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## Clark Wood Says—

"It is much nicer to be sitting by the fire and thinking how much nicer it is to be sitting by the fire than to be flying by the Arctic patrol; than to be flying with the Arctic patrol and thinking how much nicer it would be to be sitting by the fire."

A WORD FROM ARKANSAS  
(Conway, Arkansas, News)

It's a common practice, and an unfortunate one, too, that some newspapers and seekers after political notoriety don't hesitate to unjustly criticize and abuse public utilities and refer to them as a "power trust."

Of course no such thing as a "power trust" exists, and unless complete State ownership of power production and distribution is brought about none can exist. Another cry is that the industry is always asking higher rates, when the fact is that every utility executive who is worth his salt is bending every energy toward lower rates, because lower rates mean greater consumption in their hope of progress.

And whenever a newspaper dares to voice itself in defense of public utilities and asks the proper recognition of them under safe and sane regulations, the same propagandists will howl about a "controlled press," whereas there is doubtless not a single newspaper in the United States controlled by any corporation or political machine. Were it otherwise, these undesirable newspapers would soon be uncovered and put out of business through the publicity which every fair-minded newspaper would give them.

THE GOVERNOR IS RIGHT  
(The Manufacturer)

To deter people from committing crimes, certainty of suitable punishment is more effective "than all the moral suasion and psychopathic treatment that penologists can prescribe," is the belief of Governor Theodore Christian of Minnesota.

If, by example, the so-called potential criminal could be rid of the idea that escape from punishment was 90 per cent certain through pardon, parole and legal red tape generally, it is safe to say that a 75 per cent reduction in crime would be noticeable almost overnight.

As long as laws are not enforced and punishment is considered only as a hazy probability, crime will continue to flourish as one of the biggest industries in the country today, costing legitimate business and law-abiding individuals millions of dollars annually, to say nothing of a countless number of human lives.

And the best remedy that many law-makers can suggest is "more laws" for the criminals to "obey." What a joke! They merely restrict law-abiding citizens.

That the interior department is friendly disposed toward the Umatilla rapids project, as announced in recent dispatches, comes in a measure of good news to friends of river transportation on the Columbia and the Snake. Especially should the Pendleton East Oregonian feel pleased at the turn of sentiment prevailing at Washington, for to that newspaper credit is due for pioneering the proposed Umatilla rapids improvement, and consistently supporting it until Portland and other river cities saw the light and fell in line. An investigation of the Columbia and its tributaries is now under way by engineers of the war department, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000 before it is concluded.

A practical step in dealing with the common labor problem in this country is seen in the introduction of a resolution by Senator McNary, which authorizes the president to appoint a fact-finding committee to investigate the demand and supply of agricultural labor. The committee will find that in the Athena agricultural district the credentials required of a farm laborer nowadays is whether or not he is proficient in driving a "cat."

That automobiles withstand the shocks of traffic better than they formerly did is due to the all-steel body construction of present models. The best material available is used by manufacturers of motor cars in both high priced and lower classes of motor driven vehicles. Especially is this true of the American made car, and is the real reason for enormous foreign sales.

The airplane carrier Lexington, after performing thirty days service to the city of Tacoma as an auxiliary

electric "juice" plant, pulled up her anchors and departed for the south this week, leaving the Sound city to "mix her own." The Lexington helped Tacoma a lot. Besides lighting up the town, the gobs of the big craft had a pay day while there.

E. E. Brodie of the Oregon City Enterprise, one of the finest fellows in the newspaper game, former American ambassador to Siam, has been given the ministerial post in Finland. The Clackamas knows Ed. to be an expert angler, but now he must lay down the fly rod and buckle on the ski.

The sugar industry is left to stand alone as a result of demanding everything in sight and then some, in tariff revision. The brawl over rates finally ended by the senate voting to sustain the present tariff rate on sugar, both Cuban and foreign product. Also the proposal of a bounty was turned down, flat.

Governor Norblad has let it be known that he is going to be spitting of paroles. What the annual cost of crime in Oregon amounts to, the governor is not prepared to estimate. A commission in California estimated the annual cost of crime in that state at \$70,000,000.

