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HAS ITS SUNSET LEFT

News dispatches carried the information that the interstate commerce commission has permitted the Northern Pacific railway to discontinue train service to Ocosta, Washington. That simple item from the grist of the world's news doubtless stirred the memories of many "old-timers" in southwest Washington.

The time was when many people confidently believed that Ocosta would become one of the great cities of the west coast. The town was pictured as the western terminus of the Northern Pacific. It was believed that great docks would be constructed there and that Ocosta would be the meeting place of sail and rail for the enormous trade between the United States and the orient. Town lots rose to high figures. People came to Ocosta from all parts of the nation, and it was a flourishing and feverish center before the boom collapsed previous to the panic of 1893.

Ocosta now has not a vestige of its former bid for greatness. It still exists on the map and still covers a certain parcel of ground on the shores of South Bay on Grays Harbor. But Aberdeen and Hoquiam are the big centers on the harbor, and the lumber mills and the ships that were pictured along the Ocosta waterfront exist in reality in Aberdeen and Hoquiam.

THE NECKTIE BUNK

This practice of loading down the mails with knit neckwear about Christmas time by some Jew bunk concern hiding behind and commercializing the infirmities of some world war veteran, does not buy anything cut here in the West. Says the Polk County Observer:

"Like 300 or 400 other Dallas men, we received a package of Christmas knit neckwear from Paunee Bill, the blind tie man of St. Louis, etc. Somehow or other this little incident grates in our craw; we don't like knit neckties. If Paunee Bill had sent lurid prospectus of three knit neckties for \$1 it would have gone into the waste basket. Somehow or other we feel that that is where his neckties belong. We did not order them neither did any other man in Dallas. We don't expect to get any more packages from Paunee Bill at Christmas or any other time. Neither will you if you feel as we do toward an attempt to prey upon your sympathy and tap the milk of human kindness for commercial purposes."

"Tony Spaghetti made a crock of moonshine to satisfy an inborn craving for refreshment. He is in jail for a period of years. Fall and Dohoney made a monstrous conspiracy involving millions of dollars and people fraudulently, and they go Scot free. From such stuff as this shall our young people get their knowledge of justice."—Forest Grove News-Times.

Portland is well within her rights in demanding port protection when proposals are made for bridge construction at Long View, or any other point on the lower river are made. And more so is she right in her opposition to a structure thrown haphazardly across the link that binds her shipping with the Pacific by private interests having for their object the collection of tolls.

The West has been recognized at last. It has been seriously proposed in the House of Representatives to appropriate \$250,000 for a summer White House, to be built at Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado. Sensible idea. If you won't let the democrats raid the treasury, why not raid it yourself.

The term "step on it" used to be applied in connection with the act of mashing the jellywiggles out of the lowly worm. Now it has to do with toying with the accelerator of a speed wagon.

Co-eds at Texas Christian University do not believe in exposing the knee, for various and sundry reasons, so we are told. However, er—, all co-eds do not matriculate at the Texas University.

It's well enough to be a Mazama when you are a Mazama—otherwise you're a Zamama for trying to scale Mount Hood in a blizzard.

What may be termed a dramatic spectacle occurred in Congress last

week. When Representative Celler, democrat, appealed to his colleagues to keep poison out of alcohol, he was supported by Senator Edwards, another good democrat, who started his hearers in the Senate by condemning the "hypocrisy of some of the representatives of the people who vote dry and drink wet."

Portland's Imperial Hotel is something more than an Eastern Oregon hangout just now. For the next forty days the Oregon legislature will convene there for its in-between-sessions.

The city marshal of Cove, Oregon, has authorized shooting of all stray cats. But how can he tell whose cat is a stray cat? However, it may be that all cats do or do not look alike to him.

If the government makes up its mind to extract its poison from alcohol the question naturally arises as to whether there would be any left in a fella's radiator.

Jimmy crickets, but that Bradley-Rogers girl bank robber down in Texas is hardboiled! She says she would as leave as not do it over again if she had the chance.

