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## TRUCKS.

Years ago too forward children were told the story of a camel. It went something like this: Once upon a time a sheik of the desert owned a camel which he prized very highly for it was a valuable camel and carried his master many miles over the desert.

But the camel was not always appreciative of the little kindnesses accorded it by its master. One night as the sheik and his mount were camped in the desert a storm came up and blew the sand about till it was most uncomfortable for the beast and unbearable for the man.

The man, duly solitious for the welfare of his favorite, opened the tent and called to the camel to put his head into the tent and keep the wind and sand from his eyes. The camel kept begging for permission to bring a little more of his bulk into the little tent until he was all in whereupon he repaid the kindness of his master by kicking the man out into the storm.

The trucks on our highways seem to be following the lead of the camel in the story. The highways of Oregon were built in the first place by money raised by the sale of bonds that are secured by the property of the taxpayers of the state. Later additions and maintenance is now provided by gasoline and license tax, paid in small proportion by the trucks.

One truck line is reported to pay \$100,000 per year in taxes for the use of the highway system in Oregon. They will in that time travel between four and five million miles on roads that cost from \$5000 per mile and up to build. We do not know how many miles this truck line travels or what route, but it is easy to see that this \$100,000 will not pay a very large part of the interest, maintenance or taxes on this road bed.

The railroads, competing with the trucks for freight business, have to pay taxes that make the puny sums paid by the truck lines look slim indeed. In this small county of Sherman they paid nearly \$59,000 this year, more than one half of the amount paid by this truck line in the entire state.

The highways of this state were ostensibly built to provide the citizens thereof a ready means of getting about and do attract tourists to come and see our wonderland. Anyone who travels the main highways now knows that they are being used to a great extent by trucks that are presumably making plenty of money from the state's investment. It is not as it was intended to be in the beginning.

Now we are warned by the truck operators that if the tourist and traveler do not like the trucks on the common highways they can vote more taxes and build a series of fine straight roads for them to use. Like the camel they are kicking their benefactors out into the cold and appropriating the tent.

It seems to us to be reasonable to expect the truck lines to pay enough in taxes to repair the roads they destroy and enough more to equalize them with the touring cars. At the present time many of the trucks pay less per mile to the state than do touring cars owned by some farmers who travel comparatively few miles per year and that mostly on market roads that have been paid for out their own taxes.

## HIGHWAY 97

In writing of the new Status road the automobile editor of the Oregonian makes note of the very apparent fact that this connecting link completes the fastest road between California points and Washington. From the Yakima valley, over the mountain to Goldendale, across the river on the Maryhill-Biggs ferry and over the wheat covered hills of Sherman county on through Highway 97 is not only the fastest but the shortest and smoothest road.

The virtues of this road are readily noted by everyone who has occasion to travel across the state of Oregon. It is a scenic route. The fertile Yakima valley offers the traveler a panorama of orchards and truck garden plots; Klickitat county has timber land and diversified farms and some of the most picturesque scenery out of doors may be seen as the road drops into the Columbia river gorge from the Goodnoe hills; Sherman county has wheat stretching for miles on either side of the road and a view of distant mountains seldom excelled; the road south goes through more or less open country that is still associated in the minds of many travelers as the old west and is interesting for that reason.

The celebration for the opening of the Status road next Labor day should be a celebration for Sherman county, folks as well as for those across the river. Some should, and will, attend the ceremonies for now that the connecting roads are finished it will not be so long until a bridge is built between Biggs and Maryhill to facilitate the travel that will undoubtedly take advantage of this road.

## COOPERATE.

Senator McNary says that no farm relief bill can pass the United States congress this winter unless it has the endorsement of a majority of the farm organizations interested. That is sensible and as it should be, for if the farmers cannot agree on a policy, how do they expect to have one formulated for them by a legislative body?

This is a warning to farm organizations to get together before congress meets, and the time is short, and agree on a program. Then if they want success they must stick together.

If the Diedy was only called on to help those who help themselves He would have a snap.

