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## The Millers Bridge Road.

Wasco county officials should be complimented upon the road improvements on the route from The Dalles to Millers bridge. The editor of the Observer drove one of the early autos over that road Wednesday morning at an average speed of 30 to 35 miles an hour without shaking up the passengers in the auto. Returning the next day, the car speed had to be materially reduced, from 10 to 20 miles an hour, caused in part by the large number of autos that had used the road the previous day and the road work being late. When the work now partly done is finished and a heavy rain settles the grades that road will be in a better condition for travel than ever; but even then it will need consistent attention and be improved under a well formulated plan before it can be favorably compared with the roads of Sherman county.

Anson Woods is a visitor in Moro this week from Walla Walla at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas Woods. Anson was at the Walloula and Pasco celebration of the opening of the upper Columbia river to through traffic to the sea and was a passenger on the steamer J.N. Teal from Pasco to The Dalles on Celilo Day, attending the allegorical wedding of the waters at Big Eddy that concluded the formal opening of the Celilo canal Wednesday afternoon.

Portland will be the mecca of the lawyers of several states next August 23d, 24th and 25th, when the joint meeting of the Oregon and Washington bar associations convenes in that city. At this meeting some of the most prominent attorneys of the United States will be present, among them being Judge Taft, ex-president of the United States. Elaborate entertainment arrangements are being made, one phase will be an auto drive along the famous and beautiful Columbia river highway.

The new Portland Chamber of Commerce is planning a vast campaign for cooperative work for state development. They expect to aid the smaller organizations and clubs throughout the state in their work and organization and also aid them in their financial difficulties, when needed. This closer union of common interest is bound to bring about a better understanding of state need in relation to future development of our common wealth.

About four miles this side The Dalles, returning from the Celilo celebration Wednesday evening, L.V. Moore found evidence of a new spring in the road. Leon returned to The Dalles, reported his discovery, sent the family home on the special train, and remained in The Dalles to attend to the necessary formalities, arriving home the next noon.

## The Opening of Celilo Canal.

The week now nearing its close is an epoch distinctively its own as affecting the past and the future history of what is known as the Oregon Country; a part of the United States that reaches from the Pacific ocean on the west to as far east as Montana and beyond and from the southern limits of California to the northernmost grain fields of British Columbia. This week is freighted with potentials far beyond the ken of most men and it rests with each one individually as to what will be done with the means provided as to how successful the outcome may be which the future is to decide.

Celilo canal is now a part of the commercial life of this section. The wisdom of its building has yet to be proven. Each speaker Wednesday, in the afternoon at Big Eddy and at the banquet at The Dalles in the evening, voiced this most strenuously by persistently advising "use it" and only by its use can the Celilo canal, as it now stands completed, be justified.

Credit for the completed Celilo canal, it given to any one person above another, should be extended to Malcolm A. Moody and his personal persistent work when a member of congress, in formulating the plans, securing authority for the preliminary work and the needed government estimates, and securing for the government a free right of way; these different topics were each spoken on the different speakers at the banquet; as well as Mr. Moody's successful efforts to have the Columbia river free of obstructions by the time the canal should be completed.

The day chosen for the ceremonies at The Dalles and Big Eddy happened to be most ideal for the occasion. As usual, Sherman county was well represented. Sherman county was the only section of Oregon, outside Portland, to send a special train into The Dalles for this occasion.

During the formal ceremonies eight river steamers were in the canal at the one time.

Possibly the most pleasant part of the day, to the editor of the Observer and his wife, was passing through the tandem locks and the boat ride from Big Eddy to The Dalles on the Undine, as personal guests of Capt. Frank J. Smith.

The next most pleasant memory was the meeting of many old friends and schoolmates from our natal city, Astoria.

The parade in the evening was an instructive affair; bringing the old and the new into sharp contrast; the first auto ever owned in Sherman county, once the property of Wm. Rudolf of this city and now the property of Chas. French at Grass Valley, was in the parade. If memory serves us right the machine generally left Bill at the crossing near his home and utilized the street intersection as a one ring circus until he was ready to continue the journey.

## Notice of Filing of Supplementary Articles of Incorporation.

To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that there has been filed in the office of the Corporation Commissioner of the State of Oregon supplementary articles of incorporation of the Wasco Warehouse Milling Company Bank, Moro, changing the name of said Wasco Warehouse Milling Company Bank, Moro, to Bank of Moro, by order of the directors. Dated this first day of May, 1915. E. O. McCoy, president. W. D. Wallan, cashier.

**Enlightenment.**  
A certain rich woman, having run her eye over the latest report of the bureau of statistics touching food-stuffs, grew very blithe all at once. "Why shouldn't I enjoy life when so few can really afford it?" she exclaimed glowingly.—Puck.

