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The Portland Telegram worries because the Cowlitz river fishermen have signed an agreement to charge one cent per pound for smelt and three middlemen have contracted for the entire output of the river at that price. The Telegram grouches that the middlemen will sell to the wholesaler for 85 cents the 50-pound box of smelt. The wholesaler will soak the retailer \$1.00 for the same 50-pound box, groans the Telegram. Then it ends its connivance fit with—"What the consumer will have to pay the retailer remains to be seen." It's dead easy for the consumer, in this instance. In the first place, smelt is the poorest fish that ever swam a stream, second to sucker or carp. In the second place, the consumer doesn't have to consume smelt at the price stated in the Telegram. All the consumer has to do is refuse to consume, and the harpoon is thrown right back into the retailer, the wholesaler the middlemen and the Cowlitz fishermen. So why is a grouch?

The daily press is giving considerable editorial space in denunciation of the so-called Non-Partisan league. It is being attacked from every angle and by journals of every political status. It is being termed everything from a Bolshevik movement to a by-product of the farmer's grange which has been captured by pro-German propagandists as a medium for espionage. Right here it might be the proper thing to say that this is not the accepted time for organizing leagues of any kind save and except get-together movements against Prussianism. The only league that any one should be interested in at this time is the one that is feeding the Allies and our boys in the European trenches.

Mr. Hoover could help things amazingly if he would only squeeze down the lid on the flour substitute profiteers. Its a fleecing game when oats flour brings \$12.50 a barrel and barley flour \$12.00. The fault does not lie with the millers, but in permitting the exchanges to manipulate the prices of the grain.

The first copy of what purports to be the first Persian newspaper in the world has just been issued in New York. It is a fairly good sheet, in the estimation of those who are able to read it. A feature is the makeup and content of its front page, which is totally devoid of any attempt at camouflage telegraph service, so ardently coveted and exploited by certain afternoon brush circuit publications.

Indications point to a deal of trouble coming to certain boys in Athens if they do not direct their conduct with more circumspection, regard for the law and the rights of others, than they have for the past few weeks. No community will tolerate petty lawlessness nor breach of the public peace for long.

The coming of McCredie's ball tossers to Pendleton will give Bob Cronin, sport writer of the Journal, a chance to visit the sand lots of his own home town. Leave it to Bob to make the most of it—only the 'ol' kid will miss his hike up Meacham for trout. "Water's too high."

The Bulldogger ed, and Kernel Wood have our sanction to enter mortal combat, but we reserve the right to view the remains from the observation teneau of an aeroplane—this stipulation for reasons unnecessary to mention.

Mr. Jim Ashworth of Weston has thrown his hat into the republican primary ring as a candidate for the office of county commissioner. Jim has been a candidate for this self-same office before.

We notice that old Hindenburg is being given front page prominence lately along with Kaiser Bill. What's become of the crown Princelet? Maybe Veudin got his goat; hence the high cost of cheese at Potsdam.

Why not a service flag for Athens? Other towns of the county have them and none presents a more gallant crew than the boys in the service hailing from Athens.

Now that his creditors are after him, we may expect to hear any time that Nick Romanoff's Ford has been attached.

LIBRARY HAS RECEIVED THE NEW RENTAL BOOKS

At the Athens Branch Library, the following new rental books are on the shelf:—Cabin Fever. Holms.—A Yankee in the Trenches. Feat.—Private Feat.

The Library Board desires to remind all patrons taking magazines from the room, that no magazine should be kept longer than from one library day to the next; and also, but one new magazine should be taken at one time. In order to be fair to all, these rules must be strictly observed.

Food conservation pamphlets have been received at the library, and will be given out as long as they last.

The Churches.

The Christian Church.

"An Apostolic Compliment to the True Christian," and "Things to Emphasize," will be the respective themes at the Christian church Sunday. Bible school at 10, with Geo. R. Gerking at the helm. On account of the great interest in the Milton meetings, and an intervening meeting, the Kellems and Richards Evangelistic company will not reach us as soon as expected. But they will come, unless signs fail, Athens needs a great meeting. And every one claiming interest in the world should give voice to it. Our aim 100 in the Bible school, 300 in the church. Are you interested? If so, come. D. Errett, Minister.

Baptist Church Notes.

A new department of the work has been adopted, viz. an afternoon meeting at some place where some one is shut in. One was held Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. White, with great effect. If all knowing of such others living in the community or country will they please report to the pastor.

Topics for next Sunday: 11 a. m., "Meet for the Master's Use, or Doing the Will of God." Let all members be present. 7:30, "The Doctrine of Assurance." A larger company than usual listened to the address on justification last Sunday evening. This evening address will be just as good. Good music, with special numbers as a part of the program. The public is invited. D. E. Baker, Pastor.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

Methodist church Sunday services as usual. Sunday school 10. W. C. Emmel Supt. The Sunday School is starting a contest which is going to be interesting. Last Sunday the following classes reported two new scholars each: Bible class, Young Peoples class. The following, one: Primary, Boys', Miss Coppocks, Mrs. Gleiser's. Walter S. Gleiser.

