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The Pacific Coast is now achieving the dignity of age. Old Fort Vancouver, across the river from Portland has just been celebrating its one hundredth birthday.

Any country district planning a high school, says a Portland exchange, advertises its prosperity in the fact.

We have more than one such country district in Coos county.

What which went up so fast and far during the winter is now taking the back track, having dropped 34 cents in 16 days at Winnipeg, Canada, where it is now selling for \$1.69 a bushel. The price at Portland was reported at \$1.65.

Our idea of a man in a bad fix from now on is one who faces any court for sentence with a conviction of driving while drunk hanging over him. Most judges know, and all of them ought to know, just where the public stands, says an exchange.

The new United States attorney in New York city is designated as a "dry cleaner." Things are happening now in New York where prohibition has so long been very much of a farce, and the buildings used for the sale of liquor are being padlocked for long terms.

The Oregon public service commission has requested the transcontinental freight bureau to put into effect a reduction in freight rates on household goods from all points east of the Mississippi river to Oregon. The request is intended to induce migration to Oregon, says a Salem press dispatch.

It is now claimed that Henry Ford is the greatest benefactor of the Mohammedan world ever lived. He has made pilgrimages to Mecca so much easier and softer, you see. And that suggests another thought: the automobile has knit the world together as nothing else has ever done, and made war much less probable everywhere.

Two baby tigers, born Saturday in the winter quarters of a circus at Macon, Georgia, are being mothered by a huge bulldog. An animal trainer, knowing the custom of a tigress to slay her firstborn, took the animals from the mother and sought a dog. The dog, with two of her own puppies and the two tigers, is being quartered in a hotel room.

Secretary Hoover says: "There can be no doubt of the economic benefits of prohibition. Viewing the temperance question only from this angle, prohibition has proved its case. I think increased temperance over the land is responsible for the enormously increased efficiency in production, which statistics gathered by the Department of Commerce show to have followed passage of the dry law."

There is a style of vehicle designated as a coupe. The dictionary gives but one pronunciation of the word: koo-pa. . . . But I heard a school teacher say lately that so many call it "coop" that it seems prouder to use the correct word.

This is quite generally the case in other things. Millions who know better apparently endorse wrong words and principles rather than offend the ignorant.—Ed. Howe.

**MINNESOTA FARMERS AHEAD**  
The Central Co-operative Commission Association of Minnesota, handled 20,000 carloads of products last year, representing a gross value of more than \$24,000,000. It made a saving of \$30,000 on commission charges and between \$95,000 and \$100,000 net earnings to be refunded to its 90,000 members who constitute the 618 local shipping organizations.

**"ALCOHOL RUBS"**  
The following extracts from a Seattle press dispatch telling of the seizure of a large amount of intoxicating liquor at Black Diamond is

something all persons who feel any craving for intoxicants ought to read:

A large quantity of home-made intoxicants variously branded as Scotch whiskeys, Canadian rye and Gordon gin, all manufactured from poisonous denatured alcohol and alcohol rubs, was gathered in at 1600 Fourteenth avenue in Seattle by agents of State Director, Lyle's office, while Division Chief Haseltine personally headed a squad that destroyed 1500 quarts of home brew, 300 gallons of wine and a big supply of moonshine at the Black Diamond taverns.

Alcohol rubs ought certainly to be appetizing.

### SELLING BAD DEBTS

In some of the eastern states the newspapers are pursuing the policy of advertising bad debts for sale. The Sentinel has some accounts of that kind that have been running a long time with little apparent disposition on the part of those owing them to square up; but it has not yet decided that the policy is a good one. Here is a story of what happened to a merchant in a county in Kansas where the Sentinel folks lived for over thirty years, whose name is very familiar to us, which was published in the Kansas City Star:

The district court of Montgomery county has ruled that a merchant has the right to advertise bad debts for sale. The suit in which the decision was announced was brought by Paul Camden against W. A. Wharton. Wharton ran a grocery store in Cherryvale and Camden is said to have owed a bill of \$48.83 at the store. The bill appears to have run for some time and when Wharton made a big sign of the old accounts due the store, Camden's was in the list. The sign was placed in the store window, offering the accounts for sale to the highest bidder. When Camden saw the sign he walked into the store and "beat up" the merchant. Wharton had Camden arrested for assault and a fine was imposed in police court. Then Camden brought suit for damages from Wharton for publicly displaying the fact that Camden had not paid the bill. The district court ruled for the grocer and ordered Camden to pay the costs.

