FORMER PORTLAND MAN CASTS LOT ON MEXICAN ISLE

J. Oren Thomas Tells of Beauties and Advantages of Palmito de Verde; Meets ex-Champion.

By Claude L. Simpson

Domiciled in a region beyond the zone of high cost of living, J. Oren Thomas, former Portland boy and late overseas veteran, is confident that on the little island of Palmito de Verde, off the Mexican coast, he will find his fortune. In his rambles over a portion of Mexico Thomas has found no more inviting spot than the place where he has concluded to dwell indefinitely; the land at present disturbed by revolutionary conditions, but which, Thomas believes, is destined to right itself in the near future.

The wee bit of an island where Thomas has set his stakes is only a short distance from the mainland and can be reached by boat. The bar has .. feet of water and the island is about .. feet above the level of the sea. It contains land admirably adapted to the culture of sugar cane, cotton, tobacco and cocoanuts, and in these Thomas will specialize. With copra bringing $180 to the ton and a heavy demand for the product, large returns from this industry are anticipated.

..S STILL LOW

The island is also adapted to stock raising on a large scale. Some 10,000 head of cattle at present are grazing on the favored spot, and it is stated that there is room for 70,000 head.

One hundred varieties of fish, including some of the finest game fish in the world, are available, and seafoods abound, says Thomas.

High wages have not yet struck the ... "I am paying $15 a month to a man who cares for my place," said Thomas. "At present I am building a ...ing, and all told, including labor and materials, it will cost less than $600. The structure will consist of burned brick and red tiled roof.

"I find that the Mexicans are favorably disposed to Americans, and there are no impediments to a foreigner obtaining land. Obregon, the rebel leader, seems to be well liked by the Mexican people, and when internal affairs of the country are stabilized a great development is bound to take place. In the region where I am located, the country, as well as other sections I have visited, has only been scratched. At Mazatlan there are large commercial institutions whose business is of staggering size.

..D AMONG INDIANS

"While traveling on the mainland I met Jack Johnson, the former heavyweight champion. He appears to be in good form, and he should make a good showing when he again steps into the ring. He is confident he can beat Jack Dempsey, the present American champion. Johnson is quite a hero in the eyes of the Yaqui Indians. I obtained a snap picture of Johnson shaking hands with an Indian chief."

Thomas was formerly a Portland railway employe. He enlisted with an engineer regiment for overseas service and served with the Sixty-third division in France.

KODAK TELLS INTERESTING MEXICAN STORY

Top—J. Oren Thomas, former Portlander, and foundation of brick and tile home he is building on island of Palmito de Verde, off west coast of Mexico. Center, left to right—Jack Johnson, heavyweight pugilist, shaking hands with Yaqui Indian chief. Thomas (showing native caretaker in center) at foreground of Mexican's abode. Bottom—Historic mission occupied by direct descendants of Ponce de Leon.

Big Student Body At U. of O. Summer Session Expected

University of Oregon, Eugene, June ..—Four hundred students are expected at the sixteenth annual summer session of the University of Oregon, which will open Monday.

Dean H. D. Sheldon, in charge of the school, announces an enlarged curriculum, offering 86 courses in 24 different departments.

These include Americanization, athletics, art, botany, chemistry, commerce, dramatics, economics, education, English, French, geology, health and hygiene, history, library, science, mathematics, music, physical education, physics, psychology, sociology, social welfare, Spanish and zoology.

The faculty will embrace 38 members, including 11 specialists from faculties of other institutions. The courses given are planned primarily for teachers, school principals and superintendents, normal school and college professors and students working for degrees.

Seeking commissions as reserve officers in the United States army, 10 students left Friday for Camp Kearney, California, to attend a six weeks' course in the training camp. They are: Major Arnold Koepke of Athena, Captain Byron O. Garrett of Hillsboro, Captain William Pope Allyn of Portland, Lieutenant Ernest J. Evans of Eugene, First Sergeant Marc Latham of Silverton, Sergeant George H. Houck of Roseburg, Sergeant George Pastor of Portland, Sergeant Adam Wilhelm of Monroe, Corporal Newton Langerman of Portland and Cadet Don Zimmerman of Eugene.

Loganberry Pickers Will Be in Demand Within Two Weeks

Loganberry pickers will be wanted in a large number of fields near Portland after July 1, according to information given by the United States and city employment offices. Orders for pickers from a large number of desirable fields are already on file. As a large number of women and children are wanted, all applications will be handled by Miss Marion Gilbert, 202 Beck building. The picking season will last from four to six weeks. Good wages are being offered. Owing to the frosts in some sections last winter, demand for pickers this season will not be as great as in previous years. One of the orders on hand calls for a group of 10 girls at a place where a house and camping facilities are provided. Those first registering will be given the choice of location and conditions.

