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PAPER AND PREACHER APPRECIATED AWAY FROM HOME

Among the mail received at this office Tuesday morning was a letter from a subscriber in San Antonio, Texas, with an enclosure of renewal of subscription to this paper. The letter reads in part:

"The Times-Herald is a very welcome visitor, and Harney county can be proud of such a splendid weekly paper.

"I would like to express a word of appreciation of the church notices of the Reverend Samuel Harris—original and clever, but yet so kindly, that they would be a blessing to any community.

"We were sorry to read in your paper of the drought and severe winter in Oregon, but hope that during 1925 The Times-Herald may be enabled to proclaim a year of prosperity, not only for Harney county, but to all of the great northwest."

Just as well "toot" a little from time to time so home folk may see what others may think of us.

Bend is the fastest growing little city in Oregon, if not in the United States. T. H. Foley, manager of the Bend Water, Light & Power company, declared yesterday at the Imperial hotel. Bend also expects to double its population in the near future, if the proposed new railroad in interior Oregon is constructed, as all good Bendites believe it should be. All conversation in Bend centers on the railroad, for they are as strongly opposed to construction of the road from Burns to Odell Junction as citizens of the Coos bay cities are in favor of it. Rather Bend wants the road built from Bend to Burns or from Burns to Prineville, and also from Bend to Lakeview. These roads would open up to development large untouched timber tracts, Mr. Foley says, and would also be cheaper to construct than a line to Odell Junction. As a parting shot at the latter project, Mr. Foley declared that Odell Junction is snow-bound most of the year, although he admitted there are no banana plantations along either of the other proposed routes.—Oregonian.

FARM POINTERS

By using land plaster on potatoes cut for planting several growers on Weston mountain got one-eighth more yield. The treatment is particularly effective in rather damp, cold soils where sprouting is slow, as it seems to preserve the seed pieces, the experiment station finds.

Hay stored in summer gained several pounds per bale at the Oregon experiment station, reaching greatest weight in February or March. Taking up moisture from the air is what gives it a heavier mid-winter than mid-summer weight. It tends to go back to its first weight the following summer.

Red and alsike clover planting is usually best done the latter part of February in Oregon, the experiment station finds. They are sown on fall grain where the light freezing and thawing, or rains, generally cover the seed. The clover seed business demands pure seed, especially free from buckhorn. Seed samples will be tested free by the experiment and federal seed laboratory at Corvallis, to help the farmer be certain that his seed is good.

Pruning the young Oregon orchard to a low head is said by the experiment station to have many advantages: Pruning, spraying, thinning, and harvesting are more easily done, and cultivation is as easy if rightly managed. Sun, cold and high winds damage the trees less.

Con Liebig and Raymond Horton returned from Portland on Tuesday, bringing back an Overland touring car for one of Con's customers. They report the roads fine from Portland to Bend but from the latter place to Burns they were not good, as the snow had melted causing the road to fill with water which was partly frozen. Con has taken the agency for the Oakland car and is loud in praising the good qualities of his new find. He pointed out many very attractive things about the Oakland and if he should find any one in the market for a car he'd be likely to make such a convincing talk the fellow'd have to buy one.

DRINKING BY YOUNGER SET A BIG CIVIC PROBLEM

The increasing tendency on the part of some of the young folk to indulge in promiscuous drinking, and the way to handle the problem, is the hardest thing which confronts the city administration. I do not know how we are going to do it, but we are going to attack this problem and do our best to solve it.

What is Burns' greatest problem?
 If you ask me what I am thinking most about I could answer you better. The question that is occupying our minds right now is how we are going to meet and combat the menace that is presented by the apparent increasing tendency on the part of some of the young folk in Burns to indulge in promiscuous drinking. Now don't misunderstand me, please. There is nothing wrong with the young people of Burns. They are just as fine and clean as any young people anywhere, or any young people of any time. But they seem to have conceived a wrong point of view.

