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The editor of the Canyon City Eagle has been looking into the egg problem. His deduction follows:

"The egg editor of the Oregonian is moulting. On account of the importation of Chinese eggs, he has in effect, predicted the downfall of the republic. The China egg is the evil genius that is to sweep life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness forever from under the imaginary shadow of the Stars and Stripes. Banker Hill and Bull Run were in vain. Gettysburg pales into a fading insignificance and Washington, Lincoln and the Oregonian's beloved Woodrow Wilson all dissipated their patriotic lives for a country that is to be wrecked upon the shoals of the China egg. This great newspaper has shed tears, bitter tears of anguish, in column after column, running through month after month, to warn the great American public of the national disaster that was to follow the China egg. They have kept it up with such persistence that the Oregon Biddy, disgusted in her effort to keep pace with the market, and discouraged in the hope of laying fast enough to keep up with the almond-eyed hen of the Flowery Kingdom, evidently has forsaken the nest until eggs have gone up to 5 cents apiece, and if this egg editor persists in bulling the market, we have a vision of the time when every newspaper man in the state will have to eat his ham without the 'and.'"

A crop census of the Umatilla Project in Oregon has just been compiled by the Reclamation Service. The report is exceedingly gratifying in that it furnishes abundant evidence of substantial progress on the part of settlers. Owing to the numerous natural obstacles in the way of light, sandy and blowing soils, rough topography and lack of experience on the part of many farmers, the settlers have had many difficulties to overcome. During the first few years progress was slow and many were discouraged. The latest report of farm conditions on the project is encouraging as evidencing a better understanding of the requirements, with results which prove the actual merit of this section as a producer of valuable crops.

The Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, the Northern Pacific Railway company and the city of Athena should get together and devise a way to control the waters which come down from the north at times in flood stages. The present channels for the outlet of the waters before emptying into Wild Horse creek are destructive to street and private property. Every time there is a flood, trains are annulled on account of trackage washouts, and lower Main street is damaged more or less.

Indications are that a political web is being thrown around the appointment of Louis D. Brandeis to the Supreme bench. Either Brandeis is fit for the position or he is not fit, and the fact that his appointment was made should be evidence sufficient that he is qualified. Politics from either political party should not be injected into filling a vacancy of the highest tribunal of the nation.

The Up-to-the-Times Magazine for February is an especially good number. This publication is doing wonders toward exploiting the industries and resources of Eastern Washington and Eastern Oregon, and the residents of the sections of the two states mentioned should give it their unqualified support.

The Pilot Rock Record observes that mankind will fight beasts of the earth and air, his own kind and savages, but quickly gives up when struck by the elements. White fear will show in his face when confronted by a wall of water or a sheet of flame. He knows how puny his efforts are when pitted against the powers of nature.

"About the time we get all of the jackrabbits killed off, some enterprising citizen will go to raising them for their fur," opines the Canyon City Eagle. And about that time another enterprising citizen may take a shot at him, too.

The big snow left plenty of moisture and the farmers are beginning to tune up for the plowing season. With no rain to interfere, many will be at work in the fields next week.

**A Mulligan Stew**

Mr. Bruce Dennis, editor of the La Grande Observer, spoke at the Lincoln Club in Portland the other evening, and when he got through his listeners had found out that they had heard something. He grilled the war horses of the rep. party in Oregon, and told 'em where to head in at, and also designated the time—the present. Bruce believes in new blood, and plenty of it. He enlarged Horis McCourt and stuck his free iron into the quivering political flesh of the standpats and bastards. All in all, Bruce seemingly was there with all four feet, and let 'em know that he was from E. Ore.

I have a letter from H. A. Clemens, editor of the Pine Valley, (Baker county) Herald, in which he points out to me the fine points of Robert Service, Baker candidate for a position on the Public Service Commission. Which is all right. Except. Saying nothing against Mr. Service, I have long been convinced of the capabilities of Charley Strain of Pendleton for that position. And I think Charles can be of just a little bit more Service on the public Service commission, than can Service himself.

