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Clark Wood Says—

"Not a few convicted criminals who whine because the law does not give them a 'break' would be kicking anyhow if they got one—in the region of the neck."

Seymour Jones, state market agent says "an optimistic disposition is a source of happiness to its possessors, and of passing pleasure to those who come in contact with them." Then we read in the Blue Mountain Eagle of Canyon City: "Of course, it's dry, and it will be until it rains, and that may be next summer. We have seen seasons like this, only a whole lot dryer, and then in January it commenced to snow and it kept it up until the summer rains set in and it was so wet that the farmers could not put up their big hay crops. Nature knows her stuff and she knows when to sprinkle the rain and when to wet up the ground. Our prediction is that in the summer of 1930 and also 1931 there will be bumper and record hay crops. Things are just right now for a wet spring."

Edward Price Bell, writing from London for the Chicago Daily News, says: "There is at the five-power naval conference a vast, invisible presence. It is as unobtrusive as it is vast. It is as mute as it is invisible. As the presence itself does not speak, so it is not spoken about—or at least not much, and never openly. Yet, it is here. It is in the thoughts of the delegates—in some definitely, in others vaguely. Its intangible approach is from two directions—across Europe from the east and across the Pacific from the west. I refer to the great political fact of soviet Russia."

Farmers are warned by the Department of Agriculture to curtail crops and guard close economy in expenditures during 1930. Suggestion that economy be practiced may be applicable to the Eastern Oregon wheat country, but crop curtailment is definitely out of the question, if wheat growers are to live and stay in business. Under the summer-fallow process of wheat raising as practiced here, one-half the farming acreage is now idle, and to further curtail acreage production would mean complete ruin of farmers operating in a strictly one-crop district.

Big Bill Thompson, mayor of the second city of America, blames "reformers" for placing Chicago, with all its \$9,000,000,000 yearly trade in the hole, financially. And after bankers refused to honor city warrants any further, he had to stand the gaff when a self-constituted citizen's committee which came forward with a \$20,000,000 check to help the city out, but with a "we'll do the liquidating ourselves" string tied to the offer. In other words the committee is loyal to the city, but it cannot trust its municipal administration to handle its funds.

The rigors of the Arctic have claimed two more victims. It has been discovered the Carl Ben Eielson and Earl Borland crashed in their plane in a lagoon near the coast of Siberia, and their bodies probably lie in an icy shroud beneath the plane. Recent dispatches from Moscow had stated that reliable reports had been received that a plane had crashed near a reindeer camp and the report was verified in the finding of the wreck by American pilots, Crosson and Gillam.

Over on the Pacific coast where Tillamook and Lincoln counties border on each other, they have found that the ocean breeze, something or other, puts more of the pea in peas than at any other spot on earth. Which prompts us to remark that hereafter they will raise something else over in that vicinity besides cheese; by the way, a better cheese than any other cheese.

E. W. Wright, well known newspaper man died at his home in Portland this week. In addition to being a writer, Mr. Wright had been of great help to Oregon in his capacity of marine historian, and for many years he was active in management of the affairs of the Portland Merchant's exchange.

It is possible the residents of Bend and Redmond may enjoy the sport of jackrabbit drives within the corporate limits of their respective towns. The high desert habitat of the long-eared bunny is at present covered by

two feet of snow, and the fleet-footed jumpers are invading towns and countryside in search of food.

Portland has seen Russian methods employed in breaking the ice-bound Willamette river to release shipping in that port. Specially equipped vessels were utilized in ploughing through ice sufficiently thick enough to hold up the weight of an automobile, which crossed in safety near the interstate bridge.

The habit formed in childhood of sliding down the banisters, and persisted in after marriage, was grounds for divorce brought by a Chicago husband. The judge is to be commended, however, in crossing the husband by awarding a decree to the wife—doubtless himself being a banister slider.

Just what he lived on and how, is not mentioned in the announcement of the recent death of Mr. Johann Georgii, Rumanian peasant who passed away at the ripe and mellow age of 150 years, leaving 100 direct living descendants.

Tapping whales on the snout with skis is a pastime enjoyed by the Byrd party in Antarctica. The biggest fish that can be played with by the average angler, is the steelhead trout—and snell hooks instead of kraits are used for tackle.

To the average reader it would appear that Japan's attitude toward progress made at the disarmament parley, is one of "there may be a silver lining in your war cloud, but none in ours."

Governor Norblad, himself a lawyer, says that crime problems in Oregon can be settled more effectively by making punishment "certain and swift" than by increasing severity of punishment.

New York may soon experience financial troubles like Chicago's—Headline. Maybe so, but we doubt it. Gotham, you know, makes money; others spend it.

