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Bits of Byplay

By Luke McLuke

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Kind Words for the Lino Man. Say, if the lines in this issue don't track just remember that it was our first attempt to handle the machine, this being caused by the use of bones on the part of an operator and his sudden determination that he didn't have to work. We will have a man on the job later if we can find one—Marengo (la.) Republican.

Fact. Advice is but a bubble. But you should learn when young That you can dole out old trouble If you will hold your tongue.

Paw Knows Everything. Willie—Paw, what is a knapsack? Paw—A pillow, my son.

Strange. It certainly is strange to me. I often wonder why A fellow can get corned when he Drinks nothing else but rye.

Oh, Gobs of Joy! Miss Mary De Long, sister of the groom, played the Lohengrin, wedding march. The groom was decorated with arbor vitae and goldenrod. —Fithian (Ill.) Herald.

Sure. Procrastination does not pay. And many try it to their sorrow. But we should all put off today The mean things we can do tomorrow.

He, Mum! Dear Luke—There is nothing in a name. Hecan Return of Pinckville, O., came home from the grand circuit races.—J. E. Lyons.

Happy Eden. Old Eden's garden was a place Where man could rest contented; No photographs squealed all night long— They hadn't been invented. —Cincinnati Enquirer.

Old Eden's garden was about Perfection—none denied it. But Adam didn't find it out Until he got outside it. P. B.—It was then too late to retrieve. —Nebraska State Journal.

Another One. Dear Luke—Is there room in the club for Tuffie Hyde of the Burr Oak Betting company of Cincinnati? This is his real name.—Interested.

Why He Is Popular. Pull many friends Has Hiram Grow. He never says, "I told you so!"

Huh! "Have you heard my last story?" asked the bore. "I hope so," replied the grooch.

He's a Runner. "Luke McLuke, the horse," says Bart, "Sure was a dandy racer. He'd set the pace in every start. But he was not a pacer." —T. A. M.

Does He Do His C. S. E.? Mr. Christmas Day lives at Columbus, Mo.

A Female Diogenes. Wanted.—The person who hit my cow on the state highway with their auto about seven miles out from Vicksburg to write me, as the cow is badly injured. Miss Josephine Keller, R. F. D. No. 2, Boylston, Miss.—Ad. in Vicksburg Herald.

Things to Worry About. Jules Verne's real name was Olchewitz.

Names Is Names. E. Z. Rider sells shock absorbers in Cleveland, O.

Our Daily Special. You can't keep a 300 better in a bush league.

Luke McLuke Says: A woman can convince herself that her cosset is shrinking, but she knows that she isn't getting stouter.

A statistician announces that by the time the war in Europe ends there will be 5,000,000 more unmarried women than unmarried men in the world. But this won't prevent some unmarried men from chasing the married women just as they are doing today.

Our Idea of a good citizen is a married man who has a good conscience even when he knows that he talks in his sleep every night.

Deeds of bravery are not always spectacular. The brave man who loops the loop in an aeroplane isn't a bit more courageous than the brave man who takes a corn fed girl out riding on the little shelf on the rear end of his motorcycle.

You have an idea that you have hundreds of friends. But start out and try to borrow \$25 and then revise your figures.

It may save you a whole lot of unnecessary conversation if you will try to remember that people are not going to take your advice unless you charge them for it.

If our hands were as calloused as our consciences most of us would wear gloves all the time.

If it's so hard to tell a woman's age. Just add ten years to the way she looks when she is dolled up on the street.

What has become of the old fashioned family toothbrush that used to hang on a nail over the kitchen sink?

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

Interstate commerce hearings will be held at Portland January 23 and 24 by Examiner Brown.

The Cottage Grove commercial club will attempt to get farmers to experiment with broccoli growing.

E. J. McClanahan of Eugene was unanimously elected president of the Oregon Poultry association.

Three thousand Oregon rosebushes have gone to Pennsylvania from Cottage Grove during the past few weeks.

The Hawley Pulp & Paper company will begin soon the construction of a second additional unit to its mill at Oregon City.

The farmers of Klamath county have formally petitioned the commissioners' court to place a bounty of 10 cents a head upon rabbits.

A blanket resolution allowing the student body to bond itself in the sum of \$10,000 for an athletic field was voted at the University of Oregon.