Get out your fishing yarns; only 43 days until the season opens.

After thorough investigation, I find that my friend Grigier never in his whole life peddled fruit out in the Ukiah country. Nyther in pioneer days nor in other day. It seems that a fellow named Sqwig—and to resemble type, with heavy drooping moustaches—in the Fall who did the peddling act. He is said to have peddled fruit without license, and practiced unique and unscrupulous methods. For instance he would drive up to some Widow woman's house, sell her a bunch of fruit, return and steal it and resell it the next day, and so on, ad Velorum, all over the neighborhood until when he finally quit stealing the fruit and reselling it, everybody had bought fruit from Mr. Sqwig; but the only consumer was the person sold to, and by this time the fruit would be so aged and soft from handling, about the only thing left of it would be the core, and it badly damaged. What-do-y'-know-about-that?

The codfish lays a million eggs While the helpful hen lays one; But the codfish does not oscule To inform us what she's done. And so we scorn the codfish coy, But the helpful hen we prize— Which indicates to thoughtful minds It pays to advertise. —Fibre and Fabric.

I suppose it's all right but it seems to be a long time between spells of Spring weather. However, the kill-dee is heard to give an occasional squawk of promise.

For the Eddyfication of the Athena correspondent to the Weekly Bulldogger, I will say that there may have been a flood at Weston, all right, but I dunno. However, I'm of the opinion that if any water ran down the house chimneys, over there, Kernal Wood would have admitted it; but Sim Barnes—not on Your Ty>Type!

That 300-lb Canadian arrested in Spokane for snuffing Americans to serve in the British army is some Patriotic. I'm thinking, 'Too late to enter the ranks, he put in his time moonching for treach material on this side of the line. There are different ways of serving one's country and his way is one way.

The Voracious Cormorant. How a cormorant dives for sea trout and gets them is told by a writer: "I had the cormorant under observation only for the space of four or five minutes, and during that short period it had captured four sea trout, all of considerable size. After being under water for a few seconds the bird would reappear with a sea trout wriggling in its bill. But in spite of the victim's desperate efforts to escape it was deftly swallowed, and after a few gulps the cormorant would resume its fishing operations. One of the sea trout gave it considerable trouble, however, for the fish struggled violently for some moments, but was deftly placed so that its head pointed down its captor's throat, and thus its own struggles assisted the bird to swallow it."

"Where, and you be that an can to the dog's tail?" "Yes, sir," replied the smart boy. "I'm trying to do a kind act every day. That dog chases every rabbit he sees. I tied the can to him so that it will make a noise and warn the rabbit." —Washington Star

Patent Office Documents. If all the documents stored in the patent office at Washington could be placed end to end they would form a strip that would reach around the earth three times.

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**JERRY STONE DIED WEDNESDAY**

Funeral Services Will Held At Christian Church Tomorrow Forenoon.

Jerry Stone, a well known pioneer resident of this county, died Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock, at his home near Adams. Death was due to stomach trouble from which he had suffered intensely for the last month, and with which he was afflicted for some time.

His life was despaired of a couple of weeks ago but the patient rallied and for several days prior to his demise, he had been some better. He is survived by his wife, one daughter and three sons. They are Mrs. Corrie Hunt of Bellingham, Wash., S. A. Stone, a newspaperman of Salem, and David and Clifford, of this county. He also leaves three brothers and three sisters. They are: Dr. S. C. Stone, of Salem; E. H. Stone of Thornton, Wash., and L. N. Stone of Walla Walla; Mrs. Samantha Gerking of Pullman, Wash., Mrs. Tittsworth of Midvale, Idaho and Mrs. Della Maloney of Walla Walla.

The funeral services will be held at the Christian church in this city, tomorrow, Saturday forenoon, at 11 o'clock.

