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SEVERAL CITIZENS STATE THEIR VIEWS

When Question of Cause of Weather is Put, Nearly all Make Answers

MANY ARE INTERVIEWED

"Many Men of Many Minds" is Well Exemplified in Stayton.

Unprecedented is about the only word that can be used in speaking of the rains that have fallen over the Willamette Valley the latter part of last week, and the first of this.

It has been simply awful, Mabel; and the Stayton Mail has been wondering what caused it all, so a representative was sent to interview the prominent men of the city and with the following result:

"Most remarkable spell of summer weather I have seen in the past 67 years in the valley," said Senator W. H. Hobson. "I fully concede with that view," remarked Judge Grier.

"Aw, it's all caused by that war over in Europe, and those fellows shooting off so much powder," said Jake Spaniol.

"You can't fool me about no weather," said Forrest Mack. This wet spell has been caused by the state being DRY."

"You are all wrong," said Walter Mayo. "The recent heavy precipitation has undoubtedly been caused by the 'Watchful Waiting' of the present administration, and I really expect it to get much worse before November."

"Boo," said Fred Rock. "It's all because you fellows sit around and talk. Why don't you go to work?"

"I am somewhat young to form an opinion on such a question," answered Glen Munkers, "but to be honest, I think it rained because it wanted to."

"Yep, come right in," said Geo. Davis, "and I'll tell you in a jiffy. The recent rains are but a forerunner of the deluge of socialist votes that will sweep the country this fall. Next!"

"No precedent, can't tell," S. H. Helzel. "I'll look it up," V. A. Goode.

"It may be that pesky Mexican war," said Jim Gardner, "I believe if Villa was killed or captured it would have quit raining long before it did."

"Nothing to it," answered Geo. Keech. "It is simply a scientific fact that a period of hot air weather, such as the late primary, is always followed by a low barometer and frequent storms and rains. All perfectly natural; don't you know." "Well, anyhow said the Mail man, I hope it won't come again soon."

"JUST PLAIN FOLKS"

The above play by the Sublimity Dramatic Club at the Star Theatre was greeted by a good house, and everyone was well pleased with the performance. Considerable taste and experience was shown in the way the stage was arranged, and the costuming was all that could be desired.

While not professionals, the young people showed considerable talent, and are to be congratulated on their success. We do not hesitate to recommend the Sublimity Dramatic Club at any time.

CHURCH AT KINGSTON SUNDAY

The pastor of the church will preach next Lord's Day morning at 11 a. m. An important matter is to be considered, every member is requested to be there. R. L. Putnam, pastor.

STARTS LAUNDRY

Fred Ficklin, proprietor of the new Stayton Steam Laundry, reports a fine lot of work this week—his opening week in Stayton. Get your laundry work done in your home town.

BUILDS NEW HOUSE

Frank Rauscher is building a fine new bungalow on his farm northwest of Sublimity. John Lulay of Stayton, is chief carpenter.

SIX REASONS FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE

A writer in the Portland Journal has worked out the following six good reasons why women should be granted the universal right of the franchise:

Of 100 people who are very ill when they have a sore finger—99 are men.

Of 10 people taking two seats instead of one in the passenger car—nine are men.

Of 25 people forgetting umbrellas at people's houses—24 are men.

Of 10 per cent of the people falling asleep at the opera—all are men.

Of 20 per cent of the people particular about the brand of eau de quinine for growing hair—19 per cent are men.

Of 50 percent of the people who borrow a quarter, pencils, maulage, etc., etc., and forget to return them—49 per cent are men.—Ex.

RUNS STOCK OAKLAND 34 MILES ON GALLON

W. H. Wallingford, partner with E. Mitchell in the Oakland Auto company, local Oakland distributors, ran up against a "doubting Thomas" the other day, who was skeptical as to the gasoline mileage which one of the little Oakland could make, and to show the "Missourian" he took a car out of stock. With A. W. Cochran and E. P. Hopwood as observers, he attached a gallon can to the dash, filled it from a standard gallon measure and ran the car 34 miles before it stopped. The gasoline tank was disconnected and the gasoline fed direct through a hose to the carburetor. The start was made from Eighteenth and East Burnside Portland and out the Columbia River highway. Before the gas ran out the car had reached Dodson. The start was made at noon and the car stopped at 1:30 p. m. The average speed was 23 miles an hour. The usual stops and slowdowns were made for traffic.

The test is a lesson for the average motorist, who is constantly complaining about the high cost of fuel.

For Sale in Stayton by J. F. Mielke.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Thursday 8 p. m. Prayer service and Bible Study of Book of Romans. Everybody who desires to do so can enter this Bible Study.

Friday Afternoon. Ladies Aid Society Lord's Day 10 a. m. Bible School.

Communion 11 a. m. Junior Endeavor 4 p. m.

