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Clark Wood Says:

"Us dry democrats shouldn't speak too harshly of Mr. Raskob. In one respect he has been the life of the party."

The state of Idaho has become a leading grower and shipper of potatoes. Over 20,000 carloads have been shipped out of the state already the current season, with plenty on hand yet. Prices have been so low that profits to growers this year have not been noticeable. Oregon had quite a large crop also and in some cases satisfactory profits are reported. Klamath county is the most extensive potato producing section of the state, claiming to ship almost as great tonnage as the rest of the state combined. It is alleged that the shipping record of Klamath county amounts to 2200 carloads this season and the results to the growers for the past ten years are thus summarized: "The per acre net return on potatoes has been greater over a 10-year period than the net return per acre on any other branch of agriculture in the county. A net profit of \$104 was realized on the average potato acre during the past 10 years."

The spirit of a school is exemplified in its activities. Locally this is evidenced in greater extent by the Athena school than for a number of years past, notably in music, both vocal and instrumental. We understand, also, that grades of higher average than formerly are being acquired under the administration and tutelage of the present faculty. Knowledge that the Athena school is gaining in this respect is gratifying for in these days of high taxes, one of the greatest items of the taxpayers' burden is that of maintaining the public school.

All manner of schemes are being proposed in our states to rid the highways of reckless drivers, reduce automobile accidents and provide financial compensation for innocent victims. These problems must be solved, according to the Baltimore Sun, "through adoption of moderate measures. Drastic enactments do not work out satisfactorily. There is agreement that a way should be found to compensate victims of reckless automobiles, but there is widespread diversity of opinion how best to do it."

Dairy cattle have increased about 2,000 head in Columbia county in the past five years says the St. Helens Sentinel. In the Nehalem section the increase has been 300 per cent, and now with a cooperative dairy at Clatskanie the increase will continue. County Agent Nelson reports an advance movement among farmers in general and that more attention is being paid to cropping and small fruit raising and intensified farming. The poultry business is increasing and the sheep and goat industry has just fairly started.

Apparently not missing the good times she might have had, Miss Ella Wendle, the hermit heiress of New York, is dead at the mellow age of 80 years. To the last she kept residence in a quaint, old brownstone mansion on Fifth avenue with skyscrapers surrounding her property, which is valued in seven figures. In all the long years of her life in the big city, Ella was never known to "step out" but once. She visited the night club of Texas Guinan. She never, never went back.

March stands out historically as the month during which the first complete sentence of speech was transmitted over a wire, according to the Telephone Almanac of the Bell System, which was recently made available to patrons of the company. The first sentence was spoken by Alexander Graham Bell to his assistant, Thomas A. Watson, in Bell's laboratory in Boston on March 10, 1876. The sentence consisted only of seven words—"Mr. Watson, come here; I want you."

In an article on "The Graveyard of Lost Buildings," Safeguarding America Against Fire states that if all the structures that have been destroyed by fire could be gathered together they would create the largest city in the world. It would go on for uncountable miles—street after street of ruin and desolation.

A world survey of soil is being carried on by the leading nations of the world, and is non-political in organization. Leading scientists

have formed together in the International Association of Science of the Soil, and hope to make discoveries that will be of great benefit to the world.

The death of Angus M. Gillis saddened friends and business associates in three counties, where at different periods covering a span of over forty years he had been actively identified with enterprise and progress. His passing is deeply regretted as is the departure of all good men.

Over in Washington the legislature passed the bill providing for a \$3 flat automobile license fee and a raise of two cents tax on gasoline. With the governor's approval, the gas tax will be in operation April 1, and the new license fee effective January 1, 1932.

Ol' man flu tackled five jurors and the two principals in the Bowles murder trial at Hillsboro, with the result that court took a recess and page one, column one carried other stories.

Oregon State College is tooting its horn this week. Its splendid military band is being heard in the principal cities and towns of the state.

A DRAMATIC STRUGGLE (The Manufacturer)

A dramatic struggle is being staged between the railroads and various forms of automobile transportation. As about one person out of five in the United States owns an automobile and hundreds of millions of individuals use buses or trucks annually, this is a question of general interest which must have intelligent consideration.

The public has no desire to injure the railroad industry but it believes that it is entitled to every advance in transportation service, convenience and economy.

Commenting on transportation progress, Collier's Weekly recently said: "During the years in front of us somebody must discover ways of using the marvelous resources which invention has made available. Railroads, waterways, bus and truck lines, air transport, private automobiles, pipelines for gas and oil, these are the tools we have to use. . . . We must learn how to adjust the great facilities one to the other so that the maximum service may be had and so that nothing valuable may be lost."