SHEET MUSIC SALE

—The Official Shrine Song, "I'M IN LOVE WITH A MYSTIC SHRINER," on sale Monday and Tuesday this week for 25c the copy. —Seventh Floor.

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China's Possibilities Are Vast — Better Transportation Is Need

L. V. Lewis of Portland, writer of the accompanying article on China, is a native of that country and familiar with trade conditions therein. He mentions some facts pertinent to the basis of trade with the Orient.

By L. V. Lewis

The romance of olden days still floats over the traffic with other lands, and there are very few persons today who have not dreamed of entering the wonderful world of "over there." The very term "ocean traffic" brings pictures of mighty adventures and conquests and even the prosaic canal boats seem to most persons to be reminiscent of old days instead of prophecies of greater systems and process of evolution. But water borne commerce has long since said farewell to romance and even novelty, and today becomes the most highly developed and systematic business of all modern life. More than any other factor in the world the great war has been the means to bring to us the stupendous importance of ocean commerce, and I do not think we overstep the mark when we say that we are in the midst of tremendous and fundamental adjustments and that soon, in spite of regulation, etc., the old maritime power of the United States will be restored.

It is to China that the American exporters and importers are turning their attention. It is very evident that, in a country of such vast territory and a population so dense that China has been called a "house without a roof," some means of communication would be necessary. The problem of connecting his vast empire with the center, Peking, has been the chief task of every ruler of China.

Long before the steamboat or railroad was ever thought of and even long before the white man visited what is now known as America, intercommunication had taken place between even the remote parts of China. In the grand old days before China "went to sleep" and the country was flourishing, long canals and magnificent highways traversed every portion of the country. A few of these old trade routes remain today, but for the most part they have been neglected. Canals have become mere scratches in the earth and the roads practically impassable.

TRANSPORTATION IS VARIED

China's means of transportation is varied, indeed. There is the railroad (in some parts of the country), the street car in the large modern cities, and of course the Ford. But there also is the sedan chair, the jinrikisha, the mule litter, the camel and the wheelbarrow which, by the way, will carry about 400 pounds and make something like 16 miles a day. A few of the great highways still remain, and from Peking several branch out into all parts of Manchuria, Mongolia, Central Asia and the southern and western parts of China proper. To the north of Peking there is a caravan route through the Nankow pass that brings in the rich trade of the north and northwest.

A number of steamship companies are now organized and run steamers regularly on all the navigable waters, but where depth prohibits the steamship routes the houseboats, junks of various sizes and the slipper boats in enormous quantity will be found.

NETWORK OF WATERWAYS

The Yangtse, the great river of China, is navigable for about 2000 miles, and in the Yangtse valley there is a perfect network of waterways, partly artificial and partly natural, connecting the river with the Grand canal and furnishing an amazingly cheap and comfortable (to the native) communication with all parts of the province. The Grand canal, while once an important waterway of China, as concerning transportation from the north to the south, is practically worthless, although some sections, as we have just noted, are still open for local traffic. The lakes are of course always navigable, and with the Tungting, Taiher and Poyang, furnish the means of reaching vast sections of the country.

As usual, land transportation is the most expensive, but wherever it meets the healthy competition of the waterways the rates are much lower. As China does not have an interstate commerce commission, the cost of travel and freight rates vary with the times and conditions.

China's abundant and wonderful resources have been one of the chief means of causing her isolation from the rest of the world. With no need for outside help, she became self centered. The necessity for growth being removed, stagnation became the result, and soon even intra-communication ceased to a great extent. With this came the decay of the highways and soon it became impossible to communicate, even if she so desired, with other portions of the country.

And when constant communication ceases the power of the central authority will grow less and less, until soon it becomes power in name only. And in this condition China eventually found herself. Dreaming of a wonderful past, and it has been wonderful, with almost all avenues of trade closed and a central authority with power to do little more than suggest, commercial life seemed doomed.

GREAT POWERS CLOSE IN

It was at this time that the powers of the world closed in on China. With unlimited possibilities for gain, territories and commerce such as no statesman dared to even dream of dangling alluringly before them, they stopped at nothing and stooped to all things to gain their ends. The record of "Christian" countries in China has been one of shame and disgrace, and it is little wonder that China looks questioningly and suspiciously at any offer for help. Russia, France, Great Britain and now Japan all have taken a hand in the game and concession after concession were forced out of the hands of the central government. But above all things it is the railroad that stands as a shining monument to the dishonesty and treachery of the great powers. Railroads can be used not only to develop commerce and to work the many mines but for military purposes, so the cry has been for railroad concessions and by every means known to the modern statecraft these have been wrenched from China. And yet some people wonder why a railroad loan isn't the same in China as it is anywhere else in the world. But China has the railroad and this more than anything else in the world will work to make her a factor in the world's work.

