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THAN FICTION

Life is stranger than fiction. We will probably say it is so common, specially when it comes to Boardman tales of fish and fish worms, but the inclosure shows that at least one Boardman resident can tell a fish story and back it up with the evidence. Mr. Packard is one of those men who can tell the truth even when far from home.

This is a peculiarity which may spring from that well known quality of unassuming modesty, so remarked by strangers on first coming among us.

From the Seattle P. I.

Most fish stories are of a vintage and possess the flavor of age, but Leslie Packard, now at the Fyre Hotel and regularly living at Boardman, Or., has written in the Post-Intelligencer's Fish Story Contest of a piscatorial event within the city's corporate limits that happened not later than last week. He offers as proof a bandage wrapped around the finger of a restaurant proprietor. In this wise it happened, says Packard:

The proprietor of Don's Oyster House was proudly showing a small party of ladies and gentlemen how docile were a number of trout in a glass tank in his window. He was feeding them bits of meat from his hand, holding the scraps a few inches from the water's surface. The fish leaped out and caught the meat.

As the feeding went on, Don turned to answer questions and continued his hand over the tank. Up leaped the biggest of the lot and took meat, finger and all. Don took both Don's hands to free one finger from that trout's jaws.

Now, then, if you think you can beat Packard as a fish story teller, snap out of it, brother, and shoot your remarkable remarks about fish to the fish story editor.

WRITE YOUR CONGRESSMEN

A Republic advances in proportion to the intelligence of its citizens. Here is a questionnaire worth while: Should not education of the coming generation be the most vital interest and business of the American people today?

Is it not time education should be considered of at least equal importance with War, Commerce or even agriculture, and that spiritual development should travel hand in hand with material development?

Shall we not dignify and promote education by creating a Department of Education in Washington, with a Secretary in the President's cabinet?

Is it not time to create a national center to gather statistics, study methods of teaching, stimulate teaching training, stabilize national ideals, write our histories and radiate this knowledge throughout the country?

Is it not true that the agitators appeal most successfully to the illiterate, and will not our government be safeguarded as ignorance is overcome?

The Towner-Sterling Education Bill, embodying these and many other good features, has been before Congress for several years, but its active consideration has been crowded out by the necessities of war.

Now peace prevails, and the means of keeping peace will be a wise, self-controlled, intelligent people, sincerely interested in the progress of the world.

Will you not do all in your power to promote the passage of this bill at this session of Congress?

Will you not write your Congressman?

HONEY PHILOSOPHY FOR 1922

Here was a man the other day that shot a fellow dead just because the chap had robbed him of \$15,000, and then tried to set fire to his house. Both were suffering from the same complaint—running wild without a check rein. The unfortunate avenger would laugh himself ill if he saw some chap walking down to the shore with a piece of blotting paper to dry up the ocean, wouldn't he, but he was doing just the same sort of thing—trying to wipe out crookedness by killing a crook. You can't make the world good by holding it up or knocking it down.

WATCH YOUR OUTSIDE SWITCH

Fire insurance companies are likely to cause a severe setback to the development of wireless telephony unless the owners of wireless sets display a caution that will offset attack. Chiefly the amateur "listeners in" should see to it that in the installation of their miniature plants and their outside switches they cover the local fire and building regulations.

Already the insurance companies have given a fair indication of their attitude in the settlement of fire claims. Some of them have alleged that the aerials constitute a danger, though it has been clearly demonstrated that such is not a fact. Nevertheless, in cases of fire, disputed claims are always troublesome, and in most cases an individual is at a disadvantage when fighting a rich corporation to which lawsuits are an incidental part of the routine day's work. We owe the rapid development of wireless communication to the genius and interest of the American boy, and it would be a pity if in his further aid to development negligence should halt the advance of what is bound to be the most civilizing influence of the century. Watch your switches. Lightning is not attracted by aerials, but switches put up in defiance of the fire laws may be found to be costly. If, on the other hand, the plants are erected and have the official O. K. of the authorities the insurance companies will not have anything to fall back upon. Once more we say, watch your outside switches.

DEVELOPING THE DYE INDUSTRY

The senate committee investigating alleged monopolies will not get much public sympathy in its attack on the du Pont interests for their alleged control of the American dye industry. Whatever may be said in criticism of the enormous business holdings of the du Ponts, there can be no disposition on the part of the public to frown on their efforts to protect themselves in the development of what we are bound to consider as a legitimate American industry. During the war the value of German dyes was clearly demonstrated. The relation of the dye industry to high explosives brought the lesson of foreign domination home to thousands of Americans, quite apart from the fact that we learned American dyes were of inferior quality and unsalable. When the guns began to roar, America learned to her sorrow what it meant to have to depend on a foreign country for dyes. The manufacturing interests suffered severely. Even today, with all the millions that have been invested in experimenting and developing American dyes to a proper standard, the American people are not convinced of the merit of the home manufactured product. German dyes are fast getting their old grip on the country. The dollar sign has taken the place of the flag very largely now that the fever of patriotism has waned. It will require courage and great investment to make America independent of Germany in the matter of dyes, and the government should do all it can to encourage rather than hamper American enterprise. Whatever of monopoly the du Ponts may have in other lines is quite another story. In their effort to develop the American dye industry they should be praised and helped. It is no piker's undertaking, and the nation will not suffer if a broad view of the situation is taken.

