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College Students Bore--They Don't Know How to Talk

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LEARNING DOES MUCH FOR THE COLLEGE GOING YOUNG MAN AND WOMAN, BUT IT DOESN'T SEEM TO MAKE THEM PLEASANTER TO TALK WITH THAN THEIR ELDERS OF MUCH LESS EDUCATION--NOT, AT LEAST, UNTIL THEY GET OLDER.

Many young people who grow "like a forest oak--by neglect"--are as well off conversationally, so far as the sentiment in their dialogue is concerned. Those adults who have to depend at all upon college bred youth for their conversational society feel a VOID like that of a dairy farm deprived of its cows, with only the calves left.

Much of the vociferous talk of college students is directed indiscriminately against their instructors, men whose mere acquaintance is a liberal education--men who, along with everything else admirable, have in them several sorts of superiority besides that of having been college students.

Undergraduates are sometimes phraseologists and CATCH-WORD FIENDS. Their talk often consists of the pettiest sort of jokelets or pretty speeches, which make very sickly conversation. More often it is college song nonsense, tiresomely reiterated and carried to the point of buffoonery. THEY ARE SPLENDID BABBLERS AND WAGGERS, BUT CONVERSATIONALISTS--NEVER!

These youthful conversationalists talk so much without reflection that they seem to have LOST THE POWER OF REFLECTION.

MANY NEW MEMBERS ADDED TO THE CLUB

Rustlers for the Commercial Club have been busy during the past week adding new members to the club, which has entered upon a year which promises to be one of the most fruitful in the history of the local boosters' organization. Names which have been added to the club's membership during the past week include the following: C. A. Bell, F. H. Morian, F. P. Friday, R. N. Young, S. W. Stark, John D. Fletcher, R. J. Schreuders, J. C. Porter, Chris Dethman, R. B. Perigo, A. C. Lofts, C. A. Cass, H. M. Huxley, L. D. Taft, E. N. Benson, C.

F. Sumner, A. W. Monosmith, James Stranahan, C. O. Huelat, Lawrence N. Blowers and Robert Lewis.

There is still room for some more names on the membership roll and those who have not yet been solicited are urged not to wait for an invitation but to enlist now in the campaign for everything which will make Hood River the best possible community in which to live.

True-to-Name Nursery has opened an office in town on corner opposite from Oregon Hotel and samples of trees can be seen in tree yard adjoining office. Mr. Galligan will be at the office Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

The News for good printing.

LOST LAKE ROAD HELD IMPORTANT

Although work on the Lost Lake road connecting Portland and the Upper Hood River Valley has been suspended following protests from the Portland water board, the recognized importance of the highway is such that the department of agriculture intends that the delay shall be only temporary. This information is imparted in a comprehensive letter on the subject written by Acting Secretary Hay of that department to Congressman Lafferty. This letter was made public the last of the week and was in part as follows:

Trail Badly Needed

"From the enclosed report of the city water board of Portland it is evident that the wagon road to which particular reference is made is the partially constructed road, the proposed route of which within the limits of the former Bull Run reserve, is from approximately the northeast corner of section 24, township 2 south, range 7 east, Washington meridian, northeast-erly along Clear Fork to Lolo Pass, and down Elk Creek, which is a tributary of Hood river, to the north boundary of township 2 south, range 8 east. The proposed route would also re-enter the Bull Run reserve in section 22, township 1 south, range 8 east, for a short distance.

"I am informed by the district forester at Portland that a trail on a wagon road grade has been constructed this entire distance and for about 4 1/2 miles the trail has been widened to make a wagon road. The piece of road constructed within the Bull Run reserve is along Clear Fork of the Sandy River. A trail was badly needed in that portion of the national forest for administrative and protective purposes, and in view of the agitation for a good wagon road across the mountains to connect Portland with the Hood River Valley and The Dalles, it was considered advisable to go to considerable expense in constructing the trail at a wagon road grade so that in the future it might be widened out to be made into a good wagon road if desired.

"Consequently \$10,000 was allotted for the building of this trail and it appears that with that sum it was possible to widen a portion of the trail so it could be used as a wagon road, with the expectation that eventually the entire trail would be widened and it would then be possible to drive across the mountains by this route."

Secretary Hay's letter then makes reference to a proposed bill in congress for the construction of a \$250,000 road across the mountains. He says bill is still in committee and may never be reported out.

"As you know," continues the letter. "There is no method of communication between Portland and the Hood River Valley and The Dalles, except by boat or railroad, or by the old Barlow road, south of Mount Hood, which is an extremely long, rough and roundabout route over a road generally in poor condition and with very steep grades in many places. There seems to be a great demand for a good road between these sections of Oregon, and the forest service was eager to do whatever was possible with the limited funds available in constructing such a road, as the mountain portion would be within the national forest.

"Such a road would also facilitate national forest administration, and it was planned to continue the wagon road from its present terminus into the Hood River Valley when funds would permit it. It was considered that if the road were built, the increased fire danger from autoists and other travelers would be reduced to a minimum by a constant patrol by a fire guard who would be furnished with a motorcycle.