**Lawmaking.**  
I seldom make a law for me. It is usually you I am forcing to do something else. And when I do make a law for me I feel very free in violating it if occasion seems to require.—Life.

**A Brave Patient.**  
Dentist to assistant: I think I heard a patient in the waiting room. Assistant: Yes, but I can't bring him in. He's turned the key on the inside.—Morganlorber Blatter.

If you don't do your best it's foolish to try to convince people that you could have done better.—Detroit Free Press

## How a Parrot Effected a Match

By LOUISE B. CUMMINGS

"Lucy," said Mrs. Arnold to her niece, Lucy MacKnight, "how about this affair between you and George Horbison? George has been attentive to you for six months and so far as I know nothing has come of it."

"What can I do, Aunt Rebecca? I can't make him propose."

"My dear," said the old lady in a kindly tone, "I have a suggestion to make."

"What is it, Aunt Beck?"

"Get a parrot."

"A parrot?"

"Yes, a parrot. But you'll understand me better after I have told you a story. When I was your age a number of young men at different times showed me a good deal of attention, but any one who married me must furnish all the income on which we would live, for I hadn't a cent. There's many a splendid girl who has remained a maid for this reason. Any prudent young man is liable to balk because the girl he would make his wife can furnish nothing toward the family support."

"Half a dozen young men had been devoted to me, but when each had become convinced that he must shoulder the whole load if he married me he withdrew. One day at the beginning of the summer a friend of my mother's came in and said that she and her family were going to the country and asked if we would take care of her parrot while they were gone. Mother said she would be happy to accommodate her, and the parrot—they called him Roger—was brought over. He was a queer looking bird—all parrots are—and was very amusing. The way he would climb about his cage, muttering to himself, made us all laugh. To me he seemed like an alderman in a red waistcoat."

"We put Roger on the porch, which was nicely fitted for summer lounging, and usually left him there all night, except when it stormed. In the evening we sat there ourselves; at least I did, for I found it a very convenient place to receive my friends."

"That spring I had met a young man who seemed to be as much pleased with me as the others had been, and by the time summer came was giving me the usual devotion. But he was a clerk on something like \$1,200 a year salary, with nothing laid up or in prospect, and I expected that when September came and those away for the summer returned I should be left out in the cold again."

"During August there was scarcely any one in town, and my admirer had no place to go except to our house, and he was there four or five evenings a week. The truth is, this fact of his having nowhere else to go was the principal reason for his coming so often to see me. He never said a word about love or marriage, though I admit—but I am getting ahead of my story."

"Well, Jack, as I have said, spent nearly every evening during July and August at our house. Sometimes my mother used to sit with us, but mother was afraid of the night air, and since we always sat on the porch she didn't trouble us very much. Jack used to apologize for being at the house so much, saying that if we could stand him till his mother and sisters came home he would give us a rest. I knew very well that he said this to prevent my considering his attentions serious. Of course I told him he was quite welcome and since all our friends were out of town I was as needful of his company as any of mine."

"On the 1st of September Roger's owner returned to the city and the same evening came around for her pet Jack was there, as usual, and mother and the lady came out on to the porch for the parrot. Jack rose and was introduced to the lady. He did not resist himself, but stood on the step where he usually stood when I bid him good night on his going home."

"Roger was evidently quite pleased to see his mistress again and strutted about, whetting his beak on his perch and showing off all kinds of antics. When Jack said that he would bid us good evening the parrot suddenly exclaimed:

"'Gooddy.'"

"'Every one laughed, and doubts this excited the parrot to further remark."

"'Give me another, Beck,' cried the bird."

"Our porch was furnished with an electric light, which Jack and I always kept turned off. Tonight it was turned on, and my crimson cheeks betrayed Roger's meaning. Jack in confusion was walking away when the parrot cried out:

"'Come back, Jack. You may have one more.'"

"I turned and ran into the house and up to my room, where I suffered no end of mortification. I knew the story would soon be all over town, and it was. Every time Jack met an acquaintance he was hailed with the words 'Give me another,' and my girl friends taunted me with 'Come back, Jack; you may have one more.' The result was that Jack was driven into matrimony with me and I with him. We were married and have lived happily ever since."

"'Aunt,' said Lucy, 'where can I get a parrot and how much would one cost?'"

"'You don't need a parrot, dearie. There are plenty of other devices that will do so well.'"

"'Yes, auntie, but the parrot does it all himself.'"

