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THE SACK QUESTION

Asserting that the custom of shipping grain in sacks is a survival from conditions of a day which is rapidly passing, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, commenting upon the decision of the Farmers' Union of Grant county, which recently voted in favor of the abandonment of the present system, says:

"In the earlier days of wheat growing on this Coast the entire crop, above local Coast needs, was shipped to Europe in sailing vessels. Such vessels could not carry cargoes of grain in bulk on such long voyages, involving rounding of the Horn and twice crossing the equator. Indeed, the insurance companies refused to take risks upon such a cargo. Therefore it was that the practice was forced of sacking all grain at the threshing and shipping it in sacks.

"The practice imposed a severe tax upon the farmers. This tax amounted to about 6 cents a bushel, although there was some rebate for the value of the sacks, but not much. As a result of the sacking plan there has been no development of elevator business, either at shipping points or terminals, as compared with the development in other grain-growing districts.

"The necessity for the practice is gone. The bulk of the grain is now milled at home, shipments to Europe being only a small fraction of the total crop. The practice has survived long after the necessity for it has passed. It will take time to bring around conditions which will save the wheat growers of this state the unnecessary tax, but they should work to expedite the time as much as is possible."

Each of the above is true, but obviously the Post-Intelligencer has not taken into consideration the modern method of harvesting grain—the use of the combined harvester. The introduction of the combine into the wheat fields of the Northwest makes the use of sacks more imperative than ever. It would appear, for the reason that it would be impracticable and costly to handle grain from the combine in bulk.

The Press has received a copy of the Workmen's Compensation Act, which passed almost unanimously in the last session of the legislature, was held up by the referendum and approved by the people on November 4th by a vote of more than two to one. Included with the law is the report of the commission which framed the bill. The law became effective immediately after the election insofar as the organization of the commission was concerned, but the insurance features of the act do not become operative until July 1, 1914. This law provides for the creation of the Industrial Accident Fund, which is to be made up by contributions from employers, the workmen and the state. The law is elective, both in its application to the employer and employe, either of whom may elect to come under the law or not, but employers in any of the hazardous occupations, who elect not to take advantage of the act, are deprived of the common law defenses of contributory negligence, fellow servant liability and assumption of risk in any action for damages by their employes. Workmen who reject the act lose the benefits provided.

The fact that the Colonel habitually hibernates in after-lunch siestas, was unearthed by the Press man during a visit at Weston Monday. We went to his home and poked him out of his lethargic doze, much the same as a keeper would use a pike on the sole-leather skin of a rhinoceros. With a stifled grunt or two, he accompanied us to his up town scrap heap. Here's a sentiment to which no doubt the colonel will unhesitatingly subscribe: "I wish I was a rock a-settin' on a hill, a-doin' nothin' all day long, but just a-settin' still. I wouldn't work, I jes' would shirk; I wouldn't even wash—I'd jes' set there a thousand years and rest myself—b' goah!"

Each day the papers carry the stories of death in automobile accidents caused by too fast driving and dangerous or crowded places. It seems every community must have its dearly bought lesson before careful driving becomes the rule.

While we are conserving the art of the red man, why not give just a little thought to the conservation of the producers of this same art.

The burden imposed upon the Oregonian's Washington news bureau seems to center in noting the absence of members of President Wilson's official family from the capitol. Particular attention appears to be given Mr. Bryan, by the Portland paper's correspondent. Assuming that this scribe is a high class product, the secretary of state can not help but feel flattered in the knowledge that he is the kingpin to which these attacks are directed.

As expected, Judge Anderson of Baker, sustained every point raised for Governor West in the injunction suit filed by the Copperfield saloon men. These were nothing else for Judge Anderson to do in the premises. Hence, District Attorney Godwin's partner, Lawyer Nichols, looks like 30 cents.

HE WAS A GOOD SOLDIER.

And His Loss Was Deplorable by Paul I., the Half Mad Czar.

In Walezewski's life of Paul I., the half mad son of Catherine the Great, occurs the striking anecdote illustrative of the workings of the disorganized mind. It seems that in a report on military affairs submitted to the Emperor Paul the final syllable of the Russian word for cornet or ensign was carried over from one page to another.

The emperor took it for a proper name, and, moved by a caprice, he gave orders that Ensign Kij should be promoted to the rank of lieutenant. He saw an expression of surprise and disappointment on the faces of the staff, who did not dare to explain his error; so the next day he promoted the lieutenant of the day before to the rank of captain and some days later to that of colonel, demanding that the officer should be presented to him at once. There was consternation everywhere. The officers were turned upside down in search of the imaginary Kij.

A subaltern of the name or something like it was found in one of the regiments quartered on the Don. He was sent for, but Paul grew impatient, and in the end he had to be told that Kij had been carried off suddenly by a stroke.

"That is a pity," observed the czar. "He was a good soldier."

THE NAME "ARTHUR."

It Has a Wider Significance Than is Generally Supposed.

