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WOMEN WAR ON "POI TRUST"

Honolulu Wives Organize to Get Native Staple Food at Former Price.

Honolulu, T. H.—When Joseph Kuwaiae, city and county supervisor, maker of ukeleles and manufacturer of poi, the native staple food made from taro roots, recently sold out his stock of taro to a Chinese "hui," or combine, poi immediately jumped in price and laid the foundation for a war by the Honolulu Housewives' league on what its members called the "poi trust."

A Hawaiian who can't get his poi is in a position similar to that of an automobile without gasoline. Nothing else will "make him go" just as well. Consequently when poi soared out of the staple necessity class into the catalogue of high priced delicacies the Housewives' league was appealed to, and it promptly decided to import poi from the Island of Hawaii in an effort to hammer the price of the Hawaiians' food on the Island of Oahu.

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Washington, D. C.—Charles G. Dawes, head of the budget bureau of the government, was called upon by an ambitious young photographer who wished to take a picture of him working at his official desk.

"Young man, you want to live to a ripe old age, but you won't if you keep on following me around for a picture," said General Dawes.

Mr. Dawes made it plain that he had one of the hardest jobs to perform of any government official, and until he had made good at it, he was not particular that the country should see his picture or read eulogies on his work here.

Would Have Horrified Her.

Tabby was giving her four babies a bath on the back porch, in true cat fashion. Elizabeth watched her for some time, then remarked to her mother: "It's a good thing the visitin' nurse don't see how Tabby washes her babies."

Life's Best Tasks.

Life calls upon us to fill the place of men and women in the ranks of courageous world workers; gives us man sized jobs in the service of our fellow men. Every weak turning aside from these tasks is traitorous to our own self-respect. If we shrink because the work is hard, we forfeit our own respect and that of everyone who knows us.—Orison Swett Marden in Chicago News.

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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The Cartwright & Lowell hop ranch near Harrisburg commenced picking Friday.

Frank A. Turner, 66 years old, reporter for the Oregon supreme court, is dead at Salem.

Coyotes in the Powell Butte section are becoming so bold as to disregard the proximity of farm houses in their raids on sheep.

All records of tourist travel were shattered at Salem when 105 machines were registered at the Salem free camping grounds.

Liquidation of the Yoncalla State bank has been completed. Depositors have received combined dividend payments of 60 per cent.

School fairs throughout Deschutes county are to be given on October 8, according to plans of County Superintendent Thompson.

The crop of wild hay in Union county is the biggest in many years, and from a ton and a half to two tons the acre are being produced.

Judge Robert Tucker of the Multnomah circuit bench has declined his appointment by Governor Olcott to the supreme court of Oregon.

From the Umatilla county farm bureau the secretary of state has received $804.78, covering the tax on sales of 40,239 gallons of gasoline.

The Hood River affiliation of the American Federation of Labor is preparing for the first local Labor Day celebration in the county.

Bids have been asked for the improvement of the building and grounds owned by the state of Oregon at the mineral springs at Sodaville.

Miss Alene High, assistant secretary of the state livestock sanitary board, has resigned to be married to Roy Whitlock, an orchardist of Silverton.

The Marion county court has paid to the Oregon Anti-Saloon league approximately $2750 for services in rounding up violators of the prohibition law.

Students from other states than Oregon entering the Oregon Agricultural college or state university hereafter will be charged a tuition fee of $60 a year.

Although 70 fires have occurred in the Deschutes national forest this summer, only 150 acres have been burned, so efficient has been the fire prevention work.

The paving of the Columbia river highway between Hood River and Mosier has been completed except for a mile and a half between the tunnels and Mosier.

Figures compiled by the county superintendent of schools showed that it cost $735,406.72 to operate schools in the 143 districts of Marion county during the last year.

More than 100 former residents of Wisconsin, many of whom were accompanied by their families, gathered at the state fair grounds at Salem for their annual picnic.

According to an opinion by the attorney general, members of the so-called home guard organizations serving during the late war are not entitled to benefits under the state bonus law.

More than $900 in cash and five gold watches made up the loot of three masked men who held up a crew of workmen on the O.-W. R. & N. railroad at Hilgard, nine miles west of La Grande.

Although there were 408 accidents in Oregon industries during the week ended August 18, there were no fatalities, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission.

The Douglas County Taxpayers' league is making an effort to abolish the county educational board as well as to eliminate the three school supervisors. It is claimed it will save annually $3000 to the taxpayers.

