

THE DOCTOR MAN

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WHEN Celia Fraser decided that a lonely, undivided life was not making for her own happiness, she got out her cheap little motor car, washed it until it reflected the morning sun and rolled over the hills to Draychester, the nearest city. There, in the large orphan asylum, she placed herself on record as offering a home to one child under five, boy preferred.

Celia herself was neat and pretty and as spotless, too, as her attractive home. She was almost forty now and her dark hair was streaked with gray that was very becoming, especially when Celia wore pink—and she wore pink very often.

"Auntie, your eyes are like brown pansies," said small Jimmie when he came to Miss Celia from the asylum. He was a pale, delicate child of four and he revealed in the beautiful garden where Celia had worked so many years.

Every day Jimmie took a little basket and picked up the eggs laid by his own three little Leghorn hens. Today he was coming from the chicken yard with this tender burden, deciding that he would like his egg poached for supper, and dear Aunt Celia should have the other egg.

Coming around the corner of the house he heard voices and paused. One was Celia's sweet low tones, the other voice had the nasal twang of a woman he disliked.

"A child is such a responsibility," twanged the voice of Martha Smith, "and can make a sight of hard work."

"A child is a great responsibility and a wonderful blessing," amended Celia softly. "Dear Mrs. Smith, I am praying every day for guidance."

"You need the prayers of the community," snapped Martha.

"I hope I will have those, too," "The pwayin' pwayers," lisped Jimmie coming around the boxwood bush.

"Listening, eh? Sneaky?" Jimmie nodded. "I've got sneakers—apartments," he said proudly.

"Are you a good boy?" asked Martha as Celia took the little boy on her lap.

He looked at her gravely. "Sometimes."

"Hm! What have you done today, young man?"

"I was quite bad just now, Miss Smith."

"What did you do?"

"I carried up my nose at you," smiled Jimmie, frankly unashamed.

"Oh, Jimmie," and Celia buried a pink face in his curly hair. "Martha, I am so sorry, Jimmie shall be punished—he cannot have any money on his bread tonight."

Mollified by this prospect of punishment to the naughty little boy, Martha went home, her hands full of roses from the garden.

When she was out of sight Jimmie turned a repentant face up to Celia.

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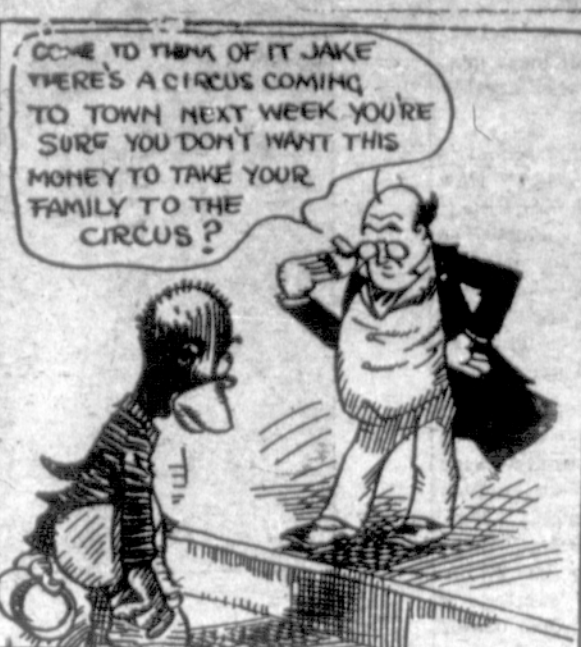
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OREGON NEWS ITEMS
OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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

The 20th annual meeting of the Oregon state board of health was held in Portland.

A joint meeting of the bankers of Washington and Yamhill counties was held at Carlton.

The state and county tax levy in Douglas county will amount to 19.5 mills, Assessor Calkins announced.

The annual meeting of the Oregon Wool Growers' association will be held in Pendleton, January 25, 29 and 30.

A total of 646 cases of measles was reported to the state board of health during the week ending December 5.

Prohibition enforcement expenses for Jackson county for November and the first ten days in December aggregated \$1441.80.

According to Lee McCann, superintendent of the Alsea hatchery, the steelhead egg take in that district will reach a total of 10,000,000 or better.

Patrons of the Cloverdale Telephone company of Tillamook county have filed with the public service commission a complaint charging inadequate service.

Prominent horticulturists from many parts of the state held a meeting in Salem with relation to making a survey of the fruit situation preparatory to drafting recommendations for consideration at the agricultural economic conference scheduled for Corvallis January 23.

Oregon winter wheat acreage this year is practically the same as last year, the revised estimate of which was \$94,000 acres, while the condition is decidedly better than a year ago, reports F. L. Kent, statistician of the department of agriculture.