Labor Notes

The Waiters and Waitresses have elected J. N. Butler, president; Minda Barrett, vice president; E. H. Williams, secretary treasurer; Leo J. Rafferty, business agent.

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Jack Kielty and J. W. Deall, who were accidentally killed Thursday in the elevator accident in the Montgomery Ward building, were members of the Building Laborers' union.

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Capenters' union No. 583 announces that it will hold no meetings during Shrine week, and the Painters have made the same announcement.

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The Electrical Workers will ballot on nominees for officers on the evening of Friday, June 25.

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Painters will elect officers on the evening of June 30.

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The Teamsters of The Dalles have requested a charter for a new organization.

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The Pressmen and Assistants will give a picnic today at Bull Run park.

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The Piano and Organ Instrument Workers is one of the latest unions organized in Portland.

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D. J. Murray of California, president of the California Butcher Workmen, spent several days in Portland last week conferring with representatives of the meat and packing house workers and officers of their organizations.

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The Central labor council Thursday discussed the compensation law. H. L. Hughes, chairman of the Washington industrial accident commission, spoke strongly against permitting lawyers to have anything to do with industrial compensation, and recommended compulsory extension of the law to all employers. The mater will be taken up again later.

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Carpenters' union No. 1106 has elected A. G. Allen president, and J. G. Kelly vice president. No. 583 has elected W. H. McCord president and J. J. Stout vice president. George W. Bissell was chosen as recording secretary.

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The Building Trades and the Metal Trades councils will not meet this week, on account of the Shriner celebration.

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The Federal Employes plan a fishing and dancing excursion Friday evening on the boat Swan, and will leave the Jefferson street dock at 8 p. m.

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The Electrical Workers plan a picnic at Bull Run, July 11.

Coal Profiteers Are Facing Prosecution Following Inquiry

Washington, June 19.—(I. N. S.)—Attorney General Palmer has instructed all United States attorneys to seek indictments in all cases of profiteering in coal, following complaints to the department of justice that bituminous coal is being sold at exorbitant prices.

Production cost figures gathered by the federal trade commission from 1589 bituminous coal operators in the principal mining regions, producing approximately 60 per cent of the annual output, show that in January, 1920, the cost per ton averaged $2.32 at the mines. Since then there has been an increase of 27 per cent in the cost of labor, bringing the production cost to $2.79 per ton.

Complaint has been made at the department that the price of bituminous coal now ranges from $7 to $11 at the mine.

Japan Would Settle Tsing-Tao Question

Tokio, June 19.—(U. P.)—Japan is desirous of settling the Tsing-Tao question with China on the basis of the Paris treaty, according to a note handed the Chinese foreign office yesterday. Japan has offered to withdraw her railway guards when the Chinese organize a special railway force under Japanese advisers, the official note said.

SEVERAL MILLS FORCED TO TAKE SUMMER RECESS

Shortage of Cars Compels Shutdowns, and Thousands of Men Will Be Without Employment.

Several Willamette river lumber mills are preparing to shut down for the usual summer recess. The North Pacific mill closed Thursday for an indefinite period. The Portland Lumber company will close its mill for the week of July 4, and the Peninsula Lumber company has laid off its night shift. The big Inman-Poulsen mill will not shut down at all, according to Manager Harry Van Duzer.

Closing of the mills at this time results from the shortage of cars to handle rail shipments, according to the managers. For the same reason all logging camps in the Columbia river territory will close Friday for a three-week vacation. The camps customarily close for the week of July 4, and the recess was advanced two weeks this year in compliance with requests of employes who wish to attend the Shrine convention and Rose festival.

Approximately 7000 men will be laid off when the logging camps shut down. Because of the car shortage and resulting stagnation in the lumber market, many of the camps probably will remain closed all summer, and it is anticipated that approximately 50 per cent of the men laid off will seek employment on farms during the haying and harvesting season.

Production last week at 126 lumber mills reporting to the bulletin of the West Coast Lumbermens' association was 88,274,083 feet, which is only 1.88 per cent below normal production for the operations reporting. Shipments for the week totaled 78,371,708 feet, of which 31.94 per cent went by water or locally by auto truck. Rail shipments totaled 7414 cars, or approximately 53,340,000 feet. Coastwise shipments amounted to 13,340,559 feet, export shipments to 7,916,410 feet, and local auto deliveries were 3,774,705 feet.