For the purpose of erecting a school building as a memorial to her late husband, Mrs. C. A. Davis, the last of the heirs to the estate, has presented to the school district at Aumsville in Marion county $9000 in cash and 38 acres of land.

A person sentenced to pay a fine and to be imprisoned in default of payment thereof, is entitled to credit at the rate of $2 a day for the time he remains in jail, according to an opinion handed down by I. H. Van Winkle, attorney-general.

Complete rules and regulations governing administration of the so-called soldiers' bonus act have been prepared by Captain Brumbaugh, secretary of the world war veterans' aid commission, and will be printed and ready for distribution this week.

The Shell Oil company of California has remitted to the secretary of state $5476.81, covering the tax on the company's sales of gasoline and distillate in Oregon during the month of July. A check for $77,711.78, covering a similar tax, was received from the Standard Oil company.

Prune pickers in the Carlton, Yamhill and Sheridan districts will be paid on the basis of 6 cents a box with a 2-cent bonus if they remain until the end of the season, according to an agreement reached by the growers at a meeting held at Carlton.

In response to a formal petition of a majority of land owners of the Orchard district in the vicinity of Parkdale the Hood River county court has called for an election September 17, to decide whether or not the Middle Fork irrigation district shall be formed.

An aerial circus that may equal the air show that heralded the victory loan drive in the northwest in 1919 is planned by Captain Lowell E. Smith, commander of the 91st aero squadron, stationed at Eugene on fire patrol duty, for the dedication of the Eugene municipal aviation field on Labor day.

The Ochoco irrigation district has filed application with the state engineer for the certification of $75,000 bonds. Previously $1,250,000 bonds had been certified for the district. The $75,000 will be used in reconstructing canals and other works damaged recently by a water spout. The Ochoco district is in Deschutes county.

Government forestry officials held a three days' conference in Baker to devise plans and methods for appraising the ranges of the Whitman and Minam national forests. Attending the conference were W. R. Chapline, inspector of grazing, Washington D. C.; L. C. Hunt, grazing examiner, Missoula, Mont.; D. A. Shoemaker, grazing examiner, Ogden, Utah.

More than $250,000, the first advance of picking money to be made by English hop buyers on their contracts with Willamette valley growers, was received at Salem last week. These advances were due on contracts calling for the first payments of picking money on August 15. Approximately $1,250,000 picking money will be due from the English concerns on September 1, according to growers.

The state motor vehicle department has received two additional loadometers which will be used in testing out loads carried on trucks in various parts of the state. Two sets of these loadometers are now in use in distant parts of the state. Since the state traffic officers received the first set of loadometers a number of truck owners have been arrested for overloading. In each instance they were arraigned in court, and in most cases fines were imposed.

Opening prices for this year's crop of prunes were announced at Salem by the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association. A schedule of prune prices given by the California Prune and Apricot association was announced at the same time. Analyzed on an average basis, the prices announced by the Oregon association are about 5 cents lower than those of last year, and are approximately one-half a cent a pound lower than the prices demanded by the California growers.

When the time for filing applications for the civil service examination which is to select a postmaster for Portland closed, 15 applicants had signified their intention of entering the contest as follows: Ralph W. Jamard, John M. Jones, present acting postmaster; Edward J. Ball, Fred T. Holm, Robert L. Russell, Alfred E. Lincoln, K. K. Kubli, Weston G. Shellenbarger, C. W. Linbaugh, Harry A. Pittenger, Walter G. Lynn, Robert H. Thomas, Frank E. Ross, Edward C. Mears and Harry G. Durand.

A deal for the David C. Eccles timber tract of 27,000 acres lying in Tillamook, Clatsop, Washington and Columbia counties, is about to be consummated with a turnover of capital amounting approximately to $7,000,000. Involved in the deal, as part of the property transfer, are 22 miles of railroad from Burlington, the terminal of the United Railways, to the tract. The buyer, with whom negotiations were carried on through Chicago financial agencies by Mr. Eccles, is Charles Keith of the Central Coal & Coke company of Kansas City, Mo. Mr. Keith, it was understood, represents capitalists of Kansas City.

