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FEATURES MEXICAN CITY

PEARL OWINGS WRITES INTERESTINGLY OF SOUTH.

Editor and Publisher of Peon Life Appeals Dallas—Sixty Thousand Sold Near El Paso.

Mrs. Pearl Owings of Dallas, now living with relatives and friends in El Paso, is in love with the sun and heat of El Paso and the border life. She writes in a letter to the Peon Life, "I do not wish to live as she has and it there. The peacefulness of the life of the Mexican peon appeals to me. Living is not any more in El Paso than Oregon, she writes. Her description of El Paso and area follows:

El Paso del Norte, "The Pass of North," is a busy city with lots of people and a population of about 80,000. Two-thirds of which is Mexican. It would be impossible to get in any part of the city without seeing these people, while in their own district they live in adobe houses and have their shops and stores. The public schools in their districts, however, are taught by our teachers. Mexicans are employed at very low wages by the white population. The women wear black shawls, mantillas, over their heads and on their shoulders, and are, to my mind, a very dull class of women.

The sun and air here are truly wonderful, although there is quite a bit of fog in the air at times. The altitude and the hard, warm sun so far do not seem to agree with me. Everyone tells me this is a very healthy climate and that a person who stays long enough, I can manage to stay that long. There is a great many of "TB" cases, and if one wished to worry about catching it there would be a good opportunity, I fancy.

There is, aside from the Mexican negro population, a large class of Americans who go about the city in their automobiles and by means of their olive drab uniforms. It is estimated that about 10,000 of our soldiers are stationed near the city. And you would have the impression if you could see the numbers who are on the streets. A Sunday morning 30,000 militia are marching by on a practice hike to Sedan, 58 miles north of El Paso. There is a slight decrease in the population at present.

El Paso has some very nice buildings and park blocks, or plazas, located at various points about the city. One nice park called Washington Park. The Aljator Plaza, as it is called, is located at the most central part of the city, and has in the center a large cement pool. Several alligators reside, together with about a thousand gold fish, and also some big water turtles. Around the pool, while on a sunny day, surrounding the pool are several thousands of another kind of alligator in the water. The alligators lie on themselves in the grass along with the turtles.

Further up the street are two nice block blocks, one of which is called Cleveland Square, and which is used for band concerts. Adjoining it is another park block on which is located the public library, and I have never seen a prettier building or grounds for the size of the city. The Masonic Temple, I. O. O. F. building and Y. M. C. A., all fine buildings, surround this plaza section. The residences, as well as apartments and office buildings, are constructed of brick; the older ones are built of red brick.

Do not ever think the cost of living high in Oregon. Ice is cheap here, and is really about the only thing that is not so far as being cheaper than at home. And I'll tell you that they don't know how to live in Texas. Mexicans do your laundry cheaply, but one scarcely notices it was done upon inspecting it. There is a very large smelter at this place. I understand it is second in the United States, but I could not see it by visiting it how famous it is. Fort Bliss is a very busy place and I do not think it is regarded as very beautiful by all of Uncle Sam's soldiers who reside out there.

There is a canal at the smelter and the reservoir out on a sand dune near El Paso, and along the river banks—that beautiful ditch—run at other places about the city. The river is unprotected in El Paso, and one can get most awfully close to it.

After my arrival in El Paso, my acquaintance stopped

off for a day and took me about the city. The most interesting place we visited was Juarez. We boarded a car bearing the name Mexico, but it did not occur to me that this car would take us through the city of Juarez, as I did not suppose our street cars were operated in Mexico. However, we came to the International bridge, and after an inspection by one American and two Mexicans, crossed the bridge and rode to the principal business center of Juarez. The street car line makes a wide loop through the city and is the only electric line that I saw. We entered a sort of a curio store and bought some postals to mail from Mexico and then walked around the town. My friend had a camera and took pictures, most of which were of Mexican children in characteristic poses. Poor little things, how they did beg for a nickel! One picture was of an old man beggar sitting in a corner of an old building, while another was a laundry scene, in which several women were washing clothing in a dirty irrigation ditch. The particular woman whom we wished to snap was scolding a child on one side of her and slapping another on the other side. The place beside the ditch where the women were washing seemed to be a sort of open air camping place for the homeless, and the men sat sleeping or smoking while the women worked. It was a very depressing place to me. In fact I saw nothing in Juarez which interested me in the least. It seemed to me all life and intelligence ceased the moment we crossed the bridge. I saw only a few Mexican soldiers there, not more than half a dozen, and their appearance bears out the description I have read of them as being half starved, etc. My visit filled me with pity and disgust for the Mexican situation, and I should like to say what I might want to do were it in my power to settle the problem. Of course this city may not be a fair representation of the real Mexican city, but it certainly seemed a desolate, dirty and wicked place to me. I did not see the famous gambling den, although we must have passed it, nor did I wish to visit the bull-fighting arena. I had plenty just visiting the principal parts of the town. We went through the custom house and saw a historic old church, and those are sufficient memories for me. They say Villa was supposed to take Juarez on October 4, but we have not heard of this being done as yet. Really I don't believe if I could see him attacking the town I would be affected in the least, and I can see a part of the city from my place of residence, with the hills of Mexico beyond. It is rather a pretty view.

