

Local Happenings

Very little news this week, every-one busy haying.

Mr. Mow is having a pleasant visit from his mother, Mrs. Mow of Astoria.

Arthur Lower returned Tuesday from a lengthy visit with friends near the coast.

Jess Lower and friend, Scott, of Missouri, left Wednesday for a few days sight seeing in Portland and vicinity.

L. V. Woodard and family returned Tuesday from an auto trip to the coast. Mr. Woodard expects soon to move to Missouri.

J. C. Ballenger and wife, and his father and sister, who recently arrived from Iowa, are visiting at the Al Murchie home in Wasco.

The O-W-R. & N. paint gang has been busy at Messner the past week, giving a new coat to the depot and all other buildings as well as all buildings of the employees at Coyote.

Our experienced sailors, Samuel Boardman and Geo. Mitchell, accompanied by their friend from Missouri, John Hawkins, started on an exploring expedition Tuesday in Capt. Mitchell's one mast vessel, the goal to be pears in Jacobson's orchard about ten miles up the river. Owing to the lack of wind and muscle and after about three hours of strenuous effort the expedition was abandoned, and the weary voyagers returned with nothing to show for their labor but blistered hands and ravenous appetites. Next time they start they will go by way of mule power.

IGNORANCE OF LAW IS NO EXCUSE

When men of intelligence and high standing in the community seek sympathy because of ignorance of the recognized rules of law and narrowly escape mortal injury for not knowing them, it is time we printed the code and scattered it broadcast. The city council should also draft an ordinance for the protection of auto drivers. The following Rules for Pedestrians was drafted by the auto club of Hartford:

1. Pedestrians crossing streets at night shall wear a white light in front and a red light in rear.
2. Before turning to the right or left they shall give three blasts on a horn at least three inches in diameter.
3. When an inexperienced truck driver is made nervous by a pedestrian, he shall indicate the same, and the pedestrian shall hide behind a tree until the auto has passed.
4. Pedestrians shall not carry in their pockets any sharp instruments which may cut tires.
5. In dodging trucks, pedestrians shall not run more than seven miles an hour.
6. Pedestrians must register at the beginning of each year and pay a license fee of \$5 for the privilege of living. There shall be no rebate if they do not live the entire year.

LIST OF TEXT BOOKS REQUIRED THIS YEAR

The principal of the school will be at the school house practically every day to discuss any matters relating to the school, the coming fair or community affairs in general.

The following books will be needed by the pupils of the various grades when school begins Sept. 6th, Tuesday:

Grade I—Beacon Primer, Natural Method Primer, Primary writing lessons, pencil tablet and pencil.

Grade II—Natural Method First Reader, New World Speller, Book One, Primary Writing Lessons, pencil tablet and pencil.

Grade III—Natural Method Third Reader, Hamilton's Arithmetic, Book One, Fairbank's Home Geography, Palmers Business Methods in Writing, New World Speller, Book One, pencil tablet, ink tablet, pencil, penholder, eraser.

Grade IV—Hamilton's Arithmetic, Book One, Tarr and McMurray Geography, Book One, Oral and Written Language, Book One, Natural Fourth Reader, New World Speller, Book Two, Palmers Business Writing, pencil tablet, ink tablet, pencil, penholder, eraser.

Grade V—Hamilton's Arithmetic, Book One, Tarr and McMurray Geography, Book One, Oral and Written English, Book One, Healthy Living, Book One, Stories of American History, Natural Method Reader, Book Five, New World Speller, Book Two, Palmers Business Writing, tablets,

pencil, penholder, eraser.

Grade VI—Hamilton's Arithmetic, Book Two, Tarr and McMurray Geography, Book Two, American Beginnings in Europe, Oral and Written English, Book One, Healthy Living, Book Two, Baker and Thorn-dyke's Every Day Classics, Book Six, New World Speller, Book Two, Palmers Business Writing, tablets, pencil, penholder, eraser.

