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## CARNEGIE'S CONTRIBUTIONS

Andrew Carnegie, who has given \$17,500 for a Hood River county library, has enjoyed the distinction during the past year of having contributed more for philanthropic purposes than any other man in the world, according to figures just published.

His benefactions for the year reach the enormous total of \$135,060,000, almost one-half as much as was contributed by all the other liberal-minded Americans during that period.

The approximate score of the steel magnate's gifts now stands as follows: Libraries, \$52,000,000; pensions for college professors, \$22,000,000; colleges (mostly small and struggling institutions), \$20,000,000; hero funds, peace funds and miscellaneous, \$113,000; Carnegie corporation, \$125,000,000. The total amounts to the stupendous height of \$332,000,000.

This gives Mr. Carnegie a strong lead in the race for distributing millions, his closest competitor being John D. Rockefeller, with a credit of only \$175,000,000.

Last year Mr. Carnegie furnished the funds for the starting of 138 libraries, at a total cost of \$2,501,070. The Carnegie Technical Schools in Pittsburgh, Pa., received an additional \$2,000,000 for a fine arts department. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching was further enriched by a \$2,000,000 gift from its founder. The Federation of North American Indians, organized in January, 1912, was given \$550,000 for a headquarters building at the national capital.

The remaining millions were divided into smaller gifts, principally among institutions of learning. Prompted though he may be to some extent by a desire to perpetuate his name, Carnegie is setting an example as a public benefactor which might well be followed by other money kings. Such philanthropy offers an opportunity to return to the people the wealth which they, in fact, produced and at the same time to pose as a benefactor rather than a grudging debtor.

## MORE MEN WANTED

The report of Secretary of War George Von L. Meyer shows that the navy is about 6,000 men short of its authorized quota and it is apparently impossible to secure enlistments, although recruiting stations are kept open in all of the large cities and the attractions of life on the battleships advertised widely.

This is just another proof of the prosperous conditions prevailing throughout the country. When times are bad and young men can't find work they are willing enough to enlist in the army or navy. But when there is work for all at good wages and the steel mills and factories are begging for labor, the government service cannot compete.

The average American does not take kindly to the regular military service. He makes the best volunteer soldier in the world, when there is fighting to be done, on land or sea, but he does not care for the dull routine of barracks or shipboard service in times of peace. If he can get employment elsewhere he shuns the army and navy. Secretary Meyer will probably continue to have trouble in keeping the navy enlistments up to the authorized strength so long as general business conditions of the country are good.

## UNCLAIMED LETTERS

Unclaimed letters at the local post office are as follows:

Lena G Baker, Frank Bolin, Green Brown, Walter W Brown, J J Buchanan, R J Burns,

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O E Eason, Evan H Evans, Charles Foster,

Lester Gibb,

Mr and Mrs John Hall, E G Hall, Annie Hart, Mrs Horace A Hollinshead,

James Jim,

John Kasala, Robert Kuhn (2),

B W LaMar, Linnett & Co, Henry Lordon,

J F Minkler, M McKittrick, H L Mowreder,

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John J Roberts, J H Rose,

F G Stuart, Mrs Wm Stewart,

Mrs Alma Taylor, Lewis Thomas,

H H Wright, Mrs R L Wells,

F Venus, Isabell Van Pelt,

Rev C P Young,

Package for Mrs Sarah N Parker,

Photo for Mrs M C Morse,

J. P. LUCAS, P. M.

Don't greet misfortune with a smile unless you are prepared for a one-sided flirtation.

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## NEWS NOTES FROM AROUND THE STATE

The introduction of a bill calculated to start a stampede for citymen's altars is being considered by Representative J. H. Nolte of Multnomah county. The bill, as contemplated, proposes nothing less than a tax on the annual income of every unmarried man over the age of 21 years in the State of Oregon. Another provision is that a man who is contributing to the support or maintenance of a divorced wife, or to the support or maintenance of a child or children by a wife divorced or deceased, shall be exempt.

