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## MISS MILDRED GINN WRITES OF INDIA

### Crowning of Maharaja Witnessed By Local Girl

### EXPENSIVE CARRIAGE DRIVEN

### Missionary Has Hard Trip On Indian Railroad

Now I must tell you about the interesting events of last week.

A. J. John and I left Burgeses at three o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Bernie can't drive the car so we had quite a little walk to the bus station but it was shady and quiet and I really enjoyed it. Bernie walked part way. This shady back path was to be preferred before the main road but it was not made for Europeans. I was able to cross one swampy stretch by means of branches lying across but near the end of our destination we came to a place where the path was flooded for several yards with flooded paddy fields on either side. Bro. A. J. looked for a time to find a way then I told him I'd wade. I had one shoe and stocking off when he saw a man that attended the church and they two could carry me across. I protested because of my weight but in the end consented.

Safely across the water we were shortly near the main road where we could catch the bus. There was a half hour or more wait there so I rested on the tongue of a bullock bandy while the men, women and children gathered to look me over and discuss the object of interest. There are no Europeans in Moulikara but the Burgeses and you would think I was a freak from the African jungles of some other rare specimen. The women beckoned to their neighbors and the children ran and brought other children, but at the same time I had some enjoyment in watching them.

Nearly two hours on the bus and then a shorter walk to the bungalow where I had some food, a hot bath and was in bed by nine. The next morning I repacked, looked after the things about the house and started at

9:00 A. M. by rickshaw for the rail road station. I had planned to take the 10:00 o'clock train but when I arrived at the depot at 9:30 and bought a second class ticket I was informed that the train would not leave until 11:00 as it had been held up for an hour. An hour and a half to stand waiting in a crowded Indian station is not my idea of a good time. I was glad to have A. J. John with me, however he was going third class but because of the huge crowds I thought it would be too much of a good thing. However, at 10:30 they put on a special train composed of only 3rd class carriages. The station master said a 2nd class would be added but when the bell rang for the train to go no the 2nd class was visible. Bro. John refused to go without me so got off. I sought the station master who told me that I would have to go third if I went on this train. He explained my ticket refunded the money and Bro. John and I fled into a third class carriage. Fortunately this car had been added after the crowd had pushed into the first lineup of cars and we were not crowded. Wooden benches aren't too comfortable for traveling but I survived the three hours reaching Trivandrum the capital, at 1:30 one hour after the time Win was to meet me. I saw no Win and learned there was nothing to do but wait. Trivandrum has a lovely new station but the waiting room was not opened so I again had to wait in the crowds though they brought me a chair to sit on. After waiting an hour Bro. John was becoming concerned for me and began to get on my nerves along with every thing else. I finally sent him to find a taxi. A taxi man was found but had passengers so we had to wait. At 3:30 we were just going to get in the taxi when Win drove up. Because of the crowds pouring into the city for the big ceremonies the trains were mixed up and Win knew nothing of this special train. Though I'd had no food since 7:30 in the morning I was more exhausted than hungry. I rested that afternoon spent most of the next morning resting and was ready for the procession in the afternoon.

Thursday evening we attended the exhibition which was a display of Trauanore products; paintings, lace embroidery, ivory, furniture, tiles, soap cloth and even a display of the different hill tribes—representatives were then sleeping on the ground with a model of their grass huts and samples of their weaving near them. It was all interesting

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## Mrs. G. C. Akers Writes Entertainingly of New Linotype

Our boss has a new plaything. Her name is Angela and when she's good she's very good, when she's bad she's a heck of a machine; but she's youthful in appearance and may protest by correction.

Her journey here was over many hills and valleys and by paths. Rain and snow beat upon her and filled her channels and pots and pans, turning her coloring in places to a beautiful burnt sienna or rust color.

As she journeyed along her dismantled rigging chanted and growled at the fun they'd have when their new boss assembled their many parts and put them in their customary places for in sending her, her legs, arms, bars and carriers had been dismembered.

The truckster had dumped her in the print shop one Sunday night about ten o'clock then the tug of war began. Our boss surveyed her with much pride and some misgiving filled up his sleeves; grabbed the fire tongs, a pair of pliers and a printers rule, together with a copy of Roberts Rules of Order, also a standard dictionary and with the help of the truckster proceeded to put her together again.

Next day after disposing in the waste paper basket, burs, nuts, and numbers of unnamable and useless parts, he called his lady mechanic and operator and told her to come forthwith and set up a galley or two for the local paper! Thursday's edition.

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## Womans Club Enjoys Study of Argentina

Argentina was the country studied by the Womans Club at their last meeting, January 29th. This subject will be further developed at the Feb. 5th meeting.

