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We read that the age old job of rocking baby's cradle has now been taken over by electricity. No longer does little Willie, or sister Jane need to be impressed into a service which perhaps down the centuries has been the bane of juvenile existence. An attachment has been perfected for the cradle, or baby buggy, which permits rocking from side to side, and also rolls either vehicle forward or backward by electrical power. Controls are provided for regulating the action and after the switch is turned no other attention is necessary.

The average run of motor gasoline now being marketed in the United States, according to the U. S. Bureau of Mines, is more volatile than ever, and the tendency toward a uniform and standard product is general. During the past two years the once marked difference between "winter" and summer gasoline has been disappearing, and this spring what was formerly a highly volatile winter-grade fuel is being sold. In other words, the oil industry is furnishing a constantly better product to the public.

Perfect weather availed nothing as an inducement to draw voters to the primary polls Friday. In the past bad weather conditions were blamed for light voting at primary elections, but Friday's weather chart has knocked all such allusions into a cocked hat. Fact of the matter is, Mr. and Mrs. Oregon Voter will lose more time and burn more gallons of gas to go to a river picnic, any old time than he or she will squander to exercise his or her greatest of all national privileges, suffrage.

The French are confirmed souvenir hunters. Telephone companies over there have found it necessary to replace wood panels in their booths with panes of glass, to keep them from being hacked to pieces. Receivers must be chained to the instruments, and when operators stick their wads of chewing gum under the seat of their chair, they sprinkle cayenne pepper over it to protect it from souvenir purloiners.

When New York has a pea soup fog—whatever that is—water transportation instantly becomes befogged. Steaming around in pea soup the other day, six liners crashed. To save two from sinking they were beached. It seems quite the proper thing to do would be to skim the soup out of the fog, to insure safety in navigation.

Fishermen stand on a bridge in Grants Pass and catch 40-pound salmon. No wonder the stores in that town open late in the morning and close early at evening. Also the reason for school children filling their lunch baskets with fishing tackle instead of sandwiches is explained.

Thirteen graduates from Oregon State College this year, are from Umatilla county. Benton county leads with a total of 132 and Multnomah second with 111. More than 500 students graduate from Oregon State College in June.

Germany always is in a position to do things on a big scale. For instance, 40,000,000 men and women were eligible to vote on the question of women's rights of franchise, at the national election.

Maybe the Filipinos wouldn't mind being excluded from the United States under the proposed exclusion clause in the immigration act, if we would get out of the Philippines, and stay out.

Athena fans are satisfied with the standing of the home team in the "Big Six" league. We are perched on the top rung of the ladder, one foot extended, teetering to grab the bunting.

"Poker Players Robbed."—Headline. In this instance the players were honest poker players; they were robbed of \$12,000 by bandits.

Whether or not you think Oregon game and fish amount to much, the cost of protection for the next ten years will amount to \$5,000,000.

Building permits to the amount of \$110,000 within the last thirty days would indicate that LaGrande is among the live ones.

If The Dalles swelters at 90 in the shade, what does she do when it's 100 and over?

It looks as though Tom Gurdane will be the next sheriff of Umatilla county.

UNCOVERING A MARE'S NEST

(Morning Oregonian)
A western exchange sees in the Curtis-Reed bill, on which the house committee on education has been conducting public hearings, a conspiracy to destroy the independence of state systems of education by placing them under control of the federal government. The bill contemplates nothing of the kind, has no reference to the competency of the states to manage their own schools, and would not by the most liberal possible construction permit a secretary in the president's cabinet to dictate in any particular the content of curricula or regulate local methods of teaching.

The proposed measure dignifies the subject of education by creating a new secretaryship, which is not out of keeping with its importance. This is, however, but a subsidiary aspect and its chief aims are to coordinate existing educational functions of government. These are now scattered among various departments, with resultant lack of coordination, with duplication in some instances and waste in many. There is a bureau of education at present, to which would be transferred numerous activities which are conceded to be proper governmental concerns.

In substance, the bill amounts to little more than a promotion of federal educational matters from bureaucratic to secretarial status, with certain readjustments which ought to have been made long ago. Its proponents hope for the addition of a department of research and statistics through which data can be assembled and distributed. With this exception present conditions would not be materially changed.