The death of Senator Davis, of Arkansas, probably means that Senator Chamberlain will become chairman of the public lands committee, when the Democrats re-organize the next Senate. With Senator Davis gone, Senator Newlands alone outranks Senator Chamberlain on this committee and it is now generally believed that Newlands will take the chairmanship of the interstate commerce committee, for which he is in line, relinquishing his claim on public lands.

Seaside claims the first baby born in Oregon in 1913. It is a seven and a half pound girl, born to Mr. and Mrs. James Lawler.

One of the strongest possibilities in connection with the new parcel post tangle is the calling for a general mass meeting of the merchants, jobbers and manufacturers of Portland to consider some means of saving their bacon. In some cases, it begins to look as if the new system would mean the wiping out of all the living profits in the business if the customers continue to insist on shipments by parcel post.

Reno hasn't anything on Oregon City. Four hundred and nineteen divorces have been granted in the Circuit Court there during the past year. Out of the 812 cases of all kinds filed in that court. This astonishing information was brought to light on checking up the court's business for 1912. While it was generally known that divorces thrived in the mill city, no one suspected that over half the court's time was devoted to assuaging wounded hearts.

Active construction work on the Pacific-Interior railway, the new Grants Pass-Crescent City line, commenced last week when Camp No. 1, located on Allen creek, two miles southwest of Grants Pass was established. About a dozen teams and 40 men will be employed at this camp, local laborers being employed as far as they are available. The right of way is purchased for 15 miles, and the survey is complete to the coast, a distance of 92 miles, and other camps will be established as rapidly as the engineers can work out the details.

## DIDN'T MISS ANY GOSSIP

Hood River Woman Ties Telephone Receiver to Her Ear

A story which is vouched for by a local physician appeared in the Journal a couple of days ago as follows: "We'll have the news, let the world roll on," was the silent symphony flowing from the soul of an ardent patron of the Home Telephone Company, residing in the Upper Hood River valley, as interpreted by one of Hood River's leading physicians when called to the home the forepart of the week.

As the physician stepped from his carriage and knocked at the door, no response came. He waited a moment and knocked again. No stir was heard, which caused some alarm and induced the physician to break the general rules of decorum and walk right in.

Upon entering the sitting room the woman of the house was discovered comfortably perched on some soft, downy pillows in a large rocking chair, busy at some fancy work with the telephone receiver tied to her left ear.

Upon inquiry at the local telephone office it was learned that lines in the Upper Valley are 8 and 10 party lines.

## Weather Aids Fruit Trees

Wenatchee.—"This has been an ideal fall for fruit trees," says R. E. Trumble, the Wenatchee horticultural expert. "There have been no early frosts to injure even young trees in the slightest degree. The trees have cured their wood normally, thrown their leaves well and have gone into winter in ideal condition. A fall such as that of this year has another value in helping the next year's crop. A fall like this enables the fruit spurs to mature well and a better adjustment of plant foods in fruit spurs."

## NOTICE

The Annual Stockholders' Meeting of the Farmers' Irrigating Company, will be held January 11, 1913, at 10 a. m., at the Commercial Club Hall to elect seven directors to serve one year, and to transact such other business as may legally come before the meeting. All stockholders are urged to be present.

By order of the Directors  
M. H. NICKELSEEN  
Secretary.

## HOTEL LEASE IS INVOLVED IN SUIT

In a suit involving the lease of the Hotel Oregon brought by the Columbia Securities Company (successors to the Hotel Oregon Company) against Messrs. Baker and Ross, Justice Buck rendered a decision the last of the week in favor of the defendants—Messrs. Baker and Ross.

The suit was brought by the Columbia Securities Company to cancel the lease on the ground that Messrs. Baker and Ross did not pay the rent last month. The defense of the latter was that they had sustained a partial eviction when the verandas were removed from the hotel in November, 1911.

