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Oregon Observations

Hood River.—Mrs. W. H. Chapman, wife of a grocer on the Heights, was fatally burned Tuesday morning, dying about 2 p. m.

Roseburg.—Hon. Binger Hermann, one of the best known and respected citizens of the county, Thursday received congratulations from his many friends upon reaching his 74th milestone.

Corvallis.—Corvallis high school debaters won out in debates here and at Forest Grove Tuesday night, the decision at each place being unanimous in favor of the Corvallis aggregation.

Roseburg.—The Roseburg public schools opened Wednesday after a vacation of two weeks, due to the epidemic. The assembly hour was given.

Oregon City.—Mrs. Kate Bevens, mother of Mrs. Ernest T. Mass of Oregon City, died at the Oregon City hospital Wednesday. She was 71 years of age.

Eugene.—On account of influenza and general alarming health conditions, the February term of court, scheduled to begin Tuesday, has been indefinitely postponed by Judge G. F. Skipworth.

Lebanon.—The city council Tuesday night elected the following city officers: City marshal and street superintendent, J. R. Green; night watchman, D. J. Frank; city health officer, Dr. R. L. Wood. An ordinance was passed creating a city park commission and the following board was named: Chairman, Bert A. Millspaugh; J. C. Mayer, Dr. E. Bach, D. Corralier, Albert Wilson, Dr. J. G. Gill and A. M. Reeves.

Roseburg.—Coroner M. E. Ritter was called to the Garden Valley district Thursday morning to the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Wood, their eight-month-old baby son, Lewis, being found dead in bed about 8 o'clock. According to the parents the child had not been well for some time and was suffering from what they thought was a severe cold, but which was probably influenza-pneumonia.

Medford.—Fifty citizens of Medford Friday sent a fund of \$50 to Harry H. Howell, the Hamilton, Or., youth, to be used in defending the expense of his defense in his third trial for murder. All the contributors are prominent residents and none is personally acquainted with the defendant. "From fifty good fellows who want you to get a square deal" is a message to be attached to the draft.

Portland.—Gilbert E. Kuehl, age 13 son of A. A. Kuehl, was killed Friday when struck by an automobile driven by W. H. Daugherty. Just how the boy came in contact with Daugherty's machine may never be learned. Apparently there were no witnesses to the accident and Daugherty claimed he did not see the boy, who was riding a bicycle, until after his own machine had come to a stop after striking into a curb at the intersection.

Marshfield.—Details have been arranged for the presentation by the city of Marshfield to the Meyer Hospice, association of five acres of ground on which a \$100,000 hospital will be erected. Mercy hospital is now located at North Bend, but the quarters have become too small and it was decided to build the structure in this city.

Cats and Dogs at Peace
There is one place near Philadelphia where cats and dogs dwell together in peace. It is a cemetery devoted to deceased pets. It is at Franciscan and contains many hand some tombstones.

Abe Martin
FIVE CERTS TODAY
COUNT YOUR CHANGE AT THE WINDOW
GRAND ANNIVERSARY BILL
TRADED SEAT
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CLASS
BLOWUP

The traveler that need ask for the bar as soon as he registered now asks for the bell boy. The Fair Price Committee did not meet last night, as its members attended a meeting of the Retail Dealers Association.

WILSON ON THE JOB.

REJECTION of the peace treaty by the United States senate and the president's illness caused the European premiers to ignore America in territorial settlements and revert to the old imperialistic methods that the treaty discarded.

France proceeded to grab part of Armenia and Syria and England other portions of the Near East, while Italy gobbled Fiume and the Adriatic coast, and the Turk was left in possession of Turkey. The settlements of the peace conference were brushed aside and the United States not even notified, by the Allied premiers.

As a result, President Wilson has notified Europe that if the democratic principle of self-determination of peoples is to be ignored, the peace conference decisions to be swept aside and the old imperialistic grab of territory to be resumed, and Europe to settle the Adriatic and other problems without consulting America, the United States will find it impossible to concern itself in European affairs.

