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From the Editor's Point of View

"Baa, Black Sheep; Buy White Wool?"

The Portland chamber of commerce proclaims its altruism. It loves and labors for every denizen of Oregon, every community, every development program.

Portland is credited with more wealth per capita than any other city. A large part of its wealth has resulted from buying farm products for less than the cost of production and letting the consumer have them for double the cost or more.

The funds used in this business largely escape taxation. The assessor can't see them. The income from them goes tax free because Portland, in the words of one of its representatives, "put one over on the country voters" and defeated the income tax.

The grange, which represents the country producers, pleads for an income tax. The rural population vote for it. But Portland furnishes funds to fight it and twice has defeated it.

Portland shows its love for the farmers by encouraging immigration and the development of unused farmland. Good work for Oregon; yes. But better for Portland. These immigrants are so many more sheep for Portland to shear. They add to production and that depresses prices.

Do you see anything suspicious under the sheep's clothing Portland wears?

If potential murderers in Italy were as good marksmen as those in America Mussolini would be with the preceding Césars.

Of course they do good baking at Baker. When they cook a political goose the bird is done to a turn, as was demonstrated in the late election.

Not even a campaign fund from Portland could save the Dennis resolution. Its name is still Dennis.

Can anybody recall the instance of a retiring governor of Oregon who was not violently denounced for the number of his pardons and commutations of penitentiary sentences?

If Hector McPherson's announced program can be carried out and a stop put to the immense waste of the people's money in useless state boards and commissions, and those which overlap and fizzle can be stopped, the effect may be a reduction in taxes.

Britain consents that her colonies may be with her "equal partners under one king." "The shot heard round the world" 150 years ago, and a good deal of twisting of his tall since then, have contributed to the present amiable disposition of the British lion.

Governor Pierce changed Oregon state prison industry from a farce and a fizzle

into a success. Here's hoping Governor Patterson will be as successful.

The gushy, mushy, slushy, sloshy letters of Pastor Hall of New Brunswick (N. J.) to Mrs. Mills were even more idiotically silly than those once written to Mrs. Tilton by Henry Ward Beecher. It takes an able linguist to express in words such maudlin Venustian senility.

Mr. Patterson says he will give us an efficient government, not weakened by partisan preferences. If he can do that he has one of the strongest backbones on earth.

More than 86,000,000 people paid admission to fairs in this country last year—over two-thirds of the population. The Philadelphia exposition did not get its share of this patronage and was a failure because its managers wasted its publicity funds in sending to the newspapers of the country tons of appeals for free advertising. The Enterprise found its share of those tons really useful only in kindling fires. A campaign among newspapers against giving free space to causes that ought to pay their own way is bearing fruit.

The Harrisburg bridge reventment withstood this week's flood.

Meetings in the interest of the sugar beet industry will be held next week. The Utah-Idaho Sugar company wants the product of 1500 acres. One meeting will be in the chamber of commerce rooms at Corvallis at 1:30 Monday and one at Albany at 7:30 Tuesday evening.

→ Huddling in the cold rain and blizzard-swept fields in the valley of Ararat are thousands of children. Continuous earthquakes have opened deep fissures in the ground, have caused the foothills to sink fifteen feet, have destroyed scores of villages and thousands of homes, killed and injured many people and left multitudes homeless. The near east relief is working faithfully to care for its 35,000 precious charges and may have to abandon its orphanages in the Ararat valley and find other refuges for the children who are dependent upon our loving gifts for their very lives and for their training in self-support. Dec. 5 will be golden rule Sunday. Make it the occasion of glad and generous giving through your church or other agency, to this urgent and blessed service of love in His name.—Literary Digest.

Or send direct to Near East Relief, 613 Stock Exchange Bldg., Portland, Or.

HALSEY, LINN AND OREGON

John Standish has a daughter. She has been visible—and audible—in an Albany hospital with Mrs. Standish since Monday. Her face may be redder than John's, but the top of her head isn't.

Alberta Koontz was home over the week end.

Leighton Henderson is working in the Brownsville Times office.

Henry Kirk and Earl Elliott spent Saturday with Lester Albertson.

Guy Layton, who is employed at Eugene, spent thanksgiving with the home folks.

Randall and Bertha Zellmer spent thanksgiving at O. M. Edwards', near Brownsville.

Robert Ramsay and wife and O. J. Albertson and wife and son Lester spent thanksgiving at J. N. Elliott's.