C. E. Wickman, President of a large motor transport system said recently, "The automobile industry gives the railroads directly over 3,000,000 carloads of freight annually. The railroads handle twice the freight tonnage they did twenty years ago. Would the railroads be better off if automobiles, buses and trucks were entirely eliminated? The size of the automobile industry and the history of railroad transportation in the last generation is a sufficient answer to this question."

"In many States, the proportion of gross income paid for taxes by the motor buses is twice as large as the proportion paid by the railroads. On the basis of the value of property used in transportation, the motor buses pay from five to ten times as much for taxes as do the railroads."

"Instead of receiving a subsidy from the public, the motor bus gives to that public which does not own cars the use of highways which the public owns."

"The motor bus industry does not object to paying its fair share of the cost of construction and upkeep of the highways. It is willing to submit to all fair and reasonable regulation. It believes, however, that in the interest of millions of people who utilize the motor bus, that taxation and regulation should be imposed strictly in the public interest and not in the interest of a competing form of transportation. The public is entitled to all the advantages which highway transportation, private or commercial, offers to the growing needs of the nation."

22 Years Ago

Friday, March 26, 1909

Ed. Koontz and Byron Hawks have taken the matter of raising funds for the ball team in hand, with the result that they expect to raise \$200, which with the proceeds from the games is considered sufficient to finance a first class amateur ball team through the season, which closes about July 4.

The Preston-Parton Milling Co., paid \$1.15 per bushel for bluestem wheat Monday. The wheat, a lot consisting of 568 sacks, was stored in the warehouse at Grandview station and was the remnant of the Parris and Dickenson crops. This is the highest price paid for bluestem yet reached this season by millers.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shrimpf went to Pendleton yesterday to spend the day.

County Superintendent Welles made an official visit to the Athena public school, Monday.

Miss Lizzie Sheard came over from Whitman and spent Sunday with her parents near town.

David Taylor Wednesday shipped three carloads of hay via the Northern Pacific to the Sound.

W. R. Taylor and F. S. LeGrow returned Wednesday from Canyon City. They brought back with them a bunch of first class horses.

M. O. Rose will close his cut price jewelry sale, at the Pioneer drug store tomorrow night, when he will discontinue business in Athena. Tomorrow will positively be the last

day you will be able to get first class jewelry at low prices.

"Bud" Read and Ben Dupuis, well known young men of Weston, are employed by Charles Baddeley in this city, "working out" his string of trotting stock.

Hugh Worthington has installed a special delivery service at his store. He has rigged up with horses, wagon and the most flashy harness that ever came to town.

Victor Burke and Miss Josie Strohle, of Pendleton, drove up from that city Sunday and spent the day with the family of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Burke in this city.

James Feeler left yesterday for Twin Falls, Idaho, after spending a week with his family in this city. Mr. Feeler has land near Buhl, a town under the Twin Falls project.

Mrs. James Woodruff, who has been visiting her parents here for some weeks, from her home at Two Rivers, Wash., is spending the week at the home of her sister, Mrs. Arthur Coppock, near town.

Glen Saling, a former Press employee, is now editor and publisher of the Touchet (Wash.) Times. The Times is a bright looking little sheet and appears to have lost none of its attractiveness or interest through the retirement of Mr. Cummins, and the grasping of the helm by Mr. Saling. Here's success to you Glen.

People passing along main street Monday were attracted by the fearless gyrations in midair, made by a painter employed by the Kidder firm. The painter, who is named Smalley, was working on the front of a two story building and appeared indifferent whether the swinging staging was on any old incline, perpendicular, horizontal, or whether there was any staging to support him or not. He is said to be a balloonist, and that may be the cause for his indifference when it comes to standing on air.

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Editorial

Disillusionment comes to the bride when she discovers that a husband makes the same kind of a noise as Dad did, when he is parting with money.

A. M. Johnson, Editor

Never saw the bride yet that wouldn't stay happy if she had a nicely painted kitchen to work in. Do you realize that one third of a woman's life is spent in the kitchen. Brighten up your wives work shop with Tum-A-Lum Kitchen Brite.

Hope never dies. The fellow who spent strawberry season looking for strawberries in shortcake is now looking for an oyster in oyster stew.

Unpainted houses depreciate 5 per cent faster per year than a house that is kept properly painted. If your property is worth \$5,000, that means \$250 a year. It wouldn't cost that much to paint it and the increased joy and pride of ownership would pay bigger dividends than the banks pay on mortgages.

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A doctor was called in to see the maid of one of his patients. After examining her he said, "Why, I can't find a thing wrong with you."

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Doctor: "Well, move over, they owe me \$150."

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