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## LETTERS

From Our Readers

### SOME OF MY EXPERIENCES

The second day of May, 1911, found me on a train pulling out of Kansas City for Idaho. I was quite young, only twenty-two. My father had died a short time before and left me a few hundred dollars. I had heard a great deal about the West, and had determined to try my luck there.

In due time we arrived in Boise. I left the train and went to a hotel, where I stayed for a few days. One evening a tall raw-boned old man came in to the hotel and I struck up a conversation with him and told him I was just from the East and was looking for an opening, preferably farming. Before we went to bed I had agreed to go home with him.

We met at the table next morning and by ten o'clock we had left town. For two days we journeyed through some magnificent country. The second day, at about noon, we came into very rough country which my chance acquaintance told me were foothills. At about five o'clock in the afternoon we came to his ranch.

It was a picturesque place in the head of a canyon. He owned three "forties" all in a row. He said that he had unlimited range. Lack on the mountain and no one could crowd him out.

I stayed with my host, whose name was Dorman, for upwards of a week. He told me that on the other side of the divide was some homestead land, and he advised me to take a look at it. Accordingly, the next morning, he saddled one of his horses, packed a good lunch in the saddle bags and showed me the trail. The trail was quite steep right at the start and did not seem to get any better as I travelled upward.

I turned a sharp corner and the trail was only about two and a half feet wide. The mountain sloped downward at almost half pitch and was bare with the exception of a stunted fir tree here and there that held a precarious foothold in the rocky wall. Just then I heard a shout ahead which brought me to a halt. Looking up, I beheld a rough looking man on horse back. He had also stopped. I started my horse and when I got within thirty feet of him I stopped and said, "Hello, stranger. We are in a tight place."

"You have said it, sonny," said he.

"How will we get by?" I asked.

"Well, I don't know," he drawled. "About forty feet up the trail it is a little wider. I will try to back my horse up to it."

He swung off and taking the reins of his horse in his hand started to back his horse. It took nearly a quarter of an hour for him to back that forty feet. The trail there was about five feet wide. He worked his horse as close as he could to the bank and turning to me, he said, "Do you think that you can make it?"

I told him I would try and, tenderfoot that I was, I started to ride past. As the two horses came shoulder to shoulder his horse gave a vicious nip at mine. My horse leaped forward and outward and went over the grade. I was quite an athletic chap. I jerked my feet out of the stirrups and then sprang from the saddle, but just succeeded in touching the edge of the grade with my fingers.

Down the side of the canyon I rolled when suddenly I brought up with a jerk that knocked the breath out of me for a minute. I heard the man calling out up on the trail. I commenced to take notice of my predicament. I was lying nicely balanced against one of the fir trees that grew in the rock crevices in the canyon. Then I took notice of the man on the trail. He was shouting to me to catch a rope. I started to get into a sitting position, but a severe pain in my side stopped me. I soon found that I had some fractured ribs.

The man on the grade kept calling to me and then a rope fell beside me. I put out my hand and grasped it and made it fast under my arms. The man above commenced to pull and

### ALFALFA NOTES

Several inquiries have been made regarding fall seeding of alfalfa.

As a practice fall seeding of alfalfa is apt to be unsuccessful. Alfalfa, in its first few weeks of growth, is a very tender plant and it is usually not far enough developed to withstand the early frosts and cold weather.

Fall seeding of alfalfa has been tried in different parts of the county in years past, and is generally reported as a failure.

The safer practice is to follow spring seeding, so stated Sherman Hyre of Hillsboro, who has tried fall seedings without success. Mr. Hyre has planted alfalfa in the spring for the past five years with a high degree of success.

J. J. Van Kleek of Beaverton, Route 3, has a successful planting of alfalfa made this spring. Mr. VanKleek states that he seeded on land which was fall plowed, and had the ground very firm underneath with a shallow dust mulch. He contributes the success to securing a stand of alfalfa to this fact.

Another good stand of alfalfa was reported by S. M. Mears of Scholls. Mr. Mears did not spring plow, but disced stubble land and seeded alfalfa. In this way Mr. Mears prepared his land so that it was firm underneath with a shallow dust mulch on top. In a dry year this is very important.