Aid Forest Patrols

"It was considered that the present fire danger would be lessened through such a patrol for the reason that when fires should occur from lightning they might be quickly discovered by the motorcycle patrolman, and, if necessary, men and equipment could be hurried to the scene of the fire by the use of automobiles from the nearest settlements."

ICE INTERFERES WITH FERRIES

Captain Treiber of Underwood Ferry Only One to Maintain Traffic

The last of the week the river was practically closed to navigation on account of the large quantities of ice which were floating down the current. Ferries at The Dalles, White Salmon and Stevenson were forced to suspend service. Captain Treiber of the Underwood ferry was able to maintain his service, however, as his craft is a staunch little boat, with reinforced bottom and especially equipped to ply through rough water. Traffic between here and Underwood continues heavy on account of the work on the dam.

Captain Treiber is planning to further improve his service when spring opens up by constructing a new ferry for teams and automobiles.

Read the News. It tells it all.

RAND NO BOOSTER FOR CALIFORNIA

Robert Rand, who is spending the winter in Southern California, writes the News an interesting letter in which he mentions that he successfully survived the recent cold snap. He is pining for Hood River, however, and in prefacing his letter says: "I am not a booster for this part of God's footstool. As H. C. Coe said to me, this is God's country, but when he finished it he left it and never looked on it again." He writes as follows:

"So far as I have observed California is a fraud and a 'frost,' one of the greatest in the United States, although it is advertised to the four corners of the earth. Take for instance the papers of Long Beach, Los Angeles, San Francisco and, in fact, all the papers in the state. Almost every column is devoted to boosting for the state, but the newspapers here and in Los Angeles give little news of the happenings outside the state. You have to buy a Portland or Eastern paper to get news of the world.

"You have probably had the account of damage done by frost. Well, as near as I can learn from the old citizens, the damage done is far greater than reported. Not only was the fruit damaged but the trees also are frozen and nearly or quite all the young orchards are ruined. I believe that when the sap makes its return in the spring that it will tell the tale.

"During the cold spell the sidewalks were at one time so covered with ice that I walked on the grass for fear of falling.

"The frost made the famous tropical plants here look sick and many were frozen to the ground. They are now pruning and cutting them back. The beautiful roses and other flowers have taken their departure for a warmer clime and the only thing left is the bloom on the postal cards.

"I have been informed that 90 carloads of oil were shipped to the orange orchards from Los Angeles to smudge in an effort to save the fruit.

"The population of Long Beach is said to be 20,000, many of them transients, but there are few substantial business buildings. Almost one-half the houses seem to be rooming places, the other half real estate offices. Back towards the suburbs are located the bungalows or what I should call dry goods boxes and you occasionally see such a sign as 'Two-room bungalow, furnished, \$20 a month.'

"The tourists are a conglomeration from everywhere, mostly aged and good many old soldiers. The latter promenade back and forth and when a couple meet they ask 'What regiment did you belong to?' then sit down and fight the battles over again.

Fishing is All Show

"Now as to fishing you would smile and so would my friend, D. Turner, to see the motley crowd seated on the piers with dangling poles, waiting for a nibble. Yes, I did see one man pull out what I would call a sucker about four inches long. However, a man yesterday captured a grey whale after an exciting chase of 12 miles. They fired two bombs and 60 cartridges at the fish and then harpooned and towed him to Long Beach. Its estimated weight is 200 tons and it is 35 feet long.

"They have the whale here that was stranded at Los Angeles in May, 1897. Its length is 63 feet and it weighed 48 tons. A man from Hood River--M. A. Cook--helped to capture it.

Palm Trees Sorry Looking

Now as to the palm trees with their frost-bitten leaves, I would not give any fir that I have growing at home for all the palms in California. The fir pines, oaks and even the poison oaks in Hood River county look better to me and a person is certainly foolish to come down here to drink sulphur water and eat frozen oranges when they can stay at Hood River and get pure water and the best apples in the world. I only wish I had brought some down so that I could smell them and be reminded of home. You have to get away all right, to really appreciate home and there is no other place where all the good things are so plentiful and the water so pure and good as in Hood River.

"It may be putting it a little strong, but it is like going from the sublime to the ridiculous to go from Hood River to Long Beach."

HOOD RIVER DRUGGIST DESERVES PRAISE

Charles N. Clarke, druggist, deserves praise from Hood River people for introducing here the simple buckthorn bark and glycerine mixture known as Adler-ka. This simple German remedy first became famous by curing appendicitis and it has now been discovered that A SINGLE DOSE relieves sour stomach, gas on the stomach and constipation INSTANTLY.

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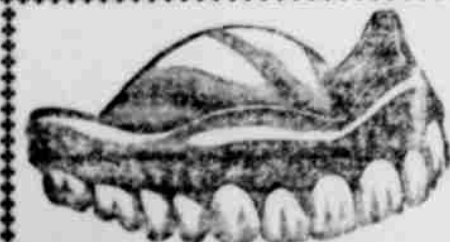


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