

BUNKO GAME IS CARRIED ON AT A SAFE DISTANCE

Crooks Write to Oregon Residents and Offer, for \$50, to Secure for Them S. P. Lands Soon to Be Ready for Entry.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Feb. 16.—It has come to the attention of the members of the Oregon delegation that apparently some land sharps are trying to "work" residents of Oregon, in a rather peculiar game. These sharps write to Oregon persons, offering to act as agents to procure for them preference rights to file on the Southern Pacific grants lands which they strive to show soon will be free for entry; a fee of \$50 is asked for this service.

For a time the Oregon delegation members were puzzled over the matter, but finally solved the mystery. It appeared that these land sharps had attempted to operate from out of the way places, one from Texas, and one from Tennessee, getting what money they might and being so located that they could easily disappear if the police or the postal authorities got after them.

Whole Theory a Fraud.

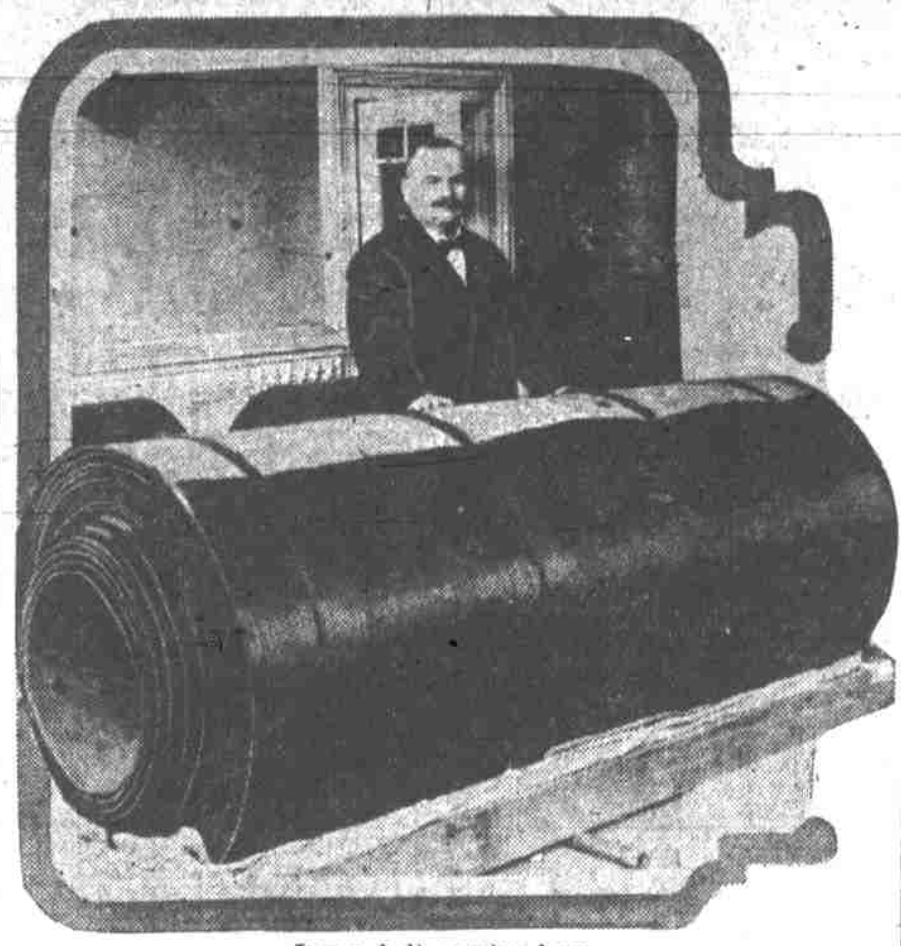
Of course, all such offers are mere fraudulent misrepresentation. The schemers know that what money they procured would be "velvet," as crooks term it, and that those who parted with their cash would never see it or its equivalent again.