What to do with young people
 Everyone who is conscientiously endeavoring to follow his duty in the enforcement of the prohibitory laws, is confronted with this problem. We can handle the bootlegger and the adult drunk—when we can catch them—but what are we going to do with the fine boy or girl of tender age, who, through ignorance or some other mistaken idea, has liquor, or has been drinking liquor, and how are we going to handle a situation which arises when a group of these young folks get together for a party or dance, and the party or dance, which is of a private nature, but which is being held at a hall or cafe, develops into a near debauch? Of course we have a police department, but how far should our police department go in private matters? When should the police power step in? Police control is not a pleasant thing it is not a sympathetic thing, it is a harsh and more or less merciless thing, so we ask ourselves at what point should the police assume control of these young folks. Should the government assume a paternalistic attitude?

Where is Responsibility Devided?
 When does the responsibility of the parent cease and the responsibility of the police begin? I will say, frankly, that I don't know. But it seems to me that if these young folks are going to have a chance the parents are going to have to reassert themselves and their parental authority, and re-assume the responsibility that some of them seem to have laid aside.

It would be a nice thing for the young folks, wouldn't it, if the police were to raid one of their parties and arraign them in the police court? I can't think of anything that would be harder on them.

I have practically arrived at the conclusion that this thing cannot be handled by the police alone, but that it must be taken care of by co-operation between parents, the managers of the places where these young people congregate for entertainment, and civil authorities. I am going to have a talk with the managers, but I can't have a meeting with the parents. They are going to have to wake up themselves.

We are going to attack this problem and do our very best to solve it. There may be some bruised places left, but the welfare of the young folks demands that some one take an interest.

R. E. DRAKE,
 City Marshal.

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land Oregon Recruiting District in the Railway Exchange Building, has been recently authorized to make enlistments for the 15th Infantry Band in China. This is considered a very choice assignment for several reasons. In the first place the American Forces in China are, in effect, a Legation Guard stationed at the American Barracks in the City of Tientsin. Most of the leading countries of the world keep troops there also, each in their own quarter or section. For instance the French Quarter and the English in the English Quarter and the Japanese in the Japanese Quarter, etc.

Living conditions in China are very reasonable—much cheaper than in this country, and on top of that one dollar of American money is worth \$1.97 in Chinese money. This price of exchange fluctuates of course.

The pay per month for Army musicians ranges from \$21 to \$126 per month during first enlistment, to this must be added the value of rations, light, heat, medical and dental attention, etc. which is estimated to be equivalent to an increase in the monthly payment of from \$50 to \$75, or more.

Men in Army bands have no military duties to perform other than that of playing an instrument—which usually consist of about three concerts per week and one dance which the orchestra mostly plays. Of course they do more or less practice on their instruments daily.

Men who play the following instruments are wanted: Saxophone, Clarinets, Bass Drum, Cornets, Bassoon, Base and French Horn. It is also desired that several of these men should be able to double on the violin."

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. Giroux, a resident of the Catlow section, was in Burns for a short visit during the present week.

I. Weinstein arrived home Wednesday evening from a trip to several of the coast cities where he was buying for his mercantile establishments. He went over to Boise on his way home. Mr. Weinstein reports business very quiet, all over the northwest but there is a spirit of optimism and every one is looking forward to a good business during 1925. Mr. Weinstein also says that prices on most everything is on the rise.

Louis Rath, who is in charge of the mail route from Crane to Blitzen, was in town this week for a short time attending to some business matters. Mr. Rath states that the mail service has materially improved over that route recently. He also said there was some friction recently in connection with mail carrier and post master but it is evidently settled

as nothing has been reported to local peace officers in this connection, so far as we have learned. Mr. Rath says the snow has all disappeared in the Catlow country but an abundance is still on the Stein's Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Riley went to Bend Wednesday for a short visit. They were accompanied out by Miss Dorothy Keeney and Mrs. Ted Pat-

erson. Miss Keeney was returning to Bend to remain and Mrs. Patterson was going to Redmond to visit her parents for a few days.

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