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Oregon Observations

Oregon City—Julius Wilbur, under sentence to serve a six months term for violation of the prohibition laws, was conditionally paroled Wednesday.

Portland—Salary increases, authorized by the Multnomah county commissioners, March 23, which would affect about 180 county employees and amount to more than \$13,000 during the present year, were held up by an opinion of District Attorney Walter H. Evans, in which he held that as approved, the schedule is invalid.

Portland—City officials have declared war on local rent profiteers. Information has been gathered they announced, and full plans quietly laid preparatory to the public announcement of the campaign, which came in the form of a resolution adopted and passed by the council Wednesday. Anti-rent profiteer headquarters will be opened in Portland immediately under the direction of the mayor and a full corps of operatives will be detailed to the work, under the terms of the council's resolution.

Portland—A boycott on potatoes "until the price becomes reasonable" was placed in effect Wednesday by edict of the Portland housewives council, whose officers said it would be observed in several hundred households. A similar move among some restaurant men had not as yet borne fruit, owing, the promoters said, to the fact that they had been unable to obtain unanimous action.

Astoria—The haircut price was boosted to 75 cents and shave with neck shave went to 25 cents in Astoria yesterday, all union shops in the city agreeing to the schedule. Increased living costs, higher rents and higher wages for employees are given as reasons for the boost.

Portland—California bag dealers who sold grain bags here at the start of the season are now trying to buy them back and are indicating 23 cents, but there are few sellers in the local trade as they have no more than their requirements and some of them not enough, local dealers said today. Farmers who refused to buy early when the quotation was around 15 or 16 cents, now find the market price at interior points to be 22 cents in carload lots.

Pendleton—A representative meeting of large eastern Oregon wood-growers held here went on record as favoring auction sales of wool at Portland this spring and summer. A committee, consisting of Jay H. Dobbin, Joseph S. W. McClure, Phil Rock, K. G. Warner, Pendleton, Jack Hinds, Heppner, Uss Smythe, Pendleton, and Joe Cuhna will go to Portland to look into the feasibility of handling such sales.

TRAGEDIES
 He stepped on the throttle to see if he could just let the train to the crossing. He couldn't.
 He struck a match to see if his gas-line tank was empty. It wasn't.
 He patted a strange bulldog on the head to see if the critter was affectionate. He wasn't.
 He looked down the barrel of a gun to see if it was loaded. It was.
 He touched an electric wire to see if it was alive. It was.
 He said he would not bond his clerk because he was honest. He wasn't.

OVERALL CLUB FORMED
 East St. Louis, Ill., April 15.—An overall club has been formed here by 150 persons. The rules of the club requires its members to wear denim on all days except Sundays.

Aberdeen—Veterans of the three have completed plans for the unveiling Memorial Day in the court house of Montezuma, the county seat, of a tablet bearing the names of all Grants Harbor County men who lost their lives in the world war.

Abe Martin

There's only one thing that'll mix with business and that's printers ink. You'll see Saturday bargains in a bath.

A HIGHWAY MYSTERY
 Attorney General Brown, acting as attorney for the state, will intervene in the action filed in the Portland courts by the Warren Bros. company to recover from Oskar Huber, highway contractor, royalties for the use of bitulithic pavement upon which the Warrens claim patent. The decision in this case will affect all patent pavement laid in Oregon since March 1, 1919, upon which the Warrens claim a royalty of \$130,000.

It is currently rumored that Mr. Huber is closely affiliated with the Warrens, and the suit therefore a friendly one and perhaps not likely to be vigorously contested. If so, the suit would be along lines by which the Warrens secured previous decisions sustaining their patents, either by waving contested royalties in exchange for decision by default or by compromise.

It has always been a mystery why the state highway commission did not follow the course pursued in many other states and by slightly changing the specifications for paving, escape all claims for royalty. In June, 1919, Attorney General Brown, in an opinion rendered the highway commission, advised as follows: "In our opinion, the safest and most satisfactory way to determine this question is by action in court which should be prosecuted to the tribunal of last resort, so that a final and complete determination of the issues may be had, and in this connection, it occurs to us that it would be advisable, in the construction of pavements for the state highway commission to employ specifications which will give the practical benefits of the Warren pavement and yet differ to such an extent, that it could be contended that the Warren pavement was not infringed, which defense could be combined with the defense of the invalidity of the patent."