Recommendations for the principal federal offices to be filled in Oregon were made by Senators McNary and Stanfield as follows: Collector of internal revenue — Clyde G. Huntley, Oregon City; collector of customs—George U. Piper, Portland; United States marshal—Clarence R. Hotchkiss, Portland; appraiser of merchandise—Edward N. Wheeler, Portland, but formerly of Stanfield; federal prohibition director—Dr. Joseph A. Linnville, Carlton; Roseburg land office—receiver, Fred W. Haynes, Roseburg. The Dalles land office—register, J. W. Donnelly, Arlington; receiver, T. C. Queen, Dufur. La Grande land office—receiver, J. H. Peare, La Grande; register, Carl G. Helm, Stanfield. Burns land office—receiver, John J. Donegan, Burns. Vale land office—receiver, George M. Love, Vale. Lakeview land office—register, Frank P. Light, Lakeview. In addition to these appointments, Asa B. Thompson of Echo was recommended for secretary of the farm loan bank for the 12th district at Spokane, a place which it is understood was set aside by the administration for an Oregon man.

ARTESIAN WELL ON RAMPAGE

Begins to Flow 100,000 Gallons Daily and Ruins Owner's Land in South Dakota.

Sioux Falls, S. D.—The great Bear Butte artesian well, struck a short distance north of the Black hills, has developed into what is believed to be the greatest artesian well on the American continent. This immense spouter now is running wild, and strenuous efforts are being made to control it. This must be done by capping it, which will be difficult.

When the flow of water was first struck it flowed at the rate of 50,000 barrels a day. It is on a real rampage. The water is cutting deep fissures in the eighty-acre field where the well is located, and the owner of the land fears the land will be ruined.

Taming of the Cat.

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RESENTS HERO STUFF

"Makes Me Tired," Says Girl Who Balked Burglar.

With Her Father's Revolver She Made Thief Drop His Plunder, but He Outran Her.

Fort Worth, Tex.—Rose Breedlove, a nine-year-old girl at Alba, near Fort Worth, who stopped a burglar with her father's six-shooter after he had gathered up the silverware in the home of her parents, says "hero stuff makes her tired." After one day of it she has declared a strike against having her picture taken, publicity, and explaining to visitors.

One day the family was away from home, leaving Rose playing with her dolls alone in the big house. She saw a burglar enter, and she hid under the covers of her bed, but left a peekhole through which she saw the intruder ransacking the place.

When he gathered up the silverware she could hardly restrain herself. When she saw him walk across a section of the floor just varnished, which her mother had warned her not to step upon, she slipped from her hiding place, got her father's big weapon and went into the dining room and holding the pistol in both hands, ordered the robber to hold up his hands, which he promptly did. After compelling him to replace the plunder, she ordered him into a closet, but instead he slipped through the kitchen door and fled, with Rose in hot pursuit, clad only in her nightie. But the burglar man could run faster and got away.

The family returned a few minutes later to find Rose in the yard still holding the gun and regretting her failure to capture the man.

THEY ESCAPE JONAH'S FATE

But Capturing Whale in New York Harbor Was Not Without Difficulties.

New York.—This is a whale of a story.

"That she blows!" cried George Rand, watchman at the Midland Beach pier, Staten island, as he saw an 18-foot honest-to-gosh whale spouting a few yards off shore in New York harbor—five miles from the Woolworth building.

Summoning re-enforcements in the person of White Lane, restaurant keeper, Rand boarded his motorboat and putt-putted out to do battle. Rand let the whale, which had stranded in shallow water, have several broadsides from his shotgun. The only effect was a sleepy grunt, according to Rand.

Then Lane got busy with a butcher knife and carved several choice steaks off the whale's back. This is said to have put the critter in a temper and it snapped several times at the boat. Remembering Jonah's fate, the amateur whalers put back to shore and added four workmen to their crew.

Heaving a hawser over the whale's starboard flipper, they towed it to the beach. At last accounts the animal was "pretty near ruined."

New Process Hardens Wood.

A new process of artificially aging and hardening wood, which is a new industry in Denmark, is said to give a quality of durability to timber heretofore regarded as worthless. Ash becomes like real teak and birch like mahogany.

Highest Grade.

There are various grades of optimism—the active optimists are now being called "peptimists."—Boston Transcript.

FIND NATION'S OLDEST "FLAT"

Apartment House 1,000 Years Old Is Discovered in New Mexico.

HOUSED NEAR 10,000 PERSONS

Scientists Say It Will Take Five Years to Unearth Remains—Discloses Civilization Comparable With That of Today.

Santa Fe.—Evidence that a race once dwelt in the Chaco canyon, in New Mexico, possessing a degree of civilization comparable with our own has been unearthed by archaeologists working under the direction of the School of American Research of Santa Fe. The discoveries to date—it will be fully five years before the entire find is disclosed—consist of an apartment house containing about 1,000 rooms, together with domestic implements.

