman dry up and stay that way?" And silently wiping away a tear he hurried out and caught a car, for it was only twenty minutes to dinner time.—Boston Post.

Young Efficiency Expert.

Caller—So your son Willie has got a job as office boy. How is he getting on? Fond Mother—Splendidly! He already knows who ought to be discharged and is merely waiting to get promoted so that he can attend to it.—Boston Transcript.

Well, Well.

"Did you ever aim at a deer in the Adirondacks and bag a guide?" "I did more than that. I aimed at a deer in a drawing room and bagged a bride."—Florida Times-Union.

Experience.

"Experience would be a wonderful asset but for one thing." "What's that?" "You can never sell it for what it cost you."

Fortune has often been blamed for her blindness, but Fortune is not so blind as men are.—Samuel Smiles.

Pays Some Taxes

(Lebanon Criterion)

A fact not generally known is the amount of taxes paid by the big railroad companies. The recent statement of the Southern Pacific Company filed with the State Public Service Commission shows that fully one-third of the net revenues of the company are paid to the counties in which they operate, as taxes. In many counties in Oregon it is the largest single item of tax receipts on the rolls and in Linn it was practically ten per cent of the entire collections for state, county, school and municipal taxes. With such investments the railroads become vitally interested in the prosperity of the country through which they run.

OREGON HAS 89 MINERALS; 22 HAVE A PRESENT VALUE

A bulletin that is intended to name and describe practically all the minerals of Oregon, with as many as possible of the occurrences of each, is now in the hands of the state printer and will shortly be issued by the State University. The author is Graham J. Mitchell, assistant professor of geology in the University, and the assembling of the material has required a year, in addition to several prolonged trips.

The bulletin will describe 89 minerals, of which Mr. Mitchell says about 22 have a present commercial value. A nineteenth mineral has just been identified at the University, too late to get a place in the bulletin. It is vivianite, and the specimen was sent from Multnomah county.

For years inquiries from mining men, prospectors, and landowners with deposits on their property that they could not identify have been coming steadily to the University department of geology, and these letters provided the idea of a bulletin that should cover the mineral resources of the state in full.

Copies may be had free upon application to the University.

A Pen Portrait of Carlyle.

He looked, I thought, the prophet. His clothes loose and careless, for comfort, now show; the shaggy, unkempt gray thatch of hair; the long head, the bony, almost fleshless face of one who has fasted and suffered; the tyrannous overhanging cliff forehead; the firm, heavy mouth and out-thrust challenging chin—the face of a fighter; force everywhere, brains and will dominant; strength redeemed by the deepest eyes, most human, beautiful; by turns piercing, luminous, tender, gleaming; pathetic, too, for the lights were usually veiled in brooding sadness, broken oftenest by a look of dumb despair and regret; a strong, sad face, the saddest face I ever studied—all petrified, so to speak, in tearless misery as of one who had come to wreck by his own fault and was tortured by remorse—the worm that dieth not.—From "Contemporary Portraits," by Frank Harris.

LENTS PARENT-TEACHERS MEET FRIDAY

Deputy District Attorney Fredrick Dempsey will speak Friday Feb. 18, at 2:30 p. m. to the Lents Parent Teacher Circle on "Needed Legislation for Women and Children." Music for the afternoon will be furnished by pupils of Miss Chapman and Miss Hunt.

In executive session of the Circle on Tuesday a committee was appointed to investigate the advisability of establishing a Day Nursery in Lents to open in the fall.

The Campfire Girls under the leadership of Mrs. Herschner will present "Annung" at the Yeager Theater both afternoon and evening of Feb. 18. The play portrays early colonial days, features of which are Indian songs and dances.

ARLETA WILL GIVE BENEFIT ENTERTAINMENT

Under the auspices of the Arleta Parent-Teacher Circle, an entertainment will be given at Arleta school Saturday evening, Feb. 19th at 8 p. m. This entertainment will be given for the benefit of the social service work and an admission of ten cents will be charged. The girls of the domestic science department will have charge of the candy booths.

An excellent program is to be furnished by the best talent from the various churches of the community. Mrs. Hobson, who has charge of the social service work has been untiring in her efforts to secure employment for needy families. She has visited their homes regularly, and through her efforts many have been provided with food, fuel, and clothing. At present the Arleta school lunch room is furnishing lunches free of charge to fifteen children.

LESSON FOR US IN WASTE IN EUROPE

The tremendous waste that is going on in Europe is a lesson for us in many ways. The single item of nitrogen should make us think more seriously than ever about the conservation of that element in our own country. The tremendous amount of nitrogen already wasted in explosives would serve to fertilize the whole of Europe for many years to come. If our farmers are to learn any one lesson, it should be, "How can we get along without fertilizers?"