New business accepted during the week amounted to 53,299,077 feet, of which 38,790,000 is in transcontinental rail trade. Unshipped orders on the books of the 126 mills total 353,589,830 feet.

CONTINUES TO HOLD HIGH GRADE ON MILL SHINGLES

Kelso, Wash., June 19.—The Crescent Shingle company, which earned the highest grade on its shingles of all the mills in the Rite Grade association in March, its first month in the association, has continued to lead the 80 or more mills during the succeeding two months. In May the local mill had a record grade of 90.1 per cent, which is several points higher than the next best mill.

EMPLOYMENT BUREAU OPENED BY THE CULINARY WORKERS

Announcements were sent to managers of lumber camps and mills throughout the Northwest last week by the Camp and Boarding House Culinary Workers association, calling attention to the establishment of an employment bureau with headquarters at 242 Ankeny street. Membership in the association consists of cooks, waiters, waitresses, dishwashers and other people employed in kitchens of camps and mill boarding houses and the employment office is operated under management of W. C. Haldeman, secretary of the association.

According to Haldeman it has been the custom of employment agencies to charge exorbitant fees for placing applicants in positions and the establishment of the bureau is an attempt to escape the necessity of "buying a job." Officers of the association ask cooperation of lumbermen and loggers.

BILLION MORE FEET FOUND IN COWLITZ TIMBER LANDS

Kelso, Wash., June 19.—Thomas & Meservey, who are recruising the timber lands of Cowlitz county for the board of county commissioners, have found nearly one billion more feet of timber on the lands they have cruised to date than is shown under the old 1908 cruise. Four reports submitted show increases ranging from 7 per cent to 181 per cent. About 7000 acres formerly listed as logged off or burned over lands have been found to be timbered.

Urges Federal Park Of All Hills Along Mississippi River

La Crosse, Wis., June 19.—(I. N. S.)—That the entire Mississippi river and bordering hills should be taken over by the federal government and transformed into a national park was the declaration of Governor W. L. Harding of Iowa at a conference of governors and delegates of Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota called to outline plans to obtain a new national park in the vicinity of McGregor, Iowa. Options have been obtained on 20,000 acres of land, it was announced. Thirty delegates attended the meeting today.

Walking on Toes Is Health Preserver, Declares Physieian

Paris, June 19.—Walking on one's toes five minutes every day is the surest method of preserving one's health, according to Dr. Gautiez, member of the Academy of Sciences and expert on tuberculosis.

Dr. Gautiez asserted today that when the weight of the body is borne by the toes pulmonary ventilation is increased 17 per cent, breathing is improved 14 per cent and a far better distribution of the oxygen in the system is assured.

Dr. Gautiez has submitted radio photographs to the academy of sciences in support of his theory which are attracting wide attention.

Booths to Provide Tonsorial Privacy

Evansville, Ind., June 19.—(U. P.)—Jacob Kutzmann, boss barber, believes in privacy. To put his views in effect he will have each chair in a private booth, separated from the general waiting room.

MARRIAGE IS OF INTEREST

Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Douglass

A marriage of interest to a wide circle of friends is that of Dr. A. S. Douglass and Mrs. Ella F. Brown, which took place at the home of the bride, 5007 Sixty-seventh avenue southeast. Dr. Douglas was born in Georgetown, Ill., in 1849 and has made his home in Portland several years. The bride came from Arrola, Ind., Dr. and Mrs. Douglass will make their home in Portland.

Tomorrow Is the Big Day — Juvenile Rose Show Opens

Somewhere in Portland or vicinity early tomorrow morning the most beautiful of all roses will be blooming.

Where is it?

What boy or girl will find it?

Before noon the judges of the general rose show will know. All the roses that school boys and girls consider most beautiful will be brought to the corner of Park and Clay streets between 8 and 10 o'clock Monday morning. Each boy or girl will bring but a single rose. To it will be attached the coupon in The Journal. A medal made in the mint at Washington, two second prizes of $2.50 each and five third prizes of $1 each are offered for the most beautiful roses. There is room for 1000 exhibits of one rose each.

On Tuesday and on Wednesday the exhibits of the children's rose show are to be repeated. Same number of roses. Same list of prizes.

Intense interest in the Children's Rose Show is reported all over Portland. For instance, 28 of the boys and girls on Willamette Heights have arranged to exhibit, according to a telephone message Saturday afternoon.