IRRIGON NEWS ITEMS

The Farm Bureau dance on St. Patrick's evening turned out to be a pretty fair success even though dances were held at all points east and west of us. Mrs. Glasgow had arranged for a piano to be shipped from Portland just in time to reach us for this occasion but it failed to reach here and was located in a car at Umatilla and a truck was sent for it. This is being purchased through M. E. Shurte, of Arlington, by the Social committee of the Farm Bureau from funds received from entertainments. While not one of the latest models, it is however, a good instrument. Pianos have been provided in the church, school auditorium and Wadsworth hall in the past six or eight months and we are well prepared with musical instruments for all occasions.

Our Commercial Club held its annual election Saturday evening, re-electing all old officers for another year, namely M. F. Wadsworth, President; M. E. Doble, Vice President; N. Seaman, Secretary-Treasurer. The President re-appointed the executive board of three members, F. L. Wait, B. B. Lane and H. C. Wolfe. The Club went on record to work for market road funds for the Ferry road from the landing to the Columbia highway. Mr. Glasgow explained at some length the need of this coming under the market road fund and the heavy traffic already on this road and the future would sure increase the business many fold. The tourist season has not begun and when this additional burden comes on, other than the district funds should be provided as it rightly comes under the market road to connect with Heppner as has been planned. Resolutions were also adopted requesting the school board to take necessary action to have the pipe line for the school grounds constructed before the next budget-making time, insofar as the last budget would permit, and to provide additional funds if necessary. This is considered the most important item in the community and should have been done before this as authorized by the last budget vote. A letter from District Attorney Notson made it plain that the construction of the pipe line was legal and any contract along the line of requirements to secure right-of-way as has been outlined was perfectly proper. The townsite water distribution and charges will be carried on by the Commercial Club under the direction of its secretary as last summer, with the exception that a committee of two will assist the secretary to determine the improvements necessary and assist in settling disputes that may arise.

The predictions made for March by some of the wiser men, may not develop all that was expected but we note considerable disturbances in our not too distant cities and it is hoped these elements will eventually bring about true and real Americans. The necessity to its realization is rapidly coming and is spreading like wild fire. The right will rule.

Mr. and Mrs. Fagerstrom and family arrived Sunday from Oak Grove, where they have spent the winter with Mr. Fagerstrom's parents and had only nicely got settled down when Dr. Ray Logan and nurse from the Umatilla hospital drove down in the early hour of the morning Tuesday and created considerable dust along the River Boulevard. It was not known until about nine o'clock what caused the disturbance, when

Uncle John's Ash

I THINK THE MAN WITH THE HOE WILL SOON REPLACE THE MAN WITH THE HOKUM.



It was announced that a big boy had arrived. This is where we all smoke again.

If all reports are true, it might be well if we had a little K.K.K. in Irrigon at times. A man should make some decent arrangements for his children and work some occasionally himself instead of making his children do it all.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker and family are among recent arrivals and guests are Markhams. They expect to put in the season here and may take up a tract of land later.

The girls of the seventh and eighth grades and high school planted a lot of flowers in the West park Friday afternoon. They have planned to raise some real flowers this summer.

Mrs. Leona Lister is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey for a couple of weeks.

Mr. R. S. Lamareoux took a load of Irrigon people to Umatilla Tuesday evening for the Eastern Star show. Mr. Glasgow and others motored in also. The show was a big success. The hall was jammed full.

Mrs. Dayton Lamareoux, who has been very ill for the past week or ten days, was taken to Portland Tuesday by automobile to be under the care of her mother.

Mrs. Blanche Watkins is reported on the sick list this week but is improving at this writing.

We expect to report an important land sale in the next weeks issue.

Small Spuds Poor Seed.

The practice of planting whole small potatoes is a bad one when they are simply culls from the ordinary field. Why are they little? Often it is because they are diseased. Such seed will not produce many good spuds.

Chicks Need Clean Feed

It is not always so much the kind of feed as how it is fed that causes trouble with young chicks. Any of the common grains will give good results if they are clean and free from mold. Chicks should not be fed grain having much hull or a high protein at first.

"I DID IT WITH MY LITTLE HATCHET!"

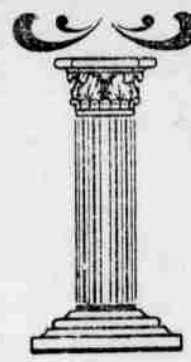


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