

VRA ASHBAUGH IS FOUND READY WHEN HIS OPPORTUNITY COMES

By Ella McMunn

If Vra Ashbaugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Ashbaugh, of Brooks, keeps stepping along for the next ten years, as he has during his first ten, he will be Oregon's most brilliant young journalist, or novelist, or whatever form his talent takes. Maybe he will be a preacher. I have known him a year. Of course I had looked at him a couple of years before, in a general sort of way, probably with the idea of not getting myself run over by him and his dog; or getting my eyes poked out by some wooden spear he might be making; or smiting down on a toad or a can of fish worms he had taken from his pocket. But, as I said I had not really seen him or known him until a year ago, when a train killed Ella Steffin and Agnes Wellman at Brooks and caused local news writers to assemble equipment for the biggest story that has been since Nov. 12, 1890, now some 37 years old. The Lake Labish wreck killed 100 people at that vicinity.

...and pencils, and we knew all ages and surviving relatives, and mails, but there was not a camera available, our camera man having taken a very small camera, all loaded up, smilingly offered it, instead of what we would have done. I might say that, in relation, but of know of no better, who at nine years, was ready to be in a million years or MIGHT

...well, from Nature. And when he pictures a bird house on a tree, he puts leaves on the tree, and pickets on the fence and moss on the pickets. But this was to tell you what an idea the child has of writing, and the sense of news value and feature stories and of being equal to any emergency that arises in his life, which, to my notion, marks him for a first class newspaper man.

The Ashbaugh family cat, that for years and years has been a model animal, seems to have been affected by the modern trend of things, and has turned flapper recently, refusing to suckle her young. A nursing bottle was out of the question, since the cow was "dry", so Vra, assisted by his brother Kraid, would capture the unnatural mother at intervals, and hold her protesting feet while the infants secured nourishment in the natural way. But there were many scratches, and much uncertainty, and a lot of mewing and howling and so a supposedly painless end was made to the kittens.

After it was over and Vra had done all that would occur to a very little boy about flowers, he made a very good tombstone out of wood, and without help, composed the following remarkable inscription, using the form and spelling as given below:

REST IN peace.

Underneath this sod lie three babes. Killed because their mother would not feed them. There are three strange faces in Heaven today. So be it.

Amen.

Moroni Olsen Company Plays At Monmouth Soon

OREGON NORMAL SCHOOL, Monmouth, Nov. 12.—(Special)—"Lilies of the Field" the clever English comedy by Turner will be given at the Monmouth Normal school on the 21st of November by the popular Moroni Olsen company. These people will appear in two plays this winter at the Normal, where they have been the most popular number on the lycium course for the past five years. "Lilies of the Field" has never been presented in America until this season, and the Moroni Olsen company finally secured the right after two years effort through the National Drama League of Great Britain. The play was one of the outstanding successes when produced in London in 1923, and was conceded to be one of the cleverest comedies of the year.

O'Leary Comes Back Again In Business and Matrimony

Richard J. O'Leary is a great man for staging comebacks. A few months ago he sold out his restaurant business on North Commercial street. Within the past week he announced that he would come back and open a new one on Court street. And yesterday he staged another come back when he re-married Cassandra B. Thomas, formerly Cassandra O'Leary, his wife. The ceremony was performed late yesterday at the Presbyterian manse. He gave his address as 523 Court street, and his age as 36. She gave her address as Salem, and her age as 23.

HANKOW PANIC STRUCK TROOPS BURN AND LOOT

(Continued from Page One) ...alists, seeking to consolidate their position in the Yangtze valley again, are rushing on Hankow and the head of their column is within 15 miles of the city, according to reports received here in foreign commercial circles. Wholesale Disorder Feared The vernacular newspapers are informed that thousands of the defeated and disorganized Hankow forces have arrived at Wuhan and the population of Wuhan and Hankow is described as panic stricken. A body of 16,000 Hankow troops has crossed the Yangtze to Wu-chang and is proceeding southward and the area through which the retreat is being made now fears wholesale disorder. The foreign naval commanders

Bits For Breakfast

Another record broken— It was the Salem building record for October, yesterday.

This morning it is the Salem phone exchange record, the number of phones increasing this year twice as fast as the average for the state.

We have 6,058 phones, and we have 66,000 phone users daily. That is surely some talk. And the women do not do more than their share of it, either. And then Salem has the largest farm line (telephone development of any city of her size on this coast. This is significant of the cooperation between the city and surrounding country.