## Grass Valley

L. R. French left Sunday for Portland on a short business trip.

Rodell Schassen left the first of the week for his home in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Zehner and Don Smith and Bruce Alley are in Idaho this week.

George Ellard was here Tuesday looking after some of his property interests.

The Witt and Blake families enjoyed a visit from friends of lone over Sunday.

Mrs. Josephine Parkhurst is here from Roseburg, visiting with her father, Sam Stark, and family.

Mike Bibby moved his combine to the Lot Rust ranch last Saturday and is cutting the crop there this week.

Bernard and Russel Brace of The Dalles, were here Tuesday with a truck load of fruit and vegetables.

Helen Engstrom left the first of the week for The Dalles where she will be the guest of Miss Helen Hall.

Dr. and Mrs. Poley and Robert drove to Portland the last of the week to bring Rachael home from a visit there.

R. L. Sutherland and wife, parents of Mrs. Erma Olds, are here this week visiting their daughter and family.

Mrs. H. H. White of Klondike, came up for a short visit with her daughter, Mrs. Walter Bruckert, last Saturday.

Postmaster Pike is having some repair work done on his house, caused by a nearly disastrous fire of a few days ago.

Mrs. Frank Wilcox is here visiting with relatives and friends for a week or two. Dr. Frank and wife are now living in Newberg.

Harold Dohys, assistant leader of the predatory animal survey, was in town the last of the week checking up with trapper Alva Stone.

Jacob Wassenmiller left Monday for Milton with his son, Rinhart, where he will visit and recover from the worries of a tropical harvest.

Mrs. Roy Baker and son Dale, accompanied by Mrs. Arzell Lemley, Miss Martha Hodgkins and Mrs. Westerfield drove to The Dalles Monday.

Dorothy Olds returned home Monday with her mother and Mrs. Pauline Wilcox. She has been at Oceanside with Mrs. Johnson for the past six weeks.

Dick Huhman and wife are gone this week on a short vacation, leaving Mrs. Huhman's sister, Mary Eaton, in charge of the hotel with James Woods as chef.

Luke Bibby couldn't stand the strain in Grass Valley when Jack Dempsey was in Portland and he went down to see the big battle Monday night, leaving Ray Beezley to run his business.

Mrs. Leta Vawter and son, of Medford, came up Monday to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Garrett. The fruit around Medford turned out much as did the wheat in this section, she says.

Miss Margaret Morrison, Harold Christensen, Mrs. Lane and Mr. Miller were guests at the George Wilcox home last Sunday after which they left for a vacation trip to Crater Lake and coast points.

Last Saturday a marriage license was issued in Portland to Millard Eakin of Grass Valley, and Miss Oma L. Davison of Portland. Millard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Eakin and is employed in Portland by a firm of auditors.

The fliers who have been attracting considerable notice from local people for the past week or so, left Sunday morning for their homes in Portland. They spent most of their time here at the Finnegan ranch where they floated from the hills down into the meadow.

Mrs. Mat Simon was severely burned Tuesday while canning with a pressure cooker. She was helping Mrs. Dean Olds and was using a cooker different than her own, which caused her to mis-

take the figures on the dial and open the cooker before all the steam had escaped. The burns are below her knees as the cooker was setting on the floor when the lid was loosened.

## MARRIED

SCHILLING—COON

Last Saturday morning at nine o'clock, Miss Theresa Fern Coon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Coon, was married to Mr. Roy Schilling, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Schilling, both of Grass Valley.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. S. L. Boyce of the Baptist church at his home here. After the ceremony the young couple left for a few days camping honeymoon in the mountains south of Sherman county. They will return and make their residence on the Coon farm a mile south of Grass Valley.

## Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the people who assisted us when our house burned and those who have been so kind since that time in providing us with other equipment. Mr. and Mrs. Claus Bardenhagen.

## Kent News

A. A. Dunlap was a visitor in Moro Wednesday morning.

Frank Sias left Thursday morning for Forest Grove.