Christian Endeavor 7 p. m. Preaching service 8 p. m.

Everybody welcome to any of these services. R. L. Putnam, Pastor.

WHAT THE EDITOR PREACHES

The Ministry of Journalism, or the Influence of the Newspaper on Society will be the theme of a sermon-lecture by the minister of the M. E. church Sunday night, it being the second in a series of discourses on Big Problems. "The Thief on the Cross" will be the theme at the morning service. The public respectfully invited. E. B. Lockhart, Pastor.

This Week Only

Reckall Blue Bell Linen Stationery 25 cents box, 2 boxes 26 cents. Beauchamp's, The Rexall Store.

DON'T FOOL YOURSELF.

There's just one person you can fool all the time. You can't fool the public, nor God, nor your family, nor the children, but you can fool yourself every day in the week.—Corra Harris.

A Determined Brute.

"Silas," said the good wife, "I see that men's pants are to be worn longer."

"Just the same, Samantha, I'm going to have a new pair."—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

His Hat Shower.

Economy in clothes would come easily to some distinguished men, notably the late Duke of Devonshire. The latter clung with such affection to one old hat which he always wore at the races that four and twenty ladies conspired to send him four and twenty hats of the same style on the same day. It is not recorded whether he wore any of them.—London Standard.

HE KNOWS.



—Greene in New York Telegram

"FIVE HUNDRED" PARTY

The pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Elder in the east part of the city was the scene of a merry gathering last Thursday evening. The party was given by Miss Grace Elder in honor of her friend Mrs. Wilson of California, and consisted of progressive "Five Hundred" and a delicious luncheon at a late hour. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Elder and daughter Grace, the guest of honor, Mrs. Wilson, of Roseburg, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Luthy, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Spaniol, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Missler, W. O. Cooper and Miss Cora Cooper.

Ed Thoma and wife of California, who have been visiting relatives here the past two weeks, left in their auto last Thursday for Washington and Idaho, where they will spend the summer.

MOVES THIS WEEK

Ed Young is moving his grocery stock from the W. E. Thomas building to his new building south of the Farmer's & Merchants bank.

The room built by Messrs Murphy and Lampman, is modern in every particular, well lighted, nicely finished and will make a most desirable location for a first-class grocery. That Mr. Young runs such, is a well-known fact.

SMALL FIRE

A fire call sounded last Friday afternoon for a blaze in Mr. Dell's house 1/2 of a mile north of town. The chemical engine was taken out but not used as the fire had been put out by the prompt action of the neighbors near before the long trip could be made. Damage was slight. The cause was a defective flue.

Portland Chamber of Commerce

Portland, Oregon, July 18, 1916.

Stayton Development League, Stayton, Oregon. Gentlemen:

The commercial organizations of the state rendered valuable assistance at the time the Oregon-California Land Grant Bill was before Congress. While we lost our 40-40 fight, yet we did succeed in convincing many of the members of Congress that our demands were just.

The bill as passed provides that the fund from sale of land and timber shall be divided as follows: 25 per cent to the State School Fund, 25 per cent to the Land Grant counties, 40 per cent to the general reclamation fund and 10 per cent to the Federal Treasury.

Congressman Sinnott has introduced an amendment to the bill providing that the 40 per cent going to the general reclamation fund be expended on reclamation projects in the State of Oregon. We are entitled to this.

Our delegation in Congress can be depended upon to go down the line, but the facts must be presented to the uninformed. Urge the people of your town and vicinity to write letters to any member of Congress with whom they may be acquainted asking their support of the measure.

The personal letter is the best argument. Monday, July 31, has been designated as letter writing day and we hope you will get in line and do your part.

We are enclosing a copy of the amendment, a statement of facts and some form letters that may be used.

Time is an important feature just now, so have your people act promptly. This means several million dollars to Oregon and is worth going after.

Yours very truly,

J. W. BREWER.

Assistant Secretary

TOUCHING GENEROSITY

The land grant bill as passed by the house provided logged-off lands shall be opened to homestead, without charge. No doubt those down easterners that they were being generous with the public domain.

If one of them could be staked out in a bunch of young firs, and among the stumps on a piece of this land and told to get busy and make a home for himself, he would realize that life was far from being one glad sweet song, if that life had to maintain itself from the land. The only thing that can exist on these lands is a goat and he has to have a few days start of the undergrowth.

Giving that land to the homesteader is about as generous as the old butcher, who, when he killed a polled angus ox, gave most of the horns to the poor.—Salem Journal.

BUYERS WEEK TO BE AUGUST 7TH TO 12TH

"Buyers' Week" at Portland is scheduled for Aug. 7 to 12, this year.

It is an event that is regarded as of unusual importance to the business men of the northwest, and for the fourth annual event has won the voluntary endorsement of the president of the Oregon Retail Merchants Association. President G. C. Barlow has sent out a letter to every member of the organization, urging his attendance on Buyers' Week. He points out that the occasion is one that is of equal value with the annual meetings of the association.

