

EDITOR ASCRIBES MUCH OF SUCCESS TO WIFE-PARTNER

William Wheeler, Aged 71, Gives Sketch of Brownsville Career in Times Anniversary Edition.

Brownsville, May 28.—Dr. Oesler's favorite tenet about the general worthlessness of elderly people was given a rude setback last week by Editor William Wheeler, 71 years of age, when he completed the thirty-first volume of the Brownsville Times by issuing an eight-page paper.

In this issue of the Times the veteran editor pays tribute to the worth and ability of his wife, Mrs. Jennie Wheeler, who for two years past has been book-keeper, star reporter, proof reader, advertising man and bill collector. The way in which Wheeler came to discover his wife's ability in the newspaper line reads as follows:

TRIED HOMESTEADING

"After 25 years of newspaper work, during which I ran all the way from the position of office devil to that of editor, publisher and manager, I left the occupation, forever as I supposed, and went to reside on a homestead in the Lane county woods. I left my wife alone on the little farm in the woods. Life under those conditions proved quite too lonely for me, and in time I formed an alliance with a new partner, a widow whose life had been spent in large cities. The charms of nature on a backwoods farm soon pulled on her and, seeking a change, I naturally gravitated back to the print shop and, nearly two years ago I took up the publication of the Brownsville Times.

Then a new discovery burst upon me. My silent partner with no previous experience in a newspaper office suddenly became transformed into a most efficient member of the firm. She took up the duties of a book-keeper as well as those of business manager, book-keeper and greeter of customers who visit the office. She has been the more efficient half of the firm which published the Times.

WIFE WRITES FIRE STORY

"She wrote the account of the fire which scorched Brownsville when she had been here a month. I report which the managing editor of the Eugene Register complimented as an able piece of reportorial work, and she wrote the report of the recent Charles Sterling entertainment, which drew a crowd of 1100 persons, in the big red warehouse of the Brownsville grain merchant. This story called out Governor Olcott's complimentary letter."

The Wheelers have a fine home in the beautiful Fairmount district at Eugene, and to this they will probably retire when the lure of the newspaper game begins to pall. The Times is owned by M. M. Brown, chief deputy editor, and as he is averse to experimentation with young and inexperienced newspaper folks in his office, it may be that the 71-year-old youth and his wife will continue to publish the historic old paper for some time.

In spite of many difficulties and discouragements, the present publishers have caused the Times to flourish and expand. When they "landed" here, they knew not a soul, and only by persistent effort could they find living quarters. They inherited accounts and debts at the Times office and the remembrance of subscribers that their predecessor had "flashed" at the newspaper game. Then one day about two years ago, Mrs. Wheeler sat in the office and remarked that she needed a top-head story. As if in answer to her wishes, the bell clanged out a wild alarm. She dashed out to witness the whole business section of town aflame. Before night two-thirds of it had gone in smoke, and Mrs. Wheeler had her story. It is not so well known that the Wheelers' own house was in the path of the big conflagration and that only a part of their belongings were with great difficulty rescued.

Wheeler was born in New England, at East Charleston, Vt. His parents moved across the Canadian line, however, and his boyhood days were spent in Canada. When he turned 18, he states in 1868, he entered a print shop and became thoroughly acquainted with the printing business.

CHAMPIONS FARMERS

Soon he worked up to the position of editor of the Vermont Farmer, and won popularity by his championing of the grange movement, then developing. Ever since that time he has been in close sympathy with the interests of farmers, and this agricultural bent shows up in the Brownsville Times, two newspaper pages each week being given up to agricultural topics.

In 1876 Wheeler came to the West and found employment with the Enterprise at Virginia City, Nev. He came on to California two years later and bought the Watsonville Transcript. He published this for two years with great success and then worked for three years on the San Francisco Call. To make his experience in newspaper work complete, he then joined the San Francisco Chronicle and was coast news editor for a long time. He came into Oregon in 1893, working on the Eugene Register, and later on living on a homestead as already related in this sketch.

Wheeler is perhaps the most widely quoted small-paper editor in Oregon. His editorials are trenchant, sane and fearless, and he turns out several columns of them for each weekly issue of the Times.