With the mercury registering around 25 below in Athena, the crux of winter weather was less of an experience than that of Meacham residents who kept their stoves hot to prevail against a temperature of 43 below.

For the second time in forty-two years, the Willamette river froze over to permit man to cross on the ice in safety. It's a long time to wait between freezes but the incident is worthy of mention.

Shoshone county, Idaho, has a new sheriff, following the removal from office of Sheriff R. E. Weniger, following his conviction in the Mullan "whiskey rebellion" conspiracy case in federal court.

Pork barrel methods still persist in influencing national legislation to some extent, but the trimming that is coming to lobbyists will curtail this pernicious practice to a noticeable degree.

Wonder if that court decree giving juries the right to drink the evidence in liquor cases, will make it any easier to empanel juries?



True happiness leaves no reactions. The mind is at rest with itself and the consciousness is filled with the joy of living.—David Starr Jordan.

## SUGGESTED MENUS

Here are a few dishes which the poor people in the South live on. Try a few for a day and save the surplus to help them better conditions:

**Greens With Salt Pork.**—Turnip greens are those most often used, but any greens may be used. These are cooked with a piece of salt pork in the pot and served together on a hot platter with.

**Corn Bread.**—Take one cupful of sour milk, one-half teaspoonful of soda dissolved in one teaspoonful of water, one egg yolk, one-half teaspoonful of salt, one and one-half cupfuls of corn meal, mix in the order given and fold in the stiffly beaten white of egg at the last. Bake twenty minutes in a shallow pan in a moderate oven.

**Grits and Gravy.**—Grits is known as hominy in many parts of the country; the smaller form of hominy is usually meant. Cook as a cereal and serve with meat gravy.

**Soda Biscuits.**—Mix and sift two cupfuls of flour, one-half teaspoonful of soda, one teaspoonful of salt, and work in two tablespoonfuls of shortening; then add one cupful of sour milk. This mixture is stiffer than baking powder biscuit. Roll out and cut into small biscuits. Dip edges into melted fat and place close together in the pan when baking.

**Cottage Cake.**—Sift one and one-half cupfuls of flour with three teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Add one-half cupful of sugar to one-fourth cupful of shortening and when well creamed add a beaten egg. Now add the flour with one-half teaspoonful of salt and one-half cupful of milk. Beat well, pour into a well greased pan and bake forty-five minutes.

Wild rabbit is a good substitute for the favorite possum of the South. Cut up and brown in any good fat, then place in the oven with a tablespoonful of water, cover tightly and steam until tender, adding more moisture as needed. Season the meat well before placing in the oven. Serve with gravy from the pan and baked sweet potatoes.

Nellie Maxwell

## SCHOOL TOPICS

(By E. E. Coad, Supt.)

Public secondary education, the modern high school, is a new institution. It has taken the place of the old private schools and church schools that dotted the land in a former generation. Thirty years ago there were but two or three high schools in Oregon.

Public education was not compulsory. Many pupils then dropped out of school even early in the grades. There was more need for manual labor and less for a trained mind.

Better living conditions, machinery to do much of the labor formerly done by cheap labor, a feeling on the part of many people that if their children can go through school they will be able to make a living easier than they have been able to, compulsory education laws, and many other factors, have caused a tremendous increase in the number seeking an education and in the period devoted to the process.

This increase in numbers has not increased the general level of intelligence of those seeking an education. Where pupils who were slow to comprehend formerly dropped out of school early in the grades, now they appear in numbers in the high school and in college. As a result, standards of accomplishment in secondary schools and in all schools have dropped.

In the larger cities the problem has been met by furnishing a variety of training suited to different types. The small school cannot do this to the same extent for the cost is prohibitive. But in the larger schools it is possible, by suiting the courses offered to the needs of the pupils, to maintain much higher standards or work than is possible in the smaller schools.

