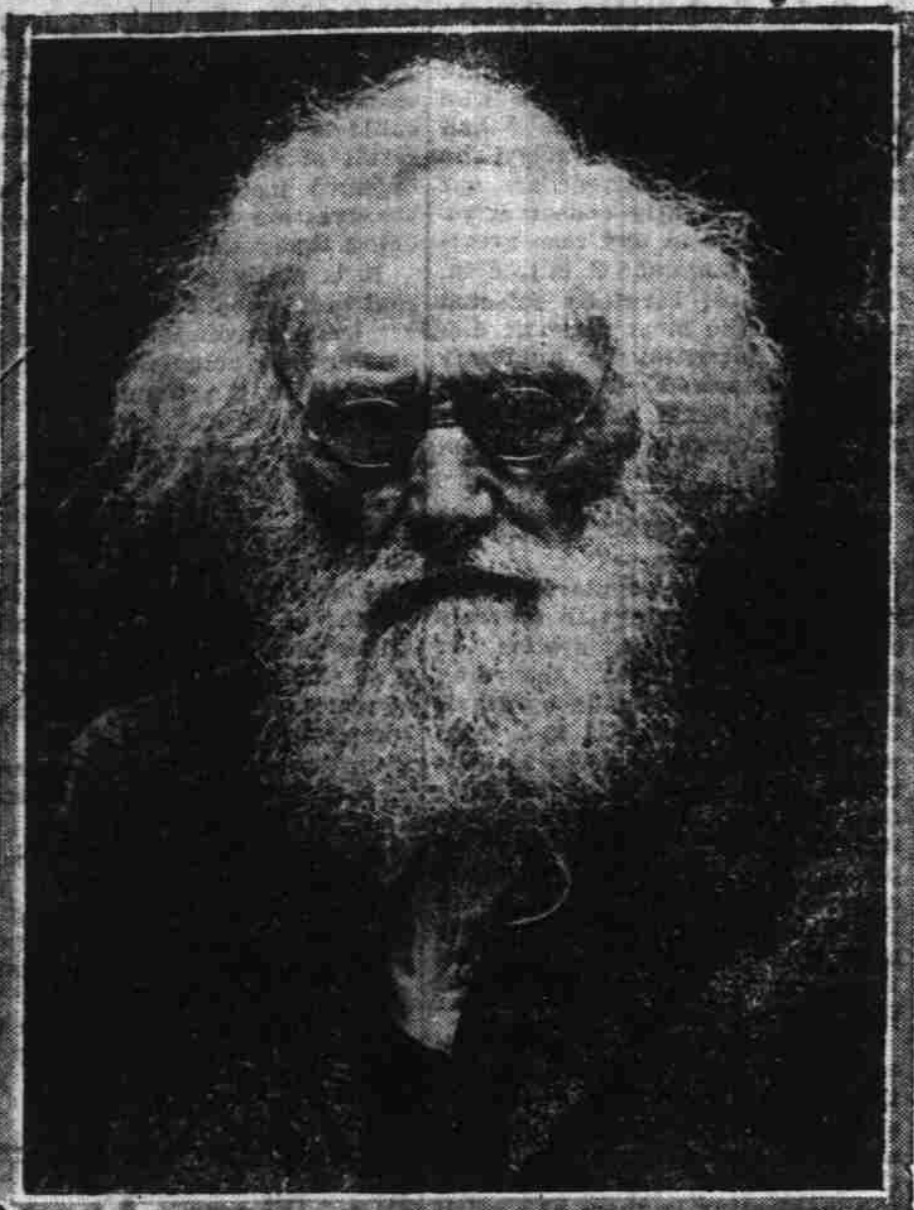


HITS THE OREGON TRAIL ONCE MORE.



Ezra Meeker of the noted pioneer Meeker family, discoverer of the lost Oregon trail and friend of the late Theodore Roosevelt, plans to go to Oregon for the third time behind an ox team. He made his first journey there in 1842.

his vacation Tuesday of this week and will not be in session during the month of August. Because of the importance of the case the court had believed it might be possible to pass down an opinion on it next Tuesday, but it is said the case is too complicated for that.

**BITS FOR BREAKFAST**

One thing is certain—If President Harding had been full of Oregon prunes, instead of Seattle crab meat, he would not have gotten sick.

The Canadian flax pulling machine, if it arrived in Portland yesterday by express, as expected, did not show up here. It will likely get into action by tomorrow.

