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H. C. DOWNING GETS LETTER FROM SPAIN

H. C. Downing received the following letter this week from Madrid, Spain. The letter was held up by the post office authorities with the instructions to Postmaster Alexander to let Mr. Downing open the letter in the office—read it but not to take it away from the post office.

On the envelope was stamped—Supposed to contain matter prohibited importation, Sec. 656, P. L. & R. New York, N. Y. 1 D.

Mr. Downing is at a loss as to who the party is that wrote it and where they got his name from. Mr. Downing spent 16 years in Central America some time ago but does not know any one over there who had that much money at one time. Just what the letter means is baffling both Mr. Downing and the postmaster. The letter follows:

Madrid 24th, 1919

Dear Sir:

Being imprisoned here by bankruptcy, I beseech you to help me to obtain a sum of \$360,000 I have in America being necessary to come here to raise the seizure of the court the expenses of my trial and recover my portmanteau containing a secret pocket where I have hidden two checks payable to bearer for that sum.

As a reward I will give to you the third part, viz:

\$120,000. I cannot receive your answer in the prison, but you can send a cablegram to a person of my confidence who will deliver it to me. Address as follows:

Calvert Montero 18 segundas Madrid, Accepted Downing.

Awaiting your answer to intrust you all my secret now, I sign only R. de S. First of all answer by cable, not by letter.

ROY KELLY BACK FROM OVER SEAS

Roy Kelly, who went with Uncle Sam's boys about eighteen months ago, is back home again and has been receiving the glad hand from his many friends—not because he won the war, but because his friends were glad to see him.

Roy was in training only a short time—when the head boss of the 'pick out the good men' division found that Roy was the right man in the right place, and Roy was shipped across.

The verbal picture that Roy paints would 'set your blood a boilin'', but as Roy puts it, 'We're all back home again.'

Roy will work with his father in the saw mill this summer.

C. E. TAYLOR SELLS INTEREST IN LIGHT PLANT

Ted Taylor has sold his interest in the Stayton Electric Light Company.

H. J. Rowe, who has lately acquired stock in the company has purchased Mr. Taylor's interest, and is the present superintendent of the plant.

As the writer passed through Stayton the first of the week on his regular trips in search of advertisements (which he don't get) he could hear on all sides: "Ted Taylor has sold out!" and that his familiar "swag" will not be seen on the streets of Stayton as often as of old.

Ted furnished light for 4187 when it was a crime for him to do so, but "WE HAD THE LIGHT"—it kept him up late at night—but then he was a bachelor and our town was small and he was so fat and chunky—And Nobody Loves a Fat Man—that he just whittled away and let the chips fall where they will. The result was that there was an electric light plant established in Stayton.

Ted Taylor has accomplished something that has not been done in Stayton for a long time. In fact he has broader ideas than Ye Editor, who worked on the defeated railroad project—Ted knows it but he is just the kind of a "Guy" that knows when the rope is tight—and he said the first of the week—"I'll leave it to you, dear friend!"

Say, Ted, we'd like to see you stay in town.

LINN ALSO IN LINE

Albany, Ore., June 4.—The proposal submitted to the voters of Linn county in Friday's special election to bond the county for the construction of market roads has apparently carried two to one.

MARRIED

On May 24, 1919, Roy Clayton Ferguson and Cora Geal Gilbert were married at 12 o'clock at their own home in Salem, Rev. D. C. Beven officiating, using the ring ceremony. There were forty guests present, mostly relatives. Following the ceremony they were all taken by auto to the home of the groom's parents, where the wedding dinner was served.

Miss Gilbert is one of Marion county's successful teachers. Mr. Ferguson who was raised in Stayton, is a bookkeeper in the State house. He is a nephew of Mrs. Joe. Hamman of Stayton.

The couple received many valuable presents.

Return of the Ox.

The ox as a beast of burden is coming into its own again in the farming communities of Maine and the oxling and apparatus used by blacksmiths in shoeing the animals, long ago thrown into the discard, is in use again. The sling consists of a rude frame of timber into which the animal is fastened by a pillory. Straps are then drawn under the body, the ends being made fast to upper timbers of the frame. In blacksmith shops 20 years ago the slings were common. Oxen are less expensive to feed than horses and are equally as useful on small farms and the rising value of feed is having much to do with the comeback of the ox as a work animal.