Grade VII—Tarr and McMurray Geography, Book Two, Mace's History, Oral and Written English, Book Two, Baker and Thorn-dyke's Classics, Book Seven, New World Speller, Book Three, tablets, pencil, penholder, eraser, Palmers Business Writing.

Grade VIII—Same as VII except get Hughes Community Civics instead of Geography.

It is desired that all be provided with the above books the first day. Some may be had second hand from pupils who finished them last year. New books will be handled by Berger's Cash Store.

FARMER JONES' VACATION

Ma and me took a vacation last week, the first night on fifteen years. Course we had to let the punkin vines dry up a bit, and git the neighbors to lead the chickens to water, but then, it pays to git away once in awhile and see something besides your own cow pasture which will look a heap sight better when you do git home agin.

We didn't take the team of hosses this time, but rode with our friend, Charlie, who ain't much on drivin' hosses, but say the way he can make that old injine of his hum is a caution to cats—over tressels, past rivers and bridges, on 300 feet high and one 200 feet—gosh! We went thru nine tunnels. Ma held on to my hand—guess she was scart of burglars, or just wanted to make sure I was thar all right.

The country ain't very well settled yit, but it's a fine ride just the same. When we got to Spokane we rode over an elevated road 200 feet or more and a feller kin look down on the autos and things crossin' the bridge. They look like a battlefield from an aeroplane.

The depot is the finest you ever saw—has all kinds of rooms and decorations. Spokane has got lots of nice things but about the finest we saw was the parks. The Natatorium Park was sure fine—it beats that old cow pasture o' mine when it comes to green truck. There's a fish hatchery, a merry-go-round and shoot-the-shoots, which is a sort of a business that goes up a thousand feet, more or less, and turns round and drops plum to the bottom where a sort of a pond is fixed. The women folks scream and git water in their eyes and make an awful fuss and the men laff and then after it is all over everybody laffs. I couldn't hire ma to git into it—no sir-ree—or the plunge, either, or the fly-away railway, but she sure did enjoy lookin' at the flowers, and listenin' to the music of the merry-go-round.

They claimed business was dull, but I couldn't see it. Everybody's business seemed to be to ride on the jitney busses. The Mayor up there seems to be a live man, and when the street car bosses thought they had everything comin' their way—8 cent car fares and no transfers, the Mayor just turned them there jitneys loose like a flock of geese. The street car company was just raisin' came about it in the papers—tellin' folks about their profits being reduced, and the jitneys bein' a failure, and havin' to take off cars. Guess if they had to put up with some of the things us farmers has o they wouldn't holler their heads off no more about havin' a little competition. Well, anyway, we patronized them some.

Charley met us there and took us home with him and we had a real good time, folks! He drove us back with his buzz wagon, and now we're a heap better satisfied to stay home and tend the atock. Great fun, folks, git out and try galvanting around fer a spell and see if you won't like the trip. FARMER JONES.

UMATILLA PERSONAL & LOCAL

Miss Verda Sauvane of Portland, is visiting with her sister, Mrs. R. L. Davis.

Mrs. Jay Arneson and Ted Hatfield motored to Pendleton Tuesday afternoon.

J. B. Switzer says he is enjoying the hot weather, and thinks he will live a little longer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Farley of Walla

Walla, Wash., are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Edwards.

Albert Atchison, "the watermelon king" of Umatilla, had a big load of watermelons in town Wednesday.

The thermometer has been around the 100 degree mark, but this is August, you know, and is the usual weather.

Mrs. Frank Sharpstine of Walla Walla, Wash., who has been visiting at the J. B. Switzer home, has returned to her home.

Transient trade and the extra men being put to work here make the hotels thrive. The Duncan reports an all-rooms-taken business.

Anna and Kathryn Stevens have been visiting at Starbuck, James Lingo returned with them, and is visiting at the Stevens' home.