The evidence showed that when the sidewalk alongside the hotel was reduced to grade the city ordered the posts supporting the verandas removed. This necessitated either the removal of the porches or else that they be supported by brackets of some kind. It was decided to remove them. Messrs. Baker and Ross alleged that this was done against their wishes and that they had been partially evicted. The reply to this was that the city had ordered the porches removed and that the holding company had been left no choice in the matter. In answer to this the lessees alleged that the city ordered the posts, not the porches, removed and quite a number of witnesses were heard that the porches, removed and that the porches could be otherwise supported. Quite a number of witnesses were heard. Judge Buck took the case under advisement and later found in favor of the defendants.

It is understood that an appeal will be taken to the Circuit Court and the case will probably be tried at this month's term. Attorney E. C. Smith represented the plaintiff, the Columbia Securities Company, and Attorneys L. A. and A. P. Reed represented Messrs. Baker and Ross.

## HERE! MR. MINISTER!

Here's a Chance to Get a "Real Sensible Wife"

"If I were a minister's wife," said a lady in the car, who was talking too loud not to be overheard, "you may rest assured I should take an interest—an active interest—in my husband's work. I should say to him: 'Richard if you want to do well next Sunday, preach short! If you want your congregation to grow larger and larger, preach short! If you want to draw them to this church, that church and the other church, preach short! But, Richard, have something to say, always! Condense, condense, and condense, and then have an air about you as if time were worth something and you could not afford to lose a minute of it.'

"If on Sunday morning he seemed to be in an extra amiable mood, I would venture to say: 'Richard, dear, don't be all day in giving out your notices! Don't blink over them and clear your throat, and go poking through them as if you had never seen them before and were pondering them in your mind as you call attention to them. Don't I beg you, Richard, read them straight forward and then say them all over again backward! There is nothing so tiresome.'

"I am not sure but some Sunday I should say: 'Richard, if you get the least mite tedious today, I shall fuss with my bonnet strings as a warning! And when you say 'In conclusion, don't for pity's sake go on until you reach a 'Finally,' and after that 'One word more,' or 'Just another thought,' I do think it is such a mistake to try to tell all one knows in one sermon.'

Just then the auditor was obliged to leave the car, but he could not help exclaiming to himself: "What a sensible woman!" It is to be hoped that some day this sensible one will marry a minister.—Reformed Catholic Messenger.

## PREVENT BUDS FROM FREEZING

Minnesota Horticulturists Discover How to Retard Budding

At the meeting of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society in Minneapolis, Col. Freeman Thorp, a prominent horticulturist of Hubert, Minn., stated that he had discovered a way to retard the budding of trees in the spring, allowing them to bud after the final cold snap is over and preventing their destruction by frost.

The new Thorp method has been worked out on the sandy land of Northern Minnesota. It calls for an excavation around the tree to be filled with manure in winter, after the ground is saturated with water. This provides an ice blanket. On top of this is placed a good mulch. The mulch prevents the ice blanket about the roots of the trees from thawing out for fully a week after the rest of the soil has thawed through the spring. Thus the roots of the trees are imbedded in a frozen mass, which prevents their budding until the definite arrival of spring and until danger of a late freeze has passed.

## COLORADO GROWERS UNITE

Step Taken to Organize a Central Distributing Agency

Grand Junction, Col.—The State Horticultural Society and the State Board of Horticulture at a meeting held here a few days ago, voted to attempt to establish a selling agency, which has for its purpose the distribution of the entire crop of the state, and also of Utah.

General dissatisfaction with the result of the year's work from the marketing end of the business was expressed, chiefly by apple and peach growers. Some of the directors of the Grand Junction Fruit Growers' Association opposed the movement.

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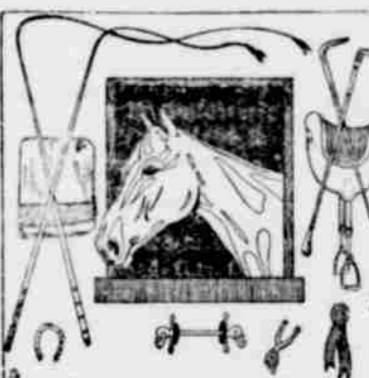
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