A number of persons in Oregon wrote to the members of the delegation here, asking advice as to whether or not they should accept the offers of these Texas and Tennessee "agents." Answers were returned warning against all such schemes.

One of the assertions which these agents made was that it was assured that the government would soon declare null and void the title of the Oregon Pacific to these grant lands in western Oregon; and that those first on the ground would get homes worth thousands of dollars at practically no expense.

It was apparent, from the tone of some of the letters sent to the delegation members, that the persons mentioned in Oregon were about to "bite." It is evident that some land sharps given in Texas and Tennessee were blocked in their fraudulent game by the energetic exposure of the proposed methods.

Largest Leather Belt in the World



Large belt coming here.

The largest waterproof leather belt in the world has just been sold by the Portland branch of the Chicago Belting company to the Monarch Lumber company of this city for use in the big mill under construction near the Swift packing plant on the peninsula. This huge piece of fabricated leather is 106 feet in length, 84 inches wide and weighs 2229 pounds. In its construction were used 227 of the heaviest steer

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

BY DRUSILLA DREW

(Social news is a daily feature of The Journal. Any one wishing to insert such news should send it signed to the society editor's telephone before 10 o'clock in the morning.)

Miss Ruth Deming of Aberdeen, Wash., is the guest of Miss Carolyn Benson at her home on Eleventh street. Miss Deming has just returned from Honolulu, and it was there that the young women met.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sewall and children will leave this week for southern California, where they will spend two months at the various resorts. They were dinner guests last night of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hebert, prior to their departure.

Society is interested this week in an auction sale in the Stearns building of old books, old paintings and odd bits of furniture. The sale is open only in the evenings and many valuable and beautiful things may be picked up at reasonable prices. The books are particularly rare and interesting.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Maitland Breton are visiting in Los Angeles and other parts of southern California. Mr. Breton, member of the Institution of Civil Engineers of London, and formerly chief engineer of the Great Indian Peninsula railway of India, was consulting engineer for the irrigation of the San Joaquin valley from 1871 to 1875. This is his first visit to California in 38 years.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Alford left last week for New York. They will be away several weeks.

At the Portland Riding academy last night a miniature horse show was an event of much interest and was largely attended. About 35 riders appeared in costume and great rivalry was displayed in the ring for the three silver cups that were offered by Mrs. Paul Froelich. Miss Sally Leadtter and William E. Prudhomme, Jr., were the winners. The show was a most successful one and was well patronized. The judges were Mrs. Richard Willmot as a colonial dame of 1777 in a handsome light blue velvet. Acting as judges were Ambrose Cronin, James Nichol, Dr. W. A. Cummings and William Davis. Others who participated in the show were Miss Eda Lowenberg, Mrs. Sholf, Miss Nell Cronin, Mrs. Arthur Monteth, Mrs. E. C. Willis, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Prudhomme, Miss Frances Jeffery, Miss Mabel Beck, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Skuse, Miss Angela Kinney, Miss Helen Doherty, Miss May Kelley, Mrs. Day, William Albee, Harry Kerrin, A. L. Willis, Alfred Smith, Lansing Grudder, Sydney Lowenberg, Joe Cronin, Eugene Oppenheimer and Mr. Myers. After the show, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Prudhomme entertained the participants at supper in their Irving street home.

News comes from San Francisco that Miss Kate Flavel of Astoria, who left several weeks ago with her mother and sister, Mrs. George C. Flavel and Miss Flavel, for California for the benefit of her health, is very ill at one of the prominent hotels there. Miss Flavel's illness is the result of a recent attack of her malady at the Hotel Portland.

Portland lodge, No. 142, of the B. P. O. E., will give a dance Friday evening at Murlark hall. Contrary to their usual custom, only the members of the lodge are invited. Their recent dances have been so crowded that it has become necessary to limit their invitations to the Elks.

