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Frank Baker's bequests to charitable institutions had quite a string to them. They are contingent upon his 5-year-old daughter dying without issue.—Polk County Itemizer.

Frank was always a great joker. Drs. W. P. Via and C. L. Large were called into a lonely spot in the mountains fourteen miles northwest of Forest Grove to see Fred Brown, who is in a serious condition from blood poisoning, caused from an ulcerated tooth. The trouble has extended to the eye, which he may lose.

A bill which is to be introduced in the Missouri legislature makes it unlawful to either sell or give away a cigarette or even have one of them in possession. The bill would also make it unlawful to manufacture them for any purpose within the confines of the "show me" state. This certainly should cure the fiend if anything will.—Oregon Tradesman.

Salem Journal: Mr. Rodgers should realize by this time that the only way to keep a member of the legislature from keeping anything he gets hold of is never to let him get hold of it. His resolution to keep the members from carrying off the codes would have carried if it had been brought to a vote before the boys had the books in their hands.

Senator Fulton, with the approval of the representatives-elect from the districts concerned, has recommended for reappointment Postmasters A. L. Sprout of Ontario and J. M. Perry of Moro, and for appointment J. S. Van Winkel of Albany. The Washington special adds in this connection that until March 4th Senator Fulton will follow the wishes of Representatives Hawley and Ellis in making postoffice recommendations and after that date the postoffice patronage will be turned over to them.

The Dallas Itemizer says that "A practical woman remarked the other day that the most interesting things in a newspaper are the advertising columns. Long ago I quit buying of those who did not advertise. It always seems to me that the merchant who advertises invites me to trade with him; while the one who does not advertise impresses me with the idea that he does not care enough for my trade to ask for it. Then too, I have found that the merchant who advertises has fresher goods, for the reason, I suppose, that he sells more goods."

The newspaper is for everybody and hence must contain something for everybody. If you see something which is of so little interest to you, remember there are others and the entire paper is not printed especially for you. The very thing that is dull and uninteresting to you may be the one thing in the paper for some other reader. There are whole pages in the daily papers that are of interest to us, but they are not to others. A paper which contained nothing but such matter that would interest any one or another of us would have a limited number of readers. There are many people and many minds.—Ex.

The supreme court of Wisconsin has just affirmed a decision of Judge Stevens of the circuit court of Dane county, which will effect every saloon keeper in that state and if enforced would put every saloonman in the Badger state out of business. The decision makes it mandatory upon a common council to revoke the license of a saloonkeeper who violates the law in any particular, and if they do not do so the law is so construed that they may be compelled to by mandamus proceedings. And it is said that a mayor or common council who fail to perform the duties of revocation may be impeached, removed from office, and even imprisoned.

The Oregon Mist, heretofore a republican newspaper at St. Helens, announces that it will be independent in local politics in future. An independent newspaper may sound good, and there is a tendency amongst editors to be more independent, but still for all that the reading public prefer a newspaper, no matter what its politics, that is on one side of the fence or the other. Some persons think that the country newspapers ought to cut politics out, yet we notice that when an election comes round they admire a strong party paper and have no use for independent sheets without any backbone.—Tillamook Headlight.

We learn from some of our exchanges that a number of cities are starting a crusade against the noisy factory whistle. There is a sure way of abating this so-called nuisance, that is by voting the democratic ticket and giving that party power. A few years ago a man would had to have walked ten, or even fifteen miles in the dewy morning before 7 o'clock in order to hear a factory whistle. Now we hear their notes in every city and a number of villages. It seems as though a person who would kick about the noise of a factory whistle, would find fault with the racket of a harvesting or threshing machine. It is the most cheerful music in our broad land, and the notes of no songer is sweeter or more melodious to our ears than the sound of the factory whistle that calls the laborer to his work.—Benton County Republican.

Another Fool Law Proposed.

A special from Washington, D. C., says that the bill of the Joint Postal Commission, just completed, if enacted into law, would create a press censorship in the hands of government employees to determine what information the reading public wants, and extend a paternalistic guardianship over the counting room by limiting the amount of advertising and specifying just how it shall be printed in the pages of daily newspapers.