"What Salem makes makes Salem," is a suggested slogan by a friend at the writer's elbow. This is not entirely new. But it is entirely good. We must make more things in Salem, and thus make Salem larger and better.

The campaign of Own F. Ogden to put Salem on the insurance map in big letters has the boards. Read his ad this morning. Here is a chance for Salem to get a world of free, front page advertising, that cannot be bought at any price. That is, at any other price than the boosting of Mr. Ogden's game. It has become Salem's game as well.

The Statesman's new press is made to do a new thing this morning—to print 20 pages in the first news section. The men in charge of it are getting more confidence in the big machine daily, and learning to like it better, the more they get used to its performances.

The Salem Y free employment office had 195 applicants for work the past week, and sent out only 55 of them to jobs. That is low ebb. Too much unemployment. A season of good weather would help. One man will need 15 potato choppers, for instance, as soon as he can get onto the ground. Lots of other unfinished work in the fields.

GERMANS VIEW MARCH OF SCIENTIFIC WORLD (Continued from Page One) front is being combined in Europe against America. German industry, he declared, would never lend itself to such a scheme. "After the oil agreements, we are ready to cooperate with other branches of American industry, hoping that the day soon will dawn when German chemical industrialists may expect fairer treatment at the hands of America," he said.

The oil agreements mentioned by Dr. Von Weizsacker include an agreement which has been concluded between the Standard Oil of New Jersey with the L. O. Farbenindustrie for the mutual use of processes for producing synthetic gasoline under certain patent rights.

Rumors have been current for a long time of the development of a new synthetic rubber process by Farbenindustrie, but the first official admission or tangible results was given in Dr. Von Weizsacker's speech today.

The details of the invention were not made public, beyond the fact that patents have been applied for and that there is expectation of commercially profitable production in the near future. It is claimed that the synthetic product in every way is equal to the natural one and that the cost of manufacture can be reduced to a point where it can compete successfully with natural rubber on the world market.

All Dr. Von Weizsacker's statement committed him to was to as follows: "By means of contact synthesis we shall, moreover, succeed in producing by a simple process the fundamental components for synthetic caoutchouc and gutta percha."

Trade circles generally regard the announcement as of the highest importance because they consider it as offsetting one of the post war economic handicaps resulting from the loss of the German colonies and with them raw product sources.

Reference was made in the editorial and news columns of The Statesman of last Sunday to the Lausanne conference for church unity. There is a remarkable report of that conference in this morning's issue, by Miss Margaret Slattery, that is worth reading, by every one who thinks, the world over—every one who both thinks and feels; especially feels the sentiments that look to a better human race.

For it is a matter of vital concern to them. They must make their livings by the honesty of the flax fiber in the twine of which they make their nets. In the beginning of the twine making industry in Salem, the agents for the competitors having twine for sale said flax could not be successfully grown in the Willamette valley. This lie was nailed. Then they said our people were new in the industry, and did not know how to treat the fiber for the necessary quality and strength. This lie was nailed— And a succession of lies that followed.

The latest one was a statement to the fisher folk on the lower river that all the flax grown in Europe must be retted in the Lys river, Belgium; that flax retted elsewhere does not have the right strength and other essential qualities for making fish net twine.

Now that lie has been nailed. Was nailed by the fishermen themselves in Salem—representing about 7000 men engaged in salmon fishing on the lower Columbia.

The fact is that not a pound of flax was ever taken from anywhere in Europe to be retted in the Lys river. The idea is absurd. Flax grown in Europe is retted where it is grown; always has been; always will be. It has never been well retted, until during the war some of that grown in the Belfast district was retted by artificially warming the water. Even now, this is only an infinitesimally small proportion of all the flax grown in Europe.

The flax grown on the Lys river has been better retted than elsewhere in Europe, excepting only that mentioned above, retted in soft water artificially warmed. This is because of the fact that the water in the Lys river is warm in harvest time— But it is not uniformly warm; nor can its warmth be regulated for the retting of different batches of flax.

We have here in the Willamette valley "soft" water, as soft (free from alkali and lime and other minerals) as that of the Lys river— And we artificially warm the water—warm it to the fraction of a degree needed for the best retting of different batches of flax— So we consistently outdo the growers along the Lys river in the matter of retting. The fisher folk who visited Salem north thoroughly understand this. They see how bald a lie it was that has been told to them.