After a short business session, in which Mr. McKee reported the Red Cross Christmas Seal as netting \$3.26 and Mrs. Johnston read an inspiring message from Alice Ames Winter, in the General Federation Club Woman, on facing 1932; the meeting was turned over to Mrs. J. J. Schaefer. Mrs. Rose delivered a splendid paper on Argentina's historical background, tracing her trials and triumphs down from the discovery of the Plata River, in 1516, to the present day, when she exists as a flourishing republic, 1,118,000 square miles with a capitol of over 1,000,000 population. Mrs. Merrill Oveson described the characteristics and home life of the people, presenting them as a progressive, cultured, and very socially inclined people. Education is free in Argentina, as in our own country, and there are two large universities and numerous military and other academies.

The January Club Woman was reviewed by Mrs. Coppock. Mrs. Bryant announced that the March number will be a special pictorial issue, suitable for mailing to friends, and that she will take orders for extra copies, at ten cents each, for those desiring them.

The Club then enjoyed the singing of DeMoss' "Sweet Oregon" before adjournment.

Hostesses were Mrs. W. H. Ragsdale, Mrs. Merrill Oveson and Mrs. Henry Barnum.

Don't Forget—The Moro Womans Club is holding a benefit 500 party Saturday February 6th, at Masonic Hall. The admission is 35 cents, including refreshments. Entertainment is in charge of Mrs. Truman Strong, and Mrs. O. L. Belshe is chairman of a capable refreshment committee.

## Sherars Road Work Postponed For Snow

Work on the Sherars grade road has been discontinued during the cold and snowy weather and will not be started again until conditions moderate, according to Hoher Wall, county Engineer.

This is the first lay off of any consequence that has been caused this winter. There is only about two weeks more work to do on this road and there is plenty of time to finish it before spring opens.

## SNOW AND COLD BANISH THOUGHTS OF SPRING

### East Wind Drifts Snow Into Roads and Highways

### TEMPERATURES BELOW ZERO

### Ground Frozen Hard Enough To Make Snow Vain Doubtful

Just as folks began to say that it was a nice winter and the weather was beautiful for January a roaring storm came out of the east to send householders hurrying to the coal bin and chilled the ardor of those who were preparing for the green and cheerful spring.

It began snowing Friday afternoon, continued through Saturday and Sunday until the ground was covered nearly a foot deep with light dry snow. And in the meantime the thermometer was dropping gradually and surely to the below zero mark and a few degrees further for good measure.

Because the storm was accompanied by an east wind the snow drifted into the roads and caused the highways to be blocked between trips of the maintenance crew who were working to keep the roads clean. Thursday a rotary was brought in from Bend to complete the job of throwing snow off the highway.

County roads are still closed in many places where farmers or the county road plow has not been thru and those who must come to town may occasionally be seen driving sleighs. In places drifts of five feet were reported.

As usual there is a dispute about

## Golden Wedding of Pinkertons Monday

A golden wedding, that rarity in marriage, will be celebrated next Monday by R. W. Pinkerton and wife.

Back in Clarinda, Iowa, February 28, 1882, Robert W. Pinkerton and Miss Carrie Bennett were married. After remaining there for a few years they came to Oregon and Sherman county where a number of people from Clarinda had settled previously. In fact several persons well known in this community were present at the wedding. They are Anson B. Woods, Julia Woods Hanson, and Albert Woods.

Upon Mr. and Mrs. Pinkerton's arrival in what is now Sherman county in 1886, they worked around Wasco and Moro until they took up a homestead near Kent where they lived for a short time. Later they bought the land north of Moro where they have made their home for over forty years.

Four children have been born to them, Mrs. Chas. Poole, of The Dalles, Mrs. M. R. Eoff, of Yakima, Harry, who farms the home place and Mrs. W. E. Newton, deceased.

Monday, in celebration of the golden wedding, the children will be home for the day and to allow friends an opportunity to congratulate this couple who have shared one another's joys and sorrows for half a century, an informal reception will be held in the Presbyterian church in the evening.

A short program will be given and everyone will be welcome to attend.

The amount of frost in the ground. Some maintain that there is eight or nine inches and this report agrees with the findings at the experiment station, but other farmers state that they have broken through on south slopes after digging for three inches. This is one argument that will not be settled.

Some travelers were stuck along the highway Saturday and Sunday when their cars hit drifts too high to be passed through, but no one was seriously endangered by exposure to wind and snow.

If this storm was scheduled by the weather man in an effort to encourage the ground hog when he made his annual pilgrimage into the open air it was unsuccessful for Tuesday morning, bright and early, the sun shone with summer splendor if not with summer heat. It was plenty to send the well known weather prophet back for another six weeks hibernation.