The Woman's Exchange tea yesterday afternoon in honor of Miss Lila Agnew Stewart called forth about 100 Klirness enthusiasts, including a few men, and the vicinity of Fifth and Yamhill streets presented an animated picture between the hours of 4 and 6. Miss Stewart is on her way to Los Angeles and her brief visit here is being made much of by her many admirers. The Exchange was decorated with Oregon grape and other greens and the tables were brightened with beautiful clusters of red and yellow tulips. Re-

DO THEY WORSHIP EACH OTHER? LIST

Nelson and Wolgast Emit Sulphuric Statements About Coming Ring Battle.

San Francisco, Feb. 16.—Is all this feud talk that Battling Nelson and Ad Wolgast are handing out on the level or is it the same old line of bunk dished up for the benefit of the box office?

That is the question that fight fans are asking themselves, but if they would relieve their minds of any doubt it is only necessary to go to the fighters themselves and talk it over. Just a few seconds conversation will entirely convince them that if ever a pair of boys hated each other they are Nelson and Wolgast. Mention the name of one to the other and they flare up like a bulldog at sight of a tramp.

Nelson, usually of calm and equable temperament, fairly explodes when he reads Wolgast's "cocky" statements. "I see where that little rat is going to let me stay 15 rounds if I don't stall," said the Dane today. "I wonder how long he is going to let me stay if I do stall?"

"It's awfully kind of him to let me go as far as 15 rounds, but I'm rather inclined to the belief that he will be mighty lucky if he manages to stay that long. If he does manage to get through he will be the sickest boy after the fight you ever saw."

Not Trained to Win.

"In all my battles I have trained with but a single thought, and that was to win, but I am making an exception in this case. I am in good condition and could step into the ring tomorrow, but I want to give him such a whipping that he will never forget it the longest day he lives. And he's going to get it."

"I have always made it a point to inflict as little punishment as possible—just enough to win—but this kid is going to get everything that I have in the shop, and whatever he gets he will have only himself to blame. If he had kept his mouth shut and not bragged so I would have gone into the ring with him feeling as I have felt toward all my opponents."

And Mr. Wolgast holds similar views, so if the boys fight as they talk what an awful battle they will put up next Tuesday afternoon.

This Date in Sport Annals.

1875—At London Edward Payson Weston defeated A. L. Clark in walking match, doing 150 miles 666 yards in 48 hours.

1881—At New York John Ennis defeated R. Goetz in 100-mile championship skating race.

1883—At San Francisco Pacific Coast Rowing association organized.

1891—At Minneapolis Tommy Ryan knocked out Danny Needham in twenty-sixth round.

1902—At Chicago Tommy Ryan defeated Jack Beauschotte in six rounds.

1905—At Boston, in a match game of 18.2 billiards, Albert Cutler made a run of 197, unfinished.

1908—At Duluth American ski-jumping record broken by John Mengseth of Duluth, 117 feet.

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT SMARTLY DRESSED MEN WILL WEAR THIS SEASON, ASK BEN SELLING



OUR PRESENT SHOWING OF Spring Suits

FOR MEN, YOUNG MEN and BOYS

Upholds our reputation for presenting only the BEST the season affords in STYLE—QUALITY and VALUE.

MEN'S SUITS, \$20 to \$40.
YOUNG MEN'S, \$10 to \$30.
BOYS' SUITS, \$5 to \$20.

BEN SELLING LEADING CLOTHIER

NELSON WILL BE CONTESTED IN EAST

Following the announcement yesterday at Springfield, Mass., over the will of the late George D. Nelson, who it was first reported, had left \$1,000,000 to Mary Elizabeth Booth of Portland, Attorney Henry King states today that he will immediately file notice of a contest for his client. Either Attorney King or Monroe Goldstein, who has acted as a special agent for the woman, will leave soon for the east to handle the matter.

In the will filed yesterday, the name of Mrs. Booth does not appear as a beneficiary. The document named George Dunn son executor. Thomas Quigley, fireman of the Nelson hotel, is given \$10,000; a son of the hotel proprietor, \$10,000; keeper of the Hampden roadhouse, \$5000 and a third interest in the property. Four women acquaintances of Nelson each receive \$5000.

