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Spring Moisture Still Short

While we are popularly supposed to have had a fairly wet spring, in view of the generous contributions of March and April, the total has as yet fallen short of that of last year. This deficit is due to an exceedingly dry February.

The following comparison is furnished by Merritt A. Baker, government weather observer at Weston: Precipitation in 1919: January 2.68, February 2.92, March 2.81, April 1.75; total, 10.16 inches.

Precipitation in 1920: January 1.22, February none, March 2.57, April 3.58; total, 7.37 inches.

The departure from normal for the above months was in 1919 .92 inch, and in 1920 3.71 inches.

April is still trying, and may yet come to bat with enough moisture to overcome the shortage. The precipitation in the big rainstorm last Monday night reached a total of no less than .88 of an inch.

The average annual precipitation in this district is 23.47 inches. The departure from normal to date is 5.74 inches minus.

From the Walla Walla district comes the report that the first full carload of rhubarb left that section for the coast, eight days later than in former years.

Women's Missionary Society

A pleasant event of last week was the regular monthly meeting of the Women's Missionary society of the Methodist church, held in Memorial hall Wednesday afternoon. The ladies of the United Brethren and Baptist churches were guests of the entertaining organization. Mrs. A. J. Starmer was in charge of the program and the following members contributed interesting numbers: Mesdames Charles Price, W. S. Price, Mary C. McNeer and H. Goodwin. A period of good fellowship and friendly conversation ensued, during which time appetizing refreshments were served by Mesdames W. H. Gould, R. L. Reynaud, E. M. Smith, Ella Lavender, J. H. Price and Charles Price. Guests other than members were: Mesdames W. S. Payne, Wm. Brown, H. Waddingham, Mark A. Phinney, Richard Beamer, Baldwin, Sauer, Nelson H. Jones, Will Beatson, Peter Hass, N. Loveridge and Artie Beathie.

A meeting will soon be held of the stockholders of the Swiss Bull club. Those indebted for service are requested to make prompt payment to either Chris Thoeny or L. P. Gilliland. (Adv.)

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Hoover will accept the republican nomination and will not accept the democratic nomination. Well, it doesn't matter, since there is no difference of consequence between the two great parties. His nomination is the important thing, and if the republicans do not choose him it will show that they prefer a strongly partisan candidate, like Wood or Lowden. And if we read the signs of the times aright the nation doesn't want a strongly partisan president. It wants a man who is independent of party and if need be defiant of party—one who feels that he owes his party less and the nation more. Such a man, we sincerely believe, is Herbert Hoover. Moreover, he is a business man—an exceedingly able organizer and executive—with the faculty of enlisting the loyal aid of his subordinates. And if there ever was a time when a business man was needed in the White House it is now—right now. McAdoo shares with Hoover the qualities of a capable executive, and is not a purblind party man. We would like to see Hoover named by the republicans, McAdoo by the democrats. Then this devoted land would be sure for once of getting "a business man for president."

The only possible argument against the higher educational millage bill is that it will increase taxes; and in fact, this is the only argument of any pertinence that is used against it. However, institutions of higher learning are now a fundamental part of the educational system of every enlightened commonwealth, and to cripple them is almost as much of an educational crime as to cripple the public school—the bulwark of our liberty. "Either Oregon's educational institutions must have an income in some degree commensurate with their growth, or they must turn away hundreds of students and lose many of their ablest instructors. To deny them proper aid is to selfishly say that the burden of Oregon's higher education shall be largely borne by other states and that we will be contented with a third-rate agricultural college, university and normal. Taxpayers should frankly ask themselves whether it is worth while to sacrifice their state pride in order to save \$1.25 on every thousand dollars of assessable property.

Goethe once remarked: "A man should hear a little music, read a little poetry, see a fine picture every day of his life, in order that worldly care may not obliterate the sense of the beautiful which God has implanted in the human soul."

An exchange remarks that non-smoking students in Whitman college are said to be far ahead of the smokers. Since they do not have to scratch matches, the non-smokers have more time to scratch their heads.

French suspicions are based, of course, upon historic wrongs; but nevertheless it would appear at this distance as though France were shying at the shadow of a giant that had lost its vertebrae.

Reflecting upon what is so often handed the occupant of the White House, the wonder is that so many otherwise sane and sensible men want to live in it.

Says Dinny Shea in the Oregon Voter: "Nature has bin very kind to some av our orators becase if they had a lick av sinse they'd run away from their mouths."

The rebellion of Sonora has brought about further strife in Mexico, but considering Mexican characteristics it cannot be described as a civil war.

It has been observed that every order of intelligent beings naturally separates the world into two classes—itsself and the remainder.

The allies are beginning to realize that if they permit the demise of the German goose it can never lay an indemnity egg.

The scarified road these muddy times has horrified the luckless motorist.