SUNDAY WAS DOWNING DAY AT SUBLIMITY

Ed Downing, born and raised north of Sublimity, had a birthday Sunday. He was sixty-four long years old that morning—and he knew it, but did not dream that anyone else in the world realized the event—like he did himself.

He was at home and after doing the morning chores he sat himself down and began to look back—back to when he became of age. In telling this story to The Mail reporter, Ed said: "I didn't come here and I ain't goin' away—I'm just as young as I used to be and I ain't right smart but I ought to be. I've seen young folks come and young folks go, but I can beat 'em all yet, when it comes to the hoe." Right here he stopped and looking around he found that there were a number of his friends that knew he was a year older than he used to be. His home was soon filled with relatives and friends who came to pay their respects to him. The number was thirty and the day was pleasantly spent in visiting and recalling old times in this part of the bread basket of the world.

Ed received some very pretty presents and feels very grateful to the donors for their thoughtfulness—and as we passed him he said: "Gee whiz—I hope they repeat this when I'm twice sixty-four."

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Patton, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Downing, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Downing, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Downing, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Patton, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Albaugh, Mrs. Mary Hunt, Mrs. Matilda Lilllund, Alice Thompson, Mrs. Bertha Eliasson, Mrs. Genevieve Patton, Mrs. Alice Downing, Mrs. Clarence Downing, Mrs. Lucile Downing, Mrs. Carrie Downing, Mrs. Rachel Hunt, Messrs. A. L. Downing, Walter Downing, Earl Downing, E. B. Patton, Garland Cox, Joe Burton, Marion Downing, Jr., and H. C. Downing.

During the meeting in the afternoon W. H. Downing spoke—recalling stunts done by different ones of the near family and his remarks seemed to help the older ones get back to the young days.

It was a meeting that will not soon be forgotten by those present.

STAYTON VOTES HELP GOOD ROADS MEASURE

It went just as we expected—way over the top and now we are in a fair way to have smooth roads for our tin lizzie to roll on in the near future.

The vote received in favor of bonds here in Stayton and vicinity means that the people are tired of poor roads and are getting wised up to the fact that they should get out of the old rut and onto good roads.

Stayton and vicinity is known as a part of the bread basket of the world. The farming conditions and water power together with the rich soil has long been looked on as the future money-making section of the state. Our only drawback was poor roads.

The Mail in particular, wishes to thank the wide awake citizens who had the project in charge in this section, for their untiring efforts put forth before election. The satisfying results

means volumes to Stayton and immediate vicinity.

Following is the vote cast in the two precincts in Stayton:

Measure No.	For	Against
300—85	223	
302—237	365	
304—445	154	
306—48	150	
308—82	122	
310—77	129	
312—43	155	
314—80	126	
316—146	68	
318—137	79	
320—38	147	

Final result of the election over the state resulted as follows:

Measures passed: Six percent road amendment; Roosevelt highway bill; soldiers' educational bill; market road tax bill; irrigation interest guarantee measure.

Defeated: Lieutenant governor amendment; reconstruction bonding bill; reconstruction bonding amendment.

WOOL POOL MEETING TO BE HELD AT SHAW

There will be a meeting of the wool growers at Shaw Friday evening, July 6th, for the purpose of learning just how many fleeces can be depended on. A meeting was held Monday evening and there was a large attendance. John Smith presided and C. J. Hunt acted as secretary. It is expected there will be a large number at the meeting Friday night. It is requested that all who have wool to sell will come prepared to tell just how many fleeces that they will have this fall.

Found an Executive.

The boys in a small Indiana high school desired a football team, but got no encouragement from their principal, who is a young woman. Finally they asked her if they could hold a meeting to organize a team. She gave her consent, but offered no comment other than, "I'm afraid you boys aren't good enough executives to manage such an affair."

The next morning they told her the result of their meeting. "We organized our team," they said, "and, remembering what you told us about needing good executives, we elected you captain."

DEAN STRAUB, U. OF O. IS MAIN SPEAKER

The Commencement exercises of Stayton High was held last Thursday evening. The auditorium was packed by friends of the graduates, who came to witness the step that brought their high school days to a close, and to congratulate them upon their achievement.