HUGHES SPECIAL COMES

WOMEN ARRIVE IN SALEM TOMORROW FOR MEETING.

Governor Withycombe Will Extend Address of Welcome to Workers in Armory at Eight.

The "Hughes Special," carrying 30 prominent American women, will arrive in Salem tomorrow night at 7:30. They will be formally welcomed at the armory by Governor Withycombe at eight. A program of speeches will be carried out at the armory. A number of Dallas women, and men too, are planning to attend the meeting.

The special train will be accompanied from Portland to Salem by Walter L. Toose, Sr., president of the Oregon branch of the National Hughes Alliance, Mrs. E. B. Hanley and Mrs. Harriet L. Buford, first and third vice-presidents, respectively, of the Oregon branch, and Miss Mabel Withycombe, daughter of the governor. The party will be met in Salem by a special committee of Salem women.

The personnel of the "Special" is: Mrs. Arthur Capper, Topeka, Kan.; Mrs. George Sutherland, Salt Lake City, Utah; Mrs. Herbert C. Humphrey, Reno, Nev.; Mrs. Thurston Ballard, Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, Cincinnati, O.; Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, New York; Miss Maud Wetmore, Newport, R. I.; Mrs. Daniel Guggenheim, New York; Mrs. George H. Partridge, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. Walter Damrosch, New York; Mrs. Winslow Williams, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Spencer Penrose, Colorado Springs, Col.; Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, New York; Mrs. Gifford Pinebot, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, California; Mrs. Charles M. Hoffman, Newport, R. I.; and Mrs. Edward T. Stotesbury, Philadelphia, Pa.

JERSEY SALE SUCCESS

POLK BREEDERS REALIZE NEARLY \$12,000 AT AUCTION.

Highest Animal Goes for \$290—Joseph Man Was Heavy Buyer.

The second annual sale of the Polk County Jersey Breeders' association, held last Tuesday at Independence was a successful one, 75 head of the total of 85 offered upon the block going at good prices. Approximately \$12,000 was the gross receipt from the sale, making the average selling price for each animal about \$160, or \$25 higher than the average at the first sale a year ago.

The highest price paid for any one animal went to W. O. Morrow for his Golden Tulip of Sunny Bank, this cow bringing in \$290. It was bought by A. J. Johnson of Corvallis. The next best price, \$275, was paid to G. G. Hewitt for a young cow by J. A. Hood of Walla Walla. Hugh Wilson of Joseph was the heaviest buyer, taking away 11 head with him. The sale was attended by a good crowd of buyers most of whom were from Willamette valley, Eastern Oregon and Washington points.

The sale was held in a large tent, which has been put up especially for it, and was managed by W. O. Morrow, J. W. Hughes of Forest Grove was the auctioneer and he was assisted by E. A. Rhoten of Salem and C. D. Minton of Portland. The sale was not quite as large as last year's, when 119 cattle were sold at an average of \$135, but the stock consigned at Tuesday's sale was of the highest possible type obtainable, all of which was registered and of far superior class to that put up before.

Eleven head of bulls and 74 head of cows, the best to be had in Oregon, were consigned to the sale by the following breeders: W. O. Morrow, Frank Loughary, G. G. Hewitt, McArthur & Stauff, F. E. Lynn, C. P. Hembree, C. R. Newman, F. W. Newman, W. B. Allen, W. L. Hull, W. P. McBeck, C. A. Dobbell, N. C. Anderson, H. Hiff, Fred Loy.

CALLS IT A "BLOCKED GAME"

Need Cars to Ship Car Lumber to Build Cars.

"It's a pretty case of a blocked game," said Superintendent Ellsworth of the Willamette Valley Lumber company as he pointed to the piled lumber. "See that lumber. The firms back east that are building the cars for the Southern Pacific are hollerin' for their material; the Southern Pacific is shouting at the concerns for the delivery of the cars as per contract; we're piling lumber here that we'd like to ship them and calling on the Southern Pacific for cars to ship the lumber in. So it's a case of petition the Southern Pacific for cars to ship lumber to the building firms that the Southern Pacific cars may be finished on time. Do you get it?"

Expect High Officials

Local Southern Pacific employees are looking forward to the annual inspection visit of high officials of the Southern Pacific company about Sunday. The officers will reach the Portland division today.

MILK TEST ANNOUNCED

POLK COUNTY COWS SCORE HIGH AT STATE FAIR.

