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Commenting on laws and lawmaking, a well known editorial writer says that no other nation has come in for so much legislation as the United States. Quantity, rather than quality seems to be the ideal of our lawmakers.

The present railroad crisis cannot be charged entirely to the general depression. All during the past decade railroad freight business has grown at a slower rate than ever before, and passenger business has constantly decreased.

We are informed by an insurance publication that in 1930 the American people, through payment of insurance premiums, were taxed to meet losses caused by fire amounting to \$499,700,000.

The staggering realization that to bleed a nation white is to throttle world industry and cause universal misery is now being sorely digested.

The state of Indiana has an operative plan of the checking outlay that has saved her not less than \$100,000,000 in the last eleven years.

An addition of one day to the one year sentence of Albert B. Fall, ex-secretary of the interior, has been made in order that he may serve time outside the District of Columbia.

California courts just don't seem to be able to "get" Alexander Pantages, millionaire theatre magnate.

Another romance flares on the McPherson family tree. It is announced that Rolf, 18 year old son of Aimee has secured license to wed a 19 year old Oklahoma girl.

One year was enough for Ruth Jane Mix, daughter of the film star, and her husband, Douglas Gilmore.

A breeder's magazine says those who buy thin cattle to convert grass or dry feeds into beef are engaged in a form of manufacturing; but the size of profit or loss depends so largely on market fluctuations between the time of purchase and sale that this is one of the most speculative of farm enterprises.

We are beginning to believe that "our George," mayor of Portland, owns the town. Laying kidding aside, any man who can hold the job of mayor for fourteen consecutive years, must be something more than a mere showman.

Pickling anchovies is a pleasurable as well as a profitable vocation for beach visitors at Rockaway. Swarms of the little fish have made their appearance at different points on the Oregon coast, and everything from bird cages to hats are being used to net them.

Believe it or not, French leaders drink no wine. Many of France's greatest men have voluntarily climbed aboard the water wagon.

Another state board gets a Meier punch in the ribs. This time three members of the aeronautical board face removal by the appointment of new members.

Mussolini apparently is not hedging on the question of disarmament when he says Italy is willing to adopt drastic reduction if other powers will do the same.

Mayor Baker did not do so bad in his speech at the grave of France's unknown soldier, after all. He closed by giving the Lord's prayer.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

At home in the Agricultural Building so named for its convenience and honor, the new state Department of Agriculture is rapidly completing its organization and coordinating its many lines of service to the state.

Various departments which formerly functioned in widely separated locations and with comparatively little or no relation to each other in their operations are now united in one organization at the state capitol and operating with a single head, the director of Agriculture.

The consolidation of these departments into the one present organization made necessary some re-assignments of duties and a few changes in personnel. Among these changes has been the elimination of the office of market agent, his secretary and the weekly publication of the market news letter.

The department ceases publication of the market news letter which has been growing steadily in public favor, as a means of economy, and to avoid duplications of similar service performed by the Oregon State College as provided in section 10 of the law creating this department which says:

"The department shall have full responsibility and authority for all the inspectional, regulatory and statistical work herein transferred from all state agencies abolished in section 5 of this act, provided, that the college may continue with the collection and dissemination of statistical information bearing upon crop and market conditions, and trends of agricultural outlook reports and market news report, etc."

This department recognizes, however, that the public is entitled to direct knowledge of its activities in behalf of agriculture and will publish and distribute from time to time informational matter of current value to citizens of the state, as soon as possible without employment of additional help for this purpose.

The department will endeavor to keep the public advised of its activities in order to invite suggestions for the betterment of the service. The Oregon State College with its dairy radio service, special bulletins and facilities for regular market reports and the State Department of Agriculture are mutually cooperative in their efforts to render prompt and efficient agricultural service to the citizenry of Oregon.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

In the matter of the estate of George W. Horn, deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern: That The Inland Empire Bank of Pendleton at Pendleton, Oregon, has been appointed executor of the last will and testament of George W. Horn, deceased, and has qualified as such.

THE INLAND EMPIRE BANK OF PENDLETON, Executor. Peterson & Lewis, attorneys for Executor. 326J24

22 Years Ago

Friday, July 23, 1909 Sam Haworth has sold his delivery wagon and business to Charles Brown.

Bert Ramsay has returned from Alberta. He will continue to reside in Athena.

Ace Wagner has been forced to quit the harvest field on account of illness. His case bears symptoms of typhoid.

Joel Groom, warehouseman and "wheat-buck" after an extended absence, returned to Athena the first of the week.

Hiram Knight dipped his hand into the spirals of the grain auger of Sam Banister's new threshing machine, Tuesday. When Hiram removed his hand he just about left two of his fingers in the auger. The hurt is a painful one.

The burning out of a flue in the cottage occupied by Mrs. McIntyre, caused the calling out of the fire department Tuesday forenoon. No damage.

The Dime offers a good program for tonight and tomorrow night, including the "Romance of a Jewess," "Music and Poetry" and the illustrated song "Busy Day."

The Baptist church last Sunday voted to give Pastor Ryder one month's vacation. With his family he will probably go to North Beach, Wash., and camp by the sea.

Material is on the ground for a concrete walk in front of the Mosgrove Mercantile company store. One by one the owners of Main street business property are following in line, giving assurance that the time is not far distant when concrete will be laid on both sides of the entire street.

Nick Johnson, a Swedish gentleman residing in the mountains east of town, called on Dr. Sharp one day this week. Mr. Johnson bore the marks of a 4th of July scrap in which he was one of the active participants. The fellow directly opposed to Mr. Johnson in the fray used for a weapon a pipe with painful effect. The pipe stem was jabbed into Mr. Johnson's temple and ploughed its way back almost to the ear.

Two runaways took place in Athena and vicinity this week. The roughest about team of the Banister threshing outfit, winged through Main street

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without a driver, Monday and piled up against the sidewalk west of the lumber yard, without serious damage resulting. The day following, a fine big team belonging to Jerry Stone, took fright at an automobile, snapped the wagon tongue in two and before the horses could be stopped a fragment of the tongue penetrated one of the horses back of the foreleg, making a very bad wound.

The local market quotation is 85 cents for No. 1 grain. Dollar wheat is heard talked of on all sides and indications lead to the belief that if the raiser is in position to hold, he will get that figure.

There is again talk of securing grounds for a race track at Athena. A couple of years ago the matter was before the public and died out. This time the question comes up in entirely different form.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Banister and Mrs. Luecke will leave tomorrow for McDougal camp in the Weston mountains.

Wm. Weir has added a fine line of select sheet music to his stock of magazines and periodicals at the Pioneer drug store.

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Communicated Dear Editor: What is meant by being diplomatic? Well, my friend, if you tell your wife that time stands still when you look into her eyes, that is diplomacy. But if you tell her that her face would stop a clock, that's foolishness. A. M. Johnson, Editor

The idea of debt moratoriums is spreading. Pretty soon all of us will be putting in for our share.

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