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Clark Wood says:  
 "Trouble with Mr. Raskob is that trouble with Mr. Raskob is a constant democratic irritant."

A survey as of March 20th indicates an increase of 9 percent in all potato acreage and 10 per cent increase in seed varieties reports the O. S. C. extension service. There is comfort for those who desire to increase their potato acreage in the knowledge that a few thousand acres more in Oregon will not cause any noticeable reduction in prices in this state. We now produce a surplus for shipment and increase intended would represent less than 1 per cent of the carlot shipments of the whole country. Should the acreage be increased 10 per cent for the whole country and still more for the Northwest, as is barely possible, the outlook for fair prices will be less bright.

Oregon cattle are generally in good condition after a favorable winter. The storm of March 26 to March 30 was very severe in eastern Colorado, western Kansas and western Nebraska, resulting in the heaviest loss of livestock in many years. Cattle losses in eastern Colorado are estimated at 10,000 to 12,000 head and in western Kansas from 10,000 to 15,000 with severe losses in parts of western Nebraska. In addition, there was considerable loss of sheep, hogs, and poultry and a heavy loss of young calves and spring pigs. Losses vary greatly and the total loss in the entire storm area will probably not exceed 2 to 4 per cent of the cattle.

That \$200,000 may be and probably will be, spent on a 12-mile section of the Wallula cutoff, but what good will it be to Umatilla county or Eastern Oregon? Hundreds of miles of market roads and other roads leading to somewhere in Eastern Oregon which are really needed and have been waiting for development and improvement, will have to wait just \$200,000 longer, while in all probability the Umatilla Rapids project will in the end provide a practical and feasible solution, by affording a crossing of the Columbia at the dam site.

Encouragement is offered Oregon wool growers in the sharp decline in importation and consumption of foreign wools. Imports of combing and clothing wool for the past year was 69,000,000 pounds, a sharp decrease from the imports of 102,000,000 pounds during 1929. According to statement of the National Wool Marketing Corporation, this decline in the use of foreign wools is due to a more adequate protective tariff and improved selling methods which give preference to domestic wools.

According to O. S. C. News Service, a half dozen farmers of Polk county are cooperating with county agent, J. R. Beck, this year in demonstration trials to ascertain whether land plaster applied to alfalfa will yield results similar to those obtained from applications of superphosphates. Alfalfa yields on three farms in that county last year were increased to a minimum of 200 per cent.

Governor Meier seems to be living up to his pre-election promises. He is using a big broom and so far it has been sweeping clean. It is high time our public men and public servants should be racking their brains to find ways and means to bring taxation, legislation and regulation back to normal along with commodity prices, production and employment.

Commenting on a proposed bill to make it unlawful for utilities to sell electrical appliances in Indiana, the Indianapolis Commercial recently said: "This is only one example to show to what lengths some legislators will go in their endeavors to regulate business. If they had their way, business generally would almost be regulated to death."

Once in a while one of Ed Aldrich's East Oregonian editorials gets under the hide of the farm board and brings forth an explanatory letter in defense of the board's policy. Then Ed answers the letter fairly and effectually by reprinting a section or two of the farm board act, and as yet the writer of the letter has never "come back."

Vice disclosures in New York reveal how the dispensing of justice in municipal courts can be made one of the best paying "rackets." Underworld privileges in all large cities depend in extent upon the "softness" of the ward magistrate, according to

the book, "The Vice Squad," written by Joseph Van Raalte.

Perhaps the greatest step forward in fire prevention would be for every property owner to emulate, as best he can, the example of the insurance industry's experts, and conduct a private inspection campaign with the object of correcting or reducing the hazards that exist in almost every building.

Silver mining may be put upon its feet through the senate resolution which recommended that the president take steps to open negotiations with other countries in an effort to prevent the practice of debasing silver coinage, and to prevent violent fluctuations in the price of that metal.

Mountain farmers east of Weston are still mud-bound beyond the stretch of graveled market road, while \$200,000 has been allocated for construction of a 12-mile section of the Wallula cutoff through sand dunes and sagebrush—a boulevard for coyotes and jackrabbits.

The year 1931 opened with a record-breaking motor fatality toll—2,410 deaths in January, an increase of 30 per cent over January, 1930. Here is grisly proof of the need for thorough-going investigation into every phase of the accident situation.

Our democratic friend, Jouett Shouse, would have a much easier time in his conferences with the western flank of the party, if he could find some convenient closet in which to hide the Rascon-Boose skeleton.

The person who, through carelessness, causes a fire is in exactly the same class as the motorist whose carelessness results in damage to the property or lives of others.

Compared to the number of people now traveling in their own vehicles, both the railroads and buses are very small fry when it comes to short-haul transportation.

Secretary Stimson calls to Americans to get out of Nicaragua. They are heeding his call.

**X-RAY LIGHTS THE WAY**  
(Tuberculosis Association)

Thousands of lives are saved from tuberculosis every year by means of an instrument which was developed through an accidental discovery in the laboratory of a German professor of physics in 1893. The X-ray—that penetrating light which is the eye of the physician—was discovered when William Konrad Roentgen was called away suddenly from his work and left his desk in disorder.

