

Days Off

Week-End Jaunts

"To be entirely at leisure for one day is for one day to be an immortal." Chinese proverb.

By Edith Durgan

Prized collections of ebony elephants and sterling silver mustache cups may have to be abandoned for the present, but there are many items that may be collected which take up little room but provide much pleasure.

Agates of rare beauty and quality are plentiful in Oregon. They may be found in quantity on the Newport beaches, chief of which is Agate Beach several miles north of Newport. Nearer at hand are the fine specimens to be found on the gravel bars of the Willamette river, within easy access to Camp Adair.

Agates are classed as semi-precious stones. They take a fine polish, which makes them suitable for many types of jewelry. Various types include the moonstone, a clear stone; ribbon agates, which have vari-colored stratas; cloud agates of mottled appearance; carnelians, predominantly red with perhaps brown, green or blue in various combinations, and moss-agates, which contain moss or mineral crystals. The latter are to be found in quantity at Camp White, near Medford. In fact, a favorite Sunday outing in southern Oregon in the days of the model-T Ford was to chug down to the Eagle Point "dessert" and spend a blistering day looking for moss-agates.

Agate collecting has long been popular in Oregon, and almost any "Webfoot" can identify a stone for the novice. Chief test is to hold it to the light and if you can see through it, it's probably an agate. Agate shops are found in many of the coast towns, where stones can be cut and mounted, if they are to be used for jewelry. They are also popularly used for flower arrangements; if you want to send some home. You know the kind—sunflowers floating in a soup bowl flanked by Chinese mandarins knee-deep in water. Throw in a few agates for him to stand on in cold weather. Artistic, you know.

Jasper, an impure quartz of dull red, yellow and other colors, (according to Webster), and petrified wood are also to be found in the above-mentioned gravel bars of the Willamette, according to C. C. Wilson of Corvallis, who has long been interested in this subject. He suggests taking a rowboat to the Georgia ferry, via Highway 99 from Corvallis, then bringing the boat down the river, hunting the gravel bars on the way down. A crew of two is necessary, one to handle the boat and the other to row. To add variety, include fishing tackle and a spot of lunch.

So, while this may not be the most exciting entertainment in the world, it will take up plenty of your free time and you'll have something of value for a souvenir. And I'll wager next time you go to the Oregon coast you'll find yourself hunting for agates whether you planned to or not.

Some beautiful uncut, unpolished Willamette river specimens may be seen in the southeast window of the Benton County Herald office. Mr. Wilson is there most of the fore part of each week and will take pleasure in showing them.

Festivities to Mark Service Club Opening

With the opening date of the Dallas Service Men's club set early in September, another recreational and entertainment spot has been added to the Camp Adair roster of "places to go after hours." The club will be housed in the Dallas armory.

Announcement that this club will

open in approximately two weeks came Tuesday night when the executive committee met to map out final plans of organization. Particularly favorable was the report of the entertainment committee which revealed that all sorts of games and recreational features would be available to the men during the hours the clubhouse is open, and that a regular series of dances is being arranged.

Although the definite opening date has not been announced, gala plans for the occasion are under way. The "premiere" will feature a band and talent show to which most of the evening will be devoted. All enlisted men and officer personnel of Camp Adair are cordially invited, as well as the townspeople.

The committee plans to announce the opening date next week. Watch the "Sentry" for further details.

Nonsensored

By Hy Brid

There is a wild tale about Nona. Who wore a black chiffon kimono. Don't think for a minute There's anything in it— That is, anything except Nona.

The Greek phenolax was able to go right through the Persian army.

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Patron—Do you draw pictures in the nude?
Artist—No, I generally wear a smoking jacket.

The modern girl's clothes are like a barbed wire fence. They protect the property without obstructing any of the view.

Papa, why is it that dentists call their offices dental parlors?
Because they are drawing-rooms, my son.

Doctor—Well you cough more easily this morning.
Patient—I ought to. I've been practicing all night.

An Irishman stopped before a grave in a cemetery containing the tombstone declaring: "Here lies a lawyer and an honest man."
"An' who'd ever think," he murmured, "there'd be room for two men in that one little grave!"

Parson (visiting prison)—Am I right in presuming that it was your passion for strong drink that brought you here?

Prisoner—I don't think you know this place very well, Parson. It's the last place on earth I'd come lookin' for anything to drink.

A Swede came in from the woods and asked the bar keeper for a drink of good squirrel whiskey. The bar tender answered him,

"I'm sorry, mister, but we hain't got no squirrel whiskey—we got some mighty fine Old Crow."

"Oh, Yudas Priest! I don't want to fly; I just want to hop around a iddle bit."

The tramp shambled up to the back door and knocked listlessly. When the lady came to the door, the tramp told the story of his life, how his wife had been lured away from him and about the loss of all of his money. When he had finished the woman said,

"I'm sorry, but that has a hollow ring."

"It sure has, mam," said the tramp. "It's comin from an empty stomach."

A preacher was visiting the public school and noticed Ikey in one of the lower classes and went up to him and patted him on the head.

"My son, you are a smart little fellow. You can have a bright future. From such schools, presidents have come. Everyone has a chance. You have a chance."

"Mister," said Ikey, "would you like to buy my chance for a quarter."

Sandy approached his friend with a problem.

"I am rather 'poot about," he said, "I kin marry a wealthy widow whom I dinna love, or a puir lass whom I love ower much. Wha' shall I dae?"

"Weel, mon, I advise ye tae listen tae yer heart an' marry the lass ye love."

"Ye air richt, Sandy. I will marry the puir lass."

"In that case, kin ye gi' me the widow's address?"

A white man saw an old negro painting a high fence, using a small brush.

"Look here, Rastus," he said. "Why don't you get a brush with more bristles in it?"

"Why I want more bristles?" asked Rastus.

"Because you could do twice as much work."

"Dat's right, Mister, but I ain't got twice as much work."

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