And why not refer to it hereafter as a war treaty?

When one of our readers was a boy in Hilltown, says Collier's Weekly, a family horse and buggy were signs of money in the bank; a

surrey of a good mortgage on a neighbor's house; a closed carriage for special occasions meant affluence. Now that he is a man in Hilltown he observes that a roadster is often the sign of a note in the bank; a touring car of a mortgage on the driver's house; a limousine of overextended credit. He remembered his father used to say that it was unsound to spend borrowed money for pleasure. We wonder whether that isn't as true now as it was then, and whether it is not connected in some way with much of the discontent there is.

A Successful Sale

The big sale at the store of the Weston Mercantile Co. closes Saturday evening. Its closing entails the departure of Mr. Gregson, who has been in charge during the entire sale.

From the standpoint of success the sale has never been equalled in this section. From the very start people came from all parts of the county, showed a marked interest and continued to attend and buy supplies for the future. It is regarded as having had a beneficial and stimulating effect upon Weston's commercial interests, and it has certainly brought the town's bright big store to the attention of hundreds of people. Mr. Gregson is to be complimented upon the admirable manner in which he has conducted this event. He is a companionable man as well as a "live wire" in his line, and his departure will be viewed with regret.

Saying that the sale has been a success in every detail, Manager Williams wishes to thank the people of this vicinity for the generous patronage extended.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

On Proposed Bond Issue by the City of Weston, Oregon.

The Common Council of the City of Weston, Oregon, has ordered a special election to be held on the 4th day of May, 1920, to vote on the approval of an ordinance the full title and text of which is as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 260.

An Ordinance authorizing the Common Council of the City of Weston, Oregon, to borrow on the faith and credit of the City of Weston, Oregon, the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, for the payment of the costs of repairs and improvements to the Water System of the City of Weston, Oregon, and to submit the same to the taxpayers of the City of Weston for their approval.

The People of the City of Weston do ordain as follows:

Section 1. The Common Council of the City of Weston, Oregon, is hereby granted and shall have power and authority to borrow on the faith and credit of the City of Weston, Oregon, the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars to be used in the payment of the costs of improvements and repairs to be made to the water system of the City of Weston, and for the payment of any and all outstanding warrants and other evidences of indebtedness incurred on account of said water system; and the said Common Council of the City of Weston shall have full power and authority to pledge the faith and credit of the said City of Weston for the said sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars and to enter into any and all agreements necessary to secure the said sum of \$5,000.00, by the sale of bonds or otherwise.

Section 2. This ordinance shall not take effect or be in force until the same has been submitted to a vote of the taxpayers of the City of Weston at a special election and shall have received a majority of the legal votes cast at said election, in favor of its adoption.

Passed the Common Council of the City of Weston, Oregon, this 7th day of April, 1920.

Approved April 7, 1920.
J. M. BANISTER, Mayor.
Attest: C. W. AVERY,
Acting Recorder.

The following is the form and number in which the measure will appear on the official ballot:

REFERRED TO THE TAXPAYERS OF THE CITY OF WESTON, OREGON, BY THE COMMON COUNCIL—\$5,000.00 BOND ISSUE.

Purpose:—Authorizing and empowering the Common Council of the City of Weston, Oregon, to borrow on the faith and credit of said City the sum of \$5,000.00 to be used in the payment of costs of repairs and improvements to the water system of the City of Weston.

Vote Yes or No.

300 Yes
301 No

Said election will be held at the Council Rooms in the said City of Weston and the polls will be open from nine o'clock, A. M. until six o'clock P. M. on said 4th day of May, 1920, and all taxpayers of said City of Weston, Oregon, are entitled to vote at said election.

Published pursuant to Ordinance No. 261.
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A great treat is in store for lovers of motion picture plays, when George Loane Tucker's master play, "The Miracle Man," will be exhibited at the Standard Theatre, Saturday and Sunday evenings, April 24th and 25th.

Saturday, April 24th, will be the date for the people of Athena and vicinity, while the exhibition for Sunday is to accommodate Weston, Adams and Helix.

The second exhibition of this great picture in Athena is made possible only for the reason that when it was exhibited at the Arcade Theater in Pendleton, the flu ban was on in the other towns mentioned, with the result that but few of their residents were fortunate in seeing the picture at that time. Two shows will be given each night, beginning at 7:30 and 9:30.

On tomorrow (Saturday) night, the Standard presents Mary Pickford in "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," with a Mack Sennett comedy. Sunday night, beautiful Elsie Ferguson comes in "A Doll's House," Pathe News and Harold Lloyd comedy completes the program. The mid-week picture comes next Thursday night, when "A Wild Goose Chase" will be presented. Fatty Arbuckle appears on the laughing end of a two-reel comedy, entitled "His Wife's Mistake." Regular prices of 10-20-30, tax included, for these three shows.

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