

"Black as a crow" is a proverb of comparison. The man who says that the crow is not black probably will be set down as one who knows not the truth, but here is the statement flatly: The crow is not black. The plumage of the crow, when the sun strikes it fully and fairly, glints with tints of bronze and blue and purple. Light is needed to bring out the sheen in all things, and the crow is not to blame because the first man who saw him on a dark day. The common crow of America has all the interest of trick, of manner and of character that is held by his first cousin, the raven, and yet the raven holds a much larger place in prose and poetry than any other bird, unless exception must be made in favor of the nightingale and the skylark. Our American crow can count his tributes of praise in poetry on his claws. The crow in some states has a price on his head. He has been called a thief since the day that his ancestors came out of the ark. However, his character, like his feathers, is nothing like so black as man has seen fit to paint it. Thrown into the scale with the good, the interest, and the life which the crow adds to our fields, the argument for letting him live becomes virtually unanswerable.

There are inherent faculties in every man which, if developed, will enable him actually to live in the past of millions of years ago. Capt. G. Pope, young Scottish scientist, told the British Association in Liverpool recently, "There are within men faculties which, if developed, will enable them to see the seething molten metal, hear the explosions and feel the heat and pressure of a million years ago before the earth's crust had solidified," he said. "He can walk in classic Athens and hear an oration by Pericles, or witness a triumphal progress of Imperial Caesar through the streets of ancient Rome. These inherent faculties may be obtained through the utter renunciation of self and by the service of men. I can assure you that all I have said has been obtained and proved by a school of thought and science working in this country."

Every tourist who has traveled in Turkey says the country is full of people who know how to drive a bargain. The diplomacy reflects the national spirit.

The Turkish government has signed an order for \$1,700,000 worth of American agricultural implements. They must have all the guns they need.

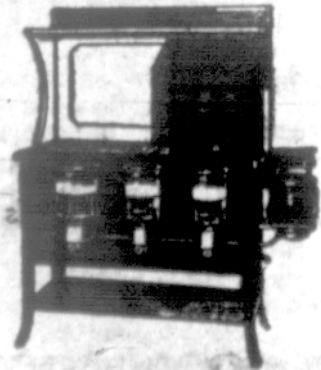
If the bystander in these European brawls is innocent enough to let him keep on being king.

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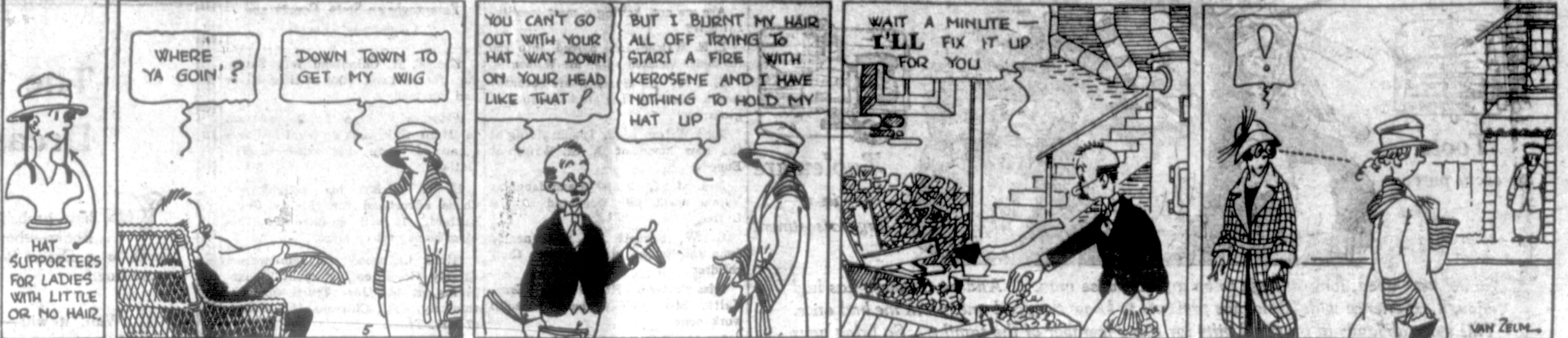
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OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

Oregon prune week will be observed the week of December 11 to 17. Corvallis high school claims the Willamette valley football championship.