Of course Europe is highly indignant and Italy again confirms the fact that she entered the war for profit instead of principle, and the president is being roundly abused abroad as autocratic and brutal, but the president is true to principle, while the Allied premiers are not, and in his contention will have the support of the United States as well as the people of the world. The senate and not the president is the responsible party.

The League of Nations with its democratic ideals was forced upon the reluctant diplomats of the old world by the president and the popular support he aroused in all European countries. Fear of losing the support of America caused its adoption. But when Europe saw the peace treaty rejected by the senate, and the United States failing to back up the treaty, the premiers lost no time in returning to their game of greed and grab, especially since the president's illness prevented his participation in affairs.

The Fiume affair is said to be the real reason for Secretary Lansing's dismissal. The secretary's attitude on the League of Nations, inspired Viscount Grey, the British ambassador to write the letter which was seized upon by enemies of the League as justification for their attempts to defeat its purposes, and Lansing's connivance in the actions of the Allied premiers, in reversing the president's policies in international affairs, cost the secretary his job.

PAVING PATENTS.

BASIC patents held by the Warren Construction Company covering paving processes expire May 5, of this year, according to information given by the patent office to Senator McNary.

It has always been a question whether these patents were valid. The patentees method is to run a strong bluff and in case of opposition, to compromise, rather than make a legal fight. By altering specifications slightly as to size of rock, etc., all claims for royalty are evaded. So-called "Topeka" pavement, in which slightly smaller rock is used, is as good a pavement as "Warrenite" and cannot be distinguished from it by the layman.

The Oregon legislature held-up all claims for royalty upon state highway pavement, until the attorney general and highway commission had satisfied themselves upon the validity of the patents, and although the investigation has been in progress a year, no findings have been made public. If satisfied with the validity of the patents, there will be the usual compromise—which might have been avoided if the commission had stipulated Topeka instead of Warrenite.

As it is, the great bulk of highway paving is being done by the Warren Company and their subsidiaries, under such high prices that they could afford to lose the royalty and still make good profits.

New patents have been applied for by the Warrens, covering other processes, and their royalty claims will always afford pretexts for compromise as alternative to expensive litigation.

Congressman Pat McArthur has introduced a bill to oust sick presidents, thus making use of the experience gained in the Oregon legislature of amending the constitution by statute. But a bill to oust lazy congressmen, who have not the excuse of illness for inattention to public business, would be more to the point.

The Wood boom is not much of a conflagration in Oregon and seems to be burning itself out.

Rippling Rhymes

BY WAL T. MASON

OFFICE

I have been asked to quiet my work and make the race for county clerk. They say a man of princely race is needed for that august place; a man of virtue unalloyed, a man of weaknesses devoid; a gent of great and soaring gifts in whose renown there are no rifts; 'tis such a paragon they need, and so they come to me and plead. But when I see the weary jays who are in office all their days, who sometimes die but don't resign, I say, "No public snap in mine!" When I turn out a hand made song, the smiling neighbors come along, and say, "Old scout, you're doing well! Your latest anthem rung the bell!" The man who has a private task gets all the praise he could ask, if he gets down and does his best, at duty's eloquent behest. But when he finds himself in charge of public office, small or large, he cannot do his work so well that voters won't rear up and yell, as voters evermore have screeched, and say he ought to be impeached. I get a little word of praise when I produce some ringing lays, but if they made me county clerk, the populace would roast my work.

LOVE and MARRIED LIFE
by the noted author
Idah McGlone Gibson

I Lay My Plans
"Surely, you're not going to visit Helen Gayford?" said Alice, as I hung up the receiver after talking with Helen.
"No, my dear, I'm going to ask Helen to go with me," I said serenely, and then I stopped to wonder for a moment, for I realized that all the decisions I had made within the last half hour had been made subconsciously. But nevertheless I was determined, as John would say, to play the cards as they were dealt to me.
I knew positively what I was going to do. I knew that Helen was the only friend I had on earth who would go with me anywhere I wanted to go, who would ask no questions, and yet would be interested and sympathetic in anything that I might tell her.
Suddenly I felt that I wanted her, that all the people I knew she was the one who had found that love in itself was a disappointment, and that the sacrifices that we think we are able to make become tortures after one's illusions have fled.
Helen probably was not disappointed in Bobby. Nothing that she had said in her letters made me think that, but she was evidently greatly disappointed because she had found that neither Bobby nor herself could live wholly on romantic love, that they could not make a world of their own, that they were dependent upon society for some of their happiness and to be quite content they must still have the approbation of their friends.
I, on the other hand, was disap-

SLEEPY-TIME TALES
THE TALE OF JOLLY ROBIN
By ARTHUR SCOTT BAILEY

CURIOS MR. CROW.

