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Mr. Groundhog can make tracks if he will come out of his hole today. The tail end of winter is with us with a fall of soft snow.

With the delicious Columbia river smelt retailing at six pounds for a quarter the strain on the family purse, which must be drawn on for the meat supply, is relieved for the present.

Indiana bids fair to become pretty well civilized in the near future. The legislature recently passed a bone-dry law which is to become effective early next year and now the woman suffrage question is claiming attention, with a good prospect for its being passed on favorably.

The fellows who are warming their toes about the capitol at Washington are getting their ears pretty close to the ground these last days of the congressional session. Note the fact that a bone-dry bill has passed both houses with votes to spare, that will greatly aid law enforcement in states that have passed bone-dry laws.

The lowly potato which usually is fortunate to get mention in small type on next to last page in the big dailies, is now given prominent place on first page with big scare headlines—and it strikes terror to the heart of the family provider to read it. Here in Newberg the retail price has been three and a quarter cents a pound during the week and it bids fair to go higher.

News comes from Salem to the effect that Chas. K. Spaulding of the Spaulding Logging Co., is engaged in an effort to interest capitalists in establishing a paper mill in that city. He recently acquired a water power site there, which, it is said, would be ideal for a paper mill. If a new paper mill in Oregon would lower the price of paper a little bit, only, it would be welcomed by the paper buying public, but anyway we hope Mr. Spaulding may receive such encouragement that he will feel justified in going ahead with his plans. He is a careful and conservative financier and usually is pretty certain of his ground before he makes a venture of this kind.

This is Washington's birthday anniversary and a reminder that it was 41 years ago last month that the writer, then a young fellow just out of school, took passage on a steamboat at Washington, D. C., for a trip down the Potomac river to Mount Vernon, along with a party of Indiana newspaper people, for a visit at the old Virginia home of our first president. It was a novel experience, this being our first ride on a steamboat, and the trip on the river was thoroughly enjoyed. Arriving at our destination at the end of something like two and a half hours we took our way up the hill from the boat landing and first stood with uncovered heads at the tomb of Washington. Being in the hands of a guide we did not make the mistake of the young lady visitor, who, it is said, was found in front of the cow stable quietly weeping in memory of the father of his country. We strolled about the grounds, visited the spring at the foot of the hill, looked in at the old negro quarters, were shown over the mansion, and at the noon hour were invited to visit the old kitchen that is separated from the mansion, where we were honored by being served an appetizing

lunch, which the trip down and our tramp after our arrival had put us in condition to enjoy and thoroughly appreciate. At one end of the large room stood the open fire place with swinging crane of sufficient length and strength to support an ox while cooking over the fire. We were served by colored women, who, of course were lineal descendants of Washington's old servants. They told us as much and of course with the example set by little George in his early career, no one about the place, not even a guide who was sent down from Washington to give out information for newspaper folk, could tell a lie. Withal, it was a trip well worth the time and expense involved and no one visiting Washington should fail to make it.

ASK MOTHER

When in doubt consult your mother advises the Palatha (Fla.) News. The advice applies to children, generally, but it applies especially to girls. Your mother, young woman, has had the advantage of experience which you lack. She knows the ways of the world which you do not know. You see things from your point of view. It is necessarily a narrow point of view. Your mother knows. She has gone by the way you are coming. Happy that mother who won and kept her daughter's confidences, who knows how important it is to listen sympathetically to her daughter's doings and plans. Happy is the mother who has not driven her daughter away by speaking of the girlish notions as "silly" or "preposterous," or by scolding the girl's delinquencies.

The bond between mother and daughter should never be broken. The bond of companionship between the two is a natural one. If it binds them together the daughter's problems become the mother's problems, and the solution will be a wise one.

"A son is a son 'till he gets a wife; a daughter is a daughter all the days of her life"—if the bond holds true.

The old adage says: "A boy's best friend is his mother." That is true.

But a mother is in a peculiar sense the best friend of a daughter. And the girl who forgets this is in danger of making a mistake in life.

Ask your mother.

TOO MUCH POLITICS AT SALEM

We very much regret the fact that the anti-picketing bill that was before the legislature failed to pass.

On almost every visit made to Portland we see some big specimen of humanity parading himself before a business house carrying a banner inscribed with the words, "This House Is Unfair," paid of course by some labor union that thinks it has a grievance because the proprietor asserts his right as an American citizen to employ whom he may please.

There is little doubt but that a bill to prevent such an unjust spectacle would have passed had the entire membership of the legislature cut out politics and voted their honest convictions. The labor unions were fighting the bill, of course, and it is said that the Grange united with them in the fight.

Just why the Grange should take such a stand is an enigma, but it made a combination that the fellows who have the political bee buzzing in their little bonnets shied at, and they voted against it. In many other instances during the session the fate of measures were determined in the same narrow manner, several "looks" being taken toward the future in order to determine how to vote, rather than to consider the merits of the bills.

A gentleman who represented Yamhill county in the senate sev-

eral years ago, remarked when he came home from Salem at the close of a session, that the business of the legislature was hampered all through from the fact that about half the members imagined that they had the ability to fill the office of United States Senator and were looking forward to the time when they might reach the goal of their ambition.

