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With the appointment of ex-governor Sam R. McKelvie of Nebraska as representative of the wheat industry, President Hoover has completed the Farm Relief Board. That we may know hereafter just whom we are praising or damning, as the case may be, it may be well to give the board personnel "as is." Here it is: Secretary Hyde of the Agriculture Department, ex-officio; Alexander Legge of Illinois, chairman, representing business and finance; James C. Stone of Kentucky, vice-chairman, representing tobacco; Carl Williams, Oklahoma, cotton; C. B. Denman, Missouri, livestock; Charles C. Teague, California, fruit growing; William S. Schilling, Minnesota, dairying; Charles S. Wilson, New York, miscellaneous farming, and Mr. McKelvie, wheat and coarse grains. Mr. McKelvie is publisher of a farm magazine and was a determined opponent of the equalization fee and a supporter of President Coolidge on that question.

Seymour Jones, market agent, informs the state press that a test is in progress regarding the merits of the system of packing potatoes in white sacks of 15 to 50-pound capacity. Many good reasons for the system have been advanced and now the arguments in opposition to it are appearing, as follows: That many consumers prefer to see the potatoes before buying; that it adds to the cost; that the white cotton bags may become soiled and unattractive; that deterioration occurring after packing due to freezing, sprouting or other causes would result in a reaction by consumers against this type of package; that there would be a tendency for shippers to lower the quality; that the season during which this package could be used in shipping would be limited because of danger of damage from heating in the early fall and from sprouting in the spring.

The seasonal employment commission of Oregon, reports no shortage of help at any point in the state during the harvest season. Time was when shortage of help in the harvest season was keenly felt. Under present conditions in the Athena district there can be no shortage of harvest help. Athena farmers, with the most complete and efficient threshing outfits in the world, are in a position to help themselves. The way it is done now, the Athena harvest, which in the old days of the header-stationary outfit gave employment to many transient workers, has resolved itself into a neighborhood affair. And begonia, should the farmer be at outs with friend neighbor, he could call out the missus and the hired girl to man caterpillar and header, and do his harvest chore anyway.

From an article in the news columns of today's Athena Press, it would appear that at last Oregon has a surplus of school teachers. The present surplus of teachers in the state is indicated by the increased number of applications for positions in the schools, being received by school boards. The principal of supply and demand is sure to exercise an influence in the selection of teachers to fill positions in Oregon school rooms, and will doubtless extend to the point where many who have fitted themselves for teaching, will be forced to seek other occupations for which their talents are suited. Until recently there was a dearth of instructors for Oregon schools, and as a result salaries were increased until teachers from other states were induced to come here to fill positions in the school room.

Washington state department of public works is taking under advisement an application for auto freighting from Seattle to Walla Walla. The question of whether the granting of the franchise would involve more competition than would benefit the districts involved, will be considered. There is no doubt that freighting by auto truck is beneficial to districts without railroad facilities, but it is a well known fact that railroads which are serving territory efficiently are having their income seriously depleted by unnecessary truck competition. Inasmuch as the railroads must have fair returns on investment, the public is bound to be taxed through increase in rates to offset losses involved in over competition in freight hauling.

The Graf Zep, twice conqueror of the Atlantic, has shifted to a trip around the world, seeking new laurels.

Eastern states were rocked by an earth quake Monday, with degrees that varied in intensity, ranging from a cracked church building to broken dishes and toppling chimneys. The tremor seems to have reached its maximum intensity at points in Western New York. As recorded the principal shock prevailed for twelve seconds—long enough to bounce a fellow out of bed.

Another incident pointing to the folly of picking up hitch hikers is seen in the finding of two Concordia, Kansas women, bound and bleeding near a highway in that state. Their reward in giving two young men a ride from Limon, Colorado, to Hoxie, Kansas, was the loss of their money, automobile and most of their clothing.

While it was noted that a number of California transients found employment this season in Umatilla county wheat fields, their presence here should not be used in connection with the enumeration of California automobile license plates in comparison with the number of Oregon plates.

Philip Snowden, chancellor of the British exchequer, threw a monkey wrench into the Hague conference on reparations. Then Philip saved the ship from the rocks by diverting attention to evacuation of the Rhine. Our guess is that Uncle Morgan will save the situation.

Willamette valley prune growers see hope for their product in the purchase of the largest prune orchard in Western Oregon by a State College graduate who has had fourteen years experience in prune culture. Every industry has its bright spots; hence the smile of the valley prune man.

Tacoma comes to bat with the prize fish story of the year. The tale is put over to the effect that a dog drove a shark to the beach shore, where the owner dispatched the sea monster with a well directed blow from an ax. It were a bally shame to dull the ax in such fashion.

The Gresham horse racing was stopped Wednesday when it was found that instead of being a civic enterprise, the race program was a private venture, in which an ex-prize fighter was one of the beneficiaries.

That Athena citizen who had hopes of sometime running his family car on 10 cent gasoline, is now trying to invent an engine that uses but one charge of gas to every 10,000 revolutions.

Our advise to Portland objectors is to be kind to the neighbor's dog; you may have one of your own sometime.

NEVER TOO OLD TO LEARN
(Walla Walla Union)

In recent years North Carolina has been making marked progress in the education of its children. Money and effort are giving every child educational opportunities and benefits.

But there are still places in the mountains where the number of adults who can neither read nor write is appalling. This condition is of long standing and has arrested the development of those regions. In their illiteracy those people have been slaves of a superstitious fear of change and progress.