### MULTNOMAH WANTS TO BE ANNEXED

Residents of Multnomah, the unincorporated community lying southwest of Portland, are desirous of being annexed to the city of Portland.

Just how strong the sentiment in favor of annexation is will become known in the next few days. Leaders of the movement expect to have a petition ready soon to present to the city council. It is necessary that fifteen per cent of the legal voters sign the petition. No trouble is expected in obtaining that proportion of signatures.

It is planned to have the preliminary proceedings completed in time so residents of the community may vote on the issue at the time of the regular November election.

### CONTRACT AWARDED FOR HEDGE BUILDING

The bids were opened on the 17th day of September for the creation of G. E. Hedge's store building, there being two local and four Portland firms bidding. The contract was awarded to Bertelsen, Johannessen and Villa of Portland.

The contract price is around \$10,000, and the building is to be ready for occupancy about the first of November, if the weather conditions are favorable. The work will start Monday.

It is understood that the largest of the three rooms is to be occupied by the Twentieth Century Grocery Store, and the west room by F. W. Bishop, plumbing and hardware.

The building is to be of stone tile, with a plate glass front. It will be modern in every particular.

### THEIR ELEMENT

Aunt Kate: How do you girls get along at your club?

Niece: Well, of course we don't get along at all, but we have a great deal better time than if we did.

The market road from Philomath to Wren will soon be finished and opened to traffic. A road from Wren to King's Valley has been promised for 1925.

The Blumauer-Frank Drug Company is planning a \$300,000 warehouse, seven stories high, on Irving Street, between 13th and 14th streets, Portland.

Everything went black.

When I came to I was lying on the trail and the mountaineer was bathing my temples with water. He told me to lie flat and he would bring help in the course of a couple hours he returned with two men. They helped me onto a rough stretcher.

They carried me to a rough cabin, where I recovered in a couple of months and now I am well and healthy again.

William Riley  
Beaverton, Ore.

### "THE MAN FROM BROADWAY"

Jeff Hartman, a roving, care-free cowpuncher, in looking for a job, meets Jumbo Williams, a fat cowboy, who directs him to Lufe Peasley (A. Ferguson), the meanest ranchowner in the state of Montana. Peasley hits Jeff on the head for trespassing and Jeff returns the compliment and flees.

Chiquita, Peasley's daughter, applauds Jeff for a joke played on Jumbo. Afraid of women, Jeff flees from her only to meet Hazel Moore, coming to the town on a stage. Hazel mistakes Jeff for a bandit, and falls in love with him. Jeff "beats it" only to have a second run-in with Peasley, who forces him to fight two of his men for the black eye he gave him. Jeff whips the men and Peasley forces him to agree to represent Peasley in a wrestling match to settle a feud between Peasley and Hazel's uncle, Matt Henderson, as to who has the best cow outfit on the "range." Hazel and Chiquita have a lively spat over Jeff, who cares for neither of them.

On the day of the match Peasley tells Jeff he will shoot him if he loses. Henderson tells him if he wins he will turn him over to the sheriff for being the bandit who held up the stage. Jeff is innocent, but the appearances are against him.

Hazel and Chiquita each ask him to win for her sake. Not daring to win or lose, Jeff does not know what to do. The arrival of the sheriff to arrest Jeff for the hold-up saves the situation, because Jeff tricks the sheriff and makes his escape, to ride his way alone, leaving his troubles behind him.

"The Man from Broadway" is coming to the Pacific Theatre Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 14 and 15.

### BIG ROAD MEETING HELD AT KINTON

A big road meeting was held at the Kinton Grange Hall Saturday afternoon. The celebration was held for the opening of the new water grade route around Caldwell hill. The route is over two miles long, and is laid through the timber. It will be of untold value to the people of Scholls.

A parade was held in the early afternoon covering the old road and the new one. Those in attendance are reported to have consumed all the cake and the twenty gallons of ice cream which were furnished.

Representatives of the state highway commission and of the state engineering department, and the county road supervisors were in attendance at the meeting.

