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### REX

Miss Halcyon Wiley attended camp meeting in Portland for a few days of last week.

Jack Sawyer is home from his work in the ship yards in Portland for a week's work on the farm.

N. L. Wiley will lead Christian Endeavor Sunday evening. Mr. Wiley will touch on prohibition.

Mrs. Florence Eves was called to Portland Monday on account of the low condition of Mrs. Alice Hanson who has been ill for over a year.

W. G. Warnock, who recently returned from a summer's visit in Kansas, is at present working in the Columbia shipbuilding yards in Portland.

The Red Cross sewing which was suspended for a few weeks during the berry picking, was resumed Wednesday of each week instead of Tuesday as formerly.

Mrs. Florence Eves entertained the Schubert Sextette and her daughter, Mrs. Beatrice Heskett, who furnished the program the last day of Chautauqua, at a slumber party Thursday evening.

Mrs. Jack Sawyer drove into Portland Friday, returning Saturday evening. With the exception of a couple of stretches of road where crews are working the entire highway is in splendid condition.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Brickley will be pleased to know of the arrival of a son at the Brickley home Wednesday. "Grandma" Strate spent the week in Portland to help welcome the youngster.

Fred Parrett, who has been working in the shipyards in Portland, was requested by Uncle Sam to return home and use his threshing machine to help harvest the grain. As soon as this is done, he will return to his work in Portland.

Arthur Peters was married Saturday in Portland to Mrs. Dorothy Penner. The entire Peters family attended the ceremony. Mr. Peters is one of the very popular young men of Rex and hosts of congratulations attend his new undertaking.

### RAYBELL

Jack Larson has built an addition to his barn.

Mrs. Lathrop visited with her daughter in Portland last week, returning on Monday.

Several of our farmers hauled gravel last week on the road between John Erwert's place and the R. E. Belleu farm.

Mrs. Chancy Gell has fully recovered from an attack of chicken-pox, which confined her to her home for about two weeks.

The busy hum of the thrasher can be heard in this community this week, which reminds us that summer is passing swiftly.

Mrs. Marie Pantenberg and children returned to their home in Portland on Sunday, after a week's visit with Mrs. Pantenberg's mother, Mrs. Zensen.

### FERNWOOD

Leslie Parrish left on Monday of last week to answer to his country's call.

Mrs. Adlai Livengood is spending some time in Fernwood visiting old friends.

Mrs. Emery Jones is visiting her mother-in-law, Mrs. Charlie Jones, this week.

Mrs. Claude Fairbanks returned recently from Wyoming, where she made an extended visit with relatives.

Berry picking is about over. Next will come evergreen blackberries, which will fill in the time nicely until prunes come on.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Hofmeister and little son, all of Portland, were guests of the D. A. Jones family Sunday.

### Writers Are Quicker Fish

In an article which Emerson Hough, the great novelist, has written for the American Magazine, he says:

"At one time it became necessary in our household to discharge a large blond person who had never been anything but an alien enemy to our dishes and digestions. As she departed, full of wrath, Goosta turned at the door and remarked:

"Well, ay hope you get better girl as may, ma'am! Ay lak youse vell enough; but your hoosban, yay ees somehow kveer."

"Perhaps Goosta was right. I make no doubt that many believe that any writing man is somehow queer. I believe my wife—a strictly competent human being who keeps me jumping through hoops—is of the same belief. It looks strange to see a strong man, who would have made a good blacksmith, sit around with no means of support except a typewriter and a piece of paper.

"Yes, perhaps Goosta was right. For instance, I have two places where I work: One my home office and one my downtown office. I do copy at the former and transact business at the latter. On the desk at each place is a skull, which I installed years ago as a corrective measure. Across the forehead of each is written the ominous words intended to keep me from going fishing. 'Life is short!'"

### When Beards Were Taxed

In the reign of Elizabeth every beard of a fortnight's growth was subject to a tax. Peter the Great, in 1705, imposed a tax upon the beards of the Russian nobles of 100 rubles while the common people's beard tax amounted to one kopeck. This tax caused much dissatisfaction, but in spite of this the impost was extended to St. Petersburg in 1714. The tax on beards was confirmed by Catherine I in 1726, by Peter II in 1728, by Empress Anne in 1741, and in 1743 by the Empress Elizabeth. It was repealed by Catherine II in 1762. In France a beard tax was imposed upon the clergy. The celebrated Dupret, lord high chancellor of France, was the adviser of the measure, and a bull was published by the pope enjoining the clergy to shave their chins. Then a tax was levied by the king upon all who wished to be exempt from the harsh decree. The bishop and others who could afford the means paid the tax, but the poorer clergy were obliged to yield at the point of the razor.—London Tit-Bits.