The exhibits of the boys and girls will be received on Monday by a committee headed by Miss Minnie Heath; on Tuesday by a committee of which Miss May Rathbun is chairman, and on Wednesday by a committee headed by Miss Mary Hill. Assistants to Miss Hill in addition to those already announced are Miss Louise Grace of Jefferson high school, Miss Margaret Gesner and Miss Ella Wilson, both of Franklin high.

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Pigs and Poultry Are Wanted for Mothers' Home

Out beyond Willamette heights and across a footbridge—until the city finds time to repair the vehicle bridge—is the White Shield home for girls who have been victimized by misplaced confidence in men. The home was built from the bequest of the late E. Henry Wemme, to the Christian Science church, and by his denomination sold to the Salvation army. Major Harris—it should probably be majoress to be clearly indicative—who is in command of the home, has a favor to ask of farmers who read The Journal.

She wants a flock of chickens, and, maybe, some ducks. She would like to have a couple of little pigs guaranteed to grow into pork on the far corner of the four acres devoted to the home. The pigs, the ducks and the chickens are all important in the plan to restore the mothers to normal, industrious living by teaching them industry. The creatures, by their increase, would help also to solve the problem of sustenance at the home.

And, by way of postcript to the appeal, anyone who could see the tiny cribs in long rows, filled with little babies who smile as brightly at the visitor as if fate had ushered them into a happy home by the proper avenue of legitimate birth, would want to have a part in giving them their chance.

Who has a chicken or a pig to give the White Shield home?

Postponement Sought For Mrs. Tabor Trial

Paw Paw, Mich., June 19.—(I. N. S.)—Postponement of the retrial of Mrs. Sarah Tabor for the alleged slaying of her daughter, Maud Tabor Virgo, will be asked when the second hearing is opened Monday. Attorneys representing Mrs. Tabor declare that to subject her to a court ordeal during the hot summer months might result in her death.

A novel table for workshops can be turned and locked in 32 different positions to save the labor of moving objects on which work is being done.

State University Wins High Praise From Army Officer

University of Oregon, Eugene, June 19.—Captain John Kearney, U. S. army, retired, calls the University of Oregon the "rightest, tightest little school in the world."

Captain Kearney, having spent a lifetime in uniform in all parts of the world, marvels at the University of Oregon as "an institution without a trace of snobbishness, extravagance or uncleanness."

Despite his acquaintance with all countries, the month he has spent in Eugene has taught him, he says, to consider it the acme of college situations.

"I never saw a city cleaner physically or morally," he declared.

Portland Man Speaks

Winlock, Wash., June 19.—At a meeting of the Pacific Co-operative league in Winlock about 90 farmers were present. William Martilla, manager of the Portland branch, spoke.

GOOD MAGAZINES FOR WORKERS IN CAMPS SOLICITED

Captain John Anderson Makes Appeal to People in Cause Destined to Aid Americanism.

By M. N. D.

Old Mother Hubbard
She went to her cupboard
To get her poor dog—

No, that isn't right. Captain John Anderson is nothing at all like Mother Hubbard. The blue boxes which he has scattered around Portland's downtown streets have but the remotest resemblance to cupboards.

The boxes are certainly not intended to hold bones for dogs but books and magazines for men.

The only point of comparison comes with:

When she got there
The cupboard was bare.

Captain Anderson hopefully opened one of the blue boxes last Friday.

ROOM FOR MAGAZINES

It had room enough within its capacious interior for magazines and books to supply scores of lonely men in dozens of isolated logging camps.

But there wasn't anything there.

Captain Anderson had been smiling.

"I'll tell you," he was saying as he pulled up the lid, "the way the people of Portland are supporting this work certainly does your heart good."

But his face fell with a thud and it looked about a yard long when he found that the blue box wasn't proving Portland's merit for the praise.

GIFTS ARE SOLICITED

This is written, therefore, with a distinct and direct purpose. Namely, to get the blue boxes filled up with magazines and books.

Last year Captain Anderson sent out 535 boxes of books, magazines and other reading matter weighing from 60 to 70 pounds each to 122 camps in Oregon and Washington. He and E. B. Fish traveled 14,000 miles, visiting the camps to get fervor and back bone into the Americanism of the thousands of men employed in cutting the great trees of the Pacific Northwest.

Once upon a time Captain Anderson was an owner of a Clarke county sawmill. Later he became an employe of the Portland Lumber company. One day at noon an I. W. W. began distributing "literature" among the men. Anderson protested.

"My Americanism resents this; good Americans ought to see that we get good things to read," said he.

Then he began his campaign to get reading matter for lumberjacks.

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