The speakers were Governor Pierce, Judge Atkinson of The Dalles, Loyal M. Graham of Forest Grove, L. Hesse, Ferd Groner, and M. Jones, market road engineer. A musical program was rendered by Bert Rowell, W. McDonald, Finis Brown and Mrs. Mulloy. Miss Thorsell recited an original poem.

## Urges Women Not To Be Among Ballot "Slackers"



MRS. ALVIN T. HERT

Born on a southern Indiana farm, the teacher of a country school, the wife of a successful business man whose affairs she now manages, a farmer on her own Kentucky acres, an able business woman, but with all the charm and graciousness of a lady of the old school—such is Mrs. Alvin T. Hert, Vice Chairman of the Republican National Committee.

Mrs. Hert's headquarters are in Chicago, from which center she is broadcasting to American women first of all the message of their great responsibility. The women claimed that if given the vote they would make the United States a better place to live in. Mrs. Hert is urging all women not to be among the twenty-five million ballot slackers, but to go to the polls on Election Day and vote for what they believe to be the policies that will mean most in the light of human burdens, in the general welfare of all.

True, Mrs. Hert is a good Republican, but her message breathes first of all the soul of a humanitarian, coupled with the conviction that of all the agencies at hand the Republican party is the most effective one through which what women want—social progress, the greatest good of the greatest number—can be achieved.

Her political creed is summed up in the belief that the purpose of government is to "establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity."

It is hard to quarrel with such a creed unless one wants to find fault with the preamble of the Constitution of the United States!

### SOMETHING ABOUT FRED THOMSON

Fred Thomson was the World Champion all-around athlete for three years, 1910, 1911, and 1912, and still holds the world record for the highest number of points scored by any athlete, 7,577. This record has never been equalled. His own brother, present champion, is his nearest opponent with 7,519 points.

Thomson graduated from Occidental College, Los Angeles, in 1910. He graduated from the Princeton College in 1913. He was Chaplain in the World War with the 143rd Field Artillery.

In moving pictures he has played with Mary Pickford in "The Love Light," played the lead in the Universal serial, "The Eagle's Talons" and "The Lost Submarine." He also played the lead in the Cosmopolitan production, "Just Around the Corner."

HOW'D YOU LIKE TO BE FRED THOMSON?

Did you ever try to think what would happen to you if you tried to do some of the wild riding and thrilling rescues that you see on the screen? And did you ever stop to think of the experience that is necessary to accomplish these stunts that flash by you so fast on the screen?

It is a fact, however, that Fred Thomson, whose latest thriller, "The Mask of Lopez," a Harry J. Brown production, which appears at the Pacific Theatre Saturday and Sunday, has gained his big following by continuous hard work and practice at all the difficult stunts which he accomplishes with seemingly no difficulty at all. Thomson devotes hour after hour to gain the efficiency of the smallest stunt.

He spent many an hour to perfect the remarkable leap that is shown in "The Mask of Lopez" over a seven-foot fence to the back of his famous horse Silver King, just as the horse passes a given point at the fence so that Thomson lands directly in the saddle and speeds away a terrific pace without slowing up the horse one second. It is a hazardous feat, but it is done so prettily by Thomson that it appears not the least bit dangerous (but we suggest that you do not attempt it).

Our ads are written to be read.

## FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Interesting Little Notes from the Surrounding Country as Told by Our Active Special Correspondents Weekly

### SCOFIELD NEWS

Mrs. P. Noack is visiting in Portland that week.

Mrs. A. Willis was in Buxton Thursday afternoon.

John Boas made a business trip to Portland Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gratton spent the week end in Portland.

Coxey Stowell and his bride have returned to Scofield to live.

A. L. Cutright and family were in Buxton Thursday evening.

E. B. Whittlesey was in Vernonia Wednesday visiting friends.

E. B. Whittlesey made a business trip to Portland Tuesday morning.

John Peppard was in Hillsboro Tuesday afternoon on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Shoemaker were in Hillsboro Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Benefiel and son were in Portland Wednesday on business.

F. O'Donnell and wife were in Banks at the ball game there Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Benefiel and son and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Myers were in Buxton Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. C. H. Tarry is visiting in Portland this week. Her son Edgar leaves for U. S. A. Navy duty this week.