### DESIRABLE IMMIGRANTS

Satisfaction of the Czech-Slovak committee with the soil, climate, price of land and industrial opportunities of Oregon should lead to settlement of many of their countrymen in this state. There are 400,000 of them in the United States, residing in factories mostly, but it is a member of the committee says, "they are of the land, and the land tells them." One sign that favorably impressed Frank J. Prasil merits the attention of those few who extol their own city or country but disparage some other. He says: "In Oregon they boost the whole state."

That is testimony that narrow, selfish provincialism is on the decline, and the effect on the visitor's mind proves that to boost the whole state is wise policy for each community in it.

An influx of Czech farmers in reasonable numbers would be a valuable acquisition to Oregon. The Czechs are the most advanced among the Slav nations of Europe, in culture, industry and devotion to the democratic system of government. A nation that preserved its identity, language and customs through centuries of Hapsburg rule and that, with much provocation to vengeance, regained its independence without bloodshed, has sterling qualities of character to contribute to the American people.

Czechs have brought to America the skill and industry which made Bohemia the chief source of economic strength of the Hapsburg empire. They have brought the attitude for democratic government that has been displayed in the establishment of an orderly government under the handcap of large alien, hostile elements in the population. Though the socialist cult has many adherents among them, they understand sound economics so well that their government was the first in Europe, new or old, to stabilize its currency after the war. There is room and opportunity in Oregon for many such people.—Portland Oregonian.

The State Game Commission informs us that in addition to the bounties by the various counties, they will on and after April 1, pay the following bounties: Wolf, \$25; cougar \$25; wild cat \$1.50. Hides must be presented to the County Clerk of the County in which the animal was killed and affidavit of such killing be made and forwarded to the State Game Commission. All wolf hides must be forwarded to the State Game Commission for identification.

The job of football coach at our universities ought to be easily filled now that the going salary is \$3,000.

Calling Cards, 100 for \$1.50.

### What a County Agent Is For

By C. R. Richards, County Agent

"A county agent is employed in Coos county for the purpose of aiding in every possible way the agricultural interests of the county.

"I am here to be of service to the ranchers and dairymen of the county and the effectiveness of this service, can be greatly increased if every rancher will feel free to call on us to assist with the solution of his farm problems.

"No county agent claims to know everything there is to know in the field of agriculture or to be a doctor of all agricultural ills. There are many things, however, in which we can give needed and often valuable assistance. Behind us to supply the information which we may not at the moment have at our finger tips are the experiment stations of this state and other states, the United States department of agriculture, and the observations of practical farmers made by 2200 county agents in as many counties in the United States.

"The county agent is a representative of the State Agricultural college, the United States department of agriculture and the Coos county court co-operating. As such he is able to bring to the county from time to time the assistance of specialists in dairying, poultry, crops, livestock, horticulture, etc., who are members of the staff at the agricultural college.

"Our aim is to serve the people and so doing improve conditions on the farm. To do this it is our desire to become personally acquainted with every farmer in Coos county. There are something over 1000 farmers in the county according to the last census and it is not possible for us to call on all of them in a month or even in a year. We hope that ranchers will feel free to drop into the office in the court house at Coquille and get acquainted. Monday will be our regular office day, until some other day seems more advisable. All other days in the week will be spent in the field.

"I am greatly impressed with the exceptional conditions for dairying here. While Coos county now enjoys a coveted place as a dairy district it is one of our principal purposes to make this county second to none as a dairying district on the Pacific coast."

### How Electric Bills Increase

When all facts and circumstances are known, the explanation of an abnormally large electric light or gas bill is usually simple. Consumers who feel that their bills are large are asked to run over in their minds the following questions:

Does the bill cover the same number of days as the previous bills with which the bill in question is compared?