Holstein of H. W. Jones Wins Honor—Jerseys Make Good Showing.

Polk county cows, four of which were Jerseys entered by Frank Loughary and G. G. Hewitt of Monmouth, and one the prize winning Holstein of H. W. Jones, who lives on a ranch in the north part of the county near Amity, made a most creditable showing in the three days' milking contest at the recent state fair. Nine cows were in the test which covered six milkings, beginning at 8 o'clock Wednesday and closing at 8 o'clock Friday evening. The test as conducted by A. H. Steinmetz, deputy state dairy and food inspector, assisted by K. Hanneman, official tester for the Marion county cow testing association.

Johanna de Kol, a Holstein of the herd of H. W. Jones, a Polk county farmer, took first prize in the test, the value of her three days' milk production being \$2,182.79. Lady's Silken Glow, a Jersey owned by Pickard Bros. of Marion county was second, with a production valued at \$2,182.36. Jefferson's Lily, a Holstein owned by William Bishop, was third with products valued at \$1,90. Octavia's Duchess, a Jersey belonging to Frank Loughary was fourth with products valued at \$1,78. La Belle's Girl, and Lad's Sweet Dorothy, two Jerseys of G. G. Hewitt, were fifth and sixth respectively with records of \$1,71 each. Riverview Chloe Methilde and Bonnie Ormsby Lass, belonging to Wm. Bishop, were seventh and eighth respectively, with records of \$1,48 and \$1,46. Eminent's Daisy, belonging to Frank Loughary was ninth, with a production amounting to \$1,35.

It was necessary to carry the figures out to long decimals on the first two places, so close was the competition between the Holstein and the Jersey, the Jersey having had the lead until the last milking. If she had won this contest her owner would have received \$240 in premiums, there being a \$200 prize offered by the American Jersey Cattle club for the Jersey cow that would win the contest.

The average production of all Jerseys and Holsteins in the contest was about equal, the four best Jerseys having a better average than the four best Holsteins. The Jersey had the greater production and lost the contest through the skim milk handicap of the Holsteins.

A two-day test on Jersey yearling heifers entered by Frank Loughary, of Monmouth, Oregon, in the futurity contest resulted as follows: Luckiamute Fleurette, 43 pounds of milk and 1,781.05 pounds of fat; Pansys Patricia, 37.9 pounds of milk and 1,621.3 pounds of fat.

BRIDGE TRAFFIC IS HEAVY.

Rickety Polk-Marion Bridge Groans and Shakes Under Load.

Automobiles passing over the Marion-Polk county bridge during one week in September numbered 474 or more than twice the number of horse-drawn vehicles crossing in the same

time. The number of the latter class of vehicles was 2185. During the same week, which was from 6:30 a. m. September 10 to September 17, at the same hour, the number of motorcycles, bicycles and pedestrians combined going over the structure was 3331. The figures were secured by the state highway department which is now compiling a similar report of traffic over the bridge for a month.

The heaviest day in the week for travel was Sunday, September 10, when 994 automobiles, 739 motorcycles, bicycles and pedestrians, 223 horse-drawn vehicles and four head of livestock crossed, the number of the latter class being the least of any day of the week. September 14 was the lightest in motor traffic, there being only 523 machines crossing, and September 13 saw the least travel by motorcycle, bicycle, or on foot, the count being 403. Two head of livestock crossed September 12 and sixty-two crossed September 16, being the least and the greatest number respectively of animals using the bridge. The total number of livestock for the week was 140.—Salem Statesman.

WILL ATTEND STATE SHOOT.

Company L Will Enter Team at Clackamas.

Company L, O. N. G., will enter a rifle team in the state shoot to be held at Clackamas next week Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Capt. Staffin is now making arrangements for the team of five, which includes one alternate, to attend the meet, but has not yet finally selected the members of it. At the shoot, which is to be held on the Clackamas rifle range, teams will be entered by the different infantry companies of the state, by the machine gun, headquarters and supply companies, as well as the cavalry, artillery and coast artillery organizations.

At a business meeting of Company L last Tuesday night it was decided to begin immediate arrangements for getting equipment and fitting up club and athletic rooms at the armory. For the purpose of starting a fund to help meet this expense the company boys will give a dance in the near future.

Don't Hunt After Sunday.

Sunday, October 15, is the last day of the shortened china pheasant season. The state health officer has examined several birds sent in from the Independence section and says the birds had tuberculosis.

Add Tunnel to Dryer Kiln.

Workmen are adding a third tunnel to the dryer kiln of the Willamette Valley Lumber company.

PACKING PLANT IS BUSY

CARS COMING SLOW; PRUNES JUST THE OPPOSITE.

Apple Packers and Warehousemen Rushed—Few Unsold Lots of Fruit Are Left.