## TO GROW ORANGES

Not All Land in Florida Suitable to Production.

No More Beautiful Sight in the World Than a Fine Orange Grove Bearing Fruit and Blossoms Concurrently.

Don't let anybody fool himself with the idea that he can grow oranges anywhere in Florida, writes John A. Slescher in Leslie's Weekly. The orange needs a soil adapted to it. It thrives best not in the white sand you see under the pines, but in a yellow loam. The pines are cut or burned and the palmetto cleared away. Then the land is plowed and harrowed at a cost of about \$25 per acre for clearing with colored labor at 18 cents an hour. Then five-year-old budded stock is planted. It comes from the nurseries carefully boxed and packed and looks like a sawed-off young tree about two or three inches in diameter. The acreage is first carefully plotted out in regular rows, with stakes 25 feet apart. A hole is dug and the orange tree is carefully laid in, at a depth of two or three feet. A basin is left about the tree into which a quantity of water is poured and then the soil is heaped up to the level, or higher, as circumstances may require. These young orange trees cost from 75 cents to \$2 each at the nursery, and will begin to bear in four or five years, if they survive the frost, insects and gophers or land turtles that burrow around the roots.

An acre of mature bearing orange or grapefruit trees is expected to yield from \$1,000 to \$2,000 net to the owner in such high-priced times as these. I saw a grove of nine and a half acres near Lakeland for which an offer of \$20,000 had been refused. The owner, it was said, received over \$6,000 for his crop this year. At the Lake Highland Country club, Mr. Hallam told me he planted his orange groves in 22 rows of 22 trees, or 484 to a ten-acre plot, using two-year-old budded trees that cost 75 cents each. He calculated that clearing the land and setting trees cost from \$25 to \$35 an acre each, care and cultivation \$2 per acre per month, fertilizer for a ten-acre plot \$30 the first year, \$30 the second, \$110 the third, and \$200 the fourth. He figured that the fourth year the growers might expect to harvest an average of two boxes of fruit per tree, with an increase of one box a year thereafter. Culls and dropped fruit, formerly thrown away, now find a market, the pulp being used for marmalade and the juice for bottling. I noticed advertisements in local papers offering 50 cents per 100 pounds for sound "drop and cull grapefruit." Signs in the packing houses notify growers that "every doubtful orange is a cull."

The orange tree is remarkable. The visitor is astonished to find blossoms on one branch of an orange tree and fully ripened fruit on another. Nature is a wonder worker. She makes no mistakes. She can neither be fooled nor bribed. A grower tells me that an orange tree blossoms in February and in June. If in February the developed fruit shows less than the average yield, the tree puts forth additional blossoms in June and this counterbalances the loss, but if the fruit is fully up to the average no blossoms appear in June. There is no more beautiful sight than a fine orange grove bearing fruit and blossoms concurrently. The appeal of the golden fruit is to the palate, of the snowy blossoms to the eye, and the fragrance to the sense of smell. One can well imagine an endless bridal procession amid a grove of orange blossoms with tuneful mocking birds forestalling the wedding march.

### Naval Orange a Freak

An orange navel is merely an abnormal growth, an abortive attempt of nature to produce twins. One of the twins failed, however, surviving only as a protuberance in the blossom end of the orange, and there forming a little navel-like kernel enveloped in the skin of the fruit. Buds from the trees producing these freaks were grafted on the other stock, and gradually the semi-dwarf navel-orange tree was established in California. The original trees of this stock came from Bahia, Brazil, where their peculiarity had been noted but not utilized. No one had taken the hint supplied by nature until they were transplanted to their new home on the Pacific coast, where they became one of the most prolific growths of the state. The navel orange is frequently seedless, and what few seeds are found in it are small and undeveloped.

### Merely Gudgeposts

A well-known banker in a downtown restaurant was eating mush and milk.

"What's the matter?" inquired a friend.

"Got dyspepsia."

"Don't you enjoy your meals?"

