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When a hog goes to the large packing houses at seven cents a pound and comes out breakfast bacon at 25 cents a pound, he is not the only hog in the transaction.

Who ever saw James J. Hill looking like that Seattle statue? Not since the days when he cleared St. Paul levee of freight from St. Louis steamers—notably the Eagle line.

Complaint is made that the slaughter of lions near Nairobi this year demands a game law to protect this destroyer of crop destroyers. When a man is shooting at a dollar a word can be called a pot hunter?

A party of financiers and business men of Japan will be entertained in Portland September 9th and 10th on their tour of principal cities of the Union. The purpose of the visit is to cultivate friendly trade relations.

W. S. U'Ren has awakened to an ideal system of government for the state of Oregon. While most of it would be confusion there are a few points respecting trials by the courts that appear to be improvements over the system of technicalities in vogue.

Ida Lewis, the heroine of a third of a century ago, has emerged from long and honorable obscurity by saving another life off the Maine coast. This recrudescence of this fine type of the old woman gives hope that the new woman has not yet established a monopoly trust.

More than 20,000 people were made homeless by the fire which destroyed Osaka, Japan, July 31, and over four square miles of the city was destroyed. The dead had not been estimated. The loss will run into millions. The largest Buddhist temple in the world was providentially spared.

A Puget sound paper claims 40,000 Swedish votes against Gov. Johnson when he comes out for president because he didn't show up at the Seattle graft on Swedish day. If that is true 40,000 Swedes should be disfranchised for not knowing that voting in the United States is based upon a higher order than personal spleen.

The toes of Mr. Ballinger, secretary of the interior, are said to have been trod on once more. This time Gifford Pinchot, chief of the bureau of forestry, is said to have been the offender. The trouble seems to have arisen in Mr. Pinchot's appealing to the president to save the water powers on public reservations, the withdrawal of which from entry has been canceled by the new head of the interior department. The president recognized the wisdom of Mr. Pinchot's argument, and Secretary Ballinger altered his policy, "sparing his face" by reducing the territory with draws in each instance. Now it is said that Mr. Ballinger has intimated that either he or Mr. Pinchot must go. Mr. Ballinger came to office with good vouchers. The country has no reason to have a poor opinion of him. But it doesn't know him very well; it does know Mr. Pinchot thoroughly; it knows his work as well, and it likes it. And if one or the other must go the opinion of the public will be that it can spare Ballinger better than Pinchot.

GOATS AS TRAIL MAKERS.

The brush eating instinct of the Angora goat is being successfully demonstrated on the Lassen national forest in California—where they are cutting trails for fire guards through the brushy areas on the slopes of the mountains. The animals, which number 3,000 have been divided into two bands and under the care of herders are grazed within certain well defined areas so that their work may be concentrated on the brush within those limits. The result is that they have practically killed nearly all the brush in the course either by eating it up entirely, or by barking, as in the case of the heavy manzanita brush. At the beginning of the experiment there was some doubt as to the willingness of the goats to eat the manzanita, but it has been found that where there is little else they will just as readily attack it as any other brush. The grazing season was so late this year on the Lassen forest that the goats did not begin operations until about the middle of June, but since then they have made rapid progress and the result promises to be a success from every point of view. The trails will first be opened and then kept free of sprouts by the goats, saving the government considerable labor in cutting them out by hand as has been done heretofore, while the brushy forage, which otherwise would have been wasted, will support 3,000 goats very comfortably.

The effect of the Zeppelin balloon on the part of English journalism only proves that even a gasbag can frighten anybody who was born to be scared.

Bound to go hard with the White-law Reids, after rubbing noses with royalty so long, to get back to associating with plain Americans. King Ned might help some by giving Whitey a little to keep him over there.

If it should be true that James A. Ballinger was in league with thieves and public land despoilers, on a grand scale, he is most eminently fit for some other position than to be where he can crush the already oppressed homesteader.

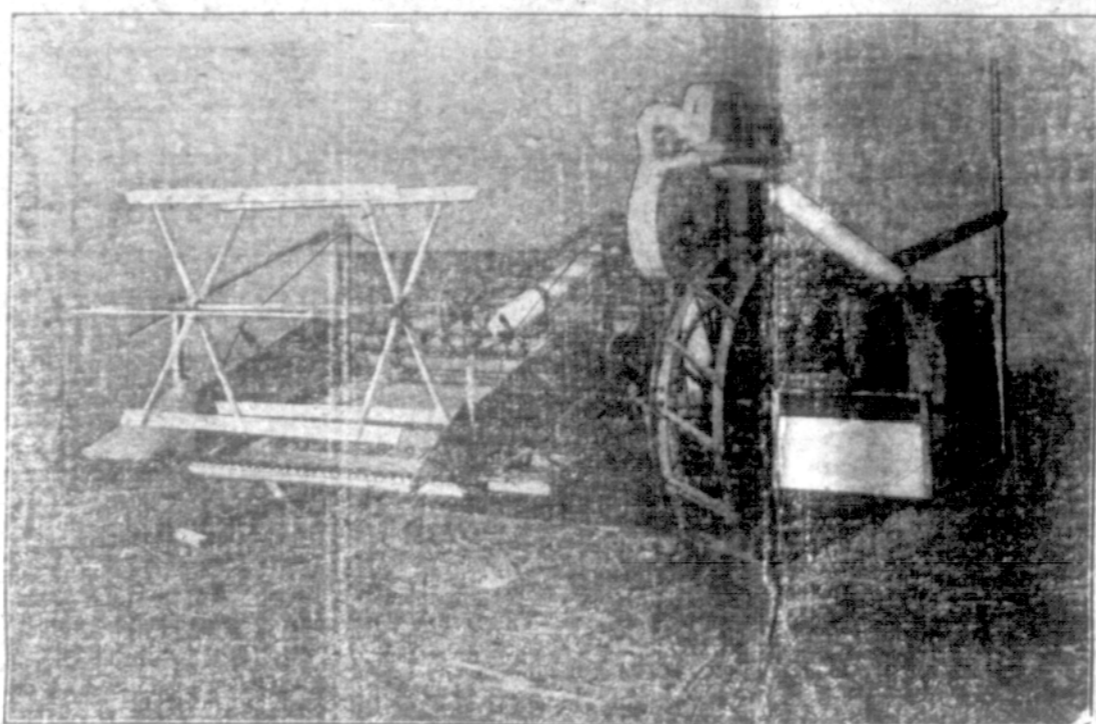
Russell Sage in 50 years accumulated \$65,000,000. This money was piled up at the rate of \$3,500 a day. For the last three years, according to an official statement, Mr. Sage's widow has been giving his fortune away at the rate of \$25,000 a day. She has thus far disposed of more than \$27,000,000. Apparently, getting rid of money judiciously is nearly as difficult as making it honestly.