We do a lot of things here, better than they are done elsewhere in the world. Here is just one: We keep the flax grown on every farm separate from that produced on every other farm. And treat it separately. Thus samples of fiber may be submitted to buyers, and they may know EXACTLY WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO GET WHEN THEY BUY OUR FLAX. The same as our hop samples. Or the tea musters (or samples) of India or China or Japan or Ceylon, or elsewhere. The reader may see many advantages in this practice.

Then we pull with machines. This makes for a better fibered product, in many ways. Soon, our scutching methods will be superior to those of any other district in the world— And so on through a long list.

We are on the up grade in our flax and linen industries. We can grow the best and longest and strongest and most resilient and most thoroughly "natured" flax in the world. And we are doing the best job of retting done in the world, and of sampling, and in other ways we are a jump ahead of the Lys river district in Belgium, or any other district, in this industry.

The truth is good enough for the flax industry in the Salem district. When it is thoroughly known, lies told about it will only make the truth stronger, and benefit rather than injure the industry here.

There is too much drunkenness on the highways of Oregon. And in the streets of our cities, among drivers of automobiles. In this domain, the dry laws must be enforced, and the penalties must be given to the full limit. And more severe penalties added if need be. A drunken driver, even a drinking driver, is a menace on the highways. He is guilty in his heart of manslaughter, when he goes onto the highways. If any one wants to commit suicide with the use of moonshine poison in his home, or any where else away from the public highways and streets, that is his private lookout. But it is a different thing for one to fill his hide with booze and then get out and endanger the lives of other people. No drunken driver should ever be allowed to drive again, for one thing. That is the law in Germany, where it is enforced to the letter.

In the news item this morning telling of the celebration of the forty-third anniversary of the beginning of telephone service in Salem, there are a number of things that will appeal to the pardonable pride of all our people. For one thing, we have now 6058 telephones in the Salem exchange, with 66,000 users a day. This is an increase so far this year of five per cent in number of phones; twice the increase in the whole state. We have the largest former line telephone development on this coast in a city of Salem's size. The number of phones is growing still, so that several thousand

THE MORNING ARGUMENT

AUNT HET



"She Hanson makes the best lemon pie I ever saw, but she's so stuck up about her cooking that I won't give her the satisfaction of asking for her recipe. "Ma's worried about that vacant lot next door. She's afraid my brother Bob and his wife will go to it."

POOR PA



All are fools or lovers first of last, said Dryden; but many of us versatile chaps know how to be a little of each.—Farm & Fireside.

General Markets

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 12.—(AP)—Wheat bids: BBH hard white Nov. Dec. \$1.28; hard white, bluestem, Beart, Nov. Dec. \$1.25; federation, soft white, western white, Nov. Dec. \$1.24; hard winter, northern spring Nov. Dec. \$1.21; western red Nov. Dec. \$1.20. Oats, No. 2, 35 pound W. Y. and gray Nov. Dec. \$28. Corn, No. 3, E. Y. shipment Nov. Dec. \$24.50; ditto No. 3 Nov. Dec. \$24.50; Milwau, standard Nov. Dec. \$27.

HAY PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 12.—(AP)—Hay buying prices: Eastern Oregon timothy \$20.00; ditto valley \$16.50; alfalfa \$14.50; alfalfa \$17.00; hay \$14.00; straw \$7.50 per ton. Selling prices \$2 a ton more.

LIVESTOCK PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 12.—(AP)—Today's receipts: Hogs 180; sheep 485. All receipts on contract. Totals for week (approximate): Hogs 1,200; sheep 3,000. Cattle—Compared with week ago: Steers and stock generally 10 to 15% higher; spots up more; cutters, bulls and vealers steady; week's bulk prices: Double slaughter steers 2.00@2.75; top 10.00; odd quality down to 8.00 and under; good heifers up to 8.50; cows up to 7.50; bulk dealers 9.75; heavyweights 10.00; cutters 9.50@10.00; bulls 3.50@4.50; few choice vealers 12.00@13.50. Hogs—Compared with week ago: Mostly around steady with demand extremely weak; bulk light butchers for week 9.75@9.85; a few Monday at 10.00; practical slaughter steers 2.00@2.75; top 10.00; odd quality down to 8.00 and under; good heifers up to 8.50; cows up to 7.50; bulk dealers 9.75; heavyweights 10.00; cutters 9.50@10.00; bulls 3.50@4.50; few choice vealers 12.00@13.50. Sheep—Compared with week ago: Slaughter lambs 5.00@7.50; heavyweights 5.00@11.00; fancy good 54 pound yearlings 8.50; medium and fairly good ewes 5.00@5.50; choice kids absent.