John R. Byers of Oakridge has been named postmaster at a new office in Lane county to be known as West Fir. The Walla Walla Railway company has authorized the construction of an extension of its line from Milton to Umapine.

Apple shipments from Hood River this year to date are nearly 100 per cent heavier than for the same period a year ago.

Clearance of export lumber cargo at the Portland customs house for November were \$7,763,900 feet, valued at \$1,167,055.

The fourteenth annual convention of the Oregon Butter Makers' association will be held in Portland December 13 and 14.

Members of the Oregon Music Teachers' association from all parts of the state met in Portland for a two-day convention.

The Oregon Growers Co-operative association of Salem will arrange 15 exhibits in connection with the observance of prune week.

Curtis L. Hawley, state dairy and food commissioner, died at the age of 54 in Portland, following an illness of four months' duration.

The ninth annual meeting of the Western Oregon Walnut Growers' association was held in Salem, Wednesday and Thursday.

Completion of the extension of the Oregon-Washington Railroad Navigation company's tracks from Crane to Burns is hoped for by July 1.

The labor situation in Salem is far from satisfactory at the present time, according to announcement made by the federal employment bureau.

W. E. Kyler last week sold his 330-acre farm north of Irving to John Mitchellbrook of Richland, Wash., the consideration being reported to be about \$70,000.

The practice of soaking or "swilling" oysters before offering them for sale, a common custom among certain dealers, has been prohibited by the state dairy and food commission.

A short course in dairy manufacturing, including butter making, ice cream making and cheese making, will

be given by the Oregon agricultural college January 7 to February 2.

The new wing of the eastern Oregon state hospital at Pendleton has been formally accepted by the state. The new wing will provide accommodations for approximately 250 additional patients.

Robert Eggleston was killed and William Graham was injured, perhaps fatally, when a wagon in which they were riding plunged over a cliff on the Lacey creek road between Blachly and Swias Home.

Deschutes county's tax next year for county purposes will require a slightly less millage than that in effect for the present year. Next year's millage will be 15.65, as compared to a present millage of 15.84.

The Oregon supreme court has reversed an opinion handed down a week ago and holds that the organization of the Jordan Valley irrigation district was legal. In the former opinion it was held that the notices of election were insufficient.

Though the margin of profit will not be large, the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association of Salem has cleaned up its Spitzberg apple crop at prices ranging from \$1.25 to \$1.35 a box for extra fancy and from \$1 to 85 cents for less choice grades.

Oregon pensions have been granted as follows: Alfred Q. Desert, Silverton, \$12; Van E. Hallberg, Baker, \$12; Henry Hockenoy, Portland, \$15; Maney Bernard, Portland, \$12; Frederick Petzold, Portland, \$12; John McPherson, Oregon City, \$12; Frank Gard, Albany, \$15.

Business on the lines of the Southern Pacific company has increased approximately 23 per cent for the year 1923 over 1922, according to a letter received at the offices of the public service commission from E. L. King, superintendent of the Southern Pacific lines in this state.

Bids for grading the 3 1/2-mile section of the Roseburg-Redwood highway will be received by the bureau of public roads on December 19, according to word received in Roseburg. The government has set aside the sum of \$35,000 for the grading of this section, and is preparing to start work without delay.

The interstate commerce commission, in a letter received by the public service commission, has admitted that its valuations of properties of the Sumpter Valley railroad in eastern Oregon are incorrect. Engineers employed by the commission will be ordered to make an investigation to correct the errors.

When a car loaded with logs broke away on a heavy grade near Cocharan and came tumbling toward the locomotive on which they were working, D. C. Hemminger, 29, engineer, and H. C. McKiddy, 24, fireman, jumped to escape injury, only to be killed by flying logs from the car, which struck a derailing switch.

A. E. Burghdoff, state game warden, Ben Dorris and Harold Clifford, members of the state game commission, and Matt Ryckman, superintendent of state hatcheries, announced upon their return to Eugene from Coos county that they had decided to establish a new trout hatchery on a small stream just south of Bandon.

The limit placed on loads of trucks on Lane county's gravel and macadam roads a short time ago has been raised, after a large number of truck owners had protested against the limit as being so low that they would be unable to operate at a profit. The limit was changed from 300 pounds to the inch width of tire per axle to 350 pounds.