One of the first farmers' organizations to be effected in Oregon under the provisions of the rural credit law was formed at Roseburg last week.

The Portland postal receipts for the first 20 days of December of this year exceed those of the same period of last year by approximately \$12,900.

The last of seven Hyde land fraud suits instituted by the state of Oregon for the recovery of 37,000 acres of school land was tried at Eugene last week.

Including the sales made for the Thanksgiving trade, the turkey raisers of Douglas county this year have realized approximately \$58,000 from their birds.

Oliver Lundgren, 22, of Corvallis, was drowned in Mary's river when a canoe, in which he and Troy Bogard, of Woodburn, were paddling, upset in a whirlpool.

Labor Commissioner Hoff will recommend to the legislature the creation of the office of inspector of mines, and also ask that it enact legislation on the subject of hospital fees.

The latest school census of Portland shows there are 48,384 boys and girls in the city between the ages of 4 and 20. This is a decrease of 1543, as 49,927 were recorded in the census of last year.

H. A. George, one of the leading successful poultrymen of Petaluma, Cal., has been procured to deliver a series of lectures during farmers' week at the Oregon agricultural college, January 2 to 6.

In a comprehensive review of the labor situation prepared for his forthcoming biennial report State Labor Commissioner Hoff says that industries appear to have undergone a change for the better in 1916.

Hot lunches are being served in the public school at Damascus by the teachers and pupils as a means of testing the advisability of purchasing the necessary apparatus to continue the practice during the winter months.

Dr. A. C. Sealey, of Roseburg, was elected president; Dr. M. B. Marshall, of Portland, vice-president, and Dr. David N. Reberg was continued as secretary at the annual meeting of the state board of health held at Salem.

Nathan Hankin was shot at his home in Portland by a masked man, who rang the door bell and when Hankin answered presented a pistol aimed at him. Hankin slammed the door shut, but the assassin fired through the wood.

Insurance for every employee in the service whose salary does not exceed \$4000 a year, and extra month's pay for all whose salaries are not over \$1800 per annum, were Christmas gifts of the O. W. R. & N. Co. to their many workers.

Secretary of State Olcott has made public the budget of expenditures for the state of Oregon for the biennial period of 1917-18, together with an estimate of total requirements for all purposes of the commonwealth. The entire amount is \$9,317,528.46.

A movement has been started in Umatilla county among the school authorities to obtain from the legislature a law to permit the county school levy to be raised from 1 mill to 4 mills to the end that the district levies be greatly lowered or eliminated.

Limitation of the amount of liquor a man may import is an interference with his constitutional right and therefore illegal, Circuit Judge McGinn ruled at Portland. He also upheld the right of a man to manufacture wine for his own use, without interference from the authorities.

One of the largest lumber mills in eastern Oregon, and the largest in Baker, will be erected at once by the Oregon Lumber company, according to announcement of D. C. Boole, president of the company. He said the mills would cost at least \$150,000, and probably more, and will employ 100 men.

At a meeting of the Roseburg Sportsmen's association it was decided to make every possible effort to secure a trout hatchery for Douglas county next year, and to have the capacity of the North Umpqua river hatchery increased sufficiently to liberate at least 5,000,000 salmon each year.

One of the biggest quartz strikes in years was reported by Albert and Frank Gelsor, owners of the Connor Creek mine on the Snake river in Baker county. They brought in two tons

containing nearly \$21,000 in gold. The deposit represented a seven-day output of the new stamp mill at the mine.

Agnew & Hamilton, Importers of Belfast, Ireland, have cabled the Oregon state board of control offering \$14.40 a bag, or \$4.11 a bushel, for Oregon flax seed. A bag contains about three and one-half bushels. The board cabled Belfast that it is willing to sell 4000 bushels of seed for \$2.75 a bushel (f. o. b. Salem).

Attorney General Brown has been advised by Mrs. Millie R. Trumbull, of Portland, secretary of the child labor commission, that a proposed amendment to the present ten-hour law is being drafted for consideration by the next legislature, so that hours of women will be limited to 48 for any one week, instead of 60, as now provided.

The reclamation commission has unanimously recommended to Secretary Lane that he urge on congress the appropriation at this session of \$400,000 for the construction of the Warm Springs dam on the Malheur irrigation project and that he further urge the appropriation of another \$400,000 to build the storage dam of the Owyhee project in Oregon.