Have I used more light on account of the days being shorter in winter?

Have I used the top burners or the oven of the gas stove to warm the kitchen a few chilly mornings?

Has there been sickness in the house which has caused an increased use for service?

Has the winter season caused the hot water heater to be used more than usual?

Have I had company during the period?

Have the servants or others wasted gas or electricity?

Have any additional appliances been installed during the period?

Have I been wasting service because my appliances need adjustment?

Have I overlooked any other circumstances or occurrences that will account for the increase in my bills?

If you recall no reason, then the thing to do is to notify the company so that a man may be sent out to locate the cause and remedy it.

### Make Almost \$50,000

In girls' and boys' club enrollment Oregon led the western states in 1924 with 6047 members. Washington was second with 4558, Colorado third with 4290 and Montana fourth with 3404. The profit made by Oregon club members in their various projects was \$49,831.25, says a Corvallis press letter.

In the number and percentage of boys and girls completing their projects, in amount of money earned in scholarships and prizes, and in attendance at the two weeks' summer session at the state college, club work surpassed all previous records in Oregon, according to H. C. Seymour, state club leader for the extension service. Club members are increasing entries and winning in open classes at county and state fairs. They won \$44,309.25 in scholarships and prizes.

"I saved the price of a new tire this week. I had the Coquille Service Station fix that blow out, and now she's jake." Better take your old tires to them and have them vulcanized.

Calling Cards, 100 for \$1.50.

### How Not to Start a Fire

We had a "hired girl" once who insisted on starting the kitchen fire with kerosene. If any of our readers are permitting such a practice in their homes we commend to them the following story of the Evans tragedy week before last, which we find in the Joseph Herald:

Lighting a fire with coal oil went Walter Shelts of Evans the lives of his wife and three children last Saturday morning besides severely burning himself and Ted Frost, brother of Mrs. Shelts.

Shelts had arisen about five o'clock to start the morning fire. He placed fuel into the cookstove and saturated the wood with coal oil. When he attempted to light the fire a terrific explosion occurred, the force of which threw him into the next room, and the entire kitchen was a mass of flames when he regained consciousness. Mrs. Shelts and the three children, a boy aged four, a girl of two years and a six months old baby, were in bed in the room in which the explosion occurred.

The burning of scattered about the room and caught instantly in the highly inflammable bed clothes. The victims were caught in a veritable inferno and perished in the flames. The heat was so intense that it was almost impossible to gain entrance to the house shortly after the fire started.

Ted Frost, the 16 year old brother of Mrs. Shelts, was in the next room when the explosion occurred. He managed to work his way into the room and was thrown out by Mr. Shelts. Frost's clothes were on fire when he came from the house and before he was able to extinguish the flames he was horribly burned about the chest and arms.

The injured men were taken to the Wallawa hospital where it was thought they might recover, although amputation of both arms may be necessary in Frost's case.

Shelts and his family had lived in Evans but a short time. He was employed on the section gang of the O. W. R. R. & N. Co. The house in which the family lived was a frame dwelling of the inflammable type. There is no fire fighting apparatus at Evans and an attempt to fight the blaze with buckets was soon abandoned. The house was burned to the ground and the victims were burned almost beyond recognition.

Besides losing his family, practically everything Shelts possessed in a material way was destroyed in the fire. Realizing his sad plight citizens of Lostine and Evans immediately started a subscription to defray burial expenses and to help Shelts in a personal way.

### Smelt Swimming in Sandy

The day, Sunday, was as traditionally spectacular as it has become in the short number of years the tiny fish have been making annual pilgrimages up the Sandy, says the Oregonian reporter. In some parts of the United States smelt are captured by cutting a hole in the ice and dropping a hook and line. If the angler is fortunate he will have three or four fish in an hour.

Not so on the Sandy river last Sunday. Although some of the adventurers returned with empty baskets there were many who filled the "back seats" of their automobiles with fish and carried the rest in "gunny" sacks and pails on the running boards.