At the present session there was a swarm of people about the capitol, so it is said, who are prospective candidates for congress, for United States Senator, for governor, as well as for numerous appointive offices. It all handicaps the business, and the efficiency of the fellows who have been "exposed" is cut by half, at least. The combination is such that the member who goes there with a desire and a full determination to do his duty, conscientiously, as he sees it, usually goes home at the close of the session disgusted and says he wants no more of it. He has been confronted at every turn by the fellows who have said to him when discussing bills, "yes I know you are right but I have agreed to stand in with the other side and I can't go back on my promise."

All this leads one to conclude that if the fellows who are on the lookout for future political preferment could be eliminated from the legislature, it would then be reasonable to expect measures to be passed on their merits. But under our present system such a happy condition is too much to be hoped for.

FIFTY DOLLAR ESSAY CONTEST

Offer Made by Oregon Society
Sons of the American Revolution

The Oregon Society of the Sons of the American Revolution desire to hereby offer a series of prizes totaling the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to the pupils of the public schools of the state of Oregon for essays on topics connected with the war for American Independence.

There will be three prizes awarded: Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the first, fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for the second, and ten dollars (\$10.00) for the third best essay respectively written by the pupils of the high or grade schools of the state on one of the following topics:

1. The Siege of Yorktown.
2. The Influence of Benjamin Franklin upon the American Revolution.
3. The part played by the Colony of Massachusetts in the American Revolution.
4. Privateers and their work in the Revolution.

The conditions controlling the contest are as follows: Essays shall not exceed three thousand words in length; shall be written in the pupil's own hand writing on one side of white paper, and must be accompanied by a certificate from the pupil's teacher to the effect that the essay is the unaided work of the pupil. Essays must be signed by the writer, giving full post office address including the county and be forwarded to Mr. Winthrop Hammond, chairman of the committee, No. 127 Sixth street, Portland, Oregon. Essays must be in the hands of the committee not later than April 1, 1917. Essays not complying with these requirements will be rejected. No essays will be returned.

Prizes will be awarded upon the following points:

1. Originality.
2. Accuracy of statement.
3. Manner of treatment.
4. Orthography, syntax and punctuation.
5. Neatness and legibility.

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committee in charge of the contest whose names and addresses appear below.

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P. J. Miller, State House, Salem, Ore.

Rollin K. Page, Masonic Temple, Salem, Ore.

SUCCESSFUL MOLE AND GOPHER CAMPAIGN

Fourteen meetings were held in different parts of Yamhill county last week at which Theo. H. Scheffer of the U. S. Biological Survey gave practical demonstrations in mole and gopher extermination. Mole pelts have a market value and at each meeting Mr. Scheffer demonstrated skinning a mole and preparing the pelt for market. Good mole pelts are worth 25 cents each and boys can make good money trapping them. After the lecture was over Mr. Scheffer took the crowd to a vacant lot nearby and demonstrated trap setting.

Poison formulas for grey diggers and gophers were also distributed at each meeting. It is not practical to poison the mole as his food habits are such that he will not take any of the ordinary baits. The mole is a hunter and prefers to catch his game alive. Special arrangements have been made with the dealers to get the traps at minimum cost. Most of the meetings were held at school houses and the teachers were asked to report to the County Agriculturist the number of mole pelts on hand before the closing of school so that they can be marketed cooperatively and the best price obtained. Fur buyers have promised to come to the county and grade the pelts and pay the top price for all the good pelts if a sufficiently large number can be obtained.

Seven hundred and fifty people attended the fourteen meetings, one-third of which were adults and the remainder high school and grade school pupils. M. S.

Shrock, county agent, who arranged the meetings said at the close of the week's campaign that he considered it the most successful campaign, as evidenced by the interest shown, that he had staged so far in the county. The Newberg meeting had to be called off again, this time on account of the measles. Mr. Shrock has promised to hold a meeting here later.

WORDS OF APPRECIATION

A great deal of credit is due Miss E. Vera Powell, the very efficient principle at Rex school, for the selection of the play and cast of the play recently given, "The Blossoming of Mary Ann." She was ably assisted by each

member of the cast, although for several it was their first time as a Thespian, and yet special mention could truthfully be made of each member. Suffice it to say it was given in such a satisfactory and finished manner that after being given at Rex arrangements were made whereby it was given at both Newberg and Sherwood under the auspices of the Parent-Teacher Associations, to very appreciative audiences. The proceeds are to start a fund for a community hall.

Miss Powell has taught at Rex for three years and has always been active and ready to lend her hearty support to anything that tends toward the advancement and betterment of the community.



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Detroit Red Beets.....	6 to 8 tons	\$15 to \$20
Half Long Carrots.....	10 to 15 tons	\$10 to \$15
Early Crosby Corn.....	6 to 8 tons	\$13
Yellow Bantam.....	3 to 4 tons	\$16
Cabbage.....	6 to 8 tons	\$10
Squash.....	6 to 10 tons	\$2
Spinach.....	unknown here	\$25

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