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Yesterdays - Of Old Salem - Town Talks from The Statesman of Earlier Days - March 24, 1907 - The people of Woodburn and vicinity turned out in large numbers yesterday to witness the splendid horse show held in that city under the auspices of the Woodburn Livestock association.

HERE'S HOW By EDSON - MISS AMERICA GROWS HEAVIER! - Tomorrow: "To Sharpen Your Wits - Fast"

"THE LOVE TRAP" By ROBERT SHANNON - SYNOPSIS - Pretty Mary Kennedy breaks her engagement to elderly Buck Landers, wealthy sports promoter, when she falls in love with his young ward, Steve Moore. Landers tries to force Mary to marry him by kidnapping Steve and threatening him, unless she does. He gives Mary twenty-four hours to decide. She entices the aid of Carlotta, Landers' former sweetheart, who suggests that a flirtation with Bat, Landers' henchman, may reveal Steve's whereabouts. Carlotta and Mary go to see Landers and Carlotta warns him against the kidnapping. Landers orders her out. Later, Mary discovers she has Carlotta's bag by mistake. It contains an automatic. Mary encourages Bat, flattered by her attentions, Bat takes Mary to lunch. She hopes the liquor will make him talk. She learns Steve's whereabouts and goes there alone. In a dingy flat, Mary is confronted by two thugs who deny all knowledge of Steve.

Our "Ole Man Ribber" - OUR "Ole Man Ribber" is a friendly fellow even in his seasons of exuberance. The Willamette in flood never goes berserk in rage like the tiny Mill creek in Walla Walla which periodically rips up streets, washes away homes and ruins stocks of goods in stores.

For most of its course the river runs between banks of fair height. The lowlands bordering it serve very satisfactorily as emergency reservoirs to handle the overflow. Considering the fact that the gradient of the stream is rather sharp from source to mouth it is surprising that the stream does not more cutting than it does. Instead of lashing about wildly on its occasions of flood the river merely overflows its banks, fills the hollows of neighboring fields, and then in a few days quickly recedes, leaving little damage, merely a fresh deposit of silt on the fields.

So people here rarely become alarmed when the spring freshets come. They have confidence that the banks will take care of the stream flow, or if not the lowlands will. The inhabitants of the river bottoms know from experience how high to build their houses and barns, and when to drive in the stock from exposed points when the river starts to rise. This year, with the stream flow reaching very healthy proportions not even the loss of a horse or cow is reported.

There were some thrills, it is true, which will cause those who experienced them to remember the year. At Eugene some merchants eager to play golf sent a man on horseback to the clubhouse to get their outfits. On the return trip the horse stumbled and the rider dropped all his cargo in the murky waters in sight of the helpless golf-fans. At Albany a youth paddling a boat over a golf course which was running a stream from the nearby river had his boat capsized but saved himself by grasping the trunk of a tree. Over on the Santiam near Dever two boys out in a boat in the flood waters tried to row home through timber. The current caught their boat and lodged it fast between trees, but their halcos brought timely rescue.

We are fortunate that the river does run swiftly, that no levees are required to bound its flow, and that we have these convenient bottoms which at the early spring season can serve as catch basins for river floods, draining out quickly as the river falls, with no damage to the lands and little inconvenience to the people. There is always fascination in a flood as in a fire; but when it is so harmless as the Willamette usually is, the people do not take much trouble to watch the swollen waters racing seaward.

Portland's Recall - PORTLAND'S famed "committee of 50" is now launching recall petitions against Mayor Baker, City Commissioners Mann and Riley and District Attorney Langley. The charges, with the exception of those against Mann who is under indictment for some alleged offenses of minor character, are childish. They merely represent the agitation of political irresponsibles bent on making trouble. It would be surprising if the committee of 50 got all their own committeemen to sign the petitions. Certainly it would not be possible for them to get enough signers to such silly petitions even in a city like Portland which is subject to frequent spasms of political craziness.

The journalistic hand-organ of the "committee of 50" is the News-Telegram. This Scripps publication has suffered from eclipse since its consolidation with the Telegram and the return of Gov. Meier into the affections of the Oregonian. So it has to start a new claue to promote its circulation and give it an excuse for continuing to exist, since only by bare odds can it be credited with being any sort of a newspaper. So it becomes the mouth-piece for the "committee of 50" which is run by Harry Gross attorney and Rev. Bjorn Johansson who are prominent among the political wildcats of Portland.