Jeremiah Stone was born at Charleston, Illinois, on June 15, 1854, and died February 16, 1916, aged 61 years, eight months and four days. In the year 1878 he crossed the plains with his parents. The family located in Eastern Washington, settling near Walla Walla, after living six years in the Willamette valley. In 1873 he moved into this vicinity where he since resided until he moved to his present home, near Adams. In October, 1878, he was united in marriage to Miss Josie Perzinger, and five children were born to them, one a daughter, preceding him to the grave.

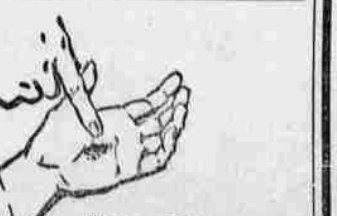
For many years he had been a member of the Christian church. He took a lively interest in all public affairs and at one time was a member of the Oregon legislature.

List of New Books.  
The following books have recently been received at the local library, from the librarian at Pendleton:  
Brewster—Nutrition of the Household Towas—Hattis That Handicap.  
Fiction.

- Cather—Song of the Lark.
- Lee—Aut Jane.
- Lefevre—H. R.
- Rhodes—Braesford in Arendia.
- Rinehart—"K."
- Ward—Eltham House.
- Webster—Dear Enemy.
- White—Adventures of Bobby Orde.
- Children's Books.
- Comstock—Way of the Sixfooted.
- Dopp—Early Sea People.
- Gould—Mother Nature's Children.
- Grover—Overall Boys.
- Hall—Giddy-Go-Round.
- Harris—Nights With Uncle Remus.
- Holtrop—Cave, Mound and Lake Dwellers.
- Holbrook—Blawatha Primer.
- Holbrook—Round the Year in Myth and Song.
- Jacobs—Indian Fairy Tales.
- Jamison—Lady Jane.
- Kingsley—Greek Heroes.
- Mable—Norse Stories.
- Mathewson—Pitching in a Pinch.
- Maule—Boys Book of New Inventions.
- O'Shea—Old World Wonder Stories.
- Reynard, the Fox.
- Richards—Five Mice in a Mouse Trap.
- Roberts—Kings in Exile.
- Ston—Wild Animals I Have Known.
- Wade—Light Bringers.
- Wilds—Happy Prince.

Card of Thanks.  
We desire to thank the many friends for their kind and considerate acts during the death and funeral of Mrs. Frank Swaggart.  
Frank G. Swaggart,  
A. L. Swaggart and family.

For Sale.  
One brown mare mole, no brand visible, buckskin nose, star in forehead, 3 years old, weight 850 pounds; also one 3 year old brindle cow, brand on side resembling figure 1 with half circle above, ear marks resembling crop off each ear, will be sold at public auction in the highest north of Athena, Oregon on Saturday, March 4, 1916, at 2 o'clock, p. m. to pay costs of advertising and feeding. H. A. Barrett, Athena, Oregon, Feb 17th.



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If in any way the intention to use the play is tipped off or foreseen it is an easy matter for the catcher to break it up by calling for a waste ball, that is so wide of the plate that it is impossible for the batter to bunt it. It is an easy matter to touch the base runner out and make the team trying the squeeze appear ridiculous. But a successful completion of the play usually puts the team in the field in the air and makes them look equally foolish.

The squeeze play does not call for a hard hitter or a good hitter, but it does call for a man with a good eye, a fellow who invariably hits the ball, even though it may not go safe. If the batsman bunts the ball in the air an easy double play is usually the result. If he is able to keep the ball on fair ground there is seldom a chance to stop the run at the plate. It is not necessary to have a fast man on third to make this play, for most of the play depends on the ability of the batsman to keep the ball on the ground—Billy Evans in St. Nicholas.

Early History of Rubber.  
Rubber is first known to history as a plaything. It was during Columbus' second voyage that Herrera observed that the inhabitants of Haiti played a game with balls "made of the gum of a tree." Even as early as the beginning of the seventeenth century, however, the Spaniards used rubber to waterproof their cloaks, but the fact attracted no attention in the old world, and it was not until the eighteenth century that the rubber industry began. Early writers mention an oil extracted from rubber which was taken medicinally with cocoa.



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