### Business Note

Foreign coins are not legal tender in the United States. A check is not legal tender, and although there is no uniform specific time within which it should be cashed, reasonable diligence requires that it should be cashed within 24 hours.

## Wasco Students Give Successful Play

Before an enthusiastic house that was at times rocked with laughter, the Masque and Dagger club of the Wasco High school presented the Whoofen-poop last Wednesday evening.

This play characterized the trials and tribulations of two old printers whose paper was fast going into bankruptcy, and whose management had recently been turned over to one of the old printers son's who had recently graduated from good old Pimhernell College. This young boy whose name is Wheeler Ketchell, had many fancy ideas about running the paper which was against that of the two old printers. Nevertheless he succeeded in saving the paper.

The part of Dad Ketchell portrayed by Nyal Grady was characterized in a most entertaining manner. And Edward Grady in the character of Old John Liebeck, Ketchell's partner, was especially well acted. Many times during the evening, Ruth Schuwandel, as the Widow Minters and Malcolm Guy as the sheriff rocked the house with gales of laughter. These four members of the club gave a performance which would do credit to many more experienced actors, and deserve much credit since their parts contained many lines and were very well acted. There was not a flaw in the smoothness with which the entire play was staged. Max Williams as the Whoofenpoop supported by Winifred Fortner portrayed the son and daughter of the two elderly printers.

Orion Wattenburg characterized the part of Ma Ketchell, and Belle Clothier the coquettish rival editor of the Clasion which was gradually killing the Condenser in the struggle to survive. This play was under the direction of Miss Elna Proffit, and the manner in which the play was presented does much credit to her as director. Piano selections were rendered by Mary Jeannette Sargent and Mignon Wall between acts.

After the show all of the Masque and Dagger club was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul McCulloch, with a most wonderful dinner.

## OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Rogue River valley pear and apple growers see encouragement in the cleanup of last season's crop, not only in this region but throughout the country. According to report at the recent meeting of the Rogue River Traffic association, there were approximately 874,000 boxes of pears on hand in the United States January 1, as against approximately 2,000,000 boxes on the same date a year ago. In Medford storage space there was on hand January 1 a total of 108,789 boxes of pears as against 189,021 a year ago.

## COUNTY COURT HOLD FEBRUARY MEETING

### Traveling Expenses of Election Men Reduced

### MAN HIRED TO AUDIT BOOKS

### Roadwork Will Be Done On Sawtooth Road To Prevent Washing

February term of court brought out the entire attendance of the commissioners and judge even if transportation was by old fashioned means in the case of Perry Axtell who had to make the trip to town by mule team. The discussion of bills and the payment thereof occupied a large part of the time of the county fathers but they decided some questions of general interest as well. After hearing a verbal petition by Harry Pinkerton and Eugene Amidon for some improvements on the saw tooth road the court agreed to view the road when the snow was off and make what repairs are necessary to public safety. A part of the road will be rebuilt so that it will not wash out in the future.

An auditor was hired to view the county books or last year and make a complete report. This is one matter that the court has wished to improve for some time and it may be expected that a comprehensive audit will be forthcoming before it is accepted by the officials.