In the meantime the Oregon invented and manufactured machines are expected to get going strong, and laborers pulling by hand are decreasing in numbers.

About 27 tons of flax has already been delivered at the penitentiary, and the threshing of the seed will begin tomorrow. There is a new machine for this work, which is expected to take care of two tons an hour.

There is a field of flax, 45 acres, in the Guthrie valley in Polk county, that is one of the finest of the year. It will go two and a half to three tons an acre.

The hospital drive is going to be completed. This is official. The men in charge of the drive propose to stay with the job till it is finished, if it takes all summer. So you may as well get your name on the dotted line, if you have so far escaped.

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**NEW CORPORATIONS**

- The following Oregon concerns filed articles of incorporation yesterday at the offices of W. E. Crews, state corporation commissioner:
- Plate Ice & Fuel company, of Portland; incorporators, Hubert Kubik, Tressie Kubik, Thomas P. Brown; capitalization, \$22,000.
  - Vernonia Athletic association, Vernonia; incorporators, W. E. Detrow, L. H. Detrow, W. Martincau, W. J. Coyle, C. C. Brown, A. L. Fenner; capitalization, \$2,000.
  - Star Lumber & Realty company, Baker; incorporators, Leroy H. Tibbals, J. B. McDowell, Winnifred B. Tibbals; capitalization, \$5000.
  - Green Mountain Log company, Portland; incorporators, Harrison G. Platt, Robert Treat Platt, Arthur D. Platt; capitalization, \$100,000.
  - Central Oregon Loan company, Bend; incorporators, A. R. Teater, E. M. Eby and J. A. Melvin; capitalization, \$20,000.
  - Hoovers' Pastries, Inc., Portland; incorporators, Ellisworth R. Steen, G. M. Huddle, N. C. Jamieson; capitalization, \$25,000.
  - Coast Mills Wool company, Portland; incorporators, C. M. Bishop, R. C. Bishop, C. P. Slade; capitalization, \$5000.
  - The Buster Brown Shoe Store, Inc., of Salem, filed supplementary articles, changing its name to Arbuckle, King & Co., Inc.
- A permit to operate as a stock broker in Oregon was issued to the National Investment company. A permit to sell stock in the sum of \$10,000 was issued to the Green Mountain Asbestos Mining company of Portland. A permit to sell bonds in the sum of \$500,000 was issued to the Western Oregon Development company of Portland.
- A permit to operate in Oregon was issued to the Black Steel & Wire company, a Maine corporation capitalized at \$900,000. R. H. Keith of Portland is named as attorney-in-fact for Oregon.
- Notices of dissolution were filed by the Northern California Oil company of Klamath Falls, and by the Coos Bay Laundry company of Marshfield.
- Notice of an increase in capitalization from \$10,000 to \$15,000 was filed by the Oregon City Creamery company of Oregon City.
- Notice of a decrease in capitalization from \$150,000 to \$100,000 was filed by the Davidson Fruit company of Hood River.

**PERFORMANCE IS THE REAL THING**

**Gardner Dealer Says Public Has Passed Day When Nickel Fools Them**

"Never in my experience as an automobile dealer have I found performance so large a factor in the merchandising of automobiles as it is today," says F. W. Petty-John, distributor for the Gardner Four. "People are becoming motor-wise; they want to see what is under the hood."

"Not long ago an attractive paint job and nickled trimmings meant a good deal more to the average prospective buyer than performance. Happily, this condition has been changed. Appearance counts, but not as it did at one time. Women as well as men are showing distinctly more preference for sturdy construction and fine motor performance than they do for flashy appearance. Nor are empty claims concerning remarkable performance accepted at face value. The prospective buyer today wants to be shown."

"The Gardner Motor company of St. Louis has always encouraged the intending buyer in this attitude. Actual demonstration has always been the keynote of Gardner sales policy. The entire sales organization has been imbued with this spirit. We insist, whenever possible, on putting the Gardner through some severe performance test before a sale is closed."

All Gardner models, and there are six of them,—the standard phaeton and roadster, the sport model phaeton and roadster, the coupe and sedan—are powered by the five-bearing crankshaft motor which has demonstrated its flexibility and power on some of the most famous hills in the country. Furthermore this engine is noted for its economy of operation. In the recent Los Angeles-Yosemite Valley Economy Run, an annual classic, the Gardner took first place in class 2E, averaging 28.8 miles to the gallon of gasoline.