Nor was there any great hesitancy about entering the water in quest of the prizes. Many stood waist-deep in the stream and dipped the wriggling, quivering masses from the water and dumped their hauls into wash tubs and boxes. Other groups formed bucket brigades and passed the perforated pails from the fishing grounds to the shore.

Every kind of receptacle was used for dipping the fish from the river. Nets and baskets, bats, blankets and lace curtains. One man had a bird cage which he used effectively. Equally bizarre were the containers in which the fish were taken away. One practical fisherman had installed a bathtub in the rear of his automobile and had it filled with smelt.

Excited, one or two women dashed from dry land and started to haul the fish out with their aprons. Small boys and girls fully enjoyed the day and dashed about without shoes or stockings while making their catches.

### Welding Replaces Drilling

The clattering din of the steel riveter on building girders may soon give way to the flame of the electric arc, and the steel skeleton of the future skyscraper may be in a single welded unit.

Welded iron pipes, welded tanks and welded vessels are all in use, and the welded steel building is the next step forward.

Decreased cost, greater strength and lighter materials are all factors in the welded building that will, it is said, bring about the adoption of the new methods of erection. Steel parts will be cut to pattern, much as a

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### HOW TO SOLVE A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

When the correct letters are placed in the white space this puzzle will spell words both vertically and horizontally. The first letter in each word is indicated by a number, which refers to the definition listed below the puzzle. Thus No. 1 under the column headed "Horizontal" defines a word which will fill the white space up to the first black square (to the right), and a number under "Vertical" defines a word which will fill the white squares to the next black one below. No letters go in the black spaces. All words used are dictionary words, except proper names. Abbreviations, long initials, technical terms and obsolete forms are indicated in the definitions.

### CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 11

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#### Horizontal.

- 1—Refugee
- 10—First woman
- 11—Jewish organization to further territorial aims
- 12—Assessment scale
- 13—Long hair
- 14—Festival
- 16—Period
- 18—Artist's cap
- 19—Point of compass
- 22—Slavery
- 24—Greek letter
- 25—Thus
- 26—Woman
- 27—Impersonal pronoun
- 28—Toward
- 29—Race of central and western Europe
- 31—Prefix meaning two
- 32—Cushion
- 33—Distress signal
- 35—Benediction
- 37—Conjunction
- 39—Seams
- 40—Plan
- 41—By
- 42—One who overcharges

#### Vertical.

- 2—To shun
- 3—City's name
- 4—Dispatch
- 5—New England state
- 6—First name in Guide's manual
- 7—Unit
- 8—Association (Abb.)
- 9—A paragraph
- 10—Vessel
- 11—Official sayer
- 12—Goddess of dawn
- 14—A passing fancy
- 15—Domesticated
- 16—Colors
- 17—To exert
- 18—Churn
- 19—Point
- 20—Custodian
- 21—Drunkard
- 23—A life
- 24—Front part of leg
- 26—Interim
- 28—Script
- 30—Public institution
- 31—By
- 32—Jumbled type

The solution will appear in next issue.

tailor cuts the parts of a coat, but without the necessity for the precise accuracy needed when lines of rivet holes must be matched.

The weld is made by the electric arc between a steel wire in an insulated handle and the pieces of steel to be joined. The steel wire melts in the terrific heat of the arc and is fused with the molten edges of the beam or girder.

The cost of drilling thousands of rivet holes will be saved; the strength of an arc weld is equal to that of the parts welded, and a welded joint is impervious to water, oil or gas, while the expense of welding is said to be only three-fourth that of riveting.

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### Shoal in Lower River

At the last meeting of the Port of Bandon commission, the main item for consideration was the shoal in the river north of the Moore mill, which has become a serious menace to navigation. The port at the present time has no funds for operating the dredge; therefore will ask the federal government for an emergency appropriation. It will probably take \$5000 to do the work. There is considerable conjecture as to the cause of the shoal, the general impression being that the repeated freshets of the winter have brought down a surplus of silt from the up-river country and deposited it on that point—Bandon World.

Send the Sentinel to eastern friends