The problem in the smaller school is to direct the energy of the pupils to lines that will best prepare them for the work they are interested in and best fitted by nature to do. If the individual pupil can be led to establish for himself the best possible standard of work he is capable of, one could ask no more. This, however, is seldom a fact. There are more people interested in getting out of work than in doing the job the very best they can do it. Youth merely imitates numerous adult examples.

But it is a mistake to force all pupils in a high school to take a college preparatory course when some are not fitted for college training by nature. Many boys have manual dexterity combined with mechanical ingenuity. The world of books and abstract ideas is a closed world to them. No wonder they chafe at the restraints placed upon them in a purely academic atmosphere. Pupils cannot be fitted to the schools. The school courses should be fitted to the needs of the pupils.

Sneeze Once Welcomed  
as Harbinger of Luck

Xenophon, addressing his newly elected generals, pleaded with them henceforth to wage implacable war with the enemy. "We have—the gods willing—many fair hopes of deliverance." As he spoke this last word a man sneezed. When the soldiers heard it, with one impulse they all made obeisance to Zeus. "I move, gentlemen," spoke Xenophon, "since at the moment when we were talking about deliverance an omen from Zeus the savior was revealed to us, that we make a vow to sacrifice to that god thank offerings for deliverance as soon as we reach a friendly land. All in favor of this motion will raise their hands." We read in the Anabasis that every man in the assembly raised his hand. Thereupon they made their vows and struck up the paeon, prepared to face the perils of the celebrated retreat.

This seems strange to us who have lived to see the sneeze of epidemics destroy more men than were killed in all the wars of Greece. So we fear the drafts of alternating warm and cold days. New York Times.

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## 23 Years Ago

Friday, January 25, 1907

Fire started in the jail at the agency on the Umatilla reservation early Sunday morning but was not discovered until the building was a mass of flames and before assistance could be given five Indians were burned to death.

Virgil Zerba, who is attending school at Pullman, Wash. is a new Press subscriber.

M. A. Ferguson, editor of the Helix Herald, is holding down a clerkship in the Oregon legislature.

B. B. Richards, the wheat buyer, came up from Pendleton Sunday and spent the day with Athena friends.

Misses Myrtle and Grace Hawks, of Pendleton, spent Sunday in this city with their brother, Byron Hawks, proprietor of the Pioneer drugstore.

The carload of coal confiscated by the Adams people last week was consigned to Eugene Tausig, the Walla Walla laundryman. He presented his bill and the amount was paid at once.

Mrs. Ora Messner, who has been spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. Ida Gillis, left last evening for Seattle. After remaining in Seattle for a time, she may decide to return to San Francisco, her former home.

The dance at the opera house Friday night was well attended. Sleighting was good and many young people from the country and adjacent towns took advantage of the opportunity and came to the ball. The usual good music was furnished by Ker-shaw's orchestra.

N. H. Pinkerton, who has been in town for several days, returns this evening to his Crook county home. Mr. Pinkerton reports short crops in his section of the state last harvest, and for the next year the crop prospects, so far, are not very bright. Precipitation, when Mr. Pinkerton left Crook county, had not exceeded four inches during the fall and winter months.

William Mosley, formerly a resident of Athena, a prominent member of the local K. of P. lodge and a brother of Mrs. P. E. Colbern, was lately married at Eldon, Mo., to a Mrs. Douglas. This news will be received with much interest by William's Athena friends and particularly by several old "bachelors," who, confirmed and "set in their ways," always thought they had as good a chance as Bill.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McEwen arrived home Saturday from California, where they have spent most of the winter.

The mixed train from Walla Walla Wednesday was several hours late. The delay was caused by the forward trucks of a refrigerator car breaking, when a short distance out of Walla Walla.

Jerry Stone and Will M. Peterson left on the noon train today for Walla Walla where they will attend the open river convention and will be guests at the banquet tonight. Mr. Peterson, in behalf of the Athena Commercial Association will present resolutions compiled by Mr. Stone, memorializing the legislatures of the

states of Oregon, Washington, California and Idaho in the matter of removing the tariff on jute and grain sacks.