MACHINE METHODS IN FARMING

(The Manufacturer)
A group of Iowa farmers who keep careful books, say that the average farm horse costs them \$98.24 a year, including feed, labor, rent and interest on their investment. The horses averaged 892 hours work in 1926, and 820 in 1925, and farmed, per horse, 23.2 acres of land in 1926.

The modern crawler type tractor will deliver horsepower at a lower cost for every item of expense—feed, labor, interest, storage. It has speed in the critical times of seeding and harvest when a little delay means damage or loss of crops. The little garden tractor, now built on the crawler or track-laying type, is fairly revolutionizing gardening and small acreage farming.

The machine age in farming has arrived. Cost of operation is having to be figured, where the old-time farmer didn't think much about it. Just as the successful industrial plant is on a machine basis to save labor wherever possible, so must the successful farm eventually adopt machine methods where one man can do the work of two.

No farm relief law formulated can take the place of efficiency in operation, and farm relief laws cannot turn back the hand of time to the day when wooden plows were used with a yoke of oxen.

Sealing Wax Is Used Extensively in the Arts

Sealing wax is perhaps less important than it was before mullage envelopes came into use, but never was sealing wax so versatile as now, nor so useful artistically. Many a delicate decorative object that appears to be

enamel ware or carved and painted wood or colored glass turns out to be merely molded sealing wax. Pendants and beads and artificial flowers, plaques and vases and candlesticks are among the objects beholden for their beauty to this material. Molding it, many an untrained woman has done something in home craftsmanship.

A lump of sealing wax on the end of a steel knitting needle melted over a flame and cooled in a glass of water, shaped with a mold and decorated by melting in other colors becomes a handsome bead. A metal-rimmed pasteboard tag covered with warmed sealing wax, shaped when soft into bunches of grapes or flowers, becomes a "drop" to finish the necklace. Earrings and pins and hat ornaments are made in the same way.

Taken Up
In accordance with the provisions of Section 3, Umatilla County Herd Law, providing for the taking up and sale of livestock running at large, the following described livestock was taken up by the undersigned at his ranch 5 1/2 miles Northwest of Athena, and unless redeemed by the owner as provided in said law, the same will be sold as by law provided:

One sorrel mare, about 3 years old, brand J W on right shoulder. Said sale will be held at the ranch home of H. M. Saulsberry as above stated, on May 26, 1928, at 2 o'clock, p. m., for cash in hand, to the highest bidder, to pay for advertising, damages, cost of sale and all other expenses and charges regularly and legally incurred. Dated at Athena, Oregon, May 15, 1928. M18-25
H. M. SAULSBERRY.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of Clarence Ogilvy, presumed to be dead. Notice is hereby given that by an order of the above entitled Court the undersigned has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Clarence Ogilvy, presumed to be dead. All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me at Athena, Oregon, or to my attorneys, Watts & Prestbye, at their office in Athena, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. All claims must be verified as by law required.

Dated at Athena, Oregon this 11th day of May, 1928.
MINNIE KRETZER, Administratrix.
Watts & Prestbye, Athena, Oregon, Attorneys for Estate. M11J8

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of Melvin J. Canfield, Deceased. Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern: That George R. Lewis, administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Melvin J. Canfield, 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 June, 1928, 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 the 19th day of May, 1928.
GEORGE R. LEWIS, Administrator with the will annexed.
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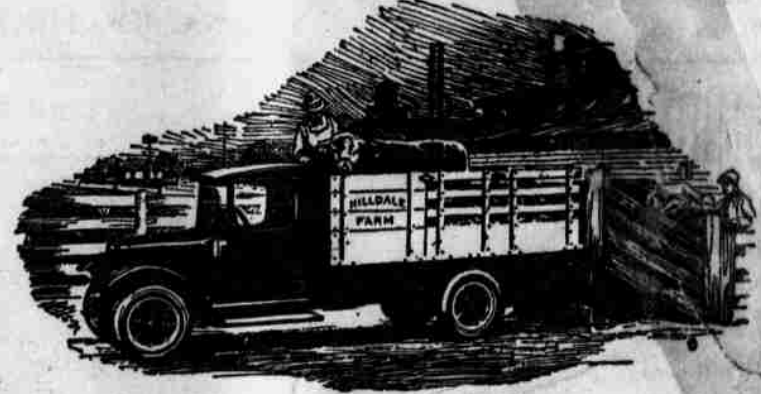
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