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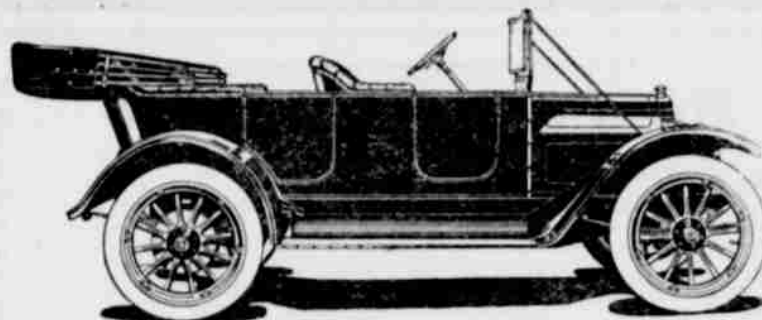
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BUCK THIS EVENING

Editor, the News:—At the meeting of the Pine Grove Grange this evening there will be a large class of initiates admitted. Five applications were received at the last meeting and applications will be received at the meeting this evening preliminary to the initiatory exercises. All five of those whose applications were received at the last meeting were married people and it gives us pleasure to note such applications. It is in the Grange that both old and young receive much pleasure and profitable education. If all of our friends could only realize the importance of the Grange they would assist in its work.

The social, educational and co-operative work of the Grange is not duplicated in any other organization. It is the farmer's social gathering. It is his school on economical questions and it is his business club, bearing the same relation to his vocation as the town merchant's Commercial Club bears to his business. It is through the Grange that many economic reforms are promulgated and finally crystallized into laws. I might add that we now have 11 Grangers in the House and three in the Senate of our Legislature now in session and it is gratifying to note the sincerity in which they are working to get laws for the up-building of not only the farmers but the entire citizenship of the state.

Some of our Grangers are preparing to render a play in the near future and judging by the former plays given by our local talent it will be well worth hearing. Our home talent plays are always better appreciated than some here-to-day-gone-tomorrow troupe. Watch the Pine Grove Grange items for further particulars relative to this play.

At our meeting this (Wednesday) we are planning to take this class of new applicants into the mysteries of our order, and to those who are timid, it might be well to join us at that time for it is always well to have company when in trouble. Our motto will be "Let 'er Buck!"

HAYSEED.

THE DALLIES HORSES POISONED

Five Animals Die After Eating Some
Decayed Vegetables

Albert S. Roberts of The Dalties has lost five fine work horses during the past few days from ptomaine poisoning. He had several loads of carrots piled in the barnyard and was using them for feeding hogs during the winter. The carrots fermented badly and the horses ate, with fatal results, some of the decayed vegetables, when they were placed in the barnyard for the hogs.

When the animals were first taken sick it was thought that the ailment was colic and Mr. Roberts doctored them accordingly, but after three of the horses had died he began to suspect that there was some poison present that he did not know about. A veterinary was called and found that the fermented carrots had caused a disease resembling ptomaine poisoning but before remedies could take proper effect two more horses had succumbed.

LINEMAN'S BODY MADE MAGNET
(Oregonian)

"My body was made a magnet and the imprint of every shoelace in my shoes was left on my feet," said Chas. Wood, who with William Smith, another lineman, narrowly escaped electrocution here last week, when a telephone wire which they were reeling up came in contact with a 6600-volt power line.

"I was knocked to the earth and for several minutes was unconscious," said Wood. "There was no severe pain but just a powerful force dragging me downward. When the accident was over, I felt the soreness in my feet and took off my shoes. The nails had been drawn through the leather of the soles."

ANSWERED AT LAST

A Swede was being examined in a case in a Minnesota town where the defendant was accused of breaking a plate glass window with a large stone. He was pressed to tell how big the stone was, but he could not explain.

"Was it as big as my fist?" asked the nervous judge, who had taken over the examination from the lawyers in the hope of getting some results.

"It ban bigger," the Swede replied. "Was it as big as my two fists?"

"It ban bigger."

"Was it as big as my head?"

"It ban about as long, but not so thick!" replied the Swede amid the laughter of the court.—Saturday Evening Post.

PLAIN TO BE SEEN

Aunt Eliza came up the walk and said to her small nephew:

"Good morning, Willie. Is your mother in?"

"Sure she's in," replied Willie truthfully. "Dyoun s'pose I'd be workin' in the garden on Saturday morning if she wasn't?"—Ladies Home Journal.

WOMAN AT CARSON
SHOOTS BIG BEAR

(Carson Journal)

Mrs. Hay, who keeps house at Shipherd's Springs ranch, created a sensation in town this week by shooting and killing a large black bear with a Colt's 38 military.

Wednesday morning when alone at the ranch, which is on top of the bluff in a direct line between the depot and town, she heard the two dogs barking down by the ledge of the bluff. Taking the revolver with her, Mrs. Hay went down to investigate, and found that the dogs had treed a large black bear in a tree which overhung the bluff. With considerable nerve and good aim she opened fire on bruin, the first shot piercing his abdomen, and the second shot went so close to his heart that it dropped him. Then she "beat it" back to the house, and when Jack Denk returned soon from his morning trip to the Springs, she was almost hysterical, about all she could say was, "I killed him." Denk then went down and proceeded to relieve the carcass of its hide.

Some remarkable feats in killing big game have happened near Carson in the last month. First, J. W. Wetherell, alone without dogs killed three large cougars; then Miss Noemah Stambau killed a coyote with a shovel, and now Mrs. Hay comes in last, but not least, by killing a big 4-year-old black bear with two shots from a 38-caliber revolver, almost in her front yard.

We are getting so accustomed to sensations in that line that we would not be surprised to hear that a lady had stabbed a cougar with a hatpin.