23 Years Ago.

[From the Press of Feb. 22 1895]

Jo. Bergevin and Agnes Lafave have procured license to wed.

Hugh Worthington, the Weston butcher, was in town Monday.

Pendleton consumes about a ton of butter a week, all of which is made in Umatilla county, mostly in Camas Prairie.

An unusual and peculiar disease is spreading among the Indian ponies on the reservation and causing much uneasiness to white settlers in the vicinity.

YOUR MENTAL MACHINE.

Shut Off Its Power at Night After a Day's Hard Work.

It is a great thing to learn—to shut off the mental steam when you quit work. What would you think of a factory manager who would leave all of his power turned on after the operators had left the factory, the delicate machinery running everywhere, pounding itself to pieces, grinding out its delicate bearings without producing anything?

Many of us do not turn off our mental power after we are through producing or creating for the day. We carry our business home, take it to bed with us, think, plan, worry and waste precious energy in all sorts of ways, in superfluous thinking, foolish worrying that produces nothing, but grinds out the exquisite mental machinery and unfits it for the next day's work.

It is a great art to learn to shut off power when through our day's work, so that we can oil our mental machinery, refresh our minds and recuperate ourselves, so that we can go to the next day's work completely reinvigorated.

Many men seem to think that they are accomplishing something if they keep their minds on business even when not at work, but they really accomplish less than nothing because they are wasting precious mental energy, the power for concentration, the vigor, the focusing of the mind, which is imperative for creating purposes.—Orison Swett Marden.

THE DRY WALL.

A Beautiful Art in Stone Work That is Passing Away.

In the American Magazine David Grayson says: "In dry walls I think the old stonemason takes the greatest pride of all, for it is in the dry wall—I mean by that a wall laid without mortar—that the sheer art of the mason comes most into play.

"Any one can throw a wall together if he has mortar to make it stick, but a dry wall must stand out for what it is, built solid from the bottom up, each stone resting securely upon the one below it and braced and nested in by the sheer skill of the mason.

"The art of the dry wall is the ancient heritage of New England and speaks not only of the sincerity and the conscientiousness of the old Puritan spirit, but strikes the higher note of beauty.

"Many of the older walls I know are worth going far to see, for they exhibit a rare sense of form and proportion and are sometimes set in the landscape with a skill that only the master artist himself could exceed. Those old, hard wrought stone fences of the Burnham hills and Crewsbury, the best of them, were honestly built and built to last a thousand years.

"A beautiful art—and one that is passing away! It is the dry wall that stands of itself that the old stonemason loves best of all."

Crawling For Penance.

A Buddhist priest who has been eight years on the way to Lassa expects to arrive there eight years hence. He started from the northeast of Peking, and when met by an English missionary he had completed over 2,000 miles, about half his journey. He does not walk, he crawls, or, rather, he combines both methods. On his hands he wears boards; on his knees he wears pads. He lies full length upon the ground; then, getting up, walks to where his fingers had reached, then prostrates himself and measures afresh. He is under a self imposed vow and believes that if he crawls in this manner to the Tibetan holy city his sins will be forgiven and honors bestowed upon him by Buddha.—Exchange.

Hot Air as a Polisher.

Hot air is used for polishing. The articles to be treated are placed in a basket in a centrifugal machine driven at a very high speed and heated air is blown from a pipe through the basket. A high polish is thus produced very rapidly. Nickel plated articles that have become tarnished are made bright in a few minutes. Wet metal, fresh from the bath, needs no preliminary drying, for the current of air dries and polishes it at the same moment.

Best Time For Black Bass.

Early morning is the best for black bass on smaller streams, later part of the day till sundown very good. Cloudy days midday good, especially if cool. For fly fishing for bass early morning hours and an hour before dark best time. If full moon even later gets the big ones.—New York Sun.

Effort to Enlighten.

"Father," said the small boy, "what is an overt act?" "My son, an overt act is something that either compels you to be so rude as to fight or to be so polite as to pretend that you didn't notice it."—Washington Star.

How Your Hair Grows.

According to an authority, the hair grows half an inch a month until it reaches its natural length. With men the natural length is from eight to twelve inches. With women it grows anywhere from eighteen inches to their heels.

Where Ingenuity Counts.

The bighorn or Rocky mountain sheep can travel as far over the mountain peaks in a few minutes as a hunter can go in two hours.

Well Informed.

Billington—I understand his wife has money. Stillington—He understands it also.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Humor.

Humor is the true sixth sense. Lacking it, one misbeth the joy of living. It lurks under the serious affairs of life as a violet lurketh under the trees of the forest and when so found is more to be prized than that which abouteth itself from the housetops.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Potatoes.

The stem end of a potato is the end that was attached to the vine; the opposite end is the seed end. The seed end might be called the top of the potato and the stem end the bottom. The buds at the seed end swell and grow first.—New York Sun.

THE SERGEANT AND THE WISE ROOKIE



SPEED IN BASEBALL.

What an Infield Double Play Means in Time and Action.