VETERAN EDITOR AND WIFE



Mr. and Mrs. William H. Wheeler

SCHOOLS AWARDED PRIZES FOR FIGHT ON TUBERCULOSIS

Institutions in 28 Counties Are Recognized for Proficiency in Crusade; School Plans Report.

For high proficiency in the modern health crusade schools in 28 Oregon counties have been awarded pennants this month by the Oregon Tuberculosis association. The crusade is a plan of teaching health and hygiene to children by means of the performance of certain health chores by way of instilling health habits.

So close was the competition in a number of counties that Miss Elizabeth Hopwood, crusade director, was compelled to determine the winners by the average number of chores performed during the 15 weeks. A 100 per cent modern health crusade school is one where every student who enrolled completed the crusade work.

SCHOOLS RACE IN CRUSADE

With a maximum of 10 chores a day, together with two baths a week, the total chores for the week is 72. A few schools had the high average of 70 for the year. Because the crusade was entered late in Baker, Douglas, Josephine, Malheur, Morrow and Polk counties, pennants will be given to the winners in June. Wheeler had no crusade school. Pennant winners this month were Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Crook, Curry, Deschutes, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Hood River, Jackson, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Tillamook, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, Washington, Yamhill.

The Douglas County Public Health association is the latest auxiliary organization to the Oregon Tuberculosis association. It having just been formed following a three months' demonstration of public health nursing put on by Miss Ebba Djuppe, Mrs. William Bell, a director of the association, is the president; O. C. Brown, county superintendent, is the vice president, and J. A. Booth is treasurer.

BULLETIN ON SCHOOL PLANNED

In answer to almost daily inquiries from all parts of the United States and Europe, a special bulletin on the A. L. Mills Open Air school is being prepared by the Portland board of education. The bulletin will be profusely illustrated and will be replete with instructive reading matter.

In response to wishes of representative citizens of Benton county, a special tuberculosis survey of that county is now being conducted by Robert W. Osborn, field executive, to show whether or not there is need for county sanatoria. Mrs. Sallie Orr-Dunbar, executive secretary of the Oregon Tuberculosis association, will leave next week for New York to attend the annual meeting of the National Tuberculosis association, after which she will take the course for secretaries in the Institute for Advanced Tuberculosis Workers. On her way east Mrs. Dunbar will attend the northern Idaho tuberculosis conference, at which she will be one of the speakers.

Early Day Settler of Eastern Oregon Dies

La Grande, May 27.—A. C. Huntington, one of the early pioneers of Eastern Oregon, died at his home here late this afternoon in his eighty-ninth year. He was for many years engaged in business here, having retired several years ago. One daughter, Mrs. George E. Currey of this city, survives him.

ALASKA TIMBER, POWER POLICY IS SHOWN IN OFFER

Government Calls for Bids for Tract on Shrimp Bay; Dates Announced for Opening of Bids

Development of waterpower and the paper pulp industry of Alaska on the basis of perpetual resources is the policy adopted by the U. S. forest service officials of the service announce. Leases for power sites and the sale of timber lands suitable for pulp manufacture are controlled so as to give the producer a constant supply of raw material. Wanton cutting is not permitted in the national forests of the territory and all cutting is made under supervision of the service to insure future demands.

An example of this policy is found in the proposals now being circulated for the site on Shrimp bay, on the northern end of Revillagigedo island, the same island on which Ketchikan is located.

PROPOSALS FOR WATER

According to the estimates made by Fred Ames of the timber sales division of the service approximately 100,000,000 feet of hemlock and spruce in the right proportions for paper making are on the land adjacent to the power site at Shrimp bay. All this timber is so situated that it can be felled and rafted to the mill in deep water. The frontage on deep water is some 5 1/2 miles.

Power sufficient for the operation of a 100-ton mill is available in the stream flowing into the head of the bay. F. H. Deter of the engineering section, states. The actual horsepower to be had is between 7000 and 8000, he states. Application for this site has been made by D. J. Vogter of Tacoma, R. L. Weeks of Los Angeles and the Alaska-American Paper corporation of New York.