Miss Clarice Wilson visited W. L. Wilson's in Rufus over the week end.

Mrs. Henry Hampton of Vancouver, Washington, is visiting relatives in Kent.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson and daughter Nellie spent the week end in Hood River.

The Rebekahs of Wheatland Lodge, No. 183, are giving a card party the first Thursday in September and will continue giving card parties on that night during the winter in the O. O. F. hall.



M. Waldemaras

ONCE mighty but now fallen like many another, Prof. Augustinas Waldemaras, former dictator of Lithuania, was put on trial before a court martial at Kaunas on charges of plotting a revolt a year ago to overthrow the present joint dictatorship of President Anthony Smetona and Premier Jonas Tubellus. Twenty-four of his followers were his fellow defendants. The plot was betrayed to the authorities by several of Waldemaras' adherents, all members of the Iron Wolf organization, and it was expected their testimony would result in severe sentences for those accused. Professor Waldemaras, who returned to Kaunas from his place of exile near Memel to attend the trial, said the charges were exaggerated, which sounds like a weak defense. There won't be any sympathy for him in Poland, for when he was in power he was the bitter foe of that country and of its dictator, Marshal Pilsudski.

DEVELOPMENTS in the New York legislative investigation of the administration of New York city may bring about a political feud between Governor Roosevelt and Tammany Hall that would have a decided effect on the governor's chances for the Democratic Presidential nomination. Some of his friends believe a break with Tammany might help rather than hinder his cause in that matter and would bring him support from other states where the leading Democrats have been holding aloof from the Roosevelt boom because of fear that he was too closely allied with Tammany. These friends think that even if Tammany should turn hostile, Roosevelt could carry New York state against Mr. Hoover unless there should be a great improvement in the economic situation within a year.

Leading members of Tammany would not discuss for publication their attitude toward Roosevelt because the Tammany party apparently is to avoid an open break with the governor so long as he has the state patronage at his disposal and remains a decided Presidential possibility.

## OREGON NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Bathers in the Columbia river at a point some two miles east of The Dalles are being chased out of the water by some kind of a vicious fish. Two cold-sober swimmers will testify under oath that after wading out into four feet of water, the huge fish came bounding over the waves, cir-

cling about them and giving all indications of a desire to chew off a limb. The fish was described as a "man-eating sturgeon," but since this fish has a sucker mouth, it is doubtful if it could do much chewing.

A feature of the St. Helens day at the Columbia county fair, September 19, will be the wedding of some couple, if they can be found, to marry in public and receive \$500 in merchandise offered by the St. Helens chamber of commerce. Included in the merchandise is a complete bedroom suite and the services of the parson.

There's a real gold stampede up the east fork of Mule creek, Curry county. Prospectors are arriving daily, digging for piles up the creek and along the gulches and mountain sides. It is thought there will be a bonanza if the vein from which the rich ore on Arastra creek that yielded a fortune in the old days is rediscovered.

The crop of fireweed honey in the Timber vicinity, usually amounting to many tons, will be very short this season. Many fireweed blossoms were injured by an insect that pierced the floral stem, and those that escaped injury failed to yield nectar in a satisfactory way. It is estimated that less than half a normal crop will be harvested.

As a result of the Coos county cranberry growers' meeting in Coquille recently nearly every grower of cranberries in that district has signed up for membership in the Pacific Cranberry exchange. Some 5000 boxes of cranberries will be raised in the bogs of Coos and Curry counties this year and picking will start about the middle of September.

Misfortune followed stubbornly the movements of Doll Germer, 8 years old, of Homestead recently. He suffered a fractured right arm when the horse he was riding scrambled down a mountain side, threw him and kicked him. On the way to a Baker hospital the automobile in which he was riding was wrecked when it struck a bull on the highway.

One word too many cost Ed Oxford of Brownsville the price of an automobile license and a \$10 fine at Albany recently. Oxford had repainted his 1930 plates so expertly that they looked just like 1931-32 plates, excepting that they bore the word "expres." The redundancy attracted the attention of a state police officer, who brought Oxford to justice court.