When a farmer burns his straw pile he wastes not only nitrogen but valuable organic matter as well. We cannot hope to continue to remove plant food in the crop that is sold without putting anything back in the place of it. If every farmer would do his part in studying ways and means of conserving the nitrogen supply, as by green manuring, or still better, by bare fallowing, by saving and using stable manure—in short, by utilizing every pound of nitrogen he raises, he would aid in preventing the necessity of improving fertilizers for several generations. C. E. V.

Early Coal Mining in Oregon

Coal was first noted in the Coos Bay region, Oregon, about 60 years ago, Prof. J. S. Newberry having reported in 1855 that the coal deposits of Coos Bay had begun to attract attention.

The first cargo was shipped from the Empire Basin, but the discovery of coal near the head of Coos Bay soon transferred the point of production to Newport, which remained the principal mine until within the last decade, since the Beaver Hill mine has been more successfully managed and became the chief producer. The first record of coal production is contained in the census report of 1880, when 43,205 short tons were mined.

The Dog Rose.

The "dog rose" has provoked as much ingenious explanation of its name as the "horse chestnut." One solution is that the "dog" is really "dagga," a dagger, in allusion to the prickles, a drawback from which the Alexandra Day rose is free. Unfortunately for this explanation, the flower bears a similar name in countries where it will not apply. The Germans, for instance, have "Hundsrose," and Pilny tells how a Roman mother was moved in a dream to send some roots of the wild rose to her soldier son in Spain. They arrived just after he had been bitten by a mad dog. He took them and was preserved from hydrophobia, as were others who adopted the same treatment. And from that time the wild rose became the "dog rose."—London Chronicle.

FERGUSON AND BERRY CAUGHT

Frequent Robberies of Japanese Farmers near Gresham and Troutdale Explained by Pair. 27 Farmers Robbed.

Nicholas S. Berry and Bert E. Ferguson were arrested within the past week and confessed to robbing eight Japanese farmers this winter of an amount totaling \$30 in money and several watches and trinkets. "Red," as he has been familiarly known around Mt. Scott, was taken at Linneman Junction last Friday evening by deputy sheriff Kenney and Constable Squires. He was returning from two robberies committed a short time before. Berry was with him, but escaped, emptying his revolver at the officers who attempted to capture him. Berry realized the impossibility of escape and voluntarily went to the sheriff's office Saturday and gave up. He claims a wife and six week's old child were on the verge of starvation, Berry is 19 years old and lives at 5904 32 Ave. S. E. Ferguson is 18 and has made his home in Lents and for several months has been employed by McKinley & Bondy, and Lew McKinley. He was a good hand. He and Berry are cousins.

The boys have terrorized the Japs in the vicinity of Gresham for several months, and admit holding up 27 different farmers.

They claim they never tried to rob anyone before but last August they took a motorcycle from C. O. Winde of 84th and Powell, and started south. They were captured at Chico, Calif., returned, convicted and paroled. It is probable they will get a more severe punishment this time.

Joseph N. Raitlon Buried

Joseph N. Raitlon of 9328 46th Ave., died February 4th, aged 58 years, 8 months, of pneumonia. Mr. Raitlon was a tailor by trade and with his family has lived in Lents seven years. The funeral was held at Kenworthy's Wednesday, at 9:30, Rev. Fankhauser officiating, and the interment was at Mt. Scott cemetery. Mr. Raitlon leaves a wife and son and daughter to mourn his loss.

Shifting The Tax Burdens

Another commission has been created and is at work in California to ascertain who pays the taxes and how they can be shifted.

Some are so foolish as to think that there is some way to make the rich people and the corporations pay all the taxes.

Orators make some people who pay no direct tax believe that they do not have to become interested in this subject.

But it has been proven by census statistics that the man who pays \$12 a month rent pays three dollars of that for taxes.

The grocer who sells people the necessities of life is forced to add about ten percent to make up for his taxes.

So if taxes are unnecessarily high more and more is shifted onto those least able to pay the high cost of living.

It is exactly this poor, propertyless class that the politician gets to vote for all his schemes for new jobs.

He promises them all kinds of relief at the hands of commissions and minimum wage scales that only enrich the grafter.

Home Study

W. A. Hollingworth.

Many people who would like to know more about many things do not know that the University of Oregon offers splendid opportunities through its Extension Department.

Several courses are offered especially for women's clubs, teachers' study clubs, granges and other groups of persons whose common interest in some subject makes group study desirable.

Mothers who feel the need of brushing up to keep ahead of their fast learning children may refresh their minds and endue them with a most satisfying alertness by keeping up the practice of study. The courses include such subjects as home and community sanitation, English, German, Literature, Sociology, Economics, History, Journalism, Teachers' Course, and so forth. Courses may be secured by those who wish college entrance credit.

It is a splendid thing to keep the heart young and interested, and one of the surest ways to do so is to keep learning something new. "Cultivate an athletic mind, for with its exercise you can win life's choicest prizes."