Karl Bramwell and family spent the week end in Portland. Mrs. Edith Robnett had charge of the postoffice.

Lester and Vida Albertson gave a party to a number of their friends at O. J. Albertson's Friday. Present were Misses Gladys Willbanks, Luise Seefeld, Mary Smith, Lena Bass, Helen Carter, Violet Carver, Clara Blood, Bessie Salmon and Bertha Zellmer, and Messrs. Ted, Steve and Ralph Smith, Cecil Dawson, Edward Blood, Earl Albertson, Tracy Zellmer, Wayne Smith, Carl and Milton Elliott, J. N. Elliott and Robert Ramsay and the wives of the two latter. Games were played until late, when light refreshments were served. It was a much enjoyed affair.

H. W. Chance sold nine buff Orpington hens this fall that brought him only a few cents less than \$18, or \$1.50 apiece, at 24c a pound. At that rate, and a corresponding weight for that half of every hatch which must be sold young for meat because it will never lay eggs, one can stand a slight reduction in price for eggs because of the senseless prejudice against a brown shell.

The Waymire family of North Bend write to the Oregon Farmer: "We have a barred rock hen that set in February. Then we gave her 87 chicks from the incubator. She raised 82 of them. She set again and we gave her 21. She raised them all. She then set again and is now mothering her third brood, 80, making a total of 133 chicks."

An O. A. C. expert believes that standardization of the product is one of the outstanding problems facing those producing Oregon butter for market. Co-operators and others have been paying a premium for sweet cream. It received sweet they can control its acidity for churning. In Iowa, after much research and experiment, they found cream with a 28 per cent acid content, add 2 to 2 1/2 per cent salt and make butter of high quality, with a flavor that is satisfactory to the trade.

A. J. Hill, Frank Hadley and W. L. Wells are among 500 or more men appointed as group leaders for the state Methodist council in Portland Thursday and Friday of next week.

The windows of heaven were opened Sunday night and Halsey was as nearly flooded Monday as she ever is. The highway commission's two-tube culvert in the north part of town is inadequate in a big rain. The commission's engineer proposed to put in one of those cement tubes. After strong local protests a second was sent and put in, but these are inadequate

when we get two inches of rain, or nearly that, as we do sometimes, in 24 hours, and the state road becomes a dam that floods private property.

The flood following Sunday night's storm washed out a bridge on the Halsey-Brownsville road, near the Daugherty place.

Jim Drinkard won two turkeys at the gun club's shoot Thursday and Carl Hill, Frank Gansle and Mr. James of Brownsville one each.

The Halsey pharmacy will show you samples of Christmas cards and take orders and have your name neatly printed on them if you wish.

Mrs. Wilder of Berkeley, Cal. went home Monday after a visit of three weeks with Mrs. Curtis Veatch.

Delos Wesley and son Scott and Mrs. Effie Wesley and son left here last week Wednesday and visited Portland and Tacoma. Mrs. Wesley and son returned by train Sunday evening. The others stopped longer in Portland and arrived at home Tuesday night.

→ An entertaining and instructive moving picture of "The Wild Life" of Oregon, showing films of game, fish, etc., will be given at the city hall Friday, Dec. 3, at 8 p. m. No admittance charged. Everyone cordially invited.

W. L. Wright has gone out of the auto business.

Our second Christmas advertisement comes from the Halsey pharmacy, and it's a hummer. The stock includes gifts suitable for everybody, from the baby to grandfather.

The roof of the Oddfellows' building functioned so poorly that advantage was taken of the lull in the storm this week to make repairs.

The Chicago Sunday Tribune recently published pictures of Lewis R. Wilson of Halsey and Rufus R. Wilson of Waukegan, Ia., as "the oldest twins of the blue," who attended the recent G. A. R. encampment at Des Moines. They are twins, 85 years old, and look as alike as two peas in the picture. Mrs. Kittie Smith of Chicago sent a copy to her cousin Mrs. Curtis Veatch.

Mr. Merrill of the Murphy seed store at the county metropolis was in Halsey Friday on seed business and called on the Enterprise.

Halsey is a center for certain seeds. One of our dealers, who had a call for ten carloads of ryegrass seed for a customer, last spring contracted with growers for the crop on as many acres as were expected to produce that amount. The yield this year was double the average. That made the price drop. Our merchant paid farmers the agreed price and lost about \$2,000 on the surplus over his ten carloads.