PRODUCE PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 12.—(AP)—Bids to the farmer: Milk, standard (4 per cent) 82.45 cwt., 56 Portland. Butterfat 45c for Portland. Feathers steady; heavy hens 21@22; light 14@15; springs 20@24; broilers 23; onion white ducks 23c; colored small turkeys alive 30@32. Potatoes steady; local 75@80; potatoes 1.25@1.65 sack.

CHICAGO GRAIN CHICAGO, Nov. 12.—(AP)—Wheat prices went up with a rush today, and the corn market came down equally fast. Canada's government and fresh stock of damage by frost in Argentina lifted wheat. Washington official crop figures were the ruling force in the corn trade. Selling quotations on wheat are firm 2 to 2 1/2c net higher, with corn 3/4 to 5/8c off and oats 1/4c to 1/2c down.

Salem Markets GRAIN No. 2 wheat, white \$1.11 Red wheat, sacked \$1.08 Oats, per bu. milling \$.60

PORK, BUTTER AND BEEF Top hogs \$9.00 Sows, dressed \$8.00 Top steers \$8.00 Cows, dressed \$8.00 Slaughter lambs, dressed \$15.00 Dressed veal \$15.00 Dressed pigs \$12.00

POULTRY Light hens \$12.14 Heavy hens \$10.00 Springs \$10.00 Hens \$10.00

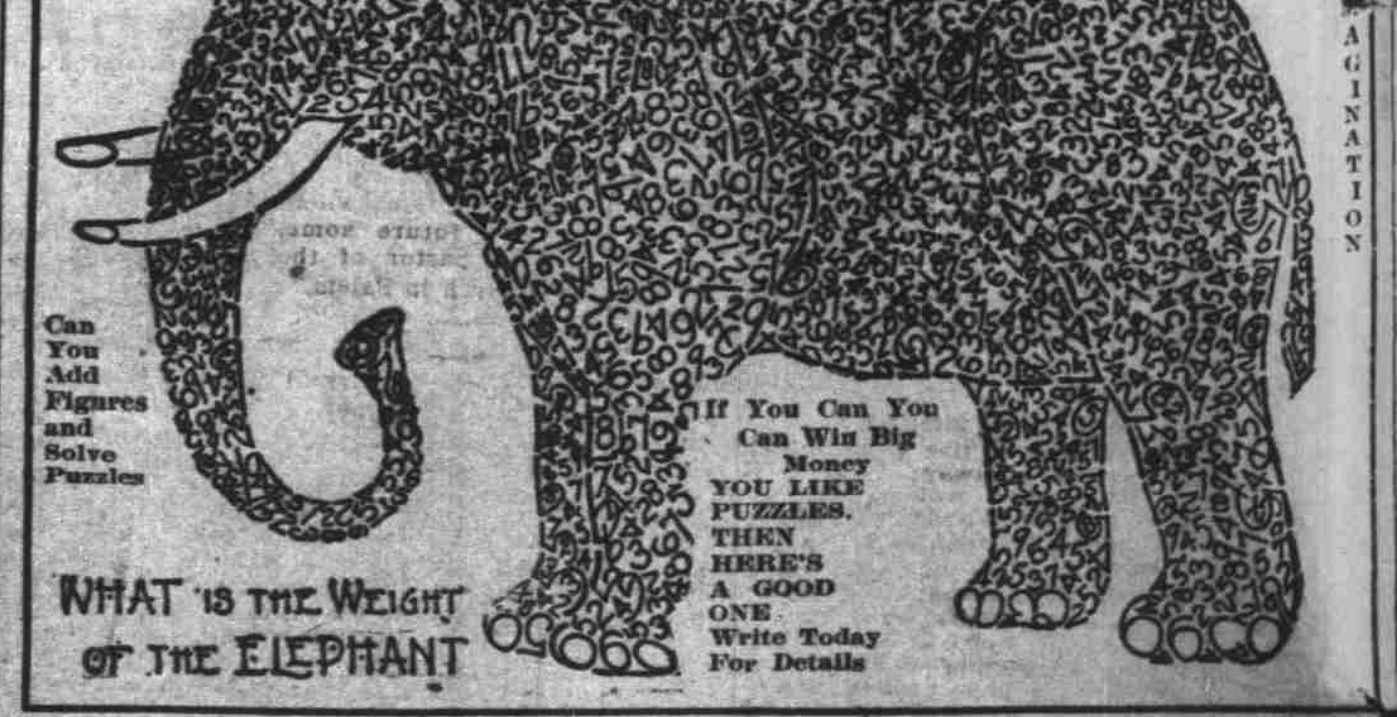
EGGS, BUTTER, BUTTERFAT Butterfat \$45 Print Butter \$47.00

