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What is the modern equivalent for the carpet weaving and bear skinning that once made our women great partners for their men? The type-writer, the filing case, the restaurant—the thousand departments of modern commerce in which women are working—are these the modern equivalent for the bear skinning that once saved women's souls? The *Phigian* mothers weren't great because they shot Indians, but because they sent life as it came, with courage, energy and integrity. They were out in the thick of things and they bore themselves valiantly. It's exactly that spirit which makes our women great today. The modern girl is getting human contact, her broadening and balancing in identically the same place as the pioneer mother got here—on the frontier, says the Kansas City Star. For the pioneer mother that meant the desert and plains; for the modern daughter it means Commercial street. But the daring and resourcefulness required are the same and the police it gives is the same.

More life insurance will be sold in 1923 than in any previous year, if the pace keeps up. Up to June, Americans took out nearly \$3,000,000,000 of life policies, a gain of about a fourth over the corresponding five months of last year. This reveals that the fear instinct is running at exceptionally high tide. It will have a distinct bearing on the duration of our business boom. Hard times and prosperity are emotional conditions.

The average American now lives fifty-five years, or fifteen years more than when the Civil war started, and by 1950 the span of the life may be raised to sixty-nine years. So predicts Dr. Haven Emerson of New York City. The joker in the modern prolongation of average life is that the gain has been largely by reducing the death rate among children. People who pass maturity still die at about the same age as they used to.

America has 5,000 fewer blind than it had 10 years ago. This is due first to safety-first campaigns, second to improved attention to the eyes of newborn babies. On the other hand, the nation's eyesight is getting weaker. You have noticed the increasing number wearing spectacles. We gain on one side and lose on the other. Such is life in our age of world vandalism.

It is proposed that doctors be examined every five years to demonstrate that they are keeping up in their practice. To be abreast of the times, a doctor must be familiar with the popular ailments and operations.

It will not be at all difficult to establish universal peace once we have eliminated human nature and the Balkans.

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Work Starts on Deschutes Dam

The Dallas Chronicle says that the equipment for a diamond drill outfit went through that city last Saturday en route to the Deschutes river, where the Grant Smith company will test bed rock for a dam in connection with the proposed power sight of the Pacific Power & Light company. The outfit will be on the river at least six weeks, and will be under the supervision of E. V. Lovens, resident engineer, who was also chief of the survey crew which spent two months of the last summer verifying former surveys and collecting other data for the making of maps. While no indication has been given through the office of the Pacific Power & Light company as to the immediate plans of the company on this work, it is understood on good authority that construction of the new power plant will start soon.

New York city will have 6,000,000 population before many more months, according to estimates by the census bureau. Chicago will be half as large. Seventy-eight American cities will have over 100,000 population each by July 1, as against only sixty-eight in 1920. We're packing closer and closer together. Metropolitan residents, bidding against each other for accommodations, wonder why rents are high. In the country, cheap rents. Airplane will solve the rent problem. And when men can live far out and fly to and from work each family can have its own garden. Solution of city problems is to abandon the cities. Watch the airplane news. The flying machine will turn our system of economics upside down.

The home is the least efficient of our social institutions, charges Prof. Ernest H. Groves of Boston university college of liberal arts. He says the home lags behind the school and church because it has not made use of science. "There are parents who prepare themselves more seriously for the raising of poultry than for the bringing up of their own children." It is easy to start an argument about anything. And there are ways of proving that black is white. But to claim that the average home is less efficient than, for instance, schools, is too much. Home, managed by mothers, is the most successful of social institutions.

During the World war a well-known French publicist was invited to address a large audience of children from the elementary schools of an American city. Walking quickly on the stage, he commenced speaking in his own tongue and then smiling at the bewildered children, he said, in perfect English: "You do not understand me, do you? There, my dear children, you have the root cause of this and nearly every other war. Only through a lack of proper understanding of the point of view of other nations are wars possible."

Separation of grades is the best way to prevent accidents, the experts say, but until that is done the fellow who stops, looks and listens will stand a better chance of living through the summer.

A New York court has accepted the definition of a "pathological" liar, but most of us will be unable to draw the distinction between this and the common type, excepting, of course, the fishing variety.

Wheat Grower's Association Sues on Contract

F. M. Lovgren of Heppner and P. L. Schmel of Grass Valley were made defendants in suits brought in the circuit courts of Morrow and Sherman counties last week by the Oregon Co-operative Grain Growers, for alleged violation of their marketing contract with the association.

Defendants are members of the state-wide co-operative wheat marketing association whose member contract provides a penalty of 25 cents per bushel for all wheat disposed of by members to outside interests, and the suits instituted are for this sum together with court costs, attorney fees, etc.

The association directors have announced their intention to file similar suits in the near future against other violators.

Cases of suits involving similar violations have recently been decided in favor of the Washington Wheat Growers' association by the lower courts, and upheld by the supreme court, in the state of Washington.