Attorney King maintains his client has a claim on the estate, and that Nelson promised her a share of his fortune.

Notarial Commissions.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., Feb. 16.—Notarial commissions have been issued to John C. James and E. E. Miller, Portland; R. J. Slater, Pendleton; William P. Nealey, Medford; W. P. LaRoche, John O. B. Scooby and C. E. Moulton, Portland; Lee Webster, Empire City; William Mastin, Dryden; J. J. Ellinger, Redmond; T. J. Stites, Albany; Charles V. Jennings and T. W. Billings, Portland; John Brown, Rockwood; M. C. Van Tyne, C. G. Anderson and L. E. Thompson, Portland; George Willott, Tillamook; Virgil H. Massey, Cornelius; A. King, Mitchell, and Arthur McKeown, Marshfield.

Strange, what a little thing Will upset a man and Keep him so all day, When he ought to be Alert and cheerful.

A soggy, hot biscuit for Breakfast has been known To create a "scrap" Between life-long friends.

For a successful day Eat a saucer of

Grape-Nuts

And cream (chew slowly.)

The thorough chewing of the Crisp, nutty granules which Have a delicious flavour Will not only put one right, But give strength of Mind and body For the morning's work.

Try it! "There's a Reason."

Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

Postum Cereal Company, Ltd., Battle Creek, Mich.

HENRY L. WATTERSON 70 YEARS OLD TODAY

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 16.—Henry Watterson, veteran editor of the Courier-Journal and often referred to as the foremost journalist of the south, celebrated the seventieth anniversary of his birth today and was the recipient of many congratulations. Family belongings and failing eyesight have combined to cause the veteran editor to relinquish active work almost wholly during the past year, but his interest in public affairs is as active and his pen as ready, when he chooses to use it, as in the stirring days of his youth, when he was editor of the saucy "Chattanooga Rebel."

Dinghy Boat Club Meets.

The Dinghy Boat club will meet in the office of E. M. Lazarus, fifth floor of the Lumber Exchange building, at 8 o'clock tonight. Several matters of importance will be discussed.

Banish Catarrh

Breathe Hyomei for Two Minutes and Stuffed Up Head Will Vanish

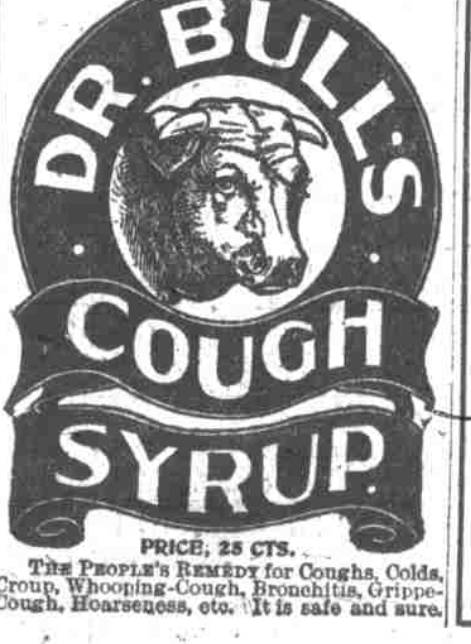
If you want to get relief from catarrh, cold in the head or from an irritating cough in the shortest time breathe Hyomei (pronounce it High-o-me). It will clean out your head in two minutes and allow you to breathe freely.

Hyomei will cure a cold in one day. It will relieve you of disgusting snuffles, hacking, spitting and offensive breath in a week.

Hyomei is made chiefly from eucalyptol, a soothing, healing, germ killing antiseptic, that comes from the eucalyptus forests of inland Australia where catarrh, asthma and consumption were never known to exist.

Hyomei is pleasant and easy to breathe. Just pour a few drops into the hard rubber inhaler, use as directed and cure is almost certain.