Gus Moser has taken it on the chin again. The joint legislative committee would have naught to do with his proposed compulsory competitive industrial insurance law.

Load Everything Evil on Dragon's Shoulders

They still blame it on the dragon in China when anything goes wrong. That the idens of a people 95 per cent illiterate do not change rapidly is amply illustrated in Thomas Steep's book, "Chinese Fantasies." Now, as in centuries gone by, the dragon dictates the daily conduct of millions of Chinese.

Angered, the dragon manifests its displeasure in floods, droughts, earthquakes, eclipses and typhoons. When Canton was wrecked by a typhoon the havoc was attributed to the whisking of the tail of an angry dragon. During a solar eclipse the people of island villages, supposing the darkness to be caused by a dragon having swallowed the sun, rush to the streets and with drums, gongs, horns and whistles create noise until the dragon, frightened, disgorges his prey.

What does a dragon look like? It is equipped to work any kind of destruction. It has teeth, claws, feet, wings and tail. Its scales number eighty-one, or nine times nine, the extreme odd or lucky number. It possesses all the luck that humans covet. Its voice is as the booming of a gong. Its breath is fire, fog or rain. It renders itself visible or invisible. It swells to the dimensions of heaven or shrinks to the size of a silk worm.

It likes to sleep within the earth and nightly hates to be disturbed. Hence the aversion of the Chinese to the digging of mines, the construction of railroads, changing of water-courses, or anything else that will disturb the slumbers of the dragon.

Timber Sound, Though Buried for Centuries

Furniture made from oak used by the Romans more than 1,800 years ago in the construction of an embankment for the Thames is shortly to be added to the historic treasures of the Mansion house, says the London Mail.

The timber, discovered during excavations behind King William street, E. C., is in good condition, although it has been buried for centuries.

It is in the possession of Mr. Thomas J. Edwards, a member of the London and Middlesex archeological society, who, with other experts, is satisfied that the find is part of the first embankment built by the Romans.

A member of the society said the timbered embankment is 83 feet north of the Roman wall, probably built 250 years later.

Whole trunks of trees, piled one above the others, six deep and locked by cross-timbers, were found in such good condition that they can still be used for almost any purpose.

Wily Whales

Sir John Bland-Sutton, famous English surgeon, tells a striking story to demonstrate the cunning with which the "killer" whale chases its prey.

It feeds on seals, which it cannot easily drag off the ice, but it swims under the ice on which the seal lies, and using its powerful dorsal fin, suddenly rises, and breaks off a piece of the ice with it. If the seal tries to escape by sliding over the ice, the white follows it, and continues its breaking tactics until the seal is captured.

The teeth of killer whales make those of the crocodile seem puny, but, curiously enough, these terrors of the sea, who even prey on their harmless relatives, hunt in packs, like wolves.

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Three things to love—courage, gentleness and affection.
Three things to hate—cruelty, arrogance and ingratitude.
Three things to admire—character, intellect and dignity.

HINTS FOR HOUSEKEEPERS

Have a shelf, cupboard or some place protected from dust for empty boxes. Arrange them in order of size, then when a box is needed for some purpose it is quickly found.

If there are those in the home who persist in using the woodwork on which to scratch matches, smear a little vaseline over the spot generally used. After a few attempts to scratch a match on the greasy surface even the most persistent offender will reform.

Oven cloths or holders to handle food in hot dishes should be large enough to be used in both hands; this will save many burns.

A pocket on the inside of an apron will save tearing on door knobs and latches.

Place a small piece of camphor gum in the silver drawer or cupboards where the silver is kept. It will save much cleaning, as the camphor will keep it from tarnishing.

A clothes-pin bag fastened to a clothes hanger is a great convenience. To save stooping when hanging out clothes it can be pushed along on the line.

A nut cracker makes a good wrench for small bottles with screw tops.

A heavy wall paper such as the oatmeal paper may be tinted when faded with any color or special tint desired. Often the paper is faded but perfectly good. With a good wash of some tint it is new and fresh again.

The lower stair of the back stairs put on hinges makes a fine place for rubbers, overshoes and other things which are so often mislaid.