At meetings of the association the members listen to papers and discussions on merchandising.

During Buyers' Week they see these theories in practice.

Portland contains many of the largest stocks of goods to be found in the west, and her retail establishments are on a similar plane, whether large or small.

During Buyers' Week these places of business detail a force of employees to devote their time to visiting merchants and to give them the benefit of their plans for merchandising campaigns.

It is a great big co-operative plan that fits the needs of both elements—the up state retailer and the Portland jobber and manufacturer.

The program, however, is not all devoted to the serious business of merchandising. Noon and evening hours are crowded full of entertaining features. For this year the list will offer many features for the amusement of buyers and their families. Reliance can be placed on the committee in charge of that section of the program. Guests of the Portland merchants will be sent away declaring the 1916 event to be the best yet.

Get those Squirrels

People little imagine how much grain squirrels get away with. Each should do their share toward exterminating them. We have all kinds of good squirrel poison, Woodlark, Red Dragon and C. W. Beauchamp's Drug Store.

MRS. MAYER DIES

Word was received Saturday from Pennsylvania of the death of Mrs. John Mayer formerly of this place. She was a sister of John and Adam Luley.

MOTHERHOOD.

Socially the mother is the basis of racial progress. Ethically enlightened motherhood is the strongest force in the world. Intelligent mother love can alone bring about the inculcation of higher ideals of citizenship and social obligations.

So He Would.

The keeper was feeding the pythons. Several live rabbits were tossed into the cage and were immediately and greedily seized by the reptiles. The struggling rabbits, although seemingly almost as large as the snakes, were swallowed whole one after another.

The ghastly sight prompted the scholarly looking man to exclaim, "Grew some, eh, keeper?" The keeper turned a glance of scorn upon the professor.

"Yes, and you'd 'a' grew some, too, if you'd et all that live stock, I guess."

HEROIC COPPER WINS BANKERS DAUGHTER

Guardians of the Peace Shown In True Light In Film Drama—A Gripping Story.

NOVEL PHOTOPLAY THEME

Gladys Hulette and Howard Mitchell in "Traffic Cop" at the Star Theatre.

Many persons are prone to criticize the work done by the policemen in our large cities, seldom considering the dangers they encounter to guard our lives and property. When one dishonest officer of the law is caught grafting or engaged in some illegal occupation his acts reflect upon the entire department, and the whole organization is frequently denounced because of one offender. Motion picture dramas have treated the policeman in a harsh manner, but it remained for the Than-houser Film Corporation to emphasize the good qualities among the policemen in the Mutual Masterpicture, De-Luxe Edition, "The Traffic Cop," a five act human interest interest drama, featuring Howard M. Mitchell and Gladys Hulette, at the Star Theatre Saturday night.

The story is a gripping one of loyalty, in which a brave policeman wins the hand of a banker's daughter. They meet when the mounted cop rescues the girl during a runaway. It develops that they knew one another in their childhood.

The banker speculates with the funds entrusted to his care, and when the bank examiners went over the books matters were arranged so the blame fell upon the teller, who was the brother of the policeman. The girl overhears the plan to have the teller arrested and decides to thwart it. The teller is concealed in the house, and when the police search they fail to find the teller, but become aware of the girl's connection with the case. Casey the policeman, plans to help her and tries to force a confession from the bank cashier. The banker was shown a diary containing entries of crimes he had committed and which he thought were unknown. The cashier is forced to confess, and the fortune is restored. The policeman was rewarded for his gallantry by taking the heiress a prisoner for life.

Howard M. Mitchell is a handsome hero and plays the role of a mounted policeman with infinite skill and a thorough appreciation of the difficulty of the part. He is an officer of the law that would win the heart or any girl. His work in this production is sure to attract widespread attention and win many new friends for him. Beautiful Gladys Hulette is a charming heroine, playing with her usual finesse and vivacity. Her role is an appealing one.

HAWAIIANS HERE

The Hawaiian Singers who were at the Star Theatre Sunday evening, gave a high-class entertainment in every respect, and were enthusiastically endorsed by the crowd, which filled all the seats in the theatre.

BUYS NEW SLICER

Sestak & Thomas have a new slicing machine that is the latest thing out, and almost runs itself. They have one of the most up-to-date butcher shops in the county.

RETURNS TO B. C.

Mrs. Catherine Davis, who has been visiting for some time with her parents Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Stayton, left for her home in B. C. Monday. She was accompanied by her youngest sister Leona.

ATTENDS LODGE AT TURNER

Dr. C. H. Brewer, E. C. Taylor, W. H. Hobson, J. P. Wilbur, W. F. Blackely and W. J. Hewitt attended Masonic lodge at Turner Saturday night.