Compared with his grouchy demeanor of last week, old man Boreas has warmed up the cockles of his icicles to some extent.

Aside from the fact that copper was the first metal known to cavemen, it is "still" used.



To preserve a friend, three things are necessary: To honor him present, praise him absent and assist him in his necessities.—Italian Sayings.

SEASONABLE FOODS

This is the time of the year when pumpkin pies flourish in the land. Here is one fit to serve the most honored guest: Pumpkin Pie Supreme.—Take two cupsful of well cooked and browned pumpkin. If the canned variety is used, cook it down until it is a rich brown. Beat five eggs, add one cupful of sugar, one-half teaspoonful of salt, the grated rind of a lemon, six tablespoonfuls of lemon juice and two cupsful of rich milk. Mix all together and fill the crusts for two pies. Bake in a hot oven at first to set the pastry then lower the heat; bake about forty-five minutes.

Tuna and Spaghetti Salad.—Take a cupful of tuna fish flaked into bits, add two cupsful of cooked spaghetti cut into half-inch pieces, a half cupful of grated carrot, a bit of finely minced celery—half a cupful or more—a few nuts, mix well with salad dressing and heap on lettuce. Garnish with stuffed olives. This amount will serve eight plentifully. Cut the celery into inch strips the size of the spaghetti, making the dish most attractive with the pretty color of the carrot.

A pretty and tasty garnish for a game dish is prepared as follows: Take large stewed prunes with stones removed, or soak in cold water is better. Dry and roll in bacon that has been sprinkled with a bit of cayenne and salt. Fasten with a toothpick and fry in deep fat until the bacon is crisp.

Fruited Punch.—Make a strup by boiling two and one-half cupsful of sugar with two cupsful of water for five minutes. Add tea, one pint which has been freshly made and chilled; three-fourths of a cupful of lemon juice, six cupsful of orange juice, two cupsful of crushed pineapple, eight cupsful of ice water, plain or charged; one cupful of maraschino cherries, six oranges sliced. The cherries and oranges form the garnish. Cut orange slices into quarters. This recipe serves fifty glasses.

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SCHOOL TOPICS

(By E. E. Coad, Supt.)

Tendencies may be inherited but habits are formed. Conduct resulting in satisfaction becomes automatic or habitual. A child learns automatically to obey or to disregard authority. Dr. DeBusk related an incident, I recall, that we all have seen duplicated many times in one way or another.

The doctor said he was taking a street car on an errand one day when a woman boarded the car with a small boy about three years of age. The mother found a seat near the rear of the car, but, just as she sat down, the child pulled away and ran to the front of the car. The mother went after him and carried him back, scolding all the time. The boy was yelling until he did not hear a word his mother said. But he watched his chance and ran to the front of the car again. The mother again went after her son and carried him back by main force. The child watched his chance, again eluded her clutching fingers, and dashed to the front of the car.

The mother threw herself back in the seat, as much as to say, "Oh, what's the use!" and left the child to his own devices. As Dr. DeBusk expressed it, "There is a child the state will have to step in and take care of before many years unless the school can overcome those criminal habits of disobedience formed under the active tutelage of his mother."

The public school is not a melting pot for the alien child alone. It has its work cut out for it if it develops those traits of character and personality that a good citizen should possess whether the child be from a home recently transported from some other land, or from a native home where ideals of good citizenship are not inculcated.

Under the direction of a wise and capable teacher who knows her problems and how best to solve them, many of these anti-social habits can be corrected by the intrusion of better habits to take their place. Such work on the part of the teacher is certainly as vital a service in the life of the individual as that performed by the physician or by any other professional person. But these intangibles of life are not valued by everyone alike.

Parents and teachers alike have a very meager knowledge of child psychology and how to develop in the child habits which will be useful to him rather than handicap him. Schools offer all sorts of courses but none in child training. The training schools for teachers have turned a deaf ear to all the psychological laboratory has to offer them. In Oregon the university and the state college have been requested by the state board, at the evident instigation of some influence, to not use their time or talent in dealing with elementary school problems.

There are certain basic habits of attention, order, obedience, respect, accuracy, reliability, carefulness, kindness, and many more—habits of a personal nature—that the child is grounded in either positively or negatively before the teacher receives him in school.

"Furniture Fakers" The workmen of France and Italy are exceedingly clever in the business of imitating ancient furniture and similar pieces of old art craft, and in their imitating they are thorough and systematic to the extent that the copy is often as handsome a piece of work as the original. Persons who engage in this questionable art are artisans of the first water. They make use of old wood and when it is desired to give a piece the appearance of years of actual service, they put the piece into actual use where it will get real wear and tear. In addition to this they make use of fabrics which are really old, taken from pieces which they have gathered at various times in their search for old wood.