However, the state highway commission ignored the advice of its legal adviser, and will now have the alternative of a costly legal battle to contest the validity of the patent or an equally expensive compromise with the Warrens, who will thereby gain additional prestige to force payment of royalties from counties and communities—all of which could have been avoided without affecting the quality of pavement.

EXPOSING A FRAUD.
 When a convicted swindler victimizes the good people of a small city like Salem to the extent of \$50,000 or so by an old fraud that has been repeatedly practiced in other sections of Oregon, it becomes a matter of legitimate news and a newspaper that fails to chronicle the event is protecting the swindler and failing in its duty to warn the public against similar operations in the future.

There was no intention to injure anyone—least of all those victimized. If misinformation led to the wrongful inclusion of any names among the victims—as it did to three that have reported the Capital Journal will cheerfully make the correction, as it has no object save to print the facts.

A NEW PROFITEERING EXCUSE.
 We have become used to the excuse of increased wages and increased cost of materials as a source of profiteering, but we are now forced to pay exorbitant prices as "lessons to consumers" to cut consumption.

The oil trust recently tacked on a couple of cents to the cost of gasoline and other petroleum products and announces further increases, in the immediate future in order to force a reduction in consumption and prevent exhaustion of oil supplies—and this despite enormous profits piled up under the old schedule of prices and huge stock dividends to escape payment of excess profits taxes.

Now come the sugar trust, admitting that 10 cents a pound for sugar provides a reasonable profit, raising prices so that consumers must pay 20 cents a pound, giving refiners excess profits of over a billion a year, out of the people's pockets for the privilege of reducing consumption.

We find the coal trust and miners conspiring to increase the cost of coal by curtailing output to maintain high prices. We find shoe manufacturers increasing the price of shoes as the price of hides drop. We find many industries curtailing output to maintain the high level of prices as export demands fall off. In fact, universal profiteering and the failure of congress to curb it, is the chief menace of reconstruction.

Almost any excuse goes to increase swollen fortunes and the government seems powerless to cure the economic ills of the nation.

Rippling Rhymes

THE SPRING COLD
 I have a cold; it should be hard to be a cheerful sunshine bard. I'd like to croak about despair, and rear on my hind limbs and swear; but habit is a wondrous thing, and so I dance around and sing. My head is clogged, my eyes are sore, and every breath sounds like a snore; I'm full of fever, and my brow feels like an old Dutch oven now, and men would say I had excuse, if I should rant and raise the deuce. But habit has me in its grip, and so I sound my cheerful yip. For years I've plied this sunshine stunt, and kept a smiling face in front, and now, when I would make lament, I cannot do it worth a cent. I'm feeling punk and tough as sin, but every groan ends in a grin. And this, my friends, methinks should teach that wholesome habit is a peach. I'm glad I learned when I was young to leave the doleful dirge un sung, and chant glad ditties, span and spick, till some one hit me with a brick, to push gay ballads through my beard, until the peelers interfered.

LOVE and MARRIED LIFE

By the Noted Author
IDAH MCGLOTE GIBSON

A DEAL IN DIAMONDS.
 I felt a little scornful smile curling my fever-dried lips as I heard John ask Alice how much she had given me for the diamond pin I sold her. I never will be able to understand John's attitude toward money. To him it is the greatest thing in the world. Every enjoyment must be of the most expensive kind, and he seems to be afraid to allow any money that he has to pass through any fingers but his own. Knowing John so well, I was expecting an outburst of rage when he learned what Alice had paid me for the flamboyant brooch John had given me.

"I gave her \$1,500 for it," she said. "Well you see give it back to me now," he answered, "and I will write you a check for that amount."
 "I shall not do that, John. Katherine," he said to me. She needed the money and needed it badly. You could just as easily have given her a check for \$1,500 then as give it to me now. I offered to lend her the money, but she insisted that I should buy a piece of her jewelry. Instead, she suggested the brooch, and as I had always admired it, I bought it.