Permitted to spend Thanksgiving day with his family at Forest, Henry D. Keyes, county judge of Wheeler county, must return to The Dalles and serve 20 days in the county jail there, in addition to paying a fine of \$250 as a result of a sentence in the justice court at The Dalles on a charge of having intoxicating liquor in his possession illegally.

During the first 25 days in November a total of 23 fatal accidents were reported to the state industrial accident commission. This was said to be the largest number of fatalities reported to the commission during a similar period of time in the history of the department. The most deaths occurred in the logging and milling industry.

Advertisements for rock for construction of the north jetty on the Umpqua river have been sent out by Captain George Mayo, United States army corps of engineers, in charge of the first Portland district. Bids are to be opened December 27. The contract will involve about \$230,000 and the total cost of the project will be about \$553,000.

O. C. Boggs, appointed special prosecutor in Jackson county during the administration of Ravies Moore as

district attorney, was removed from office through an order issued by Governor Pierce. Liquor cases in Jackson county previously assigned to Mr. Boggs hereafter will be handled by Newton W. Borden, who was appointed district attorney to succeed Mr. Moore.

Prune growers of the Umpqua valley will adopt cattlemen's methods of selling if the trip to be made this week by R. M. Holdridge and Otto Watsie of Stidley is successful. The two prune-growers have loaded all of their 1923 prune crop into a freight car and are going to Montana in an attempt to sell direct to the retailers of Butte, Great Falls, Billings and other cities.

Revision of freight rates and elimination of bedding charges sought by the Oregon Horse and Cattle Raisers' association, Portland Livestock exchange and Northwest Livestock Shippers Traffic league, will be contested by the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad, according to an answer filed with the public service commission at Salem. The railroad corporation asks that the complaint be dismissed.

Members of the state tax commission will meet in Salem this week, when plans will be outlined for the organization of the state income tax department. Initial income reports under the law are due before March 15 of next year. Earl Fisher, state tax commissioner, under whose direction the tax will be collected, says it will require between 30 to 50 employees to operate the department. Mr. Fisher estimates that there will be approximately 70,000 income reports the first year the law is in effect.

There were nine fatalities due to industrial accidents in Oregon during the week ending November 25, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims included John Goss, Hood River, brakeman; William Frankline, London, fireman; Pasquale De Vincenzo, Linnton, laborer; Manuel Jacobo, Fort Klamath, quarryman; Leo Nichols, Penn, laborer; Herbert Smith, Portland, checker; Frank Ott, Wauna, dry kiln puller; F. C. Stevens, Portland, loader, and Fred Colclough, Metacada, brush burner. A total of 645 accidents were reported.

We are indeed living in the scientific epoch. That is, in an age of knowledge, of desire for knowledge, greater knowledge of this universe and how to turn it to our service. For instance, scientific experiment seems to have decided it for us that the center of this earth of ours is exceedingly hot, molten in fact. In some parts, where are boiling springs or volcanic heat, they pipe hot water right from the ground into their houses. Shall we ever be able to tap these internal reservoirs of heat and pipe it into our homes and so do away with coal altogether? Friction is a fruitful cause of heat. Can we hope some day to warm our houses by the friction of running water, or of atmospheric motion chemically produced? Electricity is used now to convey, transform or to store power, produced by water running or belled, or by the explosion of gases. Shall we some day discover that there is an elusive power in electricity itself, encircling us on all sides, waiting for us to learn how to hook on to it, and to dispense with all our horse, steam, wind and water power? Who knows what this scientific era has yet in store for us?

History says that the Chinese invented macaroni. That may be right, but it's the Italians who do the eating of the stuff in our modern days. For several centuries Italy has held the secrets of macaroni manufacture. It is on record that King Louis XIII ordered a dish of macaroni while stopping at a famous inn in Tours. The average American consumer does not know the great number of forms in which the paste is fashioned by Italian manufacturers. They range from long, thin threads to short square pieces. Other shapes are stars and other varieties kneaded and twisted in all possible forms. And then there is the color. In Bologna they prefer green macaroni and vermicelli, but in Naples they prefer red.