The force at the J. K. Armsby Packing company's plant was increased the first of the week to keep up with the prune deliveries. Over 100 people are now employed. This force will be kept busy until about November 15. Cars are coming slow and are causing Manager A. C. Peterson considerable worry.

The market is now at 6 3/4, the quotation growers have been waiting for. About the only unsold lots now in the county are those of Kugle, H. L. Crider and Peters, Chapman, Woods and Voth have sold to Mason, Ehrman company and are waiting for cars. Henry Voth has arranged to store his prunes at the Soehren warehouse until he can get cars. The Salt Creek grower fears that bad weather may set in at any time and prevent him delivering to Dallas. His insurance ran out yesterday and he has to go to the expense of re-insuring. Re-insurance and storage will be added to his 1916 expense on his three carload lots because of the car shortage. R. L. Chapman is said to have been waiting 10 days for cars. Woods is in the same position.

A full carload of apples is at the siding of the Dallas Warehouse and Manufacturing company waiting disposition. Apples are coming in very fast. The Winter Bananas are particularly high grade.

Orchard View School Open.

Miss Sarah Toevs of this city will open the Orchard View school 1 1/2 afternoon for arrangement of classes. Recitations will start Monday morning.

WOMAN IS BADLY HURT

RUNAWAY INJURES MRS. ADAMS AND RAMSDALL CHILDREN.

Horse Becomes Frightened at Baby Carriage and Runs. Occupants Are Pitched Out.

Mrs. L. R. Adams' right shoulder was dislocated and two children of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ramsdell were slightly injured when the horse drawing the Adams buggy, in which Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Lawrence Ramsdell and two Ramsdell children were riding, became frightened at a baby carriage about six last night on Oak street and ran away. The party was returning from a ride and had left the livery barn on Oak street, between Main and Church street. Part way up the block the horse became frightened at a baby buggy which a pedestrian was pushing across the street and got away from the women. At Church the runaway turned south. Mrs. Adams was thrown out first and then Mrs. Ramsdell and the two children. A wheel was torn loose from the buggy and the axle, grinding on the railway rail, threw out sparks in every direction. Some men stopped the horse near the Southern Pacific passenger depot. Doctors Bellman and McCallon attended Mrs. Adams at her home across the Levens street bridge. The Ramsdell children are at the Ramsdell home. Mrs. Ramsdell was not injured. Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Adams had recently moved into the city from their farm home.

BENNETTS LEFT LAST NIGHT.

Will Arrive in Klamath This Afternoon—Reception Planned.

Rev. and Mrs. George H. Bennett and Miss Evelyn Bennett left at five yesterday afternoon for Klamath Falls, where Mr. Bennett will assume the duties of his new pastorate Sunday. Dr. and Mrs. C. V. Fisher of Klamath Falls, members of Rev. Bennett's congregation in Roseburg some years ago, telegraphed the Bennetts that a reception had been planned for Tuesday night and that a delegation would meet them at the depot tonight. Rev. and Mrs. Bennett had dinner with their daughter, Miss Arlene Bennett, in West Salem yesterday evening and Miss Bennett accompanied the family to Salem. Miss Arlene will visit in Klamath Falls at Christmas and will be with her family after her West Salem school is out in May.

ROY HOUCK IN AUTO MISHAP.

His Machine Strikes Bicyclist in Corvallis Tuesday Evening.

Herman Heekendorff of Corvallis was struck and severely injured by an automobile driven by Roy Houck of this city in Corvallis Tuesday evening. The injured man is at the Corvallis hospital with a broken bone in the left leg, bruised chest and face, and minor injuries. Roy was driving the machine of August Fisher of the Fisher Milling company. With him were Miss Ardis Fisher and her sister, Mrs. Everitt Moses. Bicyclist and machine were going in the same direction and Heekendorff, who was riding close to the curb, attempted to turn into the center of the road. Houck was close behind and struck the man before he could stop his machine or turn it aside.

LITTLE WATER IN STREAMS.

Reservoir and Reserve Are Very Low Says W. L. Soehren.

The water in the reservoir is the lowest it has even been according to Superintendent W. L. Soehren. The dry spell is the cause, he says. "There just isn't the water in the creeks and streams. In the belief that there might be leaks I have personally patrolled the lines and find no leaks. The streams are low. There is no danger of an immediate shortage nor is there danger from a conflagration. The supply, as it is, is near a million gallons, but it is lower than I want it to be."

Frost Does Much Damage.

The frost of a week ago destroyed \$100 worth of cantaloupes, \$200 worth of tomatoes and all the number pickles of the Brownbrook Market garden. Similar losses are reported all over the county. The wet season delayed the vegetables about two weeks and the early season frost then did the rest.

Observe Columbus Day.

Yesterday, Columbus day, a legal holiday, was observed by the banks and the county offices.



—Carter in New York Sun. "IN A FIGHTING MOOD!"