Guy Hughes has bought the Harrisburg Bulletin from S. P. Shutt and William H. Wheeler has bought the Halsey Rural Enterprise from Hugh L. Almon. Mr. Shutt thinks the name of this paper could be improved. Perhaps he doesn't know how truly rural we all are here in Halsey.

Our first Christmas-gift advertisement comes from the Murphy seed store. Look at it.

The Albany Creamery company is ready to pay cash for your cream and eggs. Read its advertisement.

We hope you like this locality and its inhabitants. We hope you are disposed to help improve the conditions under which we all live. Nothing on earth is perfect, and he who does not progress might as well be dead. We hope you like your local paper and will help it to do its part by your subscription and by speaking a good word for it to the neighbor who is not a subscriber. If the paper does not suit you please tell us why. The editor does not know it all; and he would like to learn.

Yesterday in a justice's court at the county seat Herbert Lerwill pleaded guilty to a charge of having booze in his possession.

Anders Christiansen of Rowland is on the grand jury.

Alford Arrows
(Enterprise Correspondent)

Thanksgiving guests at Chester Curtis' were Alvin Allen and family of Cottage Grove and Mrs. Mrs. C. H. Tandy and Mrs. Edna Philpott and little son of Harrisburg.

E. D. Isom and family ate thanksgiving dinner with Mrs. Isom's mother, Mrs. L. E. Bond, at the courthouse city.

William Jenks and wife of Tan-
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News of Interest From the Schools

Impertinence & Cigarets Not in Favor

Halsey young people have a good reputation among Oregon towns for general orderly conduct, but a few half-grown, half-baked and insufficiently spanked boys have of late brought a shadow on that good name.

They will probably outgrow their foolishness. We hope so, for we wish them no ill, but there often are boys who, starting with pranks played for fun, progress to slight infractions of law and so gradually till they reach the penitentiary or the gallows. Leopold and Loeb, serving time for killing the little Frank boy in Chicago, are examples.

At Vancouver, B. C., week before last, two youths who had been traveling this progressive route were convicted of attacking girls. The judge told them that under the Canadian law he had power to send them to the gallows, but he let them off with a flogging and a term in prison. Jail floggings at Vancouver prison usually cut the skin and make the blood fly. While these youths are in prison at hard labor there will be time for their backs to heal and for them to consider whether the fun they have had has been worth its cost.

Delaware has always had the whipping post among its reformatory institutions. Lately it fell somewhat into disuse. When the wave of crime of which we hear so much struck that state the use of the lash was resorted to more freely and hold-up men and murderers have scattered into other states.

To return to Halsey: Cigaret smoking at the schoolhouse by pupils when not under supervision is complained of by some who dislike the odor it leaves. This is a violation of the law, probably graduated to from the ringing of doorbells and similar pranks. The young smoker is liable to arrest and punishment.

We have the names of several smarties who have annoyed unprotected women on the street by offensive conduct and impertinent and insulting remarks. These also are liable to arrest and punishment under the law against acts or words liable to provoke a breach of the peace. A breach of the peace is liable to result here, for a report comes that one or two women have taken to carrying weapons when out alone.

One violation of the law is bad enough. Two are worse. Though American juries usually acquit a woman who offends under such circumstances as we have referred to, our advice to the ladies is to control their indignation and report offenders to this office. If the parents, then, are unable to cause the youth to desist, on a second report the publication of his name will be a warning to look out for him. The name of a complaining woman or girl will not be revealed unless the case gets into the courts.

One of the boys referred to threw a ball at his teacher, a few weeks ago, and hit her. She gave him a slap and asked:

"Will you do that again?"

"Maybe."

Another slap and: "Now do you think you will?"

"Yes."

Then the teacher became a slapper in earnest and soon the boy promised not to repeat his offense.

Another somewhat similar case
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- Kodaks \$1.00 to 65.00
- Kodak Albums . 75c, \$1.50 and \$3.00
- Games--Rook, Pit, Flinch, etc.
- Bill Folds \$1.00 to 3.00
- Purses 50c to \$3.00
- Flashlights \$1.40 up
- Watches \$1.50, 2.25 and 2.75
- Pens, Parker Duofold, \$3.50, 5.00 7.00
- Pencils, Eversharp . . . 50c to \$5.00

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