An Oregon case, along similar lines, was decided recently in Linn county. Although brought by the Wool Growers' association, the contract upon which the court action was based is practically the same as the Wheat Grower's association. In this decision, handed down by Judge Bingham in the circuit court of Linn county, the Pacific Co-operative Wool Growers obtained a signal victory in a suit against one of its members, J. T. Woody of Brownsville, Oregon, who had sold his 1922 wool clip to an outside buyer in violation of his marketing agreement with the association. The case has been in the courts since July 1922. The association was awarded liquidated damages of ten cents per pound on all wool sold outside the association, attorney's fees a court costs. The defendant attacked the validity of the organization of the association. The court found that the association was legally organized and that the contract with its members was binding and enforceable.

Defendant contended that the association was not entitled to any relief in a court of equity because he had sold all of his sheep and had gone out of the sheep raising business. But the court decided that as Woody owned sheep at the time the suit was filed, and at that time plaintiff was entitled to relief in a court of equity, the association was entitled to damages, costs and attorney's fees even though the defendant owned no more sheep and did not intend to own any.

Dr. Henry Van Dyke's protest against the notion that moving pictures can ever take the place of books as the main source of human knowledge is well founded. The "movies" can certainly supplement and clarify experience, but they cannot supplant them, except, possibly, as a source of mere pleasure. If knowledge consisted merely in information, a good case could be made for believing that it could be imparted better through a picture than through a book. No one can understand a truth fully until he has lived with it and digested it, says the New York Mail. He cannot carry a moving picture apparatus around with him, but he can carry a book. He can refer to it handily and keep evaluating what it says until he understands it. Then he has knowledge of the truth, not merely information about it.

American athletes are doing fine work in creating good feeling between our people and other nations, says Collier's Weekly. Outset went to England and took a golf trophy and a beating with equal good sportsmanship. Paddock, the California sprinter, at the same time was showing his heels to the Frenchmen. McTigue, another American, relieved France of Riki and brought home the light heavyweight championship. McCauliffe, a young Detroit, stood up and took a sound thrashing at the hands of Firpo, an Argentine store clerk. Giving and taking, our athletes set a needed example of how to get acquainted. Diplomats, please copy.

Cost of living in China now is 130 per cent higher than when the war started in 1914. But, at that, eggs in China are retelling at 4 to 5 cents a dozen (in our money), other necessities in proportion. There's a joker, as usual in these near-paradises on earth. It's an exceptional man who makes \$15 a month in China. Too bad, we can't do our earning in America and our spending in China. Maybe the airplane will make it possible, later on.

The American flamingo bird, which science says has been living on earth 350,000 years, is in danger of extinction. Their largest colony, in the Bahamas, is disappearing rapidly because the natives consider them "good eating." National bird societies are "all hot up" about it. Nature apparently is through with the flamingo and is crossing it off her list. Worth while to argue with her?

It is pleasing to note that kindness to animals is becoming more general. Here are two items from one page of a newspaper: "All ex-service pigeons which were several times under fire during the war while carrying important messages for the British army and navy have been pensioned off for life by the British War department, in the care of a special keeper."

Paragraphs of State News

Portland is the 11th city in the United States in postal savings deposits.

The depot at Santa Rosa, on the Oregon Electric railway, was destroyed by fire.

Leon Watson, 78, well known eastern Oregon pioneer, died at La Grande where he had resided for 51 years.

Between 150 and 175 carloads of coals will be shipped from Quincy, Chemawa and Brooks this season.

One of the most successful annual conventions in the history of the state Parent-Teacher associations was held at Medford.

A. A. Moore, 46, of Medford, was stabbed and seriously wounded in a knife fight with J. Moore, 23, a wandering worker.

George Neuner, who recently resigned as district attorney for Douglas county, has been appointed as city attorney of Roseburg.

Reports from hunters in Wasco county show that 12 lambs on the ranch of James Hinton of Shaniko have been killed by coyotes.

The Beaverton city council rejected all bids for construction of a \$55,000 water system to connect Beaverton with the Bull Run water lines.

Joseph Lee Clark has been appointed postmaster at Lawton, Harney county, and Mrs. Bertie L. Johnson of Shapers Bridge, Wasco county.

Grazing conditions in the Umpqua and Cascade national forests are better than for several years, according to D. C. Ingram, grazing examiner.

M. G. Mundy, prominent attorney, ex-member of the board of education and ex-circuit judge of Multnomah county, died at his home in Portland.

Trial of 18 Grass Valley farmers under indictment on a charge of rioting and of fishing in a state game commission fishway has been ordered.

The Western Lumber & Export company of Cottage Grove, operating one of the largest sawmills in Lane county, has gone into the hands of receivers.

Notwithstanding an attendance slump and the fact that the county furnished no aid, the Lane county fair this year showed a profit of approximately \$1100.

Aggregate deposits of \$379,356,535.40 were reported by the 376 banks operating in Oregon at the close of business September 14, according to an abstract prepared by Frank Bramwell, state superintendent of banks.

Completion of another link of The Dalles-California highway, the section between Madras and the south Wasco county line, was announced by the state highway office at The Dalles. This stretch is 17 miles long.

