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LAND AND PIONEER

Closing of the Portland branch of the United States land office, originally established in Oregon City more than 72 years ago, marks the end of a great historic era and recalls the period of Western migration of a land-hungry people," comments the Portland Telegram.

"The earliest settlers in America were bred in the Anglo-Saxon tradition that land ownership was the evidence of social and economic freedom. It was the dream of tenant adventures to become themselves lord of the manor in a "new" England, and Washington found no more effective means of securing soldiers for his armies than to offer free lands as the reward of military service.

"When the westerly movement of the settlers had reached the Mississippi valley, it received impetus for a great eastward leap in the two-fold promise of gold to be had for the digging and land to be had for the taking. It was on September 27, 1850, that Congress passed an act granting 320 acres to each single person and 640 acres to each married couple who should establish residence in Oregon.

"The land so freely offered had been bought of the Indians, on thrifty advantageous terms. The "Tuality" band of the Callapooia tribe ceded the country between the Willamette river and the summit of the Coast range and between the Yamhill and Tualatin rivers, for \$40,000, to be paid in twenty annual installments, of which only \$500 was cash and the rest in merchandise.

"Similar treaties and terms were made with other tribes of Western Oregon, and the following list of "good and substantial articles" promised annually to the Tualities, is typical. It comprised 130 blankets, 38 coats, 26 pairs of pants, 152 shirts, 76 vests, 130 pair of shoes, 200 yards of calico, 200 yards of linsey plaid, 27 blanket shawls, 200 yards of domestic shirting, 38 hats or caps, 132 pocket handkerchiefs, 24 axes, 5 plows, 10 plow harnesses, 24 hoes, 6 scythes and cradles."

THE GRADE CROSSING

Trains must operate over fixed and known rights of way on time schedules which the public demands and which public sentiment seems to want made faster. Although the danger is well known there are some drivers who persist in taking hazardous chances in beating trains at crossings. According to the Railway Age, which has made a study of the problem, it would cost approximately \$19,500,000,000 to eliminate all grade crossings that existed in the United States at the end of 1923. But there are more grade crossings created annually than the railroads and the public are now eliminating. The growth of communities, the increasing demands of industry and development organizations for new tracks and spurs must be met by the railroads. In regions pioneered by the railroad long before highways were projected community development and settlement has thrown and continues to throw highways across the tracks. Under such conditions the number of grade crossings is continuously mounting and while the railroads make large appropriations and are constantly at work separating grades and providing additional safety factors, the cost of removing all crossings involves such large expenditures that not only railroads, but other taxpayers and city and highway officials are confronted with an almost insolvable problem.

Judging from the number of votes polled in the special election, Oregon is eminently satisfied with everything "as is." Three vital amendments were on the ballot, but they drew no better than Pierce running again for governor.

The customs of China and Korea in taking revenge on a girl for jilting her lover, differ widely. In Korea a design is carved on her neck, while in China her neck is the resting place for a hatchet.

Whenever the time comes for Ford to build a practical air flivver to sell at three hundred bucks, the rising generation will begin to take interest in aviation schools.

Winter weather turned back groups of Mount Hood climbers Sunday. Where is the guy who predicted there would be no summer this summer.

An exchange tells us that a short girl gets around it by making the stripes on her skirt run in the op-

posite direction. Well, then by hooky, the tall girl should have no trouble in running the stripes on her skirt the other way.

The millionaire who dresses as well as his clerk, reveals that he has something in common with his employees.

Actresses can appear at only two theatres in Tokio, Japan, meaning that there are only two theatres in Tokio where actresses may appear.

This is one of the "fat" years when you can see a smile on the face of the light soil farmer—30 bushels anyway, maybe 35.

One of the boys writes, "A brunette may be a decided blond—after she has decided to be a blond." Oh, hush!

Humming birds pass the winter in Central America, and then they hum back in the spring to nest in Oregon.

The man who has no faith in human nature isn't to be trusted—and neither is a mule.

31 Years Ago

July 3, 1896

Mr. J. W. Smith and Mrs. Effie Edington were united in marriage in the Hotel Pendleton parlors yesterday afternoon, Rev. W. E. Potwine being the officiating minister. Mr. and Mrs. Smith took the evening train for Portland for a short wedding tour, and will return home in about one week.

Athena will be somewhat depopulated tomorrow—her citizens attending celebrations at other towns.

A fishing party composed of girls and boys chaperoned by Mrs. G. C. Osborn, left yesterday for the Umatilla river.

Jay Saling, the mountain rancher, was in town Wednesday. Mr. Saling had considerable to say in relation to crops and weather. He has a theory regarding the hot north winds which differs materially from the many that have been advanced to the reporter. Mr. Saling is of the opinion that the north winds travel for many miles over an area where there is no water, consequently being dryer than growing vegetation, the winds suck the sap from the growing plants. The south wind blowing as it does from off the ocean contains moisture and distributes it to vegetation. Crops on the mountain in Mr. Saling's vicinity are generally speaking, good.

Willis Marsh and Ed Wood, young men of Weston, rode over on their wheels Sunday to inspect the new "Maywood" bicycle, at the Press office.

D. A. Richards was noticed on the street Tuesday. This is Mr. Richards first appearance during the past three months, during which time he has been confined to his home with illness.

Mrs. A. J. Parker and three children left on Wednesday evening's train for the Willamette valley, where they will spend the summer. Jack is now a bachelor, and we sympathize with him.

Herman Leopold is indeed unfortunate. Some time ago he was laid up with an accidental shot from a rifle. He is now nursing his right hand in a sling as the result of re-

ceiving a severe cut from a circle saw. The flesh of the hand is severely lacerated, and he will lose the use of one finger entirely, from the fact that it will always be stiff.