It is true that complacency is one of the vices in our public life, and the indifference of voters. So it is good occasionally for probes and political overturns to occur. But perhaps an even greater evil is mob rule, the subservience of office holders to the clamor of rabble-rousers. This Portland exhibition of a recall of men who are giving on the whole quite a decent administration of municipal affairs is an example of incompetence of democratic government. With all our education and all our years of experience in government the people still make considerable of a botch of the business of governing themselves.

Rep. Rainey defending the sales tax against attack by Labor federation president Green, said: "Unless we restore the sovereignty of the government we will face a terrible situation . . . it will become necessary to cut the salary of every government employe."

As the eight million unemployed and the ten million who have had their pay cut would say: "Wouldn't that be just terrible?"

Down in Medford they have discovered a new disease, mottled teeth. Sometimes they have added pates down that way, but mottled teeth is something new.

Women are in Washington again after more equal rights. They must think rights are like appropriations: they always come back for more.

John Davison, guard at the state penitentiary who yesterday shot and instantly killed James Ogle, life-terminer at the prison, was yesterday exonerated by a coroner's jury.

Miss Emma Shanfelt will be May queen of Willamette university this year as a result of a student body election yesterday. Her attendants will be Miss Lorlei Blatchford and Miss Eva Roberts.

E. A. Brown, advertising manager: "I don't see how this can be done when Salem teachers are now drawing as small salaries as any teachers in the state."

Glen T. Morris, Court Street dairy store: "I don't know. All other business employes have been taking a cut, and I don't see why teachers everywhere should not. However, it may make it different if Salem teachers have been below those in other cities in the state."

S. H. Dodge, automobile salesman: "No, I personally am in favor of increasing salaries. I favor raising the standards of workers at all times. When you cut his salary, you decrease his standards and efficiency. We want to encourage the school teachers to be more efficient. Therefore we should remunerate them accordingly."

Norabelle Pratt, school teacher: "I think it's a crime. I think their salaries ought to be raised. School teaching is too hard work for those low salaries."

Mrs. J. Bent, homemaker: "Reduce the salaries of Salem teachers? Ridiculous. I can't see how we get such excellent teachers as we have for the low salary now being paid."

Mrs. L. C. Howl, homemaker: "No teachers' salaries certainly should not be cut in Salem. How they manage to get the education it takes to be able to teach here and then accept such low prevailing salaries as they do is a question as things are."

Daily Thought

"The tree which moves some to tears of joy is in the eyes of others only a green thing which stands in the way. Some see Nature all ridicule and deformity, and by these I shall not regulate my proportions; and some scarce see Nature at all. But to the eyes of the man of imagination Nature is imagination itself. As a man is, so he sees." - William Blake.

Daily Health Talks

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M. D.

ASTHMA is an uncomfortable disease, characterized by periodic attacks of shortness of breath. These attacks are accompanied by signs of irritation of the bronchial tubes with expectoration of mucus. The accepted theory is that the symptoms are produced by a spasm which involves the muscles of the smaller bronchial tubes. To be frank about it, the causes of this spasm has furnished a real problem to the medical profession. Asthmatic attacks may occur at any time from infancy to old age, but children and young adults furnish the largest number of cases. In certain families asthma may occur in each of several generations. A neurotic tendency is supposed to favor the development of the disease. The exciting causes of asthma are many. Some cases, usually traced to pollen, may occur only in the summer months. Others, perhaps due to hidden infections in the throat or nasal sinuses, may occur only in winter. Sudden changes of temperature, winds, indigestion or some emotion may be followed by attacks. You know that certain foods appear to be more or less poisonous to some persons. Such poisonous effects include asthmatic symptoms, but in a recent survey less than fifty per cent of cases were traced to such causes. Contacts with horse dandruff, feathers, cat hair, sock powder, cereals root or rice powder were named responsible for attacks in certain patients. In children attacks of food such as eggs, cereals and, in some cases, cow's milk, have been found to be responsible in some cases. In all cases of asthma, the first requisite for successful treatment

the claim. The poor woman further desires to know where and to whom she is to apply for the annuity promised her. We entreat your early answer, and instructions on these points."

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Oregon's first white Jane: (Continuing from yesterday.) "However, according to long established tradition, Jane was to have the reward, if not exactly of virtue, at least of an adventurous spirit. When the Isaac Todd at last arrived at Canton, with Jane as passenger, she immediately proceeded, so the story goes, to captivate an English gentleman of great wealth, connected with the East India company, who offered her a splendid establishment. . . . She prudently accepted, and, according to Cox, who wrote in 1832, 'the last account I heard of her stated that she was then enjoying all the luxuries of eastern magnificence.' He does not state just when this information arrived."