Mrs. A. E. Logan, sister of Mrs. Clint Harvey, is now residing in Umatilla, her husband being employed by the railway at this place.

R. D. Kelly, water superintendent of the O-W-R. & N., has been here this week repairing the tank and fixing the mains for the railroad and the city.

Peter McNabs have a fine tomato patch. Their peaches are also bearing well, in some instances the limbs are broken with the weight of the fruit. The melon yield is fair.

Mrs. A. C. Mock returned home from Portland Thursday of last week. She reports that her nephew fell out of a tree, about 20 feet, and sustained a fractured arm, which is causing great difficulty for the surgeons to set.

Mrs. Alice Norton is having work done at the dentists in Hermiston. Mrs. H. Benjamin writes that she is at her father's ranch near the mountains, and is enjoying the cool summer, wondering how she will like the change to Umatilla.

Duncan Cramer was up from Hood River to spend Sunday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Duncan. Duncan has a responsible and remunerative position with the J. C. Penney company at Hood River. He took his grandfather back with him, and will probably drive up next Sunday with Mrs. Cramer.

Mrs. Ida Veig, who has been visiting with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Veig, has returned to Portland, and is now on her way to China, where she will reside as a missionary. She had many interesting experiences to relate and was able to converse with "Murphy" Murphy in his native tongue. She is a teacher, writer and worker for the betterment of China.

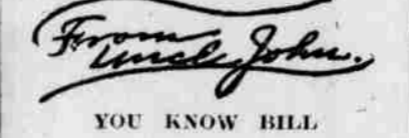
Sunday afternoon a crowd of picnickers gathered at the Bennett beach to enjoy the cool waters of the Columbia. After a couple of hours they spent in swimming a delicious lunch was served. The extraordinarily beautiful sunset having been duly admired, the cars were extricated from the sand and the homeward journey commenced. Those present were A. L. Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brownell and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Arneson and baby, Mrs. E. E. Davis, Mrs. Park, Ida Brownell, Ruth Buell, Lloyd Davis, Archie Nicholas, Rudolph Nichols, Ted Hatfield and Vivian Martin.

Clarence Achison, who has been running an engine in the harvest fields near Walla Walla, Wash., has returned home. Mrs. Atchison met him Wednesday, and they came back together. Mr. Atchison reports a bumper crop of wheat. Where 25 bushels was the regular yield, this year there were 40 bushels raised. He saw an offer of 98 cents per bushel F. O. B., but the farmers are not selling at that figure, but even at \$1 a bushel with wages of common labor \$2 a day in the spring and living prices down and the big yield, they are back to where they were two years ago.

Word has been received by friends in Umatilla that W. F. O'Connell, who will be remembered as clerk at the Duncan, and who the old timers will recall as the versatile correspondent of the Stanfield Standard several years ago before Umatilla had a newspaper of her own, and who cleverly boosted for our town at every turn of the road, is in a hospital near Quebec recuperating from the strain of battle in the world war. Mr. O'Connell expects to make Umatilla a visit when his health is improved.

Mrs. Llewellyn and mother-in-law, Mrs. Anna Llewellyn, returned from Portland Thursday evening, where they have been on a sight-seeing trip, having gone to the Beach, over the Columbia highway and other points of scenic interest. The latter was greatly impressed by the beauty

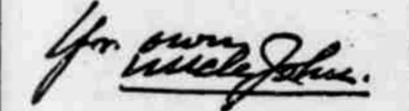
of the highway and surroundings and the size and abundance of the flowers in and about Portland, and the coast in general. She met three acquaintances when she entered the auto bus to go up the highway, who were making the same trip and who live in her vicinity in the East.



Bill Jeeter was a husky lad as ever drawn a breath; he got his growth along the lines of Liberty or Death! Most everybody prophesied he'd cyarve his way to fame, an' later, when the war broke out, we gused he'd jine the game . . . but, strange to say, the other boys tore loose with all their might,—but Bill, he sorter lagged, you know,—he weren't no hand to fight.