WILL OPEN BIDS

In compliance with the law for open bids two departments have announced the dates for the opening of all bids sent in. The power site hearing will be held June 15 in the new post-office building at Portland. Bids for the timber will be opened July 7.

In bidding, suitable evidence must be given of financial backing sufficient to carry out the terms of the contract and that the land is not to be held for speculation. The accepted bidder must develop the power and operate the logging

section of the work. In this case the two bids are separate.

In timber sales the general rules are that ample protection must be provided against fire in the logged off land, that the trees marked to save by the forest ranger are not to be cut, that approved logging methods, eliminating waste, are to be used and the deposit of a surety bond of \$20,000. The purchaser is allowed until October, 1932, to begin logging operations and must have the stand out by 1933.

Miss C. Degermark, Playground Head, Resumes Position

Miss Carin H. Degermark, head of the playgrounds work in Portland, who has been in New Haven a year, has just returned to this city and will resume her official duties here. She was engaged in reconstruction work immediately after the war and then went to New Haven to organize recreation work there for women and girls and was also associated with the women's community service. Mrs. Edie Centro has been acting head of the playgrounds work in Portland during Miss Degermark's absence.

As a means of identification a European scientist has combined X-ray photographs of persons' fingers with their finger prints.

CITY WILL KEEP HANDS OFF ISSUE OF MUSIC SHOPS

Opponents Can Take Grievance Against "Nuisance" to Courts, Declares City Legal Advisor.

Owners or occupants of the Couch building who feel they have a grievance against musicians who have studios in the adjacent Rothschild building, will have to obtain their remedy through litigation on the ground of maintaining a nuisance, and not through passage of any regulatory city ordinance.

This is the gist of the decision of City Attorney Frank S. Grant and is also in line with the declarations of Mayor Baker on the subject. Some weeks ago building owners petitioned the city council for a law that would require persons maintaining music studios in the downtown district to have double windows and keep them closed when pupils were practicing. "There was a spirited hearing, in which musicians and others on their behalf declared they were conducting a legitimate business and they intimated that if their neighbors didn't like the melodies produced, the neighbors could move."

"The matter is a private nuisance, and I believe the owners of the Couch building have a right to abate a private nuisance the same as the council has a right to stop a public nuisance." Mayor Baker says: "I cannot recommend the passage of an ordinance to remedy the condition." It is probable that the city council at its regular meeting next Wednesday will vote to give the matter no further consideration.

Sues for \$5000 Insurance Suit for \$5000 was filed in circuit court by Mrs. Elizabeth Edwards against the Travelers' Protective Association of America. The plaintiff's husband, Frederick Edwards, had a \$5000 insurance policy with the association. He fell out of a window January 4 in Portland and broke both his legs, dying shortly afterward. At the time of his death he was a member in good standing, the complaint sets forth.

MAP COMPARISON SHOWS VASTNESS OF COAST STATES

Chamber of Commerce Official Finds Eastern Business Men Are Ignorant of Geography.

Failure to comprehend the vastness of the West is a common error made by tourists who come to the Pacific coast from the Atlantic seaboard, but when this blunder is made by the manufacturer and the distributor the misconception is likely to prove costly.

Disaster has been narrowly avoided many times by the eastern manufacturers who located branch agencies or distributing organizations on the Pacific coast without a careful preliminary comparative study of distance on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts.

In view of this mistake, which so often causes trouble, William H. Crawford, manager of the department of industries of the Chamber of Commerce, has taken a map of the United States and folded it in half so that the Pacific coast line is superimposed on the Atlantic shore line.

The result is startling to the person who does not have a thorough knowledge of the West. It shows the extreme northern tip of the state of Maine resting on a parallel with Seattle and the city of Charleston, S. C., almost coinciding with the position of San Diego in California.

COAST EXPANSE SHOWN

Crawford says that eastern manufacturers have located distributing agencies on the Pacific coast without a thought being given to the length of hauls between Pacific coast points. He says that they are used to thinking in terms of the Atlantic coastal distances.