But, found Mr. Porter, there may have been a different sequel. Quoting him in part: "Let the sad story be told in a letter from Ingalls, Ellice & Co., London, to Alexander McKinnis & Co., Montreal dated May 13, 1811—two years lacking four days since the death of Donald McFarish and Alexander Henry, Jr. and plainly endorsed 'regarding Jane Barnes.' It reads: 'Captain Robson having lately arrived from China, it became necessary to settle his accounts and in attempting to do this, we have met with great difficulty from the circumstances of a very heavy charge made by him for the expenses and passage of a female home from China, who claims to be the wife of the late Mr. Henry. He is now in Montreal, and will enable you, by such further information as he can give you on the subject to decide, as we are sure you will, upon the just merits of the man of imagination Nature is imagination itself. As a man is, so he sees." - William Blake.

"The above extract of a letter proves . . . that even though the wages of sin may not necessarily be death, they are also rarely or never a palace and an East Indian nabob. Whether in this case the wages of sin amounted to an annuity seems questionable. Personally, however, I feel doubtful if even such a shrewd hussy as Jane Barnes would be a match, in money matters, for those iron Scots who made up the North West company. In all events she enjoyed a most magnificent ride."

"However, there is little need to feel too downcast over this unromantic conclusion to the historical portion of Jane Barnes' career. She probably had no trouble, with those charms which had vanquished both the credulous old governor and the ardent young Chinaman, to say nothing of an experience which no harridan in Portsmouth, or any other English port could match, in securing another opportunity to pierce her old friend's heart, undoubtedly assisted in bringing custom to her employer's house."

"One can imagine her, then, telling her story for the hundredth time, each narration accompanied by its own exaggeration, the old sailor and the Indian transformed into an East Indian rajah, his wealth of dried salmon and sea otter skins becoming pearls and diamonds—indeed here may be the origin of the 'Indian nabob' story told by Cox. But, as the breathless audience learned, all his entreaties were fruitless. 'Let her who wants 'em have those foreign nobles, but give me Old England forever!' concluded the patriotic Miss Jane Barnes, accepting an admirer's invitation to join him in a mug of beer."

The writer submits that Mr. Porter contributed an interesting and no doubt historically accurate picture, albeit a necessarily partial one, of Oregon's first white Jane.

And history is history. While we might wish more heroic things might be said concerning the career and character of the first white woman in Oregon, there is evidently no more to be said, within the confines of truth, of Mr. Porter, having made a painstaking search of and for the original records, would have found it.

THUGS ATTACK MAN AT ALBANY DANCE - JEFFERSON, March 23 - Mr. and Mrs. James Blackwell of Jefferson attended a dance at the Moose hall in Albany Saturday night. While James was standing the doorway of the smoker, some one stepped up behind him and bit him on the head.

He was taken outside by three men, who began to beat him, when a friend of Blackwell's stepped inside the hall and told Mrs. Blackwell that someone was beating her husband. She with some of her friends rushed outside where he was, when the three men fled. Besides receiving bruises on his face, he sustained a compound fracture of the lower jaw.

Mrs. R. C. Thomas left for Independence Tuesday for a few days visit with her cousin, Miss Myra Montgomery. While there, she will also attend a meeting of the County Library board Wednesday.

RAY'S ARE VISITORS - LYONS, March 23 - Mr. and Mrs. D. Ray and son of Oregon City were Lyons callers Tuesday. Mr. Ray is a field representative for the Mountain View Granite Co. of Oregon City. Mr. Ray's mother lives here.

Joe Williams "THE BATTERY MAN" - See him for Auto Electrical or Battery Service - Corner Center & High Tel. 6000

P. T. A. MAKES \$16 ON ENTERTAINMENT - FALLS CITY, March 23 - One of the most enjoyable entertainments of the year was presented to a large audience in Victory Hall Monday night by the Parent Teachers association. Receipts totaled \$16.55. The program was as follows:

Selections by orchestra; vocal duet Harry Otto and Wilbur Howland; reading, Mrs. Gladys Zaver; violin duet, Mildred Frink and Lurena Treat; play "Between Trains"; reading, Katherine Wagner; comic feature, Mr. Kihland; selections; orchestra; male quartet, Mr. Renner, Mr. Barnhart, Mr. Kaufman, Mr. Morgan; reading, Miss Irma Locke; play "Beauty Secrets"; dance, Katherine Wagner; mixed quartet, Mrs. Knapp, Miss Treat, Mr. Smith and Mr. Reiber.

The word list for the county grade spelling contest has been received and students in the upper grades have started working on it preparatory to entering the contest in May. This contest is between the schools of Polk county and is held in Dallas each year. Each school may send two contestants. Several prizes are awarded to the winner, the first being a \$16.50 dictionary.

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