The Eugene chamber of commerce has expressed opposition to the plan to send a representative of the Oregon flax interests east at this time to investigate flax factory prospects. The members of the Eugene chamber feel that such a step at this time would be too far ahead and that funds which would be required could be expended at home to better advantage, so far as the actual development of the new industry is concerned.

The success of the safety-first doctrine in reducing accidents is shown by figures prepared by B. T. McEln, of the Crown Williamette Paper company, pioneer among the big industrial plants of the Pacific coast in the safety-first movement. In its mills at Oregon City the company employs more than 900 men, yet Mr. McEln's figures show that the average number of accidents in a month is only 23, although a slight out or scratch is counted.

Linemen in the employ of the Western Union Telegraph company in western Oregon will travel and live in Pullman cars in the future. The old work cars have been discarded. The new model work train put into commission on the Coos Bay branch of the Southern Pacific system consists of a sleeper, a smoker, a car fitted with a bathroom, reading-room and lavatories, a dining car and a car fitted up for the use of the foreman of the crew.

At the first open meeting of the Deschutes county court, Bend was unanimously designated the temporary county seat, and the officers as follows were appointed to serve until the next election: H. Hanes, county clerk; Clyde McKay, treasurer; W. T. Mullerkey, of Redmond, assessor; S. K. Roberts, sheriff; Elmer Niswonger, coroner; Dr. Dwight F. Miller, county physician; George S. Young, county surveyor; J. Alton Thompson, school superintendent.

District Attorney Gale S. Hill has notified the state board of control that no action can be taken to prosecute persons who assisted Winifred Black after her escape from the girls' industrial school at Salem several months ago, when a number of girls succeeded in getting away from the institution. He stated the statute was broad enough to cover anyone assisting an inmate of that school to escape, but not anyone who assisted the person after the escape.

Judge William Galloway, in the circuit court at Salem, decided that title to 400 acres of land in Linn county was obtained by F. A. Hyde and his associates through fraud and collusion and that the title in equity to such lands, because of the fraud and collusion, still is vested in the state of Oregon. While the case in question involves only 400 acres of land, the decision is of widespread interest, as this is the first to be decided of the seven Hyde-Benson cases.

America Aided by Berlin. Washington.—Release by Turkey of the 200 Americans detained at Syria and Palestine was brought about because Germany, at the request of the United States, exercised its good offices with the Ottoman government.

Idaho Regiment Rescues Horse. Boise, Idaho.—The Second Idaho Infantry, after six months' border service at Nogales, Ariz., arrived at Boise barracks, where it will be mustered out.

The Test. It is the things a man could do but does not which stamp him as incompetent.—Judge.

Cheering Him Up. He anxiously, after popping the question—"Why do you cry, my love? Did I offend you by my proposal? She quickly sobbing—"Oh, no, dear. I am always said to me, "I'll, you are such an idiot that you will not even get a donkey for a lover," and now I have got one after all.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

The Mistake of His Life. Bluffers—What's wrong today? You look blue. Bluffers—"I'll never forgive myself. I kicked a caller out of my house last night."

"Huh! I kicked many a one. Young fellow, I suppose?" "No; past middle age."

"Well, these old codgers have no business coming round sparking young girls. I kicked out one of that sort last week."

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Important Occurrences of Past Week Briefly Compiled for Our Readers.

William H. Brunk, 72, Oregon pioneer of 1849, died at his home in Salem last week.

Multnomah county has a tax delinquency of \$555,907.31, the heaviest in its history.

Four banks in Medford have more money in vaults, subject to local checks, than for three years.

Mystery surrounds the identity of a man who committed suicide on the county road near Canby last week. Thirty-four pounds of tubers from the seed of one potato, is the record reported by Mrs. Thomas Richardson of Cottage Grove.

The 16th annual convention of the Oregon State Teachers' association, eastern Oregon division, opened at La Grande Wednesday.

For the week ending October 27, 200 accidents were reported to the state industrial accident insurance commission. None were fatal.

Nearly 800 logging men from all parts of the Pacific coast were in Portland last week for the eighth annual Pacific logging congress.

Fifteen of the 46 persons who took the recent bar examination passed, according to announcement of Clerk Moreland of the supreme court.