Not only is the unusual motor performance and economy confined to the open jobs, but it is a feature of the beautiful model sedan that has just been announced by the Gardner Motor company.

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**Wheeler County Report Is Sent to Churchill**

The average monthly salary of men teachers in Wheeler county is \$187.50, according to the annual report of H. J. Simmons, school superintendent of that county, to J. A. Churchill, state superintendent. The women of the county get a monthly wage of \$109.91. Ten men and 41 women are teaching in the county. The report shows that 801 pupils are enrolled in the schools, a slight increase over the enrollment of 1922. The schools of Wheeler county made a good record in attendance, a daily average of 646, or 95 per cent of those belonging in school. The county has 51 school districts of which 30 are equipped with one-room schools.

**MOVIE GOSSIP**

**BLIGH**  
Four Acts Vaudeville and Big Bill Fairbanks in "THE CLEAN-UP"

Johnny Hines, now being featured in a feature length comedy-drama titled "Sure Fire Flint," at the Liberty theater, is a close student of human nature, and has perfected a philosophy of his own that is rather interesting to say the least.

During the interview at Burr's Glendale studio in Long Island where "Sure Fire Flint" was produced, Hines was asked whether he was easier to make comedies than dramas, to which the film comedian replied: "An onion can make anybody cry, but the vegetable is still to be found that will make everybody laugh." And that about explains the difference between them," answered Hines. Continuing his discourse Johnny further added: "In creating situations for the drama, the author knows that there are certain fundamental situations that will always bring a lump to the throat or tear to the eyes, and recognizing that fact, a more or less strong story can be built up that will cause the audience to feel like crying. That isn't the most difficult thing in the world to accomplish judging from the large amount of dramas that are made. Comedy production, however, is an uncertain thing at its best. The actor, author and director may work days and nights figuring out certain situations that should ordinarily bring laughter from the audience, but in this respect we are often mistaken. Some "gags" that we might think negligible often create more genuine laughter than "gags" that we have worked days on to perfect. One audience may howl with delight, another may not even smirk at our efforts. There are no fundamental situations in comedy that will bring laughter. Once a "gag" is performed, it is dead and can very seldom be used again with effect. So you see for yourself just what a big proposition the really successful comedian has on his hands."

The Paramount picture, "The Exciters," co-starring Bebe Daniels and Antonio Moreno, opened successfully at the Oregon theater yesterday, where it was greeted by a large and enthusiastic audience.

The story is a mile-a-minute tale of a "mile-a-minute" girl, for Ronnie Rand, portrayed by Miss Daniels, was born on an express train traveling 60 miles an hour. This dismayed her Aunt Veronica, who predicted that Ronnie would be marked sure as fate. But she wasn't and she wasn't even scratched in her many daring escapades. Speed is her mania.

In order that Aunt Veronica's money should remain in the Rand family, Ronnie is required to marry before reaching the age of 21. One day she is injured in an airplane crash and she meets Pierre Martel, played by Antonio Moreno. He carries the injured girl to safety and wins her heart. But lo! He is a crook. Not until after the wedding ceremony does the girl discover this, and then—divorce? Pierre, acting by order of his confederates, demands a huge sum for the annulment of the marriage, but is only chided by Ronnie. Would he sell his wife? Then comes a smashing climax.

In the supporting cast are Burr McIntosh, Diana Allen, Cyril Ring, Bigelow Cooper, Ida Darling Jane Thomas, Allan Simpson, George Backus and others. The story, adapted by John Colton and Sonya Levien, was directed by Maurice Campbell.

Teeming with thrills and abounding in reels of romantic excitement, "The Great Menace," that will be shown on the screen of the Bligh theatre for three days commencing Monday, is certain of proving one of the

biggest film treats of the season. This film, produced by J. G. Mayer, the well-known picture impresario, was completed after months of hard work in which the drug evil in all its entirety is exposed amid startling events. "The Great Menace" is a very late picture and is acted by an all-star cast of American players.

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His acrobatic feats are unusual and his routine sensationally fast and startling. At the Bligh today.

Anderson & Young Trio—Show how Julius Caesar would probably act today in modern surroundings. The act is called "Caesar of 1923" and is a bit of unusually high class burlesque. Anderson & Young Trio are themselves travesty artists of repute and have given numerous clever skits successfully, but the present vehicle is said to be their best. At the Bligh today.