Strangely enough, there is no trace of the people—and the scientists say there must have been fully 10,000 of them—in the way of burial ground or skeletons. It is conjectured that the inhabitants left the valley in leisurely fashion, as there are no evidences of flight, when at the very zenith of their development. This exodus is estimated to have taken place fully 1,000 years ago, and, so far as the investigators have been able to learn, the people stepped out of history when the janitor turned the key in the gigantic apartment house they vocated.

As Big as Two City Squares.

The shifting of sands which hid the structure for centuries gave scientists their first clue to the existence of a hitherto unknown race. Excavations disclosed a building equaling in extent about two ordinary city squares and so well constructed as to defy the ravages of time. Its curved front swings in an arc of 700 feet, and the 50,000,000 pieces of stone which form its walls bear every evidence of having been quarried and carefully cut. All that is known now is that the community consisted of approximately 10,000 persons and that they cultivated some 3,000 acres of land.

Construction of the Best.

The walls of the building are re-enforced by heavy timbers just as steel rods are used today for that purpose in concrete construction. Excavation in the inner court revealed an amazing labyrinth of kivas, cists, shafts and variously walled spaces.

The floors and ceilings were constructed by first laying heavy supporting timbers across from wall to wall. Upon these were laid smaller logs, placed closely side by side; over these came thin cedar slabs, next a layer of cedar bark and finally a solidly packed layer of earth. Some of the rooms show a remarkable state of preservation of both masonry and timbers.

Symbol of Holy Roman Empire.

The double-headed eagle of the Holy Roman empire was sometimes crowned and sometimes bore the nimbus upon it. The dual heads represented dominion over the east and the west and came to be used in the coat of arms of both Austria and Russia.

Only 1,200 Years Old!

Identification by finger-print is generally supposed to be a modern detective device, but it appears that it was employed in Korea 1,200 years ago, having been commonly used in the deeds for the sale of slaves.

MEN EXCEED WOMEN

Census Bureau Gives Population of U. S. by Sex.

There Has Been a Preponderance of Males at Every Census From Earliest to Latest.

Washington.—The bureau of the census, Department of Commerce, issued a preliminary statement giving the sex distribution of the population of the United States, as shown by the census taken as of January 1, 1920.

The total population of the United States, 105,710,620, comprised 53,900,376 males and 51,810,244 females. The following statement gives the number of males to 100 females for each census year from 1820 to 1920:

1920	104.0	1880	103.6	1840	103.7
1910	105.0	1870	102.2	1830	105.1
1900	104.4	1860	104.7	1820	102.8
1890	105.0	1850	104.3		

At censuses prior to 1820 the enumerators' returns showed the sex distribution of the white population only, for which the ratio of males to females was 104 to 100 in 1810 and 1800 and 103.8 to 100 in 1790.

Thus it will be seen that in the United States there has been a preponderance of males at every census from the earliest to the latest. This condition is due in large measure to the fact that the total population includes a considerable proportion of foreign-born persons—about 13 per cent in 1920—among whom the males greatly outnumber the females. The excess of males is not, however, due wholly to immigration, the native population having comprised a greater number of males than females at every census for which separate returns for natives have been made.

The preponderance of males over females in 1920 appears for every state in the Union except Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama, in which states the number of males to 100 females ranges from 96.3 for Massachusetts to 99.9 for North Carolina. The District of Columbia shows a far greater excess of females than appears for any state, its ratio being only 87 to 100.

The sex ratios are lowest, as a rule, in the Eastern and Southeastern states and are highest in the Western states. Among the states east of the Mississippi river, Michigan, with 110.8 males to 100 females, is the only state in which the ratio is in excess of 110 to 100; but of the 22 states west of the Mississippi, 12—North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, Washington, Oregon and California—show higher ratios than this, the highest of all being that for Nevada—148.4 to 100.

Fall Short of Greatness.

What the world calls greatness is a kind of plant which requires the right kind of human soil and moisture and light for its proper growth. Many a youth who was the idol of his classmates and professors at college, because they regarded him as a man of the future, disappointed expectations because he was never able to find after leaving college the right social atmosphere.—Chicago Journal.

But What "For Short?"

Zulus have a custom of naming a child from some event that occurred at the time when the child was born. Not long ago a child at Natal was brought to the registry on a day when a strike had interrupted traffic on the railroad. He was given the name "Umhlabelungubevinbelaiatimela," meaning, "When the white men stopped the train." What do you suppose they ever called this boy "for short?"