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"THEM DAYS IS GONE FOREVER"

The following communication from an old croney, Frank Wormington, a former well known resident of Milton-Freewater, appeared in a recent issue of the Freewater Times: Long Beach, Calif., Jan. 14, 1930. Col. R. E. Bean, Freewater Times, Freewater, Oregon.

Dear Colonel.—After paying my income tax, community chest and Christmas assessments, etc., I find that I have a cash balance amounting to a grand total of two hundred cents. I am afraid that if I try to keep so much money here, that either the Native Sons or the Bank of Italy will get it away from me, so after much thought, I have concluded to send it to you, to finance your great Family Journal for another year—"largest circulation of any weekly newspaper in Eastern Oregon"—disputed, of course by Col. Wood the accomplished before and after dinner speaker of the Weston Leader, and also by Col. Boyd of the Athena Press, to say nothing of the Milton Eagle; I have not been able to keep up with the quick change maneuvers of the Eagle in recent years, so I do not know who is the Chief Broadcaster at the present time and I will use the soft pedal on him for he might be one of those fiery fighting, old time editors like Bruce Shangle and "Chicken" Van Slyke.

You know, I had some newspaper experience in my younger days, I used to watch for type lice when Carl Brown was "making up" on the Eagle, and I got so I could tell a "shooting stick" from a galley and I could tell the paper cutter from the job press clear across the room. And then another time I heard Col. Clark Wood play a trombone solo and deliver an oration, all the same day, and that night he got the prize for destroying the most eatables at a Knights of Pythias' banquet, and got sore at Col. Boyd because Fred claimed to write such heavy editorials that he had to pay extra postage. Clark said that Fred's pipe was strong enough to carry the papers to the postoffice, and then we all went home.

Yes sir, those were great old days, and I thank you one and all, and hope to see you again by the time the new court house is finished.—Yours truly, F. A. WORMINGTON, 344 E. 21st St., Long Beach, Calif.

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.

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Editorial

Early to bed and early to rise, cut the weeds and swat the flies, mind your own business and tell no lies; don't get gay and deceive your wives, pay your debts and use enterprise and buy from home merchants if you want to be wise. A. M. Johnson, Editor

Reward offered for the apprehension of the person or persons that stole the mercury from our thermometer. The fact that part of it has been returned doesn't help much. KING COAL is on their trail too.

Household Hints We are always Johnny-on-the-spot with suggestions that fit the season. When the water pipes are frozen

23 Years Ago

Friday, February 1, 1907

Mrs. O. G. Chamberlain and two young sons returned last evening from a visit to relatives at Waitsburg.

Charley Gerking arrived home yesterday from a month's visit in the Sound cities and in the Willamette valley. A dance took place last night at the home of Jerry St. Dennis on the reservation. A large number of people were present and a good time is reported.

Representative Barrett returned to Salem Saturday evening. He was accompanied by his son, Henry, who will spend a couple of weeks in the valley. Lawrence Lieuallen drove up from Adams today in company with a sled-load of ladies. Sleighing down Adams way is excellent and all who can are enjoying sleighrides.

The Athena Truck company yesterday unloaded the last of a consignment of 80 tons of ice from the North Powder ponds. Mr. Winship says the ice received this season is of superior quality.

A big dance at which everybody had a good time, took place Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rainville, south of town. From all the country around including Walla Walla, friends of the family came and spent an enjoyable evening.

At present there is but one case of scarlet fever in the city. It is in a mild form and the patient a little girl of Mr. G. W. Zerba is getting along nicely. In view of the fact that there is at this time no evidences of an epidemic, school will continue and public gatherings have not been prohibited by the health authorities.

The following officers of Mignonette Lodge No. 86, Rebekahs, were installed Tuesday evening by Miss Mae Gross, district deputy: Mary Sharp, Noble Grand; Lola Payne, Vice Grand; Mattie Hill, Secretary; Carrie Sharp, Treasurer; Jennie Gross, Financial Secretary. After installation ceremonies, refreshments were served.

Born, in Athena to Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Campbell, January 26, 1907, a son. R. E. Stewart is recovering from pneumonia and will soon be able to be up.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ely took advantage of the fine sleighing Wednesday, and drove over to Weston. George Gerking has been afflicted with blood poisoning in his hand. He is improving and is able to be out. During the flood yesterday Schubert and Will Pinkerton each had an artesian well on their places north of town.

The Misses Forrest came in town yesterday to take the train for Walla Walla, but owing to the flood, returned home. Miss Minnie Keen is home on a vacation from St. Paul's school, Walla Walla. The young lady has such a good standing in her studies that she did not have to take the examination this term.

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