Officials of the Applegroves' Association of Hood River declare that the apple market situation is being seriously affected by the car shortage.

In a report of the Oregon Conservation commission, just filed with the governor, it is estimated that there are 4,273,000 acres of improved farm lands in Oregon, and that at least 8,000,000 acres in the state can be improved or reclaimed by drainage.

An amendment to the workmen's compensation law, making it compulsory upon the state, counties, cities, ports and school districts to operate under the act in all employments now defined by it as hazardous, and elective as to all other employments, will be asked from the coming legislature by the state industrial accident commission.

Battering their way through a two-foot brick wall of the Umatilla county jail at Pendleton, four prisoners, waiting a hearing before the grand jury, slipped through a foot-square hole, dropped 20 feet to the courthouse yard and escaped.

Relations between the cattle and horsemen, east of Bend, and sheepmen from various parts of Lake county, who, it is said, have come north into Crook county for winter range, are strained almost to the breaking point, it is reported.

The third week in February has been designated by the Oregon Normal school as rural school week. Every member of the rural department will be sent into four Oregon counties to study educational conditions in the rural sections.

Judge John S. Coke of the circuit court decided that the Sunday closing ordinance of Eugene prohibiting the stores from operating on Sunday is not in contravention of the state Sunday law.

The largest deal ever made in the neighborhood of Weston was consummated when Ray Wynn became the owner of Meadowbrook farm. The place contains 763 acres, and the consideration was \$107,000.

Inspection of feasible routes for the establishment of state highways to be embraced in the five-year building programme which will be undertaken by the state in co-operation with the government has been completed by John H. Lewis, state engineer.

On petition of the county courts of Union and Umatilla counties, the state highway department will co-operate with these counties in making a survey of a road across the Blue mountains between Pendleton and La Grande. The joint county courts have agreed to pay all expenses for the survey.

There was a balance in the state industrial accident fund October 31 of \$275,242.87. Receipts from the time the commission commenced its work, November 5, 1915, to October 31, a period of three years, totaled \$1,597,528.61.

A. O. Anderson & Co., Ltd., of Copenhagen, Denmark, have purchased a large interest in the McChesney-Standiford-Clarkson ship company of Astoria. The company is building seven auxiliary five-masted schooners at the yards in Astoria.

The Southern Oregon traction company has reported a net deficit of \$2,460.69 for the year ending June 30, 1916, to the state public service commission. Passage of a law whereby citizens of Oregon absent from the state on military duty may have an opportunity to vote will be urged on the next legislature.

Newly surveyed townships in Malheur county, aggregating 92,000 acres, have been thrown open for sale by the state. Bids for the land will be opened December 13.

The new \$200,000 auxiliary power schooner, City of Astoria, was launched from the McChesney-Standiford-Clarkson yards on Young's river at Astoria Saturday.

The government has allowed the Southern Pacific company 30 days more time in which to check over the O. & C. tax claims presented by the several land grant counties.

The Polk County Road Builders' association was organized in Dallas last week. The association is composed of three delegates from each of the

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road districts of the county.

Because of the inadequate mountain water supply now used by McMinnville the water and light commission has asked for a bond issue of \$90,000 to obtain an additional supply.

No 5-cent loaf of bread is to be bought in Baker. A 10-cent loaf, weighing two ounces less than that sold formerly at that price, and a 15-cent loaf, are on the market instead.

Rey Winn, a well-known Weston farmer, has purchased the Joe Hodgson ranch, one mile north of Weston, comprising 673 acres of wheat land, for a consideration of about \$100,000.

Preliminary surveys on the Oregon, California & Eastern railway, projected by Robert E. Strahorn, are virtually completed and arrangements for financing the enterprise are well under way.

The Southern Pacific car shortage reached 2645 in Saturday's report to the state public service commission. The highest previous record was on Thursday, when a shortage of 2536 was reported.

A cable received by Douglas Wood announces the sale of Newtown apples sent from Grants Pass in the London market at \$3.50. This is a record price, and nets Grants Pass growers better than \$2 a box.

In its "safety first" campaign during the past year, the state labor department has inspected 524 factories and shops in Oregon with a view of eliminating the risk to employees from improper labor conditions.