The joint commission started work on the hypothesis that second-class mail matter is carried at a loss to the government, and does not pay its proportionate share in revenue. One of the main results of its pondering is the discovery that the newspapers, especially the Sunday edition, has expanded too much in the direction of the magazine. The members of the commission avow that the miscellaneous matter contained in the Sunday issue of a newspaper lacks the "quality to make it socially and educationally valuable." They would reform everything by abolishing the Sunday supplement or else make it so innocuous that nobody would care to read it.

A glance at the above provisions of the bill will fully convince any one of the radical nature of the law the commission proposes. It would limit the amount of advertising; it would eliminate all legitimate advertising matter from supplements, and it would prevent the publication in the supplements of all fiction, of all matter of general and useful information regarding the affairs of the world, and make the supplement merely an overflow for the news of the main sheet.

The thought of the commission in drafting these provisions regulating postal matter of the second class is embodied in a dissertation forming part of the prelude to the bill itself. The commissioners tell the country what a newspaper should be, and, in accordance with these views, they would have the government adopt a policy of paternalism more pronounced than anything heretofore dreamed of.

Instead of proceeding to wipe out the supplements containing fiction and miscellaneous information at one fell swoop, the commission proposes to "check the use of fiction as a masquerade for advertising matter, or matter not periodical in its essence."

It would do this by prohibiting all advertising matter in the pages of a newspaper supplement, whether it knows or not that daily newspapers could not give their readers the interesting and instructive articles that compose the greater part of the space in their supplements, if they were deprived of advertising patronage. The commission proposes a system of penalizing weight to prevent the undue devotion of periodicals to advertising. It is suggested that the increment of postage for the increment of weight above the first four ounces shall be one-half cent for each additional four ounces.

Newspapers and the Pass Law.

The adverse ruling of the Interstate Commerce Commission, by which newspaper men are denied the right to pass in being called to the attention of railroad officials by the Jamestown exposition commission and by others who feel that their privileges are being wrongfully abridged. The decision is one that cannot help but prove a detriment not only to railroads but also to the country at large and public enterprises.

The great work that the press has done and is doing in the way of publicity for every cause worthy of its support can not be reckoned in dollars and cents and members of the press have never received any adequate return from the railroad companies or other big enterprises for their services in this respect or have they asked it.

The exchange of courtesies between the newspapers and the railroads has been one which has been fixed by no hard and fast rules and for this reason has worked to the mutual advantage of both the railroads and events of a public nature in which transportation has been one of the features necessary to success.

In lieu of a money consideration for space and the work of bringing advertising and reading matter of this description to the attention of its readers, the papers have accepted transportation. An attempt to abrogate or curtail this privilege cannot but be harmful and unsatisfactory to both parties. We do not think the railroad companies are favorable to this interpretation of the law as is instanced by the legal department of the Monon railroad which has made a test case in Chicago, Ill., and the supreme court of the United States is to be asked to pass upon the question whether a railroad company can issue transportation in exchange for advertising in newspapers. The Monon takes the view of the case as held by the newspapers, and the company's attorneys urge that the ruling of the Interstate Commerce Commission denies the freedom of contract to a particular class.

The rule, as universally stated and upheld by the courts, is: "What the parties agree shall constitute the payment, the law will adjudge to be payment. It is competent for parties to designate by their contracts how and in what payment may be made. It is by no means true that payment can be only made in money; on the contrary, it may be made in property or service."

It is to be hoped that the press of the country will take up this matter and aid the railroads in their endeavor to get a favorable decision from the supreme court. Otherwise it is evident that the Jamestown exposition, the fair at Seattle and other national and public enterprises cannot expect to be exploited unless the newspapers receive some return for their labors.—Hood River Glacier.

Senator Bingham's bill to make incurable insanity and confinement in an asylum for six years grounds for divorce was killed by indefinite postponement in the Senate. The judicial committee reported it adversely.

Newell introduced a bill increasing the appropriation of the Oregon Library Commission from \$2000 to \$6000 per annum and extending the duties of the commission to include a compilation of the proceedings of the different State Legislatures of the country for the information and use of the members of the Oregon Legislature.

Mrs. Nancy White, a negress 106 years old, the oldest woman in Western Pennsylvania, is dead at her home in New Haven, Pa. Three years ago, it is said, she did the work of a washwoman.