VEGETABLES Beets, sacked \$8.00 Onions, sacked \$8.00 New cabbage \$8.00 New potatoes \$8.00 Celery \$8.00 Local lettuce \$1.50@1.75 Local spinach \$1.50

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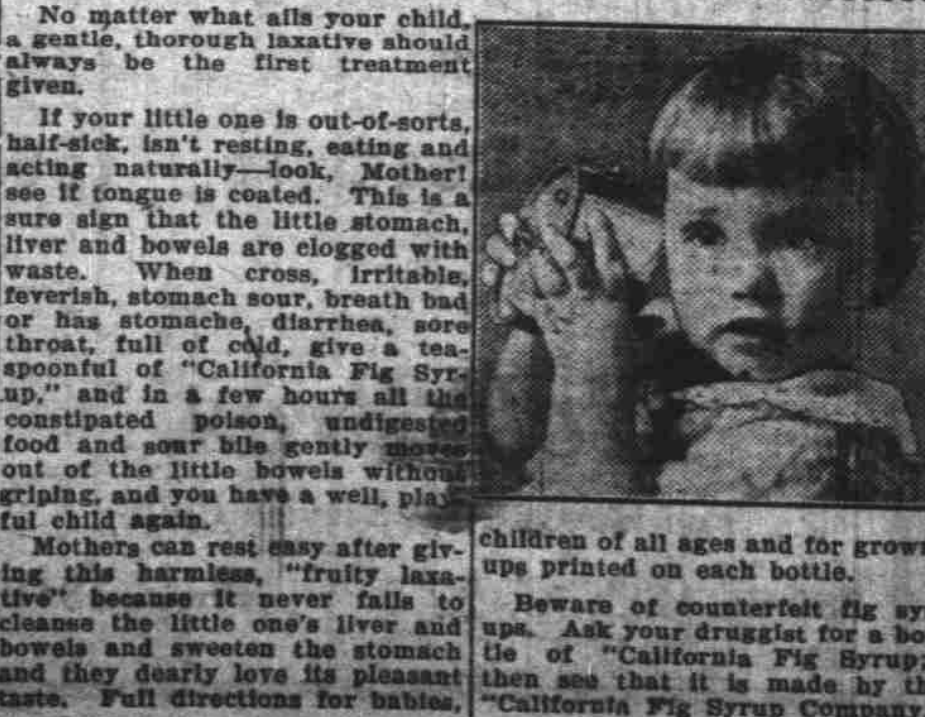
THE PROBLEM What is the sum total of the figures forming the elephant as shown in the picture? Simply add them up to get the solution. There are no marks, lines or characters in the elephant except figures. These figures range from 2 to 9, each standing alone. There are no "ones" or "tens". There are no groups of figures such as "20" or "45". The heads of the "2's" are distinctly curved, while the tails of the "9's" are straight or practically so. There is no trick or illusion of any description in the chart. Now get out your pencil and add, add, add.

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MOTHER

A Cross, Sick Child is Constipated! Look at Tongue



No matter what ails your child, a gentle, thorough laxative should always be the first treatment given. If your little one is out-of-sorts, half-sick, isn't resting, eating and acting naturally—look, Mother, see if tongue is coated. This is a sure sign that the little stomach, liver and bowels are clogged with waste. When cross, irritable, feverish, stomach sour, breath bad or his stomach, diarrhoea, sore throat, full of cold, give a teaspoonful of "California Fig Syrup," and in a few hours all the constipated poison, undigested food and sour bile gently sweep out of the little bowels without griping, and you have a well, playful child again. Mothers can rest easy after giving this harmless, "fruity laxative," because it never fails to cleanse the little one's liver and bowels and sweeten the stomach and they dearly love its pleasant taste. Full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups printed on each bottle. Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Fig Syrup," then see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company."