Clifford Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Walker, who reside north west of Athena, is reported ill with pneumonia.

Wheat at the different stations on the O. R. & N. has been pretty well shipped out. Not much will be held over, except for seed.

The city council of Adams has raised the liquor license to \$300 per year instead of \$400 per year as at present. The salary of the marshal, J. O. Garrett, has been increased \$10 per month.

Friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. John Duffy, who reside south of town, gave them a surprise Tuesday evening by dropping in unannounced. The evening was spent pleasantly and refreshments were served.

If you don't think Marville Watts made some easy money yesterday, ask Claude Estes, Marville was passing McBride's livery stable yesterday when Estes bantered him to ride a certain horse bareback, up to the bank and back, saying there was \$5 in it. The money was put up and after a little coaxing the horse made the trip as docile as could be.

## SUMMONS

(Equity No. 4807)

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

Frank L. Silvers, Plaintiff, vs. Edith T. Silvers, Defendant.

To Edith T. Silvers, the above named defendant: 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 within four weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, which date is set forth below, and if you fail to so appear and answer, for want thereof, plaintiff will apply to said court for the relief prayed for in said complaint, to-wit: For a dissolution of the marriage contract now existing between plaintiff and defendant.

This summons is served upon you by publication thereof for four consecutive weeks in the Athena Press by order of Honorable James Alger Fee, Judge of the above named court and which said order was made and dated the 23rd day of December, 1929, and the date of the first publication of this summons is the 27th day of December, 1929.

I, M. Schanep, Attorney for plaintiff, Postoffice address: Pendleton Oregon.

## INSURANCE PLUS

Every motor vehicle should be protected by Public Liability and Property Damage insurance. Cost very little and is worth many times the cost. Every owner should carry Landlords, Owners and Tenants Liability insurance, only \$7.50 and may save your home. This is an age of ambulance chasers and damage suits. You owe it to yourself and to society. Neglect may wreck your fortune; it is wasting at the bung hole and saving at the spigot. Liability protects you, life insurance protects your family. We write it and service our policies throughout the policy year. Insurance plus service.

B. B. RICHARDS.

## Tum-A-Lum Tickler

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**Editorial**  
We see by the papers that Will Rogers and Joe Robinson are over there trying to fix up the world. It will probably mean that Europe will take up the gum chewing habit and carry lariats.

**Pome**  
Cowboys roll their cigarettes, The flapper rolls her hose, The baker first rolls up his sleeve, And then he rolls in dough. Sailors always roll their walk, Scotchman roll their "R-r-r's,"

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Sign in church bulletin. The ladies of the church have cast-off clothing of all kinds. They may be seen in the basement of the church any afternoon this week.

Girl: "Have you any green lipstick?"  
Druggist: "What do you want with green lipstick?"

Girl: "Well, you see a railroad man is calling on me to-night."

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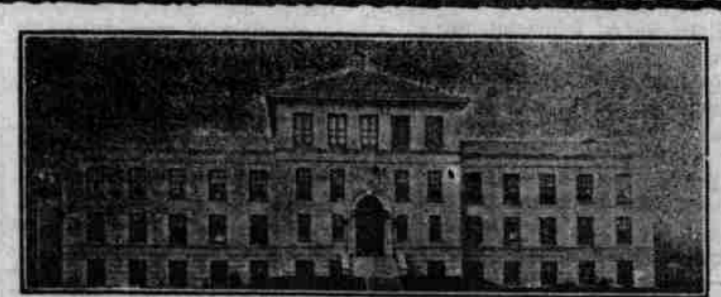
## Residential Rates

First 30 KWH hours used, per month.....10c per KWH  
Excess over 30 KWH used, per month.....3c per KWH  
The above rates apply when bills are paid in full within 10 days from date of bill. Otherwise, the rate will be increased by 10 per cent on each item.

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First 100 KWH used per month.....10c per KWH  
Next 200.....7c per KWH  
Next 300.....6c per KWH  
Next 400.....5c per KWH  
Next 1000.....4c per KWH  
Excess over 2000.....3c per KWH  
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