**Books.**  
Books are divisible into two classes—the books of the hour and the books of all time.—Ruskin.

**Cured of Indigestion.**  
Mrs. Sallie E. Clawson, Indiana, Pa., was bothered with indigestion. "My stomach pained me night and day," she writes. "I would feel bloated and have headache and belching after eating. I also suffered from constipation. My daughter had used Chamberlain's Tablets and they did her so much good that she gave me a few doses of them and insisted on my trying them. They helped me so nothing else has done." For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

## RABID RUDOLPH SAYS



SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE NEW JERSEY FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY on the 31st day of December, 1914, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law.

CAPITAL	
Amount of capital paid up.....	\$7,000,000.00
INCOME	
Net premiums received during the year.....	787,487.20
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year.....	104,750.43
Income from other sources received during the year.....	26,876.75
Total income.....	\$909,114.38
DISBURSEMENTS	
Net losses paid during the year.....	423,567.51
Dividends paid during the year on capital stock.....	None
Commissions and salaries paid during the year.....	268,170.55
Interest and rents due and accrued.....	18,706.05
Amount of all other expenditures.....	83,596.80
Total expenditures.....	\$800,040.91
ASSETS	
Value of real estate owned (market value).....	255,573.98
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value).....	737,316.00
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.....	761,310.00
Cash in banks and on hand.....	99,032.52
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1914.....	144,802.64
Interest and rents due and accrued.....	29,516.20
Other assets.....	None
Less special deposits in any State (if any there be).....	None
Total assets.....	\$2,109,517.29
Total assets admitted in Oregon.....	\$6,109,317.29
LIABILITIES	
Gross claims for losses unpaid.....	\$8,721.75
Amount of unearned premium on all outstanding risks.....	605,415.27
Due for commission and brokerage.....	2,000.00
All other liabilities.....	18,821.60
Surplus.....	\$34,058.87
Total liabilities, including capital stock of \$1,000,000.....	\$2,109,317.29
Total premiums in force December 31, 1914.....	\$1,154,296.34
BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR	
Total bills written during the year.....	\$1,149,198.00
Gross premiums received during the year.....	16,967.31
Net premiums received during the year.....	15,996.18
Losses incurred during the year.....	10,923.76
Total amount of bills outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1914.....	11,456.76
Total amount of bills outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1913.....	788,398.00
By W. H. GILBERT, President	
Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service: O. W. DAYTON, Seelye & Co. Board of Trade Bldg., Portland, Ore.	

## REFORMING A SAVAGE.

After the Treatment He Became Quite a Gentlemanly Chap.

In "Among the Primitive Bakongo" John H. Weeks tells the story of a chief, Mampuya of Kinkuzu, who called on him at Wathen station to request that a teacher be sent to his own. "He seemed a very quiet, gentlemanly sort of man," says Mr. Weeks, "and I was very much surprised to hear that he had not always been so deferential and modest. "Mampuya at one time treated the people of his town in a very contemptuous fashion and was always extorting, on one plea or another, fowls, goats and other goods from them. "At last they could bear his extortions no longer, and so they bound him secretly, put him on a shelf in his own house, built a fire under him and sprinkled a quantity of red pepper on it. Then they went out and shut the door closely behind them. The pungent smoke filled the hut, and Mampuya sneezed tremendously. He would have died if there had been a little more pepper on the fire. "At last they took him out of the smoke and tied a stick across his chest to his extended arms with the intention of punishing him still further, but they let him off on payment of a fine and many promises of better behavior, which promises he has scrupulously kept."

## GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES.

Why Foreign Nomenclature Often Puzzles American Readers.

Foreign geographical names often prove confusing to American readers because each European country has a name of its own for each of its cities, rivers and other geographical features. Every other nation has a different name for the same thing. American geographies follow the English in their nomenclature, but often employ a different pronunciation. For example, we call one Belgian city Antwerp, while the Belgians and French call it Anvers. We term another Belgian city Mechlin, while at home it is termed Malines. The river Meuse is pronounced in Belgium and France very nearly as we would pronounce it, while the Germans pronounce it as if it were spelled Moosay, and the people of the Netherlands call it the Maas. Brussels is spelled Bruxelles at home, and the final s is not pronounced. Dendermonde, on the river Dender, is pronounced Dendermond by its inhabitants, but it is known as Termonde in most of the geographies. Aalst is also spelled Alost. Louvain is Leuven at home. Vienna is Wien and Ghent is Gand. So one might go down the line. It is to be hoped that some day the geographical societies will get together and agree upon a nomenclature that will be universally adopted.—Detroit Tribune.

Quite Handy.

"The automobile is a great institution." "For instance?" "You can sit up in it as you pass a friend and crawl under it when a creditor heaven into sight."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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