One thing that is the matter with the crops is that we don't take care of the seed what as it should be taken care of. One of the most important factors in growing wheat for seed is to keep the wheat pure. Many farmers are careless on this point, often planting new seed on old wheat ground, thus allowing it to become mixed with volunteer wheat the first year. This mixing of varieties causes the wheat to deteriorate in yield and quality. When wheat is grown for seed it should be on clean land, free from volunteer wheat and other volunteer grains, rye being especially objectionable. Care must be taken in harvesting and threshing the seed wheat to keep it from becoming mixed with other varieties. Again, in order to maintain the quality and yield of wheat it is necessary to maintain the fertility of the soil and to give the land good culture.

Dr. August C. Kibber always contended that the prodigious amount in the sand at the mouth of the Nehalem river, popularly believed to be beeswax from a wrecked Spanish galleon, was some valuable substance which chemistry would some day classify and place in its proper sphere. Now we are told that it is ozocerite, and that a corporation has been organized to exploit the product. The general opinion has prevailed that it was beeswax brought from Manila for one of the Spanish settlements in California and that the ship was wrecked. The discovery was made as early as 1813 by Indians who brought specimens of the substance to the trading post founded by John Jacob Astor, at Astoria. It is now known to be ozocerite, a product of hydrocarbon oil, found only in South America and in small quantities in Northern Europe. At Nehalem the oil comes from great depth to the surface and in passing through the sand the crude elements are worked out. This is used mainly as a lubricant. It is also used in the preparation of certain drugs. Records used by the phonographs are made from the unrefined product.

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You can form an idea from the above out of the machine as to how it is operated. The draper runs direct from the cycle to the cylinder, requiring less power to thresh the grain that enters the cylinder in this position. This machine has

corrugated cylinder and concave teeth that have three times the striking points over the old style peg tooth, and this tooth will not crack the grain. This machine has been in the field around Moscow, Idaho, for something over five years, adding improvements each year until it goes in the field the present harvest a success in every respect. Mr. John O'Brien, of Bramly, California, has one of the 1909 models. He says: "It certainly does the business, and threshes clean and runs easy. I have six fairly good mules on it and it is a job to keep up with the machine on foot. I am getting 3 or 4 sacks more to the acre than I expected, that I am sure the big combines would throw over in the straw. I would not take \$2,000.00 right now for it, if I could not get another soon. The machine is so simple any man with ordinary intelligence certainly ought to be able to get next to the entire machine in a week at the most. It makes me independent of any outside labor for harvest, and that is the greatest thing a farmer can say." John O'Brien.

Here is what Mr. W. W. Clyde says of the 1908 model: "I cut 170 acres with the machine this year and find six 1200 pound horses will handle it anywhere. I used it in wheat, oats and barley, with success, and while I kept no exact account, I believe a man should cut 12 or 15 acres per day. My wheat graded No. 1 at the warehouse. It cost me \$5.00 or \$6.00 per acre" said Mr. Clyde. "to harvest grain under the old system, that produces 40 bushels per acre, it did not cost me 50c this year; in fact I can thresh with my machine almost for the cost of the binding wine, and I am not depending on hired help." Just have to keep enough help to assist in the chores, was suggested, "Well, hardly that," was the reply. Mr. Clyde said he "would not be without one of the machines if it were impossible to get another." He says: "I have been in the company's factory off and on for two years, and they are putting good material into this machine, with skilled workmen's help, and I call it a God send to the farmer." Respectfully H. U. MARTIN.

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Sherman County Fair.

The Sherman county fair, for which \$500 has been appropriated by the state, will be held in Moro, October 1st and 2d. \$200 worth of printing will be furnished, through the state printing office. Copy for premium lists, tickets, entry blanks etc., have been submitted by the secretary of the fair, and are now in course of preparation. The premium lists, of which 1,000 have been ordered, will be in pamphlet form, each pamphlet containing about 25 pages. As soon as completed one copy will be sent to each voter in the county. Cash prizes, ranging from \$2.50 to \$20.00, will be offered for the best exhibits of every grade of live-stock and for all kinds of farm and household products.

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A large number of applications have already been received from outsiders who desire concessions on the grounds, and it is safe to say that attractions and entertainment of various kinds will not be lacking. No effort will be spared to make this first county fair in Sherman county a complete success, and it is hoped that all good citizens of the county will give the project hearty support.

Now that we are to have the only dry farming experimental station in Eastern Oregon, a county fair will be practically a necessity, and in the course of a year or so it will undoubtedly attract visitors from all parts of the state.

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