This is how it happened: Roentgen had been studying the green light given out by a new type of electric bulb. When he was interrupted, he placed this lighted bulb on a book which contained a large antique key, used as a bookmark. By chance, there reposed beneath the book and key a photographic plate holder.

When the professor later exposed the plate and developed a picture, the shadow of the key appeared.

How could such a thing be? He repeated the operation to see what would happen. The bulb on top of the book; the key marking a page; the plate beneath the book. When the plate was developed—there—clear as print, again was the image of the key!

This was something which apparently overturned the laws of Nature itself, and when Roentgen made his announcement the whole world was astounded. Eyes that could see through matter—it was as if somebody had discovered how to make a bar of iron float.

Today, the doctor uses the X-ray in many ways to discover signs of disease. It is one of his principal aids in the discovery of tuberculosis. Without this help, it would often be impossible to determine the existence of tuberculosis in its early stages, when the hope for cure is greatest.

As tuberculosis still kills more young persons in the first decade of maturity than any other disease, the X-ray has come to be an instrument responsible for the saving of thousands of lives. Fourteen hundred tuberculosis associations of the country are this year calling attention to the fact that tuberculosis is "The Foe of Youth." These organizations urge the use of the tuberculin test—a harmless skin reaction—on young people, especially those in whose homes there is a case of tuberculosis. Those who show by the test that they are severely infected should have an X-ray of their chests to determine whether actual disease exists and, if so, how well the body has built up its defenses.

Tuberculosis sometimes shows no symptoms whatever, tuberculosis specialists say, so it is only possible to know that a young person is free from it by the use of the X-ray, the accidental discovery of an obscure professor of physics in a German university.

**22 Years Ago**

Friday, April 30, 1909

The first annual picnic to be given under the auspices of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Unions of Umatilla county, will be held in McEwen Park, Athena, Saturday, May 22.

Desire St. Dennis, a reservation character, known the country over by the soubriquet of "Jerry" died at Walls Walla, Friday night as the result of a general break-down in health which had been coming on for several months.

The Parker shows put in a date Sunday that was not on their touring schedule. The long train, on which was loaded wagons, animal cages, horses, tents and other circus paraphernalia, rushed into the O. R. & N. yards with the car containing the tent equipment in a sheet of flame. The train was brought to stop, and the burning car was unoccupied from the train.

The Athena Land & Trust company has given its acre tract property adjoining the city on the South, the appropriate name of "Park Addition." Edward Wilcox, a farm hand, met a horrible death yesterday forenoon at the Casper Woodward place, west of town. Just in what manner the young man met his death will never be known, except that he was thrown from a gang plow, and when found he was lying on his face, dead, with the skull fractured back of the right eye.

Mayor McEwen was a visitor in Pendleton Saturday.

Mrs. Fred Farley and sister were up from Adams Sunday visiting friends in this city.

Edward Burlingame of Womach, Ore., and Earl and Ruth Rodman of Walls Walla visited at the home of their uncle, T. P. DeFreece, yesterday.

Wm. Henry spent yesterday at the home of his parents in this city. He resides in Portland and has farming interests near Goldendale, Wash.

O. H. Byland, an attorney of Rainier, Ore., arrived in the city Wednesday for the purpose of making arrangements for the erection of a monument at the grave of his father, who is buried in Key's cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Kirk, who returned from their winter home in California some time ago, have both been ill since their arrival here, having contracted severe colds on the way home. However, they are well satisfied to be again in old Umatilla county.

A carload of Mitchell automobiles, consigned to C. A. Barrett & Co., arrived yesterday over the O. R. & N. from Racine, Wis. The shipment consisted of three autos, one a 20 horsepower runabout and two 30 horse power touring cars. Henry Keen purchased the runabout and he already has "Edison" skinned a city block as machinist. Henry Barrett took one of the 30's and J. T. Lieualen of Adams, the other.

Attorney Watts is assembling one of the most complete law libraries to be found in the county. At the present time his law books represent a value of \$1200, and he has just ordered Current Law, complete in 10 volumes, costing \$65; 25 volumes U. S. Court Decisions, at \$252 and 88 volumes Northeastern Reports, at \$300.

The funeral of Grandma Waterman was held from the M. E. church in this city, Saturday, forenoon, and was largely attended. Members of Gettysburg Post G. A. R., officiated as pall bearers, the husband of the deceased, Benjamin F. Waterman, having been a member of the Post, up to the time of his death in 1896.

One of the prettiest home weddings that has taken place in Pendleton for many a day, occurred Wednesday at the home of Mrs. James, when her daughter Ora Zelpha was united in marriage to Mr. Clarence H. Burden.

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**Editorial**  
We just had a wire from our New York correspondent reporting a most unusual accident. It seems that this prize-fighting giant, Primo C. Carnera, was driving down Broadway and threw out his arm to signal a left turn and two Austins ran up his sleeve. As we go to press, the Austins have not been located.  
A. M. Johnson, Editor

**Fashion Note**  
Style experts say that sleeveless, backless and neckless dresses will make their appearance this summer. (Note: Mosquitos are looking forward with pleasure to this prospective enlargement of their summer playgrounds.)

**Keep Him Out**  
There was a time when "Swat the fly" was a popular slogan. But that time has gone and now screens are extremely important in the life of the home owner.  
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