Joe Bellish made a business trip to Portland Friday morning. Mrs. Joe Bellish and son visited at Buxton Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O'Donnell and Mrs. D. O'Donnell and family motored to Portland Saturday to visit over Sunday with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Benefiel and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. T. Myers made a business trip to Hillsboro and Beaverton Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Benefiel and son, Miss Verona Bellish and John Baas, left on Friday for a motor trip to the eastern part of the state.

### TIGARD NEWS

The Ladies' Aid of the Evangelical Church met at the home of Mrs. Clyde Leedy Thursday.

Blanche Hough was the guest of Miss Edna Sandblom here last week end.

Mrs. F. Butler has returned from a trip to Pendleton to visit her sister, Mrs. J. King.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Foote of Albion, Ind., have been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jensen.

Lillian Minkle was severely injured Thursday when she was struck by a car on the highway.

Mrs. Cutting of Nebraska is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Caldwell.

The M. E. Ladies' Aid held its regular meeting in the church rooms Thursday. Mrs. P. Wahl was hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. George Grant and daughter Harriet, who have been visiting here, left Saturday on a motor trip through Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Leedy and family and Mrs. Flora Leedy have returned from an extended motor trip through Washington and eastern Oregon.

### CAPITOL HILL NEWS

The pupils of the 5B and 6A classes of the Capitol Hill school have organized a basketball team.

The residents of Capitol Hill of the Baptist denomination have organized a mission here. Services will be held in the school house every Sunday afternoon.

Petitions desiring annexation to the city of Portland are being circulated through Capitol Hill, Ryan Place and Multnomah.

Mr. Mr. Fiske has charge of the matter in Capitol Hill.

The Capitol Hill Improvement Club has been favored by the donation of a fine lot, and the building committee, under the direction of Mr. Cleaves, will make a thorough canvass of the district for funds for a building.

The election on the water bond issue for Multnomah, Ryan Place and Capitol Hill will be called on October 18. This is a preliminary election for the appointment of water commissioners, after which another election will be called to definitely settle the matter.

A contract has been let in Beaverton for a new \$20,000 theatre.

A new four-room store building is to be erected at once in Reedsport.

Albany has finished five contracted street paving jobs at a cost of \$33,000.

Eugene is laying pavement this season which will cost more than \$170,000.

The Booth-Kelley plant is running two full daily shifts in great sawmill.

Three rock crushers are at work in Arlington surfacing the Rock Creek highway.

The Albany pickle plant is being enlarged and will handle 20 tons of cucumbers daily.

A fireproof building, containing ten stores and a theatre, will be built in Astoria.

The first carload of vetch seed has been shipped from Roseburg to Los Angeles.

Contracts have been let in Ranier for two new concrete and tile business buildings.

A new \$30,000 school has been dedicated in Eagle Valley. It is being used this year.

A new \$75,000 depot for S. P. & S. railroad company will be built at once in Astoria.

The Christian Church in the city of Glendale expects to build a new church before winter.

There is a great demand for acreage plots in Brookings, and new lands will soon be opened.

The cornerstone has been laid in Eugene for a new Woodrow Wilson junior high school.

The Menefee sawmill at Ranier is again in operation after extensive repairs following a fire.

Work has been started in Vernonia on a fireproof business block to house three new stores.

Ninety cars of wheat were received in Astoria in one day for export to the United Kingdom.

The school population of the city of Pendleton gains eight per cent over the 1923 registration.

The contract has been let for a new theatre building in Myrtle Point. Work will start at once.

The pinnacles in Yaquina Bay have been cut off to increase the water depth to seventeen feet.

Building permits totalling \$526,735 were granted in Klamath Falls during the month of August.

The new Portland city directory shows an increase in population of 100,000 since the census in 1920.

The Forest Service will call for bids on 325,000,000 feet of merchantable timber near the town of Friend, Wasco County.

Apple picking in Hood River will be two weeks early, due to dry weather. There is a prospect of a good crop and higher prices.

Y. J. Brown of Angess, after three years of development work, has a gold mine equipped with machinery ready to start this fall.

## Packing Up

