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NOTES AND COMMENTS

Sweet April-time

"Sweet April-time! Sweet April-time!
Birds, bees and buds, belong to thee;
And, for the far off harvest-time,
Thy smile makes pledge of what shall be.

In springtime, seeds spring up and grow.

And would we reap, then we must sow;

Dig deep—the soil prepare with care—
Sun, dew and rain will do their share,
The precious seed we hide away
Shall make our sheaves another day."

—The Royal Neighbor.

Get the habit of buying and consuming Oregon products.

Registration books close April 18th. Have you registeret?

Eat Oregon products next week, even if you haven't been very loyal in the past.

For business reasons, the management has decided to issue the Express on Thursdays, beginning with this issue.

Next week is Oregon products week. What are you going to do to help the good work along? Get your mind to working.

Postmaster Robert Wirtz says he'll sell as many 2c stamps for a dollar as any Washington county postmaster, just to help along Dollar Day.

The weather sharps say Oregon has had, since Jan. 1st, as much precipitation as she usually gets in a year. But they don't say when the precip. will cease.

It is told the writer that shortly before the primary election there is liable to be a letup on blue-law enforcement. What's the matter? Somebody playing politics?

The pressure of competition on people accustomed to a monopoly sometimes makes them forget there is a principle denominated as "ethics." It's hard to teach an old dog new tricks, anyway.

The prohibitionists of Yamhill county met at McMinnville Friday last and nominated a full county and legislative ticket. It was the sentiment of the prohibs that an aggressive campaign should be made to elect the ticket.

The Express has been informed that early next month the sewer contractors will increase their force and push the work to an early completion. Also that there will be no more bickering and quarrelling. Good!

Why is it that boys who can be "perfect little gentlemen" around home, become noisy ruffians when they go to a picture show or other place of amusement? A number of people who were at the DeMoss concert Friday evening are asking this question.

Dispatches from Washington under date of March 24 announce that George R. Mokol has been nominated as postmaster at North Portland. Mokol was supported by Frank Stott Myers, postmaster at Portland, and those newspapers which have been poking fun at Mr. Myers will have to admit he hasn't lost all his punch.

A few Sundays back, desiring something to read, the editor of the Express went to a local news stand for a magazine. He found what he wanted, but was informed by the clerk that it was unlawful

to sell magazines on Sunday. At that very minute boys could be heard, in loud and raucous voices, crying daily papers for sale. The boys were noisy, but lawful, while the newsdealer was quiet, but not allowed by law to sell reading matter. Funny law, isn't it? And it was probably drawn up by a lawyer. Let us send a few editors and farmers to the legislature this fall; they can't do any worse, and they might do better. Too often the legal mind loses track of common horse sense.

WE ARMED 'EM

Villa's men are using American dum-dum bullets, it is said. Our troops are going to meet with a good many unpleasant things bearing the trade mark, "Made in the U. S. A." before Villa is taken. There has been a stream of war munitions flowing from this country into Mexico for four years. But, of course, the manufacturers and the dealers who waxed fat on this traffic are well able to hire substitutes if a general war with Mexico comes. It is the poor devils who uphold the "honor of the flag" for \$15 a month who pay with their lives. Mexico's boast that it is better provided with the sinews of war than this country might well weigh heavily on the conscience of some American kinds of finance—if they had a conscience.—Portland News.

Yes, it's the same old story. Embalmed beef killed more men during the Spanish-American war than Spanish bullets. And the men who get rich selling the nations war supplies, including rotten food, are always clamoring for war, talking of "avenging the nation's insulted honor," etc., but they never go to war themselves and seldom send their sons. It's the sons of the working people who eat the rotten food and, if they are strong enough, stand up to be shot by bullets sold the enemy by profit-hungry American manufacturers. Think these things over, brother, before you join the jingoes and clamor for Uncle Sam to enter a war.

IT ISN'T FAIR

The editor of the Express believes in law enforcement, but he believes that a "state law" should be what its name implies—it should apply to all parts of the state. So far as the writer has been able to learn, there are just two counties in the state where the old "blue law" on Sunday closing is enforced. In the past, quite a number of auto tourists have visited Forest Grove on Sundays, the writer is informed, but few of them will come this year if it becomes known that we are too religious to sell them gasoline or repair their cars in case of breakdowns. They will go to places where they are sure of getting accommodations. If our sheriff and county attorney are trying to drive business out of Washington county, they couldn't do it more effectively than it is now being done.