The cold wave from the north-west has settled down over Northern Nebraska and Southern South Dakota, the temperature falling to 23 below zero at Bonesteel, S. D.; 8 below at Chadron, 15 at Norfolk and 5 at Fremont.

Carrie Nation, attended by two friends, called at the executive offices of the White House. She was denied admission and began to harangue the crowd which had gathered regarding the treatment offered her. After speaking about a minute she voluntarily retired.

Representative Beals of Tillamook and Yamhill, in a bill introduced Wednesday asks an appropriation from the State of \$50,000 to be expended in deepening and improving the harbor in Tillamook Bay. The bill authorizes the appointment of five persons, reliable residents of Tillamook county, who shall have charge of the work incidental to the expenditure of the appropriation that has been asked.

Traffic between Portland and The Dalles will not be resumed until Monday at the earliest. The river above Memorial Island is full of ice and the last freeze has only served to strengthen the blockade. Below the Cascades the river is full of floating ice and it is a difficult matter for boats on the lower river to run on schedule. The Ione has been unable to reach La Camas for several days. The Jessie Harkins, being well sheathed, has been able to make regular trips.

A bill to allow seatless passengers on street cars to ride on half fare would probably have passed the House had it not lacked an enacting clause. This required its reference back to the committee on commerce, which had recommended it favorably. The bill, introduced by Representative Dye of Clackamas, requires conductors to give standing passengers a rebate check for half the amount of their fare. Car companies are forbidden to keep off passengers after all seats are occupied unless another car is coming not more than five minutes behind. The bill had a strong sentiment in its favor when it came up unexpectedly for passage, but a long debate ended in the discovery of the flaw.

Reduced Round Trip Excursion Rates to Pacific Coast in 1907.

During the summer season of 1907, reduced round trip excursion rates will be in effect from the East to the Pacific Coast, Montana, British Columbia and Arizona points.

Rates from Chicago via direct lines to North Pacific Coast points will be \$75, and from Missouri river common points (Council Bluffs to Kansas City inclusive) also St. Paul and Minneapolis, rates will be \$60. St. Louis \$60 and Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo \$50. Rates to Spokane and points effected will be \$5 less than to the coast. Rates one way via California will be \$13.50 higher than those above mentioned. Tickets will be on sale daily, June 1st to September 15, 1907, with final return limit of October 31, 1907.

Account of Twenty-third International Christian Endeavor Convention at Seattle, Wash., July 10th to 15th, 1907; Convention of Baptist Young People's Union, Spokane, Wash., July 4th to 7th 1907; Grand Lodge Independent Order of Good Templars, Seattle, Wash., July 15th to 22nd, 1907, rate of one lowest normal first class limited fare for round trip for direct routing with \$12.50 additional one way through California, has been named to North Pacific Coast points and Spokane from Chicago, St. Louis, Missouri River and Colorado points. Sale dates east of Colorado points, June 20th to July 12th, 1907, west, June 21st to July 13th, 1907, final return limit September 15th, 1907.

Account of Mystic Shrine Convention, Los Angeles, May 9th to 11th, 1907, and Conference of German Baptist Brethren, Los Angeles or Long Beach, Calif., May 16th to 23rd, 1907, and National Eclectic Medical Association, Long Beach, Calif., June 18th to 23rd, 1907, one lowest first class fare for the round trip has been authorized to Los Angeles and San Francisco with \$12.50 additional for tickets routed one way via Portland. Sale dates, Mystic Shrine and German Baptists, April 25th to May 19th, 1907; final return limit July 31st, 1907; and for the M. E. M. association, sales dates June 8th to 15th, with final return limit August 21st, 1907.

W. McMURRAY, G. P. A., O. R. & N. and S. P. Ry.

County Correspondence

We want a reporter in every town.

Sherwood.

Regular Correspondent. E. G. Hagey, Past Consul Commander of Sherwood Camp, Woodmen of the World, installed the newly elected officers of the Camp at a regular meeting on Thursday evening last. One admission by card during the month, a Neighbor of the California jurisdiction uniting here.

Bert Sager, the man with the portable engine at Middleton, is preparing to enter the sawmilling industry, and as reported will commence operations on the timber on the Oberst place, sawing out railroad ties, about the first of next month.