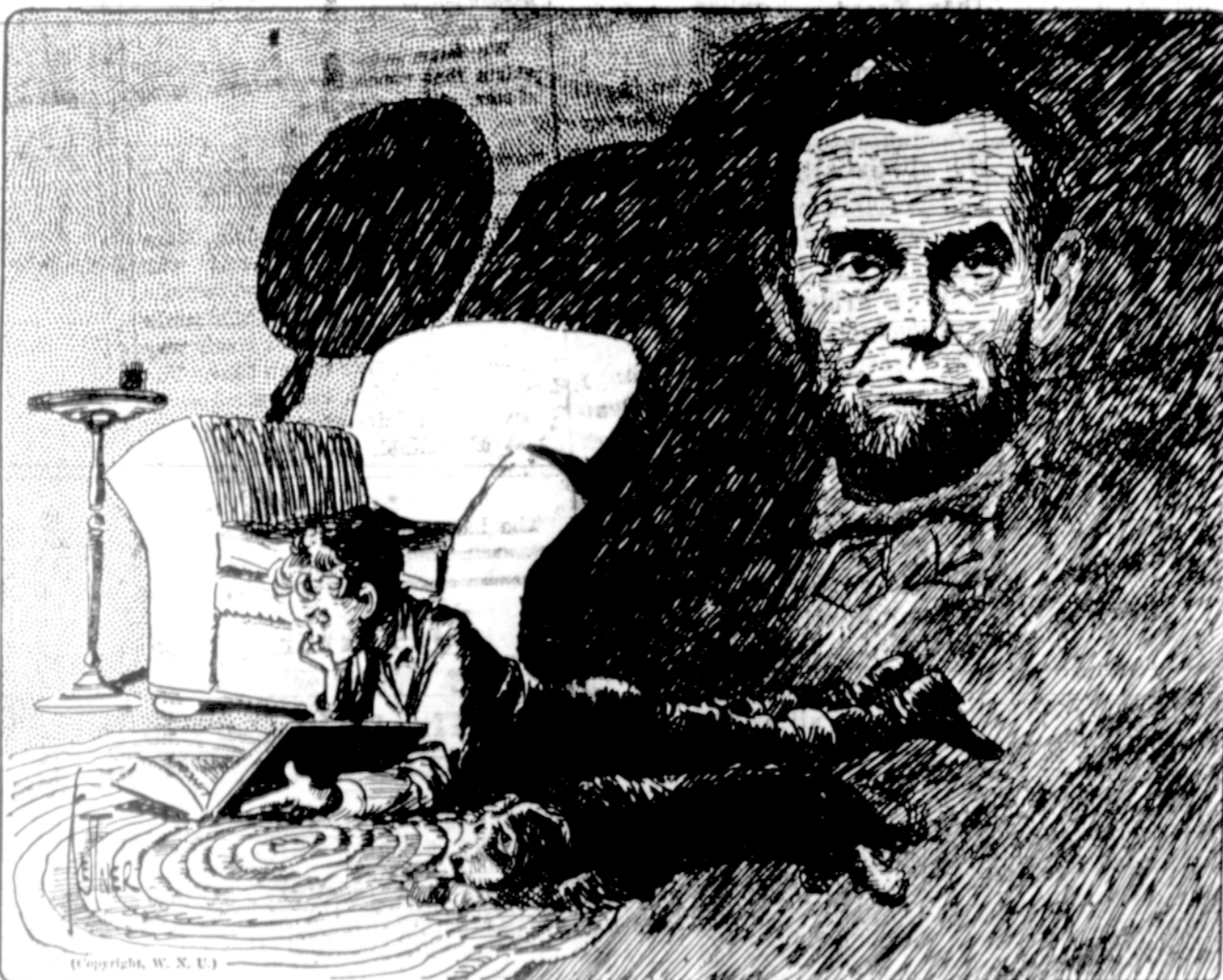
The report of the county clerk was accepted and ordered published and it will appear in an early issue of the Sherman County Journal.

In conformity with the general movement throughout the state toward reduction in the incidental costs of government the court ordered that hereafter election officials who bring the ballot boxes to the sheriff on the night of election be allowed six cents per mile instead of ten as has been the rule for several years.

### NOTICE

Owing to the snow that seems likely to cause much high water when it melts, we, the county court, ask all citizens to cooperate in helping keep the water in proper channels as well as possible. If this cannot be done please notify some member of the court or Roadmaster Wall. This is requested because the County road crew is too small this year to cover the entire territory during the anticipated run off of water and it is wished to keep expenses as low as possible. County Court of Sherman County.

## Inspiration



## Old Time News Items For Early Sherman County Settlers

From the Observer, February, 6th 1913

Sam Brisbane is building a commodious barn on his city property fronting Hood street.

F. L. Derby, formerly connected with the Observer, but who is now managing the Shaniko Star, was in Moro this week transacting business.

N. W. Thompson was in the city of Portland last week attending the meeting of hardware dealers.

From the Observer February 6th 1903

The Grass Valley flour mill will get its power from White River falls electric plant.

Colonel C. A. Buckley has two sons attending Hill Military Academy.

The red breasted robin made its appearance at our alley window Wednesday. Earlier than usual.

A. H. Barnum and Miss Maggie Faeta were married in this city last Tuesday at the residence of L. Bar-

num.

L. L. Peetz had his thumb badly cut while butchering hogs last week.

William Powell is nursing a sick hand slashed with a sharp knife while doctoring the hoof of a horse.

From the Observer February, 2nd 1893

Pretty cold in this neck of the woods. Tuesday night 20 below and still descending.

Messrs Hull and Pound, the stage proprietors, have rented the Douglas livery stable recently purchased by Perry Watkins Sr.

L. Clark has plenty of wood and coal for sale at Biggs or will exchange for wheat.

A severe storm was experienced in this section last Thursday continuing several days.

Dr. Gwynne the evangelist who has been holding services in the Presbyterian church during this week last past left on Monday's stage after a moderately successful visit here.