A large piece of state highway work completed is the widening, grading and paving of practically every sharp curve on the Columbia river highway in Hood River county. The cost of this work was approximately \$90,000.

The state land board at a meeting to be held within the next few days will decide whether the Coast Steel & Machinery company, which is taking sand and gravel from the bed of the Willamette river for the construction of the Burnside and Ross island bridges in Portland, will be required to pay royalty to the state.

Three million spring chinook salmon eggs have been taken from the Alsea river by the state game commission, representing the best spring take the river ever has had, according to Carl V. Shoemaker, master fish warden.

The Hickrell-Holmes Gap section of the West Side Pacific highway has been opened to traffic. The new stretch of road is eight miles in length. With the opening of this piece of road there is a continuous pavement from Portland to Monmouth on the west side of the Willamette river.

The public service commission has denied the petition for rehearing of the case involving a crossing along Sandy road, which it was alleged would provide ferry service to Government island. The application for rehearing of the case was filed by the county commissioners of Multnomah county.

W. Harrison Whiteaker and George L. Jennings were sentenced to the penitentiary by Circuit Court Judge Bingham at Portland, following conviction on charges of fraud in connection with selling units of interest in a partnership project to extract gold from the waters of Mono Lake in California.

Notwithstanding the disastrous conflagration last December which destroyed millions of dollars' worth of property in the business district of Astoria, the assessed value of the taxable property in Clatsop county, as it appears on this year's roll, will exceed that of last year by more than \$1,000,000.

The Salem chamber of commerce, through J. C. Perry, secretary, has written a letter to the Oregon public service commission, urging that the commission use its influence to the end that lower express rates may be obtained for the shipment of boxed apples and other fruits during the holiday season.

The Oregon Growers' association, at a meeting in Salem, decided to send John H. Race, canneryman of the association, to the eastern markets to dispose of the dried loganberry pack that the association has on hand. While in the east Mr. Race also will go thoroughly into the question of new outlets for jam and jelly products.

The state highway commission, under the provisions of an order issued

by the public service commission, is authorized to proceed with the construction of an undergrade crossing of the west side Pacific highway with the tracks of the Southern Pacific company near St. Joseph, in Yamhill county. The cost of the improvement has been estimated at \$30,000.

Predatory animal hunters in this state have been instructed to clean out all the coyotes possible, in recent communications from the Portland office of the United States biological survey, following the examination of a coyote's head by the state board of health, determining the animal to have been afflicted with rabies. The coyote was killed by H. Derrick, a farmer at Fort Rock, in Lake county.

Deer were more plentiful in western Oregon this year than last and of larger size, according to reports from deputy game wardens of game district No. 1, which comprises all the territory in Oregon between the Cascade mountains and the Pacific ocean. The hunting season in this district closed October 20. It is estimated by the state game warden's office that \$0,000 of the game animals were bagged by hunters.

Harvey M. Toy, chairman of the California state highway commission, told a large audience gathered in Portland to celebrate the completion of paving on the Pacific highway from British Columbia to California that work of paving 48 miles of the 113 miles yet unopened on that highway in northern California will be under way by February 1 next, and that it is confidently expected the remainder of the road in California will be paved in the near future.

There were seven deaths due to industrial accidents in Oregon in the week ended October 23, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were John Byrne, Portland, engineer; R. M. Baker, Klamath Falls, mucker; Thomas Wallace, Portland, engineer; John Otterstrom, boilermaker helper, Sifton, Wash.; Joff Danton, Wendling, loader; H. A. Hyde, Wilder, Idaho, laborer; and Calvin Cox, Dairy, farm hand. A total of 702 accidents were reported for the week.

The Oregon public service commission has made application to the interstate commerce commission for permission to intervene in the proceedings involving the recent increase in the valuations of the properties of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company and the Deschutes Railroad company. These valuations were increased by the interstate commerce commission, it was alleged, for rate-making purposes. The public service commission has protested against the increase in valuations and has requested permission to submit testimony before the interstate commerce commission.

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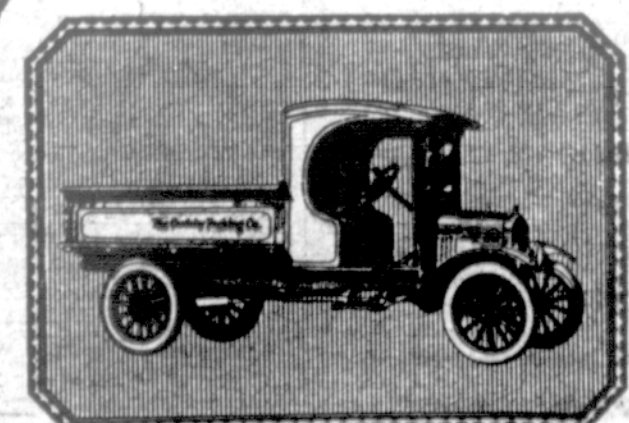
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