When patching a tear in wall paper, tear—do not cut—the paper to be used as a patch. The uneven edges are not so easily noticed.

A sewing machine needle which has become blunt can be sharpened by stitching a few times through emery paper.

A piece of emery paper is useful in rubbing shiny spots on clothes.

A handful of raisins added to any cooky mixture will improve it; also any fruit salad.

Nellie Maxwell

Foolhardy Feat

For five shillings (\$1.25) an English steeplejack performed a feat so dangerous that a film star would probably ask a small fortune for doing the same thing.

As a result of an argument with another steeplejack over the merits of their respective bicycles, this man had his machine hauled to the top of a 90-foot chimney. With smoke belching from the chimney, the steeplejack calmly mounted his bicycle and balanced himself on the narrow ledge for two minutes. The other steeplejack then mounted the chimney and paid over the five shillings which had been won by the performance of this daring feat.

Old Turkish Capital Presents Two Views

Approaching Constantinople one may get the impression that it either is the world's most beautiful city or that it is the most squalid city on earth, depending upon whether it is approached from the sea or the land. From the land the city's 690 mosques and minarets, its 500 palaces and gardens, rising in the form of an amphitheater above the Golden Horn, give it the appearance of the type of oriental city described in the Arabian Nights, says E. Alexander Powell in the American Magazine.

Alexander von Humboldt, noted traveler and student of nature, declared Constantinople was one of the three most beautiful cities in the world, Naples and Salzburg being the other two. Lord Byron also extolled Constantinople's position as being incomparable to any he had ever seen.

The historical interest that abounds in Constantinople even surpasses, for many, that of its beauty. The city's history extends back nearly 3,000 years. Since the corn-laden galleys from the Black sea glided through the Hellespont in the days of Darius and Alexander, and the Phoenicians moved in from the Marmora sea, down to the present time, when gigantic battleships swing at their moorings off Seraglio point, Constantinople has been an object of desire for ambitious military leaders and land-seeking nations.

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Charter No. 4516. Report of the Condition of the First National Bank at Athena in the State of Oregon, at the close of business on Dec. 31st, 1926.

RESOURCES		
1 a Loans and discounts including rediscounts, acceptances of other banks and foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with endorsement of this bank (except those shown in b and c).....	\$ 564,075.29	
3 U. S. Government securities owned:		
a Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. bonds par value).....	12,500.00	
b All other United States Government securities (including premiums, if any).....	44,500.00	
Total.....	57,000.00	564,075.29
4 Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc., owned.....	16,412.34	
6 Banking House, 6,062.00 Furniture and fixtures, 338.00	6,400.00	
8 Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	31,730.68	
10 Cash in vault and amount due from national banks.....	108,422.88	
Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13.....	108,422.88	
15 Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer.....	625.00	
Total.....	784,666.19	
LIABILITIES		
19 Capital stock paid in.....	50,000.00	
20 Surplus fund.....	60,000.00	
21 a Undivided profits.....	17,710.54	
b Reserve for.....	17,710.54	
c Less Current expenses paid.....	17,710.54	
23 Circulating notes outstanding.....	12,200.00	
26 Amount due to State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States and foreign countries (other than included in Items 24 or 25).....	343.92	
27 Certified checks outstanding.....	2,330.69	
28 Cashier's checks outstanding.....	1,211.20	
Total of 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28.....	3,885.81	
29 Individual deposits subject to check.....	277,018.59	
30 Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed).....	5,192.59	
31 State, county, or municipal deposits secured by pledge of assets of this bank or surety bond.....	17,096.22	
33 Dividends unpaid.....	8,075.00	
Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve, Items 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34.....	307,952.21	
35 Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed).....	25,000.00	
37 Other time deposits.....	532.37	
38 Postal savings deposits.....	532.37	
Total of time deposits subject to Reserve, Items 35, 36, 37, and 38.....	333,487.44	
Total.....	784,666.19	

State of Oregon, County of Umatilla, ss.
I, F. S. LeGrow, Cashier of the above-named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Subscribed and sworn to before me
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