Cull pears from Medford packing houses will be distributed free to needy Rogue valley families this fall under a plan being sponsored by the Mail Tribune, Medford newspaper. Under ordinary circumstances the thousands of boxes of pears are thrown away. Distribution will probably be under direction of the Red Cross and other welfare organizations.

Sweet Spanish onions, valued at approximately \$32,000, will be harvested this fall on the East Bully Creek bench, 12 miles from Vale, by M. Matsumura and Hysaya Morinaga. They expect their 130 acres to average 250 sacks to the acre. This is one of the best pieces of advertising that the Vale project has in the estimation of reclamation officials and merchants of Vale.

**ROUND TRIP RAIL FARES**  
CUT TO  
about 1/2  
PER MILE  
**OVER LABOR DAY**

Fares apply between points in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah (except east of Ogden), Nevada, California, Montana (west of and including Butte and Havre), Wyoming (west of and including Cheyenne), and some points in British Columbia. Minimum adult fare 50 cents. Children half fare.

**GOING: SEPT. 3, 4, 5**  
**RETURNING: SEPT. 14**  
(Home by midnight that date)

Approximate  
**ROUND TRIP FARES**

TO DESTINATIONS	100 MILES AWAY	200 MILES AWAY	300 MILES AWAY	1000 MILES AWAY
	2.16	4.32	10.80	21.60

Baggage checked.  
Tickets good on all trains and in all cars. In Standard and Tourist Sleepers, add regular sleeping car charges.

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Cleaners & Tailors

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Cleaned & Pressed  
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Residents of the Bachelor Flat community near St. Helens have set an example as to how to save money on school expense. Instead of hiring someone to clean and repair the school house before the opening of school, as has been done previously, 18 women of the district went to the school and put in a full day cleaning windows, scrubbing floors and doing other work. Some of the men came to make repairs and haul away the accumulated rubbish.

**Historic Alamo**  
The Alamo in San Antonio, Texas, was a Franciscan mission house built about 1722, and called San Antonio de Valero. After 1793 it was sometimes used as a fort and was renamed Fort Alamo.  
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We all love our families, but we don't tell them so often enough—American Magazine.

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**EDITORIAL.**

Business has turned the corner and as soon as we find the name of the corner it turned we're going down and see it.—E. E. Gervais, editor and yard manager.  
—T-A-L—

For Sale: One No. 45 Stoner grinder. Grind your wheat and feed it.  
—T-A-L—

**PAINT UP NOW.**

Fall is a good time to paint. It gets your house ready to withstand the winter weather, but remember that no paint is better than it's guaranteed. We absolutely guarantee every drop of paint we sell. Give your home its overcoat now.  
\$1.85 gal. up. 80c quart up.  
Kalsomine 53c 5-lb package  
—T-A-L—

Did you ever hear about the Scotchman who was looking for a dashound? He wanted to get it for his children so they could have a dog that all could pet at the same time.  
—T-A-L—

Luther Davis at Wilcox is doing some improving with Tum-A-Lum lumber and shingles.

**FUEL**

16 in. Pine slabs  
16-in. Fir Slabs  
16-in. Pine Block  
16-in. Fir Block  
Nut med Lump and Utah Lump Coal. Prices right. Terms Cash.  
—T-A-L—

For winter we think of keeping the cold away with plenty fuel. Why not insulate the building and cut your fuel bill 50 per cent, which will mean an investment you can realize on each year.  
—T-A-L—

A little fellow of five years fell and cut his upper lip so bad that a doctor had to be summoned to sew up the wound. The mother in distress could not refrain from saying: "Oh, doctor, I feel it will leave a disfiguring scar." Tommy looked up into her tearful face and said: "Never mind, mammy, my mustache will cover it."  
—T-A-L—

We find that many farms are much in need of storage capacity for wheat. Let us give you a figure on wood or steel storage bins or granary. You will find that for small investment you can save money.  
—T-A-L—

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