H. H. Welch, one of the rural mail carriers on the Sherwood route, contemplates resigning and retiring from the business at an early date. John F. Smith, Jr., has taken the examination for carrier and if he is accepted by the postal department will become identified with the work of supplying the mail to the farming community.

Joe Kerr, of Middleton, met with a painful accident recently which occurred by stepping upon a stone while crossing a fence, causing his foot to turn and resulting in a dislocation of the ankle joint.

Charles Smith, of this place, is recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia following tonsillitis, also Mrs. Herman Smith has about recovered from the same disease. The sick list has been unusually large in this vicinity for some time.

The F. D. Vincent steam portable sawmill has again been moved to a new location, this time on Chas. Creiger's place above Middleton. Lumber, while demanding good prices when in market, is of depressed value when retained at the mills or some sidetrack of the railroad awaiting "long drawn out" shipments, that seemingly never occur or but sparingly.

Telephone reports Saturday from Rainier give the death of T. J. Adams, formerly a farmer here, and having numerous relatives residing in this vicinity. He has been engaged in the sawmill industry as an employee at Rainier for some time. Death is reported to have been caused by diabetes. Lester, the 14 year-old son of Henry Baker, of Pleasant Hill, died Sunday morning from the effects of tuberculosis.

Wm. Pulley left this morning for Coos Bay on a tour of inspection relative to finding a new home. Flattering inducements are presented by real estate agents of that county to incoming settlers to locate and Mr. Pulley may conclude to accept of some offer of the kind while there.

Rev. Joseph Coman of this place occupied the pulpit at Hoodview church yesterday having lately accepted the place of a supply, temporarily. No permanent pastor has been selected since the departure of Rev. F. W. Warren last spring.

A public meeting occurs Tuesday evening in the A. O. U. W. hall the object of which is to discuss the very important question of transportation. As none of the Harriman crowd is expected to be present the chances are it will be a "one-sided" affair.

Beaverton

Regular Correspondent.

A very pleasant surprise party was given Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Austin at their home in east Beaverton. A few people from Beaverton were in attendance and a large crowd from Beaverton Heights.

The musicale held at the home of F. W. Cady last Saturday evening was greatly enjoyed by a large crowd. The numbers were all well presented and some of the members of the club are already talking of another such meeting.

J. Martin Alberts visited last Sunday in Beaverton.

I. L. Gillihan has sold his farm to a Mr. Wilson.

The Beaverton Dramatic club appears next Saturday night for the first time in the drama entitled "Striking Oil."

John Algeheimer while returning home last Saturday night with his four-horse team and a load of bran met with quite a severe accident while crossing the railroad track in Beaverton. While passing the butcher shop he lost control of the leaders in some way and the four started to run and by the time that they reached the railroad track they were going so fast that Mr. Algeheimer was thrown out on his head. After running about a block further one of the wheel horses fell and before they got under headway they were caught. Conrad Algeheimer was summoned by telephone and about 10 o'clock John was recovered sufficiently to be taken home.

John and Fred Summers have a contract to do some street grading in Jennings Lodge near Oregon City for the Shaw Fear Co. They left Friday to commence work.

The surveyors by the Beaverton-Willaburg road have established a camp at Progress and have begun re-locating the survey made about two years ago and will also set grade stakes. The idea is prevalent among the surveyors that this is the final survey and that grading will begin by the first of April.

Aunt Sally.

Wanted—10 men in each state to travel, distribute samples of our goods and tack signs. Salary \$85.00 per month; \$3.00 per day for expenses. SAUNDERS CO., Department P, 46 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.

Cornelius.

Regular Correspondent. We are outside of the "silver winter" which Portland is experiencing at a heavy expense. Strange we never had the least thought of such a thing happening to it, while we are so close in to Portland.

Mrs. Harvard has bought the Kafer house and two lots south of the M. E. church for \$350, McNutt making the deal.

Walter Purdin has traded for his property here, getting in exchange Portland interests.

Theodore Nicholas, of Portland, has bought an interest in the Base Line Lumber Co., and will make this plant the largest in the county.