Payrolls established by the shipyards on Young's bay have stimulated much urban and suburban homebuilding in Astoria. It is reported that not

less than 100 homes are under construction at the present time.

An increase of \$3440 in the biennial appropriation for the state insurance department is recommended by Harvey Wells, insurance commissioner, in his estimate of the department's needs for the next two years.

A new instrument known as a "telegraphone" is being installed at the different stations on the branch lines of the Southern Pacific out of Albany and permits the sending of telephone messages over telegraph lines.

The Pioneer Packing company of Oak Grove, consisting of a number of young farmers and fruitgrowers, who established the first community packing house in the Hood River valley, have this season introduced an innovation by contracting for the picking as well as the packing of the apples.

Fine Alfalfa and Stock Ranch for Sale

356 acres, of which about 90 acres are Alfalfa Land, 1915 hay sold at \$15 in stack, and at \$19 in Portland. Noted as best-paying farm on the creek for its size. On O.-W. R. & N. Railroad, and 3 1/2 miles to two towns. Altitude 918 feet; no better climate anywhere. Best watered farm in Eastern Oregon. Located 25 miles from Columbia River, 7 1/2 hours' run to Portland. Will sell with or without the livestock on easy terms.

Life is too short and time too valuable to buy raw land and build an alfalfa ranch. The task is too great a one for the ordinary man to tackle. Better to drop into a well-improved, modern farm and begin for the very first to enjoy the fruits for which others have labored.

Here is one of the best established alfalfa farms in Eastern Oregon for sale on easy terms, and the purchaser escapes the arduous, expensive work of digging irrigating ditches, building dams, leveling ground, erecting buildings, growing orchards, building fences and thousands of other things required in establishing a ranch like this.

Wishing to retire from farming the owner is offering for sale the following property: 356 acres of alfalfa and pasture land of which about

75 Acres Is a Deeply Rooted, Heavy Producing Alfalfa Meadow

And about 15 acres or more of new land will be seeded to alfalfa as soon as the ground can be prepared. Already the ranch produces from 300 to 350 tons of alfalfa hay every season, which is the best-balanced single ration for all kinds of livestock the world has ever known, also the cheapest and easiest crop to grow; 102 acres are bottom land, balance hill pasture land, with good stream of water running through center of ranch, also many running springs. About 2 1/2 acres in peach, apple and pear orchards, heavy producing; six-room dwelling house, very cozy, surrounded by luxuriant shade trees, beautiful lawn, rose beds, etc.; new 50x60-foot barn, blacksmith shop well equipped with tools; wagon shed, wood shed, cement cellar, root cellar, poultry houses and other necessary outbuildings. Also all livestock, farm machinery and household effects. A complete and well-furnished country home to step into.

Pure Running Spring and Creek Water for Stock the Year Round

Water runs at all times through the stock corral, barnyard, lawn, calf lot, hog lot, and in every ditch on the ranch if desired. No quarrel with neighbors over irrigating ditches, nor with ditch riders over water. The intake to my ditches is just above my fine fence and the water returns to main stream on my own land, AND THE WATER IS ABSOLUTELY FREE.

The Soil Is Mostly Creek Sediment as Deep as 10 and 12 Feet

Hence very rich in plant-growing materials. Owing to depth of soil one irrigating early in the Spring will produce three heavy crops of alfalfa hay per year, and much of the land sub-irrigates from the creeks and springs. The fourth crop I have always pastured off up to the first of the year.

Big Demand for Alfalfa Hay in the Stack or Baled

Local sheepmen and cattlemen furnish a ready market for all the hay produced here, and it has been sold from this ranch at \$20 per ton. The 1915 crop sold for \$15 in the stack and \$19 in Portland, so it is not difficult to figure what your yearly income is likely to be. Luxuriant shade trees and pools of spring water along the creek makes excellent summer conditions for cattle, horses and hogs. This farm is in the center of a famous Eastern Oregon wheat belt, and grain feed can be had at minimum cost.

This fine, healthful Eastern Oregon home and all its belongings can be had for \$30,000 (and is easily worth \$50,000), one-fourth of which can be paid in annual installments of \$500 at six per cent interest, and the remainder can be arranged agreeably between owner and purchaser. Will sell for less without livestock. Possession can be given at any time. Write or call upon

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