Dean Straub, of the University of Oregon, who has been a professor there for many years, the Dean of Men, and a very splendid speaker, delivered the Commencement address, which was followed by a talk by Prof. C. F. Grover, after which Mrs. J. M. Ringe sang a beautiful vocal solo.

Mr. A. D. Gardner, chairman of the school board, presented scholarships to the following:

Willamette University—Beryl McLaughlin; alternate, Roy Follis. Conference college scholarships with the privilege of attending Albany, Philomath, McMinnville, Newberg, or the Pacific Colleges—Leona Sandner; alternate, Ruth Roy.

Diplomas were given to: Ruth Roy, Leona Sandner, Josephine Lambrecht, Cecelia Mielke, Margaret Schaefer, Lynn Neil, Carl Ruble, Edwin Keech, Gladys Hamman, Nona Fulton, Lewis Kearns, Meral Mulkey, Leo Weil, Edward Warren, Maryan Alexander, Eva McClellan, Roy Follis, Lawrence Mulkey, Rose Hottinger, Beryl McLaughlin and Carl Ruble.

The Senior Class is the largest ever graduating from Stayton High, and it has been a class that has done much for the Stayton High School.

COMMERCIAL CLUB TO BE ORGANIZED

There will be a meeting of the citizens of Stayton in the City Hall, Friday evening June 6th, for the purpose of re-organizing the Commercial Club. Stayton used to have a commercial club and it kind of died during our conflict with Germany. It is the intention of the citizens to get back in line again and show the outside world that she is awake. George Keech is president and J. H. Thoma is Secretary. It is hoped there will be a large attendance.

Mosquito Fleet.

Among naval men the mosquito fleet is known as "the second line of defense." It is used in protecting the fortifications and harbors along the coast line, and, like the insect from which it is named, annoys the enemy in every way, at the same time preventing the possibility of a blockade. In the war against Germany the British navy was augmented by several thousands of small and sometimes very speedy vessels, and to this mosquito fleet, manned chiefly by naval reserve men and fishermen, the admiralty paid tribute for its patient and laborious work in laying and sweeping up mines, chasing submarines and patrolling the home waters.

The Common Average

No stronger evidence of the important fact that the Ford Motor car has become a veritable part of the life of the people, could be asked for than is given in the registration records of the various states which comprise our country.

For instance, in the month of January there were 11,450 cars of all makes registered in the State of Montana, of which 5,790 were Ford Cars. This means one Ford car for every other car, of every make and 130 over. This proportion is very evenly maintained in the other forty-seven states. There are more than 6,000,000 motor cars in operation in the United States, more than one-half of which are Fords.

Truly, Henry Ford has been a great factor of benefit to humanity as he has brought the most economical solution to the great problems of transportation, and by the fruits of his genius has linked town and country, community to community, and made the whole country a common meeting place for all the people.—Adv.

POLK VOTES BONDS.

Dallas, Ore., June 4.—Polk has lined up with the good roads movement that is sweeping the state and incomplete returns from the various precincts in the county indicate that the voters in the county went as strong as 10 to 1 in favor of the county road bonds in yesterday's special election.

Prepare to Meet Thy God

Rev. R. Brymer will continue the revival meetings in the M. E. Church next week. Hours of services—Sunday 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Week days 8 p. m. There will be no services on Saturday. Can you afford to miss these services, seeing souls being saved? You want to hear Brother Brymer preach and sing solos, don't you?

1919 SENIOR CLASS DAY PROGRAM

A large crowd attended the first senior class day program ever given by Stayton High School, which was presented by members of the Class of '19, last Thursday afternoon, which proved a decided success. The program started off with a snap and bang in the form of a burlesque Senior Jazz Orchestra, a decidedly amusing feature, but not so musical.

Following is the program as given: Orchestra—Senior Jazz Introduction—Carl Ruble, Class Pres. Class History—Cecilia Mielke Quartet

Gladys Hamman, Maryan Alexander, Roy Follis, Edward Warren.

Humorous Reading—Meral Mulkey Farewell to Teachers—Beryl McLaughlin Stayton High (song)—H. S. Students

After the program Dean Straub of the University of Oregon, made a very interesting talk on the benefits and ways and means of a college education.

RATTLE SNAKE? SURE HENRY DOWNING SAID SO

Henry Downing—stand up and be sworn—?—Yes sir—I saw a rattle snake on Monday—and what's more I saw it with my own eyes.