A complete Hyomei outfit, including inhaler and one bottle of Hyomei, costs only \$1.00 at druglets everywhere and at Woodard, Clarke & Co., who guarantee it. If you already own an inhaler you can get an extra bottle of Hyomei, liquid, for only 50c.



OTHELLO!

Valuable Prizes for People of Portland!!

OTHELLO is the name of the most promising city in the entire northwest. It is in the State of Washington, on the new transcontinental railroad, built by the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound Railway company, and known throughout the United States as "The Milwaukee."

point of the "Milwaukee" lines north and south and east and west. The right of way has already been filed, for beginning work on the new lines to run north and south at right angles to the present main line.

OTHELLO occupies the same relative position on the "Milwaukee" Railroad as North Yakima occupies on the Northern Pacific.

OTHELLO is the center of the finest Fruit Belt in Washington. The soil is of the same chemical analysis as the famous Wenatchee fruit lands. The apples and peaches grown at OTHELLO are superior in coloring and in flavor, to those of any other fruit growing section we know of.

OTHELLO is the agricultural center of a country which the "Outlook," the magazine of which ex-President Roosevelt is contributing editor, as the most prolific in the world—the Big Bend Country.

OTHELLO is a wholesale center and a manufacturing center. Its nearness to cheap coal supplies are very attractive to manufacturers, who already have recognized the great possibilities of the new city from the standpoint of manufacturing and shipping.

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What We Want Is This: You Write Us An Advertisement

We want a brief story, or description or essay or composition, or whatever you may choose to call it, upon the subject "WHY I SHOULD INVEST IN OTHELLO." There are hundreds of reasons why any person should invest in OTHELLO. Our sales manager, our advertising department and many newspaper writers have written advertisements for us, but none of these "just touch the spot." These writers are all right in their way, but their descriptions and their advertisements are not natural, not human enough.

Now you know about OTHELLO. If you do not, call at our offices at once and ask for any information you want about it. Then sit down and write your composition and mail it to us. There is no telling who will get the prize. Advertising is the most remarkable process in the world. The very best advertisements and advertising stories are written by people who do not know a thing about the art of composition. The famous "Sunny Jim" advertisements for "Force" were written by a young girl not out of Grammar school.

We want the sort of a little story, (which is the same thing as an advertisement) written by some person who will say just the natural things in just the natural, every-day way that people talk. That is the sort of story some person who has never had any technical training in writing advertisements will write without making a strained or unnatural effort.

The advertisements which will make Othello known from one end of the continent to the other will be written by some Portland citizen. No one is limited to the number of stories they may send in, nor as to the style of the matter nor in any other way, excepting as to length.

We Will Give an Acre of Fruit Land Free for the Best Story of this Kind.

AND WE WILL GIVE A CITY LOT IN OTHELLO FOR THE NEXT BEST STORY.

The contest will close Monday evening, February 28, at 10 o'clock. You may send in your story at any time before that date. But you should not put the matter off until you become indifferent. The best advertisements are written naturally and while the mind is full of the subject to be written about. Write it now. Do not wait.

AND WE WILL GIVE A CHECK FOR \$100 IN PAYMENT FOR ANY FRUIT LAND OR LOTS IN OTHELLO TO THE NEXT BEST.

AND WE WILL GIVE TEN CHECKS FOR \$50 EACH TO THE TEN NEXT BEST.

All the letters must be in before 10 o'clock Monday evening, February 28, when they will be turned over to a committee of prominent Portland newspaper men, who will decide which of the stories are entitled to the prizes. We reserve the right to use any of the stories submitted which may not win prizes, and will pay a fair price for stories so used.

These checks will also be accepted as payment upon any fruit tract or lot we own in Othello.

FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING OTHELLO, CALL OR WRITE

OTHELLO IMPROVEMENT CO.

P. B. NEWKIRK, MANAGING DIRECTOR.
219-220 COMMERCIAL CLUB BUILDING, FIFTH AND OAK STREETS.
Phone Marshall 727, Portland, Oregon. Office Open from 10 a. m. to 9 p. m.