The New Life, the London organ on "the most ancient faith," gives its readers the following recondite notes on the name "Arthur."

The name is not pronounced Arthur, but Ar-Tau.

The "A" is added for pronouncing in an accentuated manner.

The "T" should be by itself and is pronounced like "are."

"T" signifies the head, and the second part of the name is "Th" or "Tau" or "Tor."

Arthur or Arthor is a tetragrammaton and is shown as R-Th-O-R. It means the head of Thor or Tor-I. e., the head of the highest intelligence.

The Tharus or Tharusus of the east is similar to the Tharus or Torles of Ireland and Scotland.

They were the religious mendicants of the past who led the people rightly in the way of the most ancient faith. With the uprooting of the ancient idealism these mendicants gradually assumed a political mission because of their social power among the Celtic peoples.

The word Tory associated with modern politics has come from this. The word Tory, therefore, has a similar meaning to Arthur and implies "the party or people of divine intelligence."

His Own Medicine.

"If you marry him," said her papa, who was exhibiting symptoms of violent displeasure, "I will not only have to support him, but I will have to pay his debts too."

But the pretty girl and petulant young thing who was hanging to his coat lapels was not moved by the argument.

"Now, papa," she said, "you know well enough that Fred has to live just the same as other men, and as to his debts, I've heard you say hundreds of times that a man's debts ought to be paid."—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

All Alike.

Miss Agnes Reppeler tells in the Atlantic a story about a New York social worker, a woman of earnest character and intelligent methods, who had worked hard to establish respectable dance halls for poor girls. The woman had delivered an address at a meeting. A young married woman of a wealthy and fashionable set inquired whether the girls for whose welfare the work was being conducted never stayed at home. "Never," replied the speaker, "and you will pardon me for saying it, neither do you."

Easy Bravery.

Jinks—From what you told me of your mother-in-law I should think you'd have heard enough from her in person, without having cared to induce her to talk into your phonograph. Filkins Oh, you can't imagine the pleasure it gives me to start the machine going and then shut it off right in the midst of a sentence—Puck.

A Human Habit.

"There is one paradoxical thing which we all do."
"What is that?"
"We long for things when we are short."—Baltimore American.

London's Owners.

London's 116 square miles are owned by 38,200 individuals. Only 700 people own five acres or more, and 14,000 own only the houses in which they live.

Industry supplies the want of parts; patience and diligence, like faith, remove mountains.—William Penn.

Executor's Notice.
In the County Court for Umatilla County, State of Oregon.
In the Matter of the Estate of William Pinkerton, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have been appointed executors of the last will and testament of William Pinkerton, deceased, and as such the above entitled Court has made and entered an order in the above matter appointing the undersigned executors of the estate herein, and they have qualified as the law directs; all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned executors at Milton, Umatilla County Oregon, or to Homer I. Watts, their attorney at his office at Athena, Umatilla County Oregon, with proper vouchers within six months from the date hereof.

Dated this 9th day of January, A. D. 1914.
James W. Pinkerton,
David A. Pinkerton,
Executors of the Estate of William Pinkerton, deceased.
Homer I. Watts,
Attorney.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

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Banking-house furniture fixtures	10,000.00
Due from Nat. Banks, not reserve agents	3,058.89
Due from approved reserve agents	44,329.21
Checks and other cash items	48.00
Notes of other National Banks	12,200.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	121.80
Specie	20,922.15
Red'm'n fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	625.00
Total	\$ 480,538.00
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund	50,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	9,417.88
National bank notes outstanding	12,200.00
Due to other National Banks	4,838.17
Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers	229.61
Individual deposits subj't to check	185,441.68
Drawer's checks outstanding	118,067.17
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	50,000.00
Total	\$ 480,538.00

State of Oregon,)
County of Umatilla,)
I, F. S. Le Grow, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
F. S. Le Grow, Cashier.
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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the above estate by order of the above entitled court and has qualified as the law directs; all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same at my office, or at the office of my attorney, Homer I. Watts, in Athena, Oregon with proper vouchers, within six months from date hereof.

Dated this 13th day of December, A. D. 1913.
Homer I. Watts, B. B. Richards, Administrators.

Notice to Creditors.
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.
In the Matter of the Estate of Madison Jones, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern that George W. Jones, the executor of the last will and testament of Madison Jones, deceased, has resigned and that his resignation has been accepted by the above entitled court; that John M. Jones was, on the 13th day of December, 1913, appointed administrator de bonis non cum testamento annexo of the said estate. All persons having any claims against the estate, or unfinished business connected with the administration of the estate, will present their claims to, and take up their unfinished business with, the said administrator at the office of Will M. Peterson, his attorney, in the Smith-Crawford Building at Pendleton, Oregon.

Dated this 26th day of December, 1913.
John M. Jones,
Administrator de bonis non of the estate of Madison Jones, deceased.
Will M. Peterson,
His Attorney.

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