Mr. Thomas, two miles south of town, has sold his farm to a Mr. Herring from Portland for \$3,000, including stock and implements, McNutt Real Estate Co. making the deal.

The Base Line Lumber Co. had a new donkey engine, including cables, shipped to Cornelius and has been transferred per team to Gales Creek for logging purposes.

M. Peterson, of the firm of McNutt Real Estate Co., has been on Pumpkin Ridge the last few days. He reports all looking well. Many potatoes in the ground yet, but not badly frozen. He found only one potato out of six frozen.

Scholls and Mountain Side.

Regular Correspondent.

Miss Nellie Adams has returned home to help in the store.

Mr. Jaquith visited Hillsboro this past week.

John Wohlshlegel visited Newberg last week and brought home a lot of new furniture and put it in his new house. That looks rather suspicious.

W. A. Prosser has been confined at home with a bad cold and we understand that Mrs. Prosser has been sick also.

Mrs. Fisk is quite sick; in fact the whole family are all down but Mr. Fisk.

The Skeels boys are sawing wood again in the neighborhood.

We understand that Rowell & Groner Mill Co. has a new book-keeper, a young lady from Portland. She has her office at Rowell's store.

Helen Prosser has been quite sick, but is improving.

The Telephone Co. have engaged Mr. Wilber to attend the switch at Scholls, and are going to put up a house for him to live in just north of Adams' store.

Miss Lena Wohlshlegel and Lewis Hewitt were married last Wednesday at Mr. Finegan's. Mrs. Hewitt has one advantage now. It will not take her so long to write her name. The happy pair are going to make their home in Troutdale.

The Taylor boys have come back to Scholls. They find Scholls a pretty good place to live in, after all.

Frank Miller is building a new fence on both sides of the road. He is trying to straighten the road somewhat. It will be quite an improvement from what it has been for the last twenty years.

Rollie Brooks is building a new fence, and W. A. Prosser and E. M. Brooks are building their line fence. Oh, Mountain Side is improving with the rest of the world.

Hettie.

The retail Liquor Dealers' Association of Portland has decided to ask the city council to increase the annual liquor license to \$1,000, as a means of crowding out of business the lower class saloons.

The prosperity of a town is not guarded by the wealth of its inhabitants, but by the uniformity with which they pull together when any important undertaking is to be accomplished. A man with a thousand dollars at his command and a love for his town in his heart can do more for the upbuilding of it than a millionaire who locks up his capital and snaps his fingers at home progress.—Fall River, Wis., New Era.

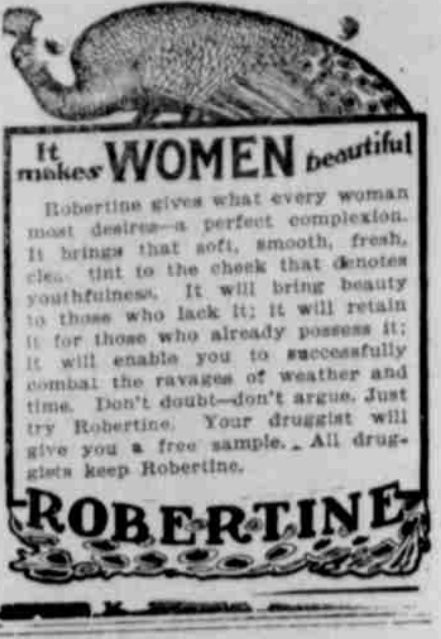
An Italian section hand at Grants Pass tried to play brakeman on a passing freight train. But his fingers slipped from their hold and he fell between the tracks under the cars. When the train passed from above his body it was found that his head had been badly crushed, his left eye torn out and his left foot badly mangled. When he arrived in Portland, in care of the company, he was still breathing. An ambulance hurried the man to St. Vincent's hospital, but he is probably dead by this time.

Farm to Lease. 140 acres under plow, 80 in clover, 80 in pasture, practically clear of timber and brush; running water. Call and see E. B. Tongue, Hillsboro.

For that cold—try the Den of Sweets Hoarhound Candy.

P. R. & N. Railway excursion from Banks and Buxton to Hillsboro and return, on account of "The Midnight Flyer" at the Crescent, Feb. 1st; 50c from Banks, 75c from Buxton, round trip.

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