Since the above was written, Judge Galloway has issued an injunction, restraining the attorney and sheriff of Linn county from interfering with the operation of confectionery and cigar stores on

Sunday. This leaves the officials of Washington county alone on an island of retrogression in a sea of modern progress.

An Endorsement for Fernsworth

Among the many endorsements received by L. A. Fernsworth of Banks, who is a candidate for the republican nomination for the legislature, is one from Mrs. Sarah A. Evans of Portland, president of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs. Mrs. Evans says:

"I was mighty glad when I heard you had got into politics, regretting only that I was not a voter in Washington county, where I would be able to use, in your interest, the privilege you so ably helped me to get."

Mr. Fernsworth covered the various woman suffrage activities in the campaign of 1912 for the Oregonian and Mrs. Evans evidently considers that he did the cause some good.

Washington County Transfers

The following real estate transfers were recorded with the register of deeds at Hillsboro during the past week:

John Reinke et ux to Frank E. Braga, SE quar of NE quar of sec 32, 3 N 3, \$10.

Martha J. Whitney et vir to Harvey W. Emmerson, W half of S half of lot 1, blk 8, Naylor's add to Forest Grove, \$200.

Chris Peterson et ux to W. E. Rice, 14.42 acres in Wm. Jolly D L C, 1 N 3, \$10.

A. C. Carstens to W. H. Eccles Lumber Co., 4.982 acres sec 25, 2 N 4, \$1992.80.

W. H. Brown et ux to Ben F. Greene, 12 acres and roadway in sec 14, 2 S 1, \$1.

E. C. Brown et al to A. V. Brown, 28.175 acres in A. C. Brown claim, 1 N 3, \$1750.

G. M. Lock et ux to Anna C. Spert, lot 6, West Park add to Forest Grove, \$1.

Anna C. Sterl to J. E. May, lot 6, West Park add to Forest Grove, \$10.

H. J. Jackson et ux to G. H. Baldwin et al, parts of lots 1 and 2, blk 3, Forest Grove, \$10.

Merriwether L. Nicholas, for thirty-five years a resident of Portland, who died at his home in that city last Wednesday, came across the plains with J. T. Fletcher of this city and visited at the Fletcher home two years ago. He came to Oregon in 1864, being eighteen years of age and was, consequently, 70 years of age when he died. The family resided for a time in Washington county. Mr. Nicholas is survived by a widow and one son, Harold, both of Portland. Fifty-two years ago last winter, while Mr. Fletcher was teaching school in Harrison county, Mo., Mr. Nicholas was one of his pupils.

An Oregon Girl Writes From Japan

Miss Ruth Emerson, who is known here and who sailed to Japan last July, writes the following letter to the Young Women's Christian Association of the Northwest, of which she is a representative in Tokyo:

"Japan, Feb. 11
"It is 'plum blossom time' in Japan now, and soon it will be 'cherry blossom time,' then there will be the iris and the lotus, one beautiful succession of flower-right through to the chrysanthemums and the maples, while during the winter we have the bright canelia with its shining leaf. Theoretically spring is supposed to begin February 4th and in certain places on the day before. The Japanese have quite elaborate ceremonies to frighten away the demons and insure a propitious springtime. In reality, however, spring is the same elusive lady she is with us, and doesn't put in her appearance for awhile. We

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of the

Forest Grove Shoe Store

April, May and June

are bargain months with us, especially in Odds and Ends, in which we save you 50c to \$1.50 on shoes that will wear.

A special line of LOW SHOES for Women, Misses and Children, as long as they last, 65c to \$1.85. Better get in early for a choice of sizes.

Our Dollar Day will be every day from April 1st to July 5th.

Come and have a look.

C. V. B. Russell

at the

Forest Grove Shoe Store



might be good to eat, but lots of fun as well, for we cook it all ourselves, in a sort of frying pan on a glowing charcoal fire. It is composed of very thin slices of beef and various vegetables cooked together in a sauce something like Worcestershire, and eaten, of course, with the foundation of every Japanese meal—rice. We go to a regular gymnasium restaurant, where the little table in the middle of them, and everything is prepared—just do the actual cooking. Tea and fruit finishes the meal, and one has only to try it to find out how good it is and how much one can eat! I promise you each a gyunabe treat when you come to me. Loyally,
Ruth N. Emerson."

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