He stuck to the parental roof, with courage unsurpassed; too keeprful to be over-het,—too prudent to be gassed . . . He allers read the papers though, an' criticised the news, an' helt us fellers spellbound with his military views . . . He cussed about the Kaiser, an' swore vengeance on the Turk,—but his daddy told me privately, he weren't much hand to work!

Bill lives around here, somewheres—there's a mortgage on his shack.—We don't see very much of Bill sence the soldier-boys got back . . . He's simmered down, they tell me, from his ante-bellum pride,—you wouldn't give a nickel fer his good-fer-nothin' hide. It takes a hero nowadays to ride behind the band,—too bad that Bill has fizzled out, because he weren't no hand!



It is about decided to hold the peace conference on Armistice Day, Nov. 11. A very appropriate time.

Business in New England is said to be picking up. Shoe factories, cotton mills and many industries are opening up. The steel works are still slow in their output. Living has decreased 33 per cent.

An untrained boy at Lebanon, Oregon, 15 years old, has a wireless apparatus with which he is picking up messages from every quarter. He hears concerts from the California beaches and islands. He will try and perfect an amplifier.

Forest fires are reported by the U. S. Forester Geo. H. Cecil to have destroyed 1,500,000 acres of lumber. It is said to take 500 years to re-produce or replant and grow as much timber as can be burned in a day. Congress has not supplied the aeroplanes with oil and equipment to keep up the work, which should be kept up.

The Keller taxation bills are being supported by merchants and manufacturers, who are sending representatives before the ways and means committee of the house at Washington. Congressman Keller of Minnesota proposes repeal of transportation, excess profits, and conscription taxes, in favor of a tax on land values.

Herbert Hoover and Woodrow Wilson are opposed to a tariff as useless and a burden instead of a help to farmers. They advocate better markets abroad as a solution to business stagnation. Mr. Hoover reports the exports and imports have fallen off \$3,000,000,000 in the last year, owing to unsettled conditions, poverty and wars past and brewing in Europe and Asia.

Des Moines, Iowa is a street car-less city, the county having gone into bankruptcy with foreclosure proceedings at hand. The auto busses are carrying the passengers without causing the slightest inconvenience although the merchants are anticipating a falling off of traffic and business. Commissioner Budd has announced he will give the busses a year's franchise. The buss men put on thirty new busses after the decision.

The Ku Klux Klan is not making very great progress according to reports. In North Carolina the order to disband was given by its head, Grand Dragon Bruce Craven. At Salem a counter organization has been formed to eradicate the Klan. The organization in Portland called the officials together and informed them that they were law abiding citizens and meant to work with the authorities. They would not use their secret methods "often" with their 100 per cent Americans. C. M.

Rhynerson, editor of the Labor Press, was the first to receive a threat from the invisible empire. He does not fear them, but is carrying a revolver. They are demanding that he support the Klan in his paper.

While in Portland the writer had the privilege of attending the telephone rate hearing. The women of the clubs took an active part in the re-hearing and brought in much of the testimony against the company. Mr. Cousins who ran for Public Service Commissioner last year was conducting the people's or patron's testimony. A statement was made from the records that the earnings ending June 30, 1921, were \$56,428,855. The earnings of the united companies after deducting all expenses were given as \$12,000,000. This is for six months. Many humorous situations and complaints were brought up in the testimony and must have been allowed to relieve the monotony

of the long hearing. The writer also attended a picnic at New Era, a beautiful camp ground up the Willamette about six miles from Oregon City. There is a highway with plenty of traffic—autos speeding in every direction. There are some fine farms and beautiful scenery, grand old trees and a cool place for a summer outing. There were cottages and a hotel on the grounds.

BIDS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS

Bids will be received for transportation of pupils from Willows, Ore., to Boardman, Ore., at the office of the Clerk of District No. 39, up to and including August 20, 1921. MARY LUNDELL, Clerk of District No. 39.

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