Sea Trout in Shetland Lakes. Lerwick is almost the only town of any size, on almost the only island of any size (called mainland, because it is the largest) of the hundred and more islands of the Shetland group. Lerwick is the capital and the center of the herring fishing trade, says the Detroit News. Owing to travelers of many nationalities putting into the harbor, there are even more than the usual number of places of worship, and there is a cinema. Shetland is riddled with lochs (lakes). There is a score within easy reach of Lerwick. Of these lochs some are preserved and others half preserved, but most are free. Sea trout come into every loch, or loch, and nowhere in the Shetlands is one more than three miles from the sea.

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SCIENCE AIDS IN ARMY DRILL

Loud-Speaking Apparatus on Motor Truck Enables All to Hear Orders Easily.

If 250 lusty-lunged sergeants of the regular army should get together and shout "Fall in," in their best drill-ground style, the effect would scarcely equal that of the voice amplifier recently purchased by the signal corps and installed in mobile form on a motortruck. The new equipment can be used to handle large bodies of troops, to make speeches and music audible to assemblies, or to supply entertainment received by radio. The apparatus is technically known as a public address system. Sounds are picked up by a high-grade transmitter placed a few feet from the speaker, or near the bandmaster's stand, if music is to be handled. The electrical output of this transmitter is increased about one-half million times, using a four-stage vacuum tube amplifier. Then the current goes into a group of six horns, mounted on a folding tripod. Under ordinary quiet conditions, a compact crowd of 750,000 people could hear a man speaking in an ordinary voice, through the use of this system.—Scientific American.

Monument to Fabre. A committee headed by General de Castelnau, and including leading educators and officials of the French department of Agriculture, is arranging for the erection of a statue to Jean Henri Fabre, who wrote books about insects that were more interesting than romances. The monument, now being executed by the sculptor Malet, will be placed on the central square of Saint-Leon, the village where Fabre spent his childhood. The committee considered this peaceful spot the most appropriate for a statue of the "noblest and purest son of Aveyron."

Dense of a Question. A master in a large school called upon Smith, who stutters, to parse the sentence: "The prophigphy of the porcupine made pot-shooting at the hippopotamus virtually impossible." Smith gave a wild glance around the room and said: "P-p-p-professor, now ain't t-t-t that a dense o of a question to ask me?"

New Ballad Needed. When 40 women met recently to form a musical club in W—, and were asked to write on slips of paper the name of their choice for president, the organization of the club had to be abandoned because the nominating committee found on the slips the names of 39 of those present. The fourth slip bore the word "Me."—Musical Courier.

Another Point of View. Mr. Courtney (flatteringly)—I had the blues awfully when I came here tonight, Miss Fisher; but they are all gone now. You are as good as medicine. Miss Fisher's Little Brother.—Yes, father says she'll be a drug in the market if she doesn't catch on to some fellow soon.—London T-T-Bits.

A Firm Foundation. "There is nobody who does not hold the Constitution in the deepest respect."

"True," replied Senator Borahum. "Even those who never studied it very closely have to admit that it has been the basis of some mighty interesting and important amendments."

The stowaways who landed in Philadelphia the other day after traveling from Jamaica in the hold of a banana freighter had no occasion while on the way for singing a certain popular song.

Forests of Canada. Of the total area of forests in the British empire, Canada holds more than 50 per cent. In Canada more than 85 per cent of the forest area is publicly owned. The Canadian people gain from their forest possessions the substantial annual revenue of \$500,000,000, representing the production of all branches of their forest industries. More than 100,000 men are engaged in Canada converting forest products into wealth in some form or other. Nearly 400,000 other people depend on this "forest army" for their food and shelter. In the pulp and paper mills are 35,000 men, drawing \$40,000,000 a year in wages. The lumber industry pays 55,000 men \$200,000,000 annually.

Reversion to Armor. The World war resulted in a reversion to the armor of medieval and post-medieval times, and it had continued for any longer period the developments along this line would have been still more pronounced. The so-called "stege police" in Paris have been equipped with a new armor which greatly resembles the old models. A steel breastplate is made of laminated steel, attached to which there is an "apron effect" reaching to the thighs. The head is protected by a helmet perforated with portholes. The armor has successfully withstood revolver bullets at a distance of 35 feet, which is fairly near for riot duty.—Scientific American.