When a person travels from Portland to San Francisco it is almost impossible for an eastern man to realize that it would mean exactly the same as traveling from Ottawa, Can., to Richmond, Va., as the relative position of the four cities coincides when the maps of the two coasts are superimposed.

The graphic illustration shows the New England states of Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island all grouped along the Oregon coast, while the state of New Jersey looks like the tracing of a large county in Northern California. The northern boundary of Pennsylvania stretches along the southern boundary of Oregon and looks like a large county in Northern California, and possibly two large counties combined in one in Northern Idaho.

To the resident of the East a trip from Boston to Detroit is not an ordinary event, yet to the resident of the coast country of Oregon it does not seem like a great distance to Boise or Pocatello, Idaho, yet the comparative distance is practically the same.

It is still a greater undertaking to travel from Portland, Maine, to Chicago, yet that distance compares with a trip from this city to Denver, and it is the same as a resident of Quebec, Man., traveling to St. Louis, Mo.

The eastern manufacturer has been overlooking the facts which this comparative data shows, according to Crawford, who says that the position of Portland on this double map shows why it has such a natural advantage as a distributing point.

POPULATIONS COMPARED

Another chart has been prepared by Crawford to show the distribution of population on the Pacific coast. A triangular dividing line has been drawn from Portland to Ogden and from Oakland to Ogden. Within that space dwell only slightly less than 1,000,000 people. The same corresponding area would be a triangular shaped area with the corners touching Portland, Maine; Newport News, Va., and Indianapolis. Many millions of people live in the corresponding triangular area in the Eastern section.

North of this triangular division there are more than 3,250,000 people, and south of it are almost the same number. Crawford points out on the maps that if a distributing agency were to be placed in the northern section a long haul would be necessary to reach the densely populated section in Southern California.

On the other hand if branch factories and distributing agencies are placed at Portland, the two heavier populated sections of the Pacific coast are easy of access by rail and water shipping.

New Shoes from C. H. Baker

It matters not what be the season, or the time of the season, for Baker shoes will be found on the high, unvarying plane of faultless style and intrinsic worth. Glance at the shoes shown here—real achievements in good shoe-making. No, Baker prices are not high. In fact, we notice that those who habitually "shop around" are returning in greatly increased numbers to the Baker stores to buy.

<p>1617—Dark brown kid one strap pump, with ball strap, welt sole and leather cuban heel. Price \$10.00.</p> <p>C1620—This oxford is in the new shade of sand buckskin, with ball strap, welt sole and leather cuban heel. Price \$12.50.</p> <p>A1617—Dark brown kid sport oxford, with ball strap, welt sole and leather cuban heel. Price \$10.00.</p> <p>C1617—Dark brown kid street oxford, perforated tip and vamp, welt sole and leather cuban heel. Price \$10.00.</p>	<p>A2220—Nut brown russia calf one strap pump with ball strap, welt sole and leather cuban heel. Price \$10.00.</p> <p>1213—Black or gray suede afternoon pump with kid strap and foxing, imitation straight tip and small ornament on vamp, turn sole and covered French heel. Price \$12.50.</p> <p>1210—A conservative new pattern with medium French heel, in black kid, brown kid or brown suede, with one strap and turn sole. Price \$12.50.</p> <p>P1201—This model is of black kid with perforated tip, vamp and heel foxing. A dainty pump for afternoon wear with turn sole and Junior French heel. Price \$13.50.</p>
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Three Baker Stores in Portland
 380 Washington Street 308 Washington Street
 270 Morrison Street

C. H. Baker

The exceptional quality of our professional conduct matches the up-to-dateness of our equipment. We serve with an experienced discretion.

MILLER & TRACEY

Main 2691 Independent Funeral Directors Aut. 578-85
 Washington at Ella St., Bet. Twentieth and Twenty-first Sts., West Side

Ramapo Hotel Is Leased by M. E. Pope

The Ramapo hotel at the northeast corner of Fourteenth and Washington was leased last week for a 10-year period to M. E. Pope and wife, formerly of San Francisco. The building is a four-story brick structure containing 100 rooms. Furniture and equipment were included in the lease. E. M. Lazarus is the principal owner and former proprietor of the hotel.