That's enough. Henry Downing, while returning from Salem Monday afternoon, had to turn out of the road for a "RATTLE SNAKE"—and he saw it with his own eyes.

The reptile was basking in the sun by the side of the watering trough—that is located this side of Salem, and when Henry spied "His Highness," he gave him a wide berth. Henry can see a snake farther than any of "US"—and especially when he is coming home from Salem—but as he said: "My Chevrolet was working perfectly, and I didn't want to say anything to it—I passed up the snake."

Henry said, after being closely questioned, that he remembered the time, and the place and "there was no girl in the song"—it was a "SNAKE."

Wilson Not To Leave For America Before June 13

Washington, June 4.—(United Press.)—President Wilson has little hope of leaving for home before June 13, according to private information received here today. He plans to visit Brussels before his return. It therefore appears likely that he will not be back in Washington before the end of this month at the best.

JUST WHAT YOU WANT may be offered in this week's want ads at a bargain. It's a good idea to look them over every week.

SENIOR CLASS ENJOYS OUTING AT NIAGARA

One of the most enjoyable week-ends ever was spent by the Senior Class and their guests at Niagara last week.

After being disappointed one week on account of rain, they decided to go if the rain was coming down in torrents. On Friday, May 30, amid showers a plenty, they got ready to leave and about 4 o'clock, in the afternoon the cars left Stayton, loaded with picnickers and plenty of cats. Arriving about 6:30 or 7:00 they found old houses, which on account of wet weather they soon occupied.

In the wee small hours everyone finally closed eyes in deep slumber, and at 4:30 next morning everyone was astir, to find the weather fine, only quite cold. About 7:00 everyone started on a hike up the river a few miles, to what is known as The Narrows, which is where the Santiam river flows through a place only a few feet wide. After climbing giant rocks high above the water, they ascended to the railroad track high above them. Part of the party went on up the steep side of a hill, several hundred feet, striking a fire trail, and coming back to camp. Everyone was back by noon, and after dinner enjoyed a marshmallow toast.

Fishing and hunting were both tried, but despite the fact the river was full of fish and some deer were seen, they had little success.

The worst accident on the trip occurred Saturday evening, when part of the party were on the river. Eugene Ware, starting to fall, discharged his gun at the rock on which he was standing, and some sharp pieces of stone flew up, burying themselves in the flesh of his foot. He was taken to Mill City hospital, where they were removed, and came back to camp late that night.

A number of the young people were seen at Gates Saturday evening.

Sunday morning about 10 found several of the campers starting for the snow line, about eight or nine miles away, up the mountain. On getting about half way they turned back, and willingly. Two boys went on, reaching snow, and when they arrived at camp late that night, all they could do was to say "I'm here." The rest of the party got in about 4:30, and having had no dinner were tired and hungry from their mountain climb.

The scenery around Niagara is magnificent, and weather was grand Saturday and Sunday and very reluctantly the five carloads of young people left for Stayton Sunday evening about 9:30. Those enjoying the outing were Rose Hottinger, Ruth Roy, Meral Mulkey, Margaret Schaefer, Gladys Hamman, Eva McClellan, Wilma Ware, Carl Ruble, Cecilia Mielke, Lynn Neal, Carl Ruble, Lewis Kearns, Edward Warren, Roy Follis, Edward Bell, James Mielke, Ernest Aegester, Albert Croissant, Lawrence Mulkey, Edwin Keech and the chaperons Miss Margaret Miller and Prof. C. F. Grover.

Everyone came back covered with sunburn, and quite tired, and wishing an invitation on the next senior week end.

REBEKAH LADIES ENTERTAIN CHILDREN

The party given by the Rebekah lodge on Saturday afternoon for the children who took part in the May Festival exercises was an enjoyable affair. On account of the rains it couldn't be held in the grove, so all gathered in the I. O. F. O. Hall at 2 p. m. where they played games until 5:30. Being the birthday of little Elvena Pancoast the ladies on the committee surprised her with a nice cake decorated with eight candles which delighted all present, and the children decided that true happiness consists in making others happy. Constance Beauchamp being ill was unable to attend, but was remembered with ice cream and cake. Mrs. J. W. Mayo furnished the music.