EUROPE HAS GAMBLING MANIA

Returning Traveler Says Speculation Is the Ruling Passion in the Old World.

A discouraged returning traveler draws a doleful picture of the Europe he left behind him. Over there, he finds, the ruling passion is the gambling mania. He sees it in the nefarious activities of profiteers, the speculations in "valuta," the "Schleier" and the "Schleichenlaender," who are viewed as such a menace that the German government plans to put the worst offenders to death and mete out hard-labor sentences to the others. He sees it in the crowds rushing to bet on the races and besieging the government lotteries. In the casinos of noted watering places the players for high stakes are deaf to the appeal of less fortunate countrymen with begging bowls in the broad lines of the refugees, according to the Philadelphia Public Ledger. The feverish atmosphere of greed for gain without production, of sly and pleasure-seeking and selfish, careless loss-eating, this observer holds, is inimical to art and culture. The soul shrivels and dies.

But that is not all the picture. What a tourist sees is largely episodic, accidental. He is in danger always of mistaking part of the whole, a phase for the entire phenomenon. Beneath the superficial the current of the hidden life of every land runs still and deep. The frivolous minority is overbalanced by the great majority not minded to take chances with demagogues who promise much and deliver little. From all over the earth "crime waves" are reported like seismic shocks, but somehow the stable equilibrium of society returns.

"Science stays," said a man of science; and the truth lives on through political vicissitude, economic debacle, the impairment of social morale and all the evils that follow in the wake of the irruptions of misrule. "God would not let us get at the matches so often as He does," wrote Lowell to a friend, "did He not know that the frame of His universe is fireproof."

Giant's Causeway. According to legend, the Giant's Causeway was the beginning of a road to be constructed by giants, from Ireland to Scotland. It projects from the north coast of Antrim, Ireland, into the north channel, seven miles. It consists of 40,000 vertical, closely fitting columns of basalt rock, varying from 15 to 18 inches, and is formed into three sections, known as Little, Middle and Honeycomb Causeway. The "Wishing Chair," with two arms and a back and the "Lady's Fan," are on the Middle Causeway. At the starting point is the "Giant's Loom," to the left, the "Giant's Chair." An electric tramway now connects the town of Portrush with the "Causeway."

Fine Triplets. An old soldier who had served twenty-one years was discharged at Portsmouth and demanded half-fare tickets for his three youngest. "How old are they?" asked the booking clerk suspiciously. "Eleven years, all are them. They're triplets." "Fine youngsters," said the clerk. "Where were they born?" "Patrick was born in Cairo, Bridget was born in Bombay and Michael was born in Madras."

Reflective Person. Mrs. Jackson—Speakin' of your husband, Mrs. Wimples, did he evah convey to you dat he done propose to me befo' he married you? Mrs. Wimples—Died he didn't! He was so ashamed ob some ob de fings he did dat I nevah inslaid upon a confession.—Washington Star.

THE MARKETS

Portland.
Wheat—Hard white, \$1.01; soft white and western white, \$1.02; hard winter, northern spring and western red, 95c.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$17@18 ton; clover, \$12@13; valley timothy, \$19@20; east era Oregon timothy, \$20@22.
Butterfat—50@51c.
Eggs—Ranch, 40@45c.
Cheese—Prices to jobbers, f. o. b. Tillamook; Triplets, 30c; longhorns, 31c; loaf, 32c per lb.
Cattle—Beef steers, good grade, \$4.50@7.50; medium, \$5.50@6.50.
Hogs—Medium to good, \$7.10@7.30.
Sheep—Medium, good and choice lambs, \$10@11.

Seattle.
Wheat—Hard and soft white, west era white and Big Bend bluestem \$1.03; hard and soft red winter, west era red and northern spring, 91.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$23; D. C., \$24; timothy, \$25; D. C., \$27; mixed hay, \$23.
Eggs—Ranch, 45@47c.
Butterfat—50@52c.
Cattle—Choice steers, \$6.75@7.50; medium to good, \$6.25@6.75.
Hogs—Prime light, \$7.50@7.90.
Cheese—Washington cream brick 35@37c; Washington triplets, 24@25c; Washington Young America, 35@36c; Tillamook triplets, f. o. b., 38c.

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