The federal bureau of education began to break in on this vicious circle of ignorance nearly a decade ago. House-to-house visiting in the communities where adults were established persuaded some of the men and women to try to learn. Now thousands, who 10 years ago could not spell their own names, are reading and writing. It was not the teaching that was difficult, but inculcation of the desire to learn. After living the greater part of their lives in ignorance, they thought it hopeless to try to learn the mysteries of "larnin."

There are many illiterate people in other sections of the country who can profit by what happened to those mountaineers once they set to work at their elementary education. As tremendous changes sweep through many fields of life, it is not at all unusual to find people who feel that it is too late to "learn new tricks," to adopt new methods. Discouraged before they have tried, they continue in the old rut. Others resolutely strive to bring themselves abreast of the times and their efforts are usually rewarded with a measure of success.

One is never too old to learn, if the inspiration is there.

The novice at trout fishing had hooked a very small trout and had reeled in his line until the fish was rammed against the tip of the rod. Then he asked his companion: "What do I do now?" "Climb up the rod," said the companion, "and stab it." —Western Out-of-Doors.

Willie: "Pa, what's a parasite?"
His Pa: "A parasite, son, is a man who walks through a revolving door without doing his share of the pushing."—Goblin.

Soph: "When you sleep your noble brow reminds me of a story."
Frosh: "What story? Sleeping Beauty?"
Soph: "No. Sleepy Hollow."

Cavalry Sergeant—"For the love of Mike, don't shove your hand in that horse's mouth!"
Cavalry "Rookie"—"I ain't, I'm trying to get it out."—Stolen.

21 Years Ago

Friday, August 21, 1908

V. M. Shick and family are down from Colville, Washington, on a visit to Athena friends and relatives. Vick has prospered in the Colville country and recently sold his farm at an advance of \$2,000. He will engage in the hardware business at Eddy, Wash.

Wm. McBride, the retired druggist, this week purchased the 160-acre farm owned by Frank Gagnon, on the reservation, southwest of Athena. This is one of the best farms on the reservation and much of it is adapted to growing alfalfa. Mr. McBride paid \$14,500—a little more than \$90 per acre.

Glen Saling has moved his family to Pendleton.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Peterson of Milton, August 18, 1908, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim McBride of Weston, were transacting business in the city Wednesday.

Two young nephews of Mrs. M. L. Watts are visiting her from their home in Eugene.

Eber Luna spent Sunday here from Milton, where he is employed with the Mosgrove Mercantile Co.

Mrs. Henry Dell and Mrs. Edward Koontz were Pendleton visitors Tuesday. They report the county seat as sizzling hot.

O. H. Reeder and Marion Hansell drove to Milton Monday, where they went to purchase peaches for the winter's canning.

Miss Lucile Kemp left Saturday from their new home in Weston for a visit with her grandmother, Mrs. Mraz, at Colton, Wash.

Mrs. Chester McCollough and little son of Walla Walla are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harden at the Athena Hotel this week.

Lester Swaggart and two little daughters came up from Pendleton Sunday and visited at the homes of two brothers north of town.

Mrs. Wm. McBride and Miss Ferol will leave tomorrow for a visit with Mrs. McBride's two daughters in Portland. They will remain about two weeks.

Athena still has beautiful roses. The Press is thankful to Mrs. Chas. Norris for a handsome bouquet. The flowers were fresh and fragrant, and attest what care will do in connection with rose culture.

Mrs. D. B. Jarman and children and Miss Mattie and Eddie Jarman returned Saturday from Long Beach, where they spent the past three weeks. The party say they would prefer the rather sultry weather in Athena to the chill and fog of the beach.



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TO THE DANDELION
How like a prodigal doth nature seem,
When thou, for all thy gold, so common art,
Thou teachest me to deem
More sacredly of every human heart,
Since each reflects in joy its scanty gleam
Of heaven, and could some wondrous secret show,
Did we but pay the love we owe,
And with a child's undoubting wisdom look
On all these living pages of God's book.
—James Russell Lowell.

OUTDOOR MEALS

Today an outdoor meal may be anything from a snack taken on a long hike to a banquet under the trees in the garden or on the porch. In the old days an outdoor meal, unless it was a barbecue, seldom meant a warm meal. Now with all the appliances and conveniences for outdoor living, suggestions for the meals must include the picnic arranged for schools, church societies, small groups of friends and oftentimes most elaborate social functions. The camper, too, is legion and needs to keep in mind the staple foods needed for the outing.

The sandwich is appropriate to all such meals; with it and a thermos bottle of hot or cold drink, one may find rest and appetite-delight in the glorious out-of-doors.

The following combinations are excellent for sandwich filling: Grated American cheese, sweet pickle chopped, chopped nasturtium leaves, cream, chives, minced ham, Bologna, dried beef or tongue, cooked meat with mayonnaise.

Slices of cold roast lamb, spread with mayonnaise to which a bit of minced mint has been added.

Creamed cheese mixed with chopped pecans, chopped candied orange peel and mayonnaise with brown bread.

Cold sliced chicken, chopped celery, mayonnaise, or corn relish, chopped pickled cauliflower, mushrooms.

Summer sausage, spread with mayonnaise to which hard cooked egg, chopped nasturtium leaves have been added. Serve on rye bread.

For drinks, iced grape juice may be put into thermos bottles, iced lemon or orangeade, tea, coffee or cocoa, cold or hot.

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