RECEIPTS OF FRUIT
CROP \$21,989,000

According to the February report of R. G. Dun & Company just made public the fruit crop for 1912 throughout the Northwest was the heaviest in its history. Prunes and pears were generally a short crop, but of good quality. All other fruits, both large and small, were plentiful in quantity and of excellent quality. In addition to good weather conditions a very largely increased number of young apple trees came into bearing, and districts heretofore small producers appear this year as strong competitors. Up to this time difficulty has been experienced in finding a market sufficient to dispose of the crop at prices that will warrant shipment. Several new associations have been formed to deal with the problem systematically. While much loss has been suffered, the total receipts for fruit products are estimated greater than in any former year.

	1911	1912
Oregon.....	\$5,576,000	\$ 6,584,000
Washington..	5,765,000	10,660,000
Idaho.....	2,578,000	4,735,000
Total	\$13,919,000	\$21,979,000

STORAGE PLANT FOR MEDFORD

Plans Made for Accommodating from 100
to 150 Carloads

At a meeting of the directors of the Rogue River Fruit and Produce Association recently it was decided to appropriate \$40,000 for the construction of a central storage plant in Medford, calculated to accommodate from 100 to 150 carloads of fruit. Fifty per cent of this will be used for dry storage and 25 per cent for cold storage. Between \$6000 and \$7000 was spent in 1912 for storage facilities in Kansas City, Chicago, New York and other Eastern points and it is the belief of local orchardists that with storage an essential feature for successful marketing it is imperative that a large local plant be built.

The new officers elected were: President and general manager, A. C. Allen, and secretary and treasurer, A. Conre Fiero.

It was also decided to hold monthly mass meetings to discuss local problems.

MEDFORD PRICES REPORTED

According to the report of the Rogue River Fruit and Produce Association just made public, that organization shipped 185 cars of apples and 99 cars of pears from the valley in 1912. This represents about 75 per cent of the total production of the district.

On pears the average prices received were: Howells, \$1.75 a box; Anjou, \$2.26 a box; Bosc, \$2.02 a box; Bartlett, \$1.09 a box.

On apples the prices were: Spitzenbergs, \$1; Newtowns, \$1.41; Ben Davis, \$1.46.

SHOULD SHOO DEER OFF TRACK

(Carson Journal)

It is reported that a local train going west killed a deer between this place and Stevenson the first of the week. On arriving at Stevenson the conductor sent word to the game warden "that if he didn't want his deer killed he would have to keep them off the track."

WOULDN'T SHIP POOR
GRADES OF APPLES

Wenatchee.—Never again should growers of the Wenatchee Valley ship C grade apples to the Eastern market, in a year of full crops all over the country, writes John A. Gellatly, from New York, in a letter received by Warren O. Dow, secretary of the Wenatchee Commercial Club. The reputation of the Wenatchee district for growing the best fruit in the whole world may only be maintained by keeping inferior fruit off the market.

"Apples and pack will win," says Mr. Gellatly, but he urges the most unremitting care in both features, and says that the Eastern market desires from the Northwest large and well-colored apples. Far too many varieties, and too many of these inferior sorts, are now being grown here, declares the writer, who points out that Ben Davis apples quite equal to those grown in the Wenatchee Valley are offered at from \$2.75 to \$3.50 a barrel—equivalent to three boxes—all over the East.

Mr. Gellatly points out that many varieties which local growers are raising are grown by Eastern fruit sections and they come into competition, not with our C grade, but with Fancy apples. Among these he enumerates New York Greenings, Baldwins and Kings; Delaware's Stayman Winesap and Spies; Virginia's Winesap and Senators, and the Ben Davis and Jonathans of Missouri and Ohio.

HATCHING EXPERIMENT MADE

Hen Is Pitted Against Incubator in
Test Made at the O. A. C.

An experiment to determine whether the incubator will hatch as many chicks from a given number of eggs as a good setting hen, and whether incubator chicks will be as strong in vitality, has been begun by some members of the Oregon Agricultural Experiment League, composed of farmers interested in working out, in co-operation with the extension division of the Oregon Agricultural College, problems along many lines.

The records to be kept in this poultry experiment, No. 292, will show the number of eggs set, the number fertile, the number of chicks hatched, and the number of chicks dead in the shell. To show the relative vitality of the chicks hatched by the two methods, a record of the chicks that die should be kept. To make the test more accurate some incubator chicks should be put with hen-hatched chicks under hens to brood, and also some hen-hatched chicks should be put with incubator chicks in brooders, and mortality records of both kept for four weeks.

HOPKINS MAY BE REGISTRAR

Taft Recommends Him to Take Charge
of Land Office at The Dalles

President Taft has sent to the Senate the nomination of Harold T. Hopkins to be Registrar of The Dalles Land Office, completing the slate submitted by National Committeeman Williams. For several weeks the Interior Department has interposed an objection to the appointment of Hopkins, saying he is not an attorney, but Representative Sinnott, on whose recommendation Hopkins was endorsed by Williams, succeeded in convincing the President that Hopkins is thoroughly competent, notwithstanding that fact, and on Sinnott's showing Hopkins was nominated, the President having overruled the Interior Department, as he did in the case of Surveyor-General Keyt.

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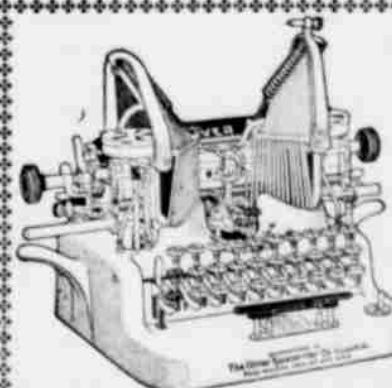
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