"Enjoy my meals?" snorted the indignant dyspeptic. "My meals are merely gudgeposts to take medicine before and after."—Knoxville Sentinel.

### Studying the Case

"You're under arrest," exclaimed the officer, as he stopped the automobile. "What for?" inquired Mr. Changins. "I haven't made up my mind yet. I'll just look over your lights, an' your license, an' your numbers, an' so forth. I know I can get you for somethin'."—Nebraska Legal News.

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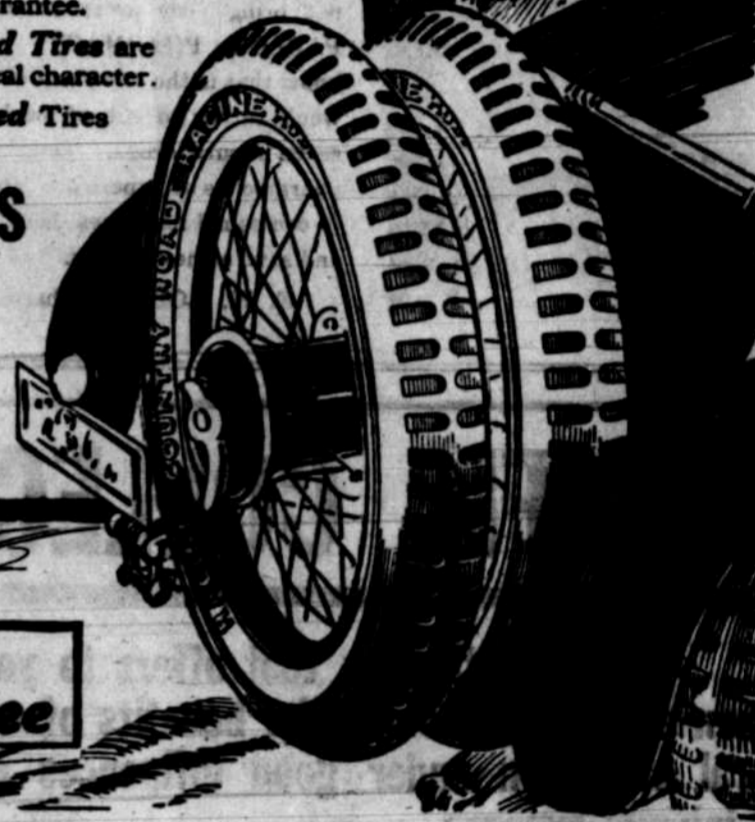
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### Children's Savings

More than 40,000 children under sixteen years of age have savings accounts in the Los Angeles banks. They have more than \$1,000,000 on deposit, or an average of something over \$25 each. One thirteen-year-old youngster is credited with heading the list. He has nearly \$2,000 on deposit, from a beginning made with 50 cents when he was seven years old.

Many of the Los Angeles banks make special provisions for the savings accounts of children and in addition to accepting savings accounts, teach lessons of thrift in their advertising matter. They also lend encouragement to thrift propaganda in the public schools and children's organizations.

### The Supreme Test

I was at a strange little meeting in Ohio, and just before the meeting a woman came up with a very stern expression on her face and said: "I am just going to tell you this. I had to give my boy. He was drafted and I had no choice. But I won't give up my food for anybody." It sounded as if her food was of more value to her than her boy. "But won't you please come to the meeting and hear what I have to tell you about how it is over there?" I asked. She came; and after the meeting she came to me and said: "I am just going to tell you that I am going to change my mind. I will go without some of the things."—Mrs. A. Burnett-Smith, in the Atlantic.

### NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

In the county court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Yamhill.

In the matter of the estate of Elizabeth Kight, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Executor of the estate of Elizabeth Kight, deceased, has rendered and presented, and filed his final account of his Administration of said estate, in the above named court, and that said court has appointed Saturday, the 17th day of August, A. D. 1918, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day as the time, and the county court room in the court house in the city of McMinnville, in Yamhill county, state of Oregon, as the place for the hearing of the said account, and the objections, if any, thereto at which time and place, any and all persons interested in said estate may appear, and file their objections in writing to the said account or to any particular item contained therein, and contest the same.

Dated at Newberg, Oregon, this 18th day of July, A. D. 1918.

L. F. HALL,  
Executor of the estate of Elizabeth Kight, deceased.

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