Living in the orchard as they did, near the farmhouse, Jolly Robin and his wife know more about Farmer Green's family than any of the other birds in Pleasant Valley, except maybe Rusty Wren. Being a house wren, Rusty was naturally on the best of terms with all the people in the farm house.

Being so cheerful and having so much interesting news to tell, Jolly Robin was welcome wherever he went. And when his friends were in the



"I say, what do you know that's new?"

woods or the fields they were sure to stop and ask him if he hadn't some new story to tell. One day old Mr. Crow even took the trouble to fly all the way across the cornfield to the edge of the woods, where his sharp eyes had seen Jolly Robin eating wild cherries.

"I say, what do you know that's new?" Mr. Crow asked him. The old gentleman was a very curious person. Being a great gossip, he was always on the lookout for something to talk about.

"I don't believe I've seen anything lately that would interest you," Jolly replied, "unless it's the four-armed man."

Mr. Crow looked up quickly. "What's that you say?" he exclaimed. "The four-armed man?" Jolly Robin repeated.

"Is that a joke?" Mr. Crow asked. He was inclined to be suspicious, because he always disliked having tricks played up on him. "I've heard of—and seen—a two-headed calf," he remarked. "But a four-armed man is a little too much for me to believe in, unless I behold him with my own eyes."

Jolly Robin laughed. "It's no joke at all!" he declared. "Then what are you laughing at?" Mr. Crow inquired severely. "Nothing!" Jolly Robin answered. "It's just a habit of mine to laugh."

"Very well!" said Mr. Crow. "I accept your apology. But please don't do it again. . . . And now," he added,

his reach by the way—he has been treating me lately. Besides," and he viciously struck the last hairpin in place. "Helen Gayford is my very best friend, and frankly, I have no one to turn to, Alice, now that you say it is impossible for you to go with me. I can not burden my little mother with my affairs. She is too much softened now, and besides, she and my father were, so ideally happy that she would not understand."

"But, oh, Alice, I can't stay here—I can't meet John again right now!"

Sweep by Fury. A sudden fury swept me from head to foot. "I think if John Gordon should come in that door at this moment and attempt to kiss me I should strike him."

I arose impetuously from my dressing table. "I don't blame you a bit," said Alice, "but will you please tell me where you are going? You've got to work quick, you know."

"I'm going over to Helen's right now, and shall return here to pack my trunk, or perhaps I shall ask you to do that for me Alice. Would you?"

I went to the wall safe, found my jewel case and took out the diamond and emerald pendant that John had given me when he took his first big order after our marriage.

"Alice," I said, "you've always admired this pendant extravagantly. Now would you like to buy it?"

"Oh, Katherine, I don't want you to sell me your jewels!"

"You know as well as I, that it is the only way I can get any ready money."

"I'm not sure that I have enough money in the bank to buy it," said Alice, doubtfully, "but I'll loan you what I have, and welcome."

"No, I want to sell it," I insisted. "I never have enjoyed it. If it will give you pleasure, I shall be glad."

Tomorrow—Alice Buys Some Jewelry.

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Week's Only Fatality Due to Auto Truck
An auto truck accident resulted in the only fatality among the 434 accidents in Oregon industries reported to the state industrial accident commission for the week ending February 19. George Frison, a foreman in a Portland industry, died as a result of injuries received when he was struck by an auto truck. Of the 434 accidents reported for the week 312 were subject to the provisions of the compensation act. 17 were from firms and corporations that have rejected the provisions of the act and five were from public utility corporations not subject to the provisions of the act.

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