Dan Pendergast remarks that hungry vaqueros have no prejudice against horse meat—especially when it comes to a choice between this kind of diet and salt pork. He was with thirty-five riders up on the Snake river range, and in order to have fresh meat they killed one fat, young horse, and ate it "slick and clean," the meat tasting as good as beef. Another horse was partially eaten.

Louie LaBrashe has the editor's thanks for a fine basket of trout, from the cool waters of the Umatilla. Louie is an expert angler, and has a couple of gentlemanly boys who make "full hands at the fishing business."

The Indian, Senator Mitchell has been sentenced to 25 days in the county jail or to a fine of \$50, on the charge of stealing a saddle, the property of Thomas Thompson. He has also been held to appear before the grand jury on the charge of assaulting Deputy Sheriff Carney, by throwing a stone at him.

Otis Gerking and Miss Mary Buoy were united in marriage at Philamoth, on June 28. Mr. Gerking is well known to all of our readers and the bride is a graduate of the state agricultural college, and taught in this county.

H. H. Hill, the boss watch repairer, has some neat callanders, which fit in your watch lid. Call on him and get one. He is still repairing watches at hard time prices.

An Alibi for Ed

Two backwoodsmen in Malne knocked at the door of a house at the edge of the forest. "Hello, Ed!" said one of them to the farmer who came to the door. "Say, we come across the dead body of a man over there in the hollow an' we kinda thought 'twas you."

"That so? What'd he look like?" asked the farmer.

"Well, he was about your build—' 'Have on a gray flannel shirt?"

"Yeep."

"Boots?"

"Yeep."

"Was they knee boots or hip boots?"

"Let's see. Which was they, Charley, knee boots or hip boots? Oh, yes, they was hip boots."

"Nope," said the farmer. "'Twasn't me."—Boston Transcript.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern: That Janet Dand, executrix of the last will and testament of John Dand, deceased, until about the 8th day of January, 1927, from the date of her appointment, and qualification, has filed her final account and report in the administration of the estate; that the County Judge by order duly made and entered, has appointed Tuesday the 9th day of August, 1927, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon as the time and the County Court House at Pendleton as the place where all objections and exceptions to said final account will be heard and a settlement of the estate as far as said Janet Dand, is concerned will be made.

Dated this 8th day of July, 1927.
JANET DAND, Formerly Executrix.
Will M. Peterson, Day Karr Attorneys for Janet Dand. J8A8.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern: That Henry Craig, administrator of the estate of Ira Durrill, also known as I. W. Durrill, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern: That Henry Craig, administrator of the estate of Ira Durrill, also known as I. W. Durrill, 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 Monday the 1st day of August, 1927, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon as the time and the County Court House in Pendleton, Oregon, as the place where all objections and exceptions to said final account will be heard and a settlement of the estate will be made.

Dated the 1st day of July 1927.
HENRY CRAIG, Administrator.
Will M. Peterson, George R. Lewis, Attorneys for the administrator. J1329.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern: That Joseph N. Scott and Clyde Eldon Preston, administrators with the will annexed of the estate of Lewis C. Preston, deceased, have filed their final account and report in the administration of the estate; that the County Judge, by order duly made and entered, has appointed Monday the 11th day of July, 1927, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon as the time and the County Court House in Pendleton, Oregon, as the place where all objections and exceptions to said final account will be heard and a settlement of the estate made.

Dated the 10th day of June, 1927.
JOSEPH N. SCOTT,
CLYDE ELDON PRESTON,
Administrators.

Will M. Peterson, John A. Harvey, George R. Lewis Attorneys for Administrators. J1038.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

In the Matter of the Estate of Minnie D. Booher, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern; That A. M. Johnson has been appointed executor of the last will and testament of Minnie D. Booher, deceased, and has qualified as such. All persons having claims against her estate are required to present them to said executor at his office at Athena, Oregon, or to his attorneys, Will M. Peterson and George R. Lewis, in the Stangier Building, Pendleton, Oregon, verified as by law required within six months of the date of the first publication of this notice which is the 24th day of June, 1927.

A. M. JOHNSON, Executor.
Will M. Peterson, George R. Lewis, Attorneys for Executor. J24322.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

In the Matter of the Estate of W. H. Booher, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern: That Lee Johnson, heretofore appointed and qualified as administrator de bonis non with the will annexed of the estate of W. H. Booher, 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 Monday the 25th day of July, 1927, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon as the time and the County Court House at Pendleton, Oregon, as the place where all objections and exceptions to said final account and report will be heard and a settlement of the estate made.

Dated this 24th day of June, 1927.
LEE JOHNSON,
Administrator D. B. N., C. T. A.
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Fish's Odd Method of Attracting Prey

For a long time it was considered that the nearest allies of the angler fish, well known in British waters, were fish living on or near the bottom of the sea. But recent investigations show that there is another group that live in midwater at depths of from 1,000 to 5,000 feet from the surface.

This region presents conditions inhospitable to life, and as conditions must be almost uniform from season to season, by day and by night, peculiar modifications are to be expected in creatures capable of adaptation to such a strange environment.

Perhaps one of the oddest concerns the primary need for the maintenance of the species. How can a fish find its mate in these vast, trackless, gloomy spaces, where they are prevented from living in shoals by the poverty of the food supply? It has been found that in some of the species the males are minute dwarfs living as parasites attached to the females.

Most of the fish live wholly on other fish, and, like the angler fish, obtain their prey by attracting it and then engulfing it in capacious mouths armed with sharp and flexible teeth that bend inwards towards the gullet.

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