Making first base, though more dramatic to watch, is an uneventful expedition compared with the trip to second. It takes a fast man to negotiate the journey in 3.5 seconds. No thrown ball goes over 300 feet, and if a batted ball travels beyond the safe limits of a single throw it must be relayed by the fielders. While you are watching the outfielder scamper after the ball the relay line is being swiftly formed in the infield. There could be no such quick and accurate fielding of deep outfield hits if the outfielder taking the ball did not know that behind him was ranged his line of relays ready to take the ball the instant he could turn and throw it.

To make a double play in the infield the shortstop, for example, must field a ball that has been batted about 135 feet. He passes the ball from ten to twenty-five feet to the second baseman, who must then throw it ninety feet to first. All this while the batter is running ninety feet, a trick that, as we have seen, it takes a snappy runner to turn in 3.5 seconds. It's a close call and a case of utilizing the fraction of a second, but with sharp fielding the margin is all on the side of the fielders. The double play is the menace ever threatening the runner on first.

Fruit Acids as Mouth Cleaners.

Unless the teeth are very badly damaged or eroded the acids of fruit, such as that contained in grapes, oranges, lemons or apples, will be found to be a satisfactory mouth wash. The advice of a dentist should be sought, however, to determine the condition of the teeth and to decide whether an alkaline or acid wash is preferable for the individual case. But there is no question, according to the Popular Science Monthly, as to the efficacy of the food acids in removing quickly and entirely the mucous films that are the first stages of dental decay.

An apple eaten in the evening will cleanse the teeth mechanically and chemically and if followed by vigorous brushing will protect them from bacteria during the night.

Domestic Joys.

Mrs. Crabshaw—I might have married that man who became a millionaire. Crabshaw—Forget it, my dear. If he'd married you he would be as poor as I am.—Lamb.

Imitation.

"What a wonderful sunset!" "Yes. It actually seems to be trying to look like some of the pictures in the art store."—Washington Star.

Notice of Final Account.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of William H. Wood, Deceased. Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern that Arnold Wood, administrator of the estate of William H. Wood, deceased, has filed his final account and report in the administration of the estate; that the County Judge by order duly made and entered has appointed Wednesday, the 27th day of February 1918, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon as the time and the County Court House of Umatilla County, Oregon, as the place where all objections and exceptions to the said final account and report will be heard and settlement thereof made. Dated this 25th day of January, A. D., 1918. Arnold Wood, Administrator. Will M. Peterson, Attorney for Administrator.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. Mae Moeser, Plaintiff, vs. William H. Moeser, Defendant. To William H. Moeser, Defendant above named:

In the name of the State of Oregon; you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court and cause on or before Saturday, the 16th day of March, 1918; and you will take notice that if you fail to appear and answer said complaint or otherwise plead thereto by said time the plaintiff for want thereof will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in her complaint to-wit, for a decree of the Court forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony now and heretofore existing between plaintiff and defendant and for other equitable relief.

This summons is published pursuant to an order made and filed herein by Honorable Gilbert W. Phelps, Judge of the above entitled Court, on the 26th day of January, 1918. The first publication of this summons will be made on Friday, the 1st day of February 1918, and the last publication on Friday, the 15th day of March, 1918 and will be published for six consecutive weeks in the Athena Press newspaper published at Athens, Oregon. Dated this 26th day of January, 1918. Will M. Peterson, Attorney for Plaintiff. Postoffice address, Pendleton, Oregon.



In Keeping With the Big Thought of the Day

The daily press reflects a sentiment throughout the nation which clearly indicates a new condition. Men are wanted everywhere. The work of this war is being carried on largely by those who never before have been in public work. Men who have been too busy, too engrossed in their own tasks, are leaving their own tasks, are leaving their work to others and giving their time and ability to the cause which is ours, yours, everybody's. It is time when politics in the ordinary sense must not be considered. It calls for all the ability that can be mustered. Oregon to be a successful part in this unit plan for the defense of Democracy, must likewise place the thought of the times before everything. In another part of this paper appears the announcement of Mr. L. J. Simpson as a candidate for the nomination for Governor on the Republican ticket. Mr. Simpson was urged to become a candidate by his many friends in every part of the state, because of his business record, his understanding and knowledge of Oregon's resources, industries and needs; because of his public spiritedness, which of recent years has led him to tasks which have been more important to him than his own affairs.

L. J. Simpson is clearly the man who can give Oregon the Administration necessary to this plan of National Efficiency.

His campaign will be directed straight to you as voters, as individuals who do your own thinking. We are firmly convinced that you will not allow politics to influence your decision, and that you will vote for the man who is best fit to help the people of Oregon develop the state's vast resources, and to prepare for, and participate in, the great reconstruction that is to follow. We believe you will weigh issues more closely than ever before, and that L. J. Simpson will be your choice.



WHAT CAN YOU DO

First—Talk over his candidacy with your friends. Second—If you believe that L. J. Simpson is worthy of your support write a letter to this committee. Suggest how his cause may be advanced. We, in turn, will tell you how you can help.

—Paid Advertisement, issued by "Simpson for Governor" League, Pittock Block, Portland.

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