Burke & Lilette—A clever pair of artists presenting a musical cycle of songs in a manner original. Their musical offerings are the latest melody successes from Broadway and successful airs of Hitland. Miss Lilette's gowns will prove a particular delight to the gentler sex and will appeal to the male theatre goers as the young lady who boxed Jack Dempsey a three round exhibition in New York. At the Bligh today.

This must be a regular Star-Spangled-Banner country when immigrants fill the annual quota by nations the first day of a new fiscal year. It requires a strict federal law to keep 'em out. Figures compiled by the interior department show that there are now 65 colored women physicians, surgeons and osteopaths in the United States. There are five colored women practicing dentistry in this country.

**TAX BOARD ACT IS INTERPRETED**

**Application to Third Class School Districts Explained By Attorney**

The creation by the legislature of 1923 creating tax supervising and conservation commissions for all counties in the state, took away from the people the power to levy taxes for school districts of the third class and placed this power instead into the hands of the commission. So held an opinion of Attorney General Van Winkle, written in response to an inquiry by J. C. Johnson, district attorney for Curry county.

All the voters of the third class district need to do is to go through the formal proceeding of approving a levy that the commission has approved. If the district fails to do this, the opinion points out, the commission itself will make the levy.

An opinion of the Oregon supreme court furnishes the basis for the attorney general's opinion. This is the case of Tichner vs. Portland, involving the functions of the tax supervising and conservation commission of Multnomah county, created some years before the commissions for the other counties, and whose duties are exactly the same as those for the newly created commissions in the other counties.

While the opinion of the supreme court in that case holds that "the commission composed of three members, who have in hand all the data necessary to consider, is evidently more efficient than any number of public meetings," the attorney general explains that the old law providing for meetings of the voters of districts to pass on tax levies is still effective and the voters must go through the formality of passing upon their budget.

"It is apparent," says the attorney general, "that the action of the school district in the actual levy of its tax subsequent to receiving the order from the supervising and conservation commission is merely ministerial. It can do nothing but levy the tax directed in such order, and if it fails to do so, the commission will perform that duty for it."



Bobbie Niles, who disappeared from his home in New York city on May 31, wearing a reddish brown suit, brown stockings, white tennis shoes and green felt hat. Bobbie came from Miami and had been in New York only three weeks before his disappearance.

"It is my opinion that the tax when finally levied by a school district of the third class should be voted by the legal voters of the district, although it would seem rather an unnecessary formality and the only vote which such electors can give is for the tax levy as contained in the order of the commission, and if the district for any reason fails to make such levy, then the commission will make the same."

**Water Permits Granted By State Department**

During the second quarter of the year, or the months of April, May and June, 131 permits for the appropriation of water from the various streams throughout the state were issued by Percy A. Capper, state engineer.

These permits cover the irrigation of 3163 acres of land, the development of 15,929 horsepower, and the use of water for mining, municipal, domestic and other purposes. The estimated cost of construction work under these permits is \$425,400. During the same period permits to store a total of 5639 acre feet of water in seven reservoirs were issued. The estimated cost of the reservoirs is \$21,746.

Among the more important of the permits issued were the following:

A. D. Gardner of Stayton, for the appropriation of water from the North Santiam river for development of 13,635 horsepower. City of Monroe, for the appropriation of water from a spring and two unnamed streams for municipal purposes.

The city of Dundee, for the appropriation of water from two springs for municipal purposes.

The Smith-Link Lumber company of Carlton for the appropriation of water from Cedar and Bolton creeks for fluming lumber.

The city of Scappoose for the appropriation of water from Gourley creek for municipal purposes.

Oregon & Western Colonization company of Ontario, for the appropriation of water from Snake river for irrigation of 373 acres.

W. R. Beall of Traska, Cal., for the appropriation of water from Soldier creek for mining purposes.

J. E. Kilduff and H. W. Finch of Holland, Or., for the appropriation of water from Sucker creek for development of 65 horsepower for mining purposes.

City of Newport, for the appropriation of water from Nye creek for municipal purposes.

City of Yoncalla, for the appropriation of water from Adams and Wilson creeks and north fork of Wilson creek for municipal purposes.

**Game Commission Case Deferred, Says Court**

Chief Justice T. A. McBride of the state supreme court, has stated that the court will not act on the case of W. C. Winslow against the state game commission, contesting the right of the commission to change the deer hunting season, until after the vacation. The court will begin

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