"Do you know what I paid for that brooch, Alice?" thundered John.
 "No I don't and what is more, I don't care."
 "Well, I'll just tell you what I paid for it," he said. "I paid \$5,000, and that was \$2,000 less than its retail price. But I caught Simms, the jeweler, one morning when he needed \$1,000 before noon, and that is the reason I bought it. You're a good judge of jewelry, Alice. To know that the pin was worth a good deal more than \$1,500 and Katherine's selling it in this way just bears out my statement that she knows nothing about buying or selling or the rare thing of jewelry. I shall insist that she



SLEEPY-TIME TALES
THE TALE OF MAJOR MONKEY
 BY ARTHUR SCOTT BAILEY

A FAST RIDE
 For once Mrs. Robin had reason to complain that her husband did not do his share of the work. Jolly Robin would spend most of his time at the further end of the orchard, talking with "that good-for-nothing Major Monkey," to use Mrs. Robin's own words.
 Whenever she flew over to speak to her husband, the Major was most polite to her, never failing to take off his cap and ask after her health. But Mrs. Robin had little to say to him. She had, however, a great deal to say to Jolly Robin. But no matter how much she urged him to stop idling and come home and help her look after their big family, Jolly insisted that he and the Major "had business to attend to."

But because he thought he was making a good business deal. Although I was much concerned of the outcome of it all, I was quite as determined that John should have nothing to do with any property that came to me from my mother's will. And I was quite as decided that I never would buy back the diamond from Alice.
 (Tomorrow—Settling Mother's Affairs)

Humane Society Official To Reach Salem Tomorrow
 Complete plans for the visit of Richard Craven, representing the National Humane society, have been made and everything is in readiness for his arrival Friday.

His first address will be before the student body of Willamette university Friday morning. Friday afternoon he will appear in several of the public schools of the city and Friday evening he will speak in the public library for the general public. Governor Ben W. Olcott will introduce the speaker.
 Saturday morning Mr. Craven will be in charge of the children's story hour at the library at 10 o'clock.

Yakima—Secretaries of commercial organizations of Washington will hold their annual fall meeting here in September.



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stack, dripping wet. His fine coat was torn. And he had lost his red cap.
 When Jolly Robin saw him he asked the Major if he had had a good ride.
 "Well," said Major Monkey, "it was a good one; but it was too fast. If I started to travel south on old dog Spot's back I'd reach my journey's end before you had gone half way."
 "Dear me!" said Jolly Robin. "Then we can't travel together after all."

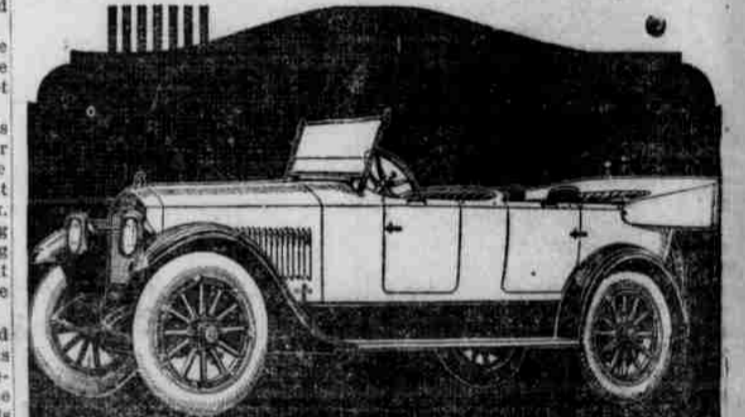
The Cold That Hangs On

This is No. 5 of a series of advertisements, prepared by a competent physician, explaining how certain diseases which attack the air passages—such as Pneumonia, Influenza, Whooping Cough, Measles or even a long continued Cold—often leave these organs in an inflamed, congested state, thus affording a favorable foothold for invading germs. And how Vick's Vapo-Rub may be of value in this condition.

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