The condition of the growing wheat is placed at 97 per cent of normal.

Abby C. Dickson, Portland lawyer, was appointed by Governor Pierce to succeed John H. Bell, Judge of department No. 1 of the district court of Multnomah county. Judge Bell has resigned, to leave office on January 1.

B. O. Roberts, who was sentenced at Roseburg to serve five years in the state penitentiary for the part he played in the operation of an alleged liquor ring at Reedsport, Douglas county, has received a conditional pardon from Governor Pierce.

The Oregon public service commission has granted the Columbia Stage, operated by A. J. Joffe, and the Royal Blue Lines a permission to continue reduced fares put into effect two weeks ago. The two stage lines operate between Portland and Astoria.

The bonded indebtedness of the state of Oregon on December 31, 1923, including state highway obligations in the amount of \$37,395,150, will aggregate \$59,955,234.75, according to the annual report of the state treasurer which is being prepared for presentation to the governor.

John S. Connelly and Fred C. Schulte, former deputy sheriffs at Reedsport, who were convicted of accepting bribes to protect a ring of bootleggers and moonshiners at Reedsport, were sentenced to penitentiary terms of ten and seven years respectively by Judge Hamilton.

A California butcher has negotiated with the Klamath Indian service for the purchase of several thousand horses which run wild on the Indian range to be rounded up and killed for chicken feed and fertilizer. Owing to their numbers, the horses have become a menace to the cattle range.

Oregon is gradually taking its place as one of the big butter producing states of the union and is now exporting more than 2,500,000 pounds of butter a year, according to the announcement of M. M. Boney, president of the Oregon Butter Makers' association which held its convention in Portland.

Automobile owners are urged by Sam Koser, secretary of state, to apply at once for their 1924 automobile licenses, and thus facilitate the giving out of these licenses and prevent the great congestion and its resultant delay which has been experienced immediately after January 1 on other years.

About one-quarter of a mile of new macadam road is being built by the state on the Oregon-Washington highway.

The road will be the cutoff to connect the north end of the new bridge, recently completed by the state over McKay creek, with the old highway. The bridge is about six miles southeast of Pendleton.

A contract for the care and custody of the legally adjudged insane of the territory of Alaska was awarded to the Sanitarium company, operating the Morningstar hospital at Portland, by the interior department.

Bandages of electricity are congratulating themselves because the municipal plant which cost the city something over \$50,000 has found it possible to reduce the cost of service from 17 cents per kilowatt hour to 15 cents.

The cost of supplies for the state institutions for the six months starting January 1, 1924, will be practically the same as for the first six months of 1923, according to bids received by the state board of control for furnishing supplies.

A report of Traffic Officer Murray of Hood River county shows that 349 arrests were made from April 1 to December 1. Accidents on the Columbia river highway and valley roads reached 175. Twelve persons were injured, one fatally.

The action of the Coos county tax commission in lopping off the appropriation for the four free ferries in the county is causing a flurry among ranchers who are dependent upon these for communication with the centers of population.

There will be no material sales of 1923 prunes until the 1923 crop is cleaned up, according to Fred Drager, Salem packer. Mr. Drager estimates that there are between 1,500,000 and 2,000,000 pounds of old prunes unsold at the present time.

The question of whether the legislative act creating the county supervising and conservation commissions is constitutional probably will enter prominently into a mandamus action filed in the supreme court at Salem by Umatilla county, to compel R. O. Hawks, county assessor, to levy a one-mill tax for co-operative market road construction.

Oregon postmasters were confirmed by the senate as follows: Fred D. Wagner, Ashland; Henry A. Barrett, Astoria; Diana Snyder, Aurora; Arthur C. Wahl, Banks; Willis C. Cady, Beaverton; James J. Hogan, Bend; William H. Hays, Brownsville; Arley A. Sollinger, Canyon City; Curtis C. Heldrich, Chiloquin; Lester A. Crawford, Crane; William G. Hoover, Forest; Andrew R. Sigmund, Gervais; Frank W. Caster, Haines; William T. Fly, Hot Lake; Nellie Elliott, John Day; Emma Hufstater, Knappa; Fred P. Cronmiller, Lakeview; William R. Cook, Madras; Duncan B. Douglas, Marshfield; Elmer Hopkins, Milton; Otto A. Weaverton, Moonmoth; Gaspard D. Elmer, Mount Angel; Oliver P. Shoemaker, Newport; Evelyn D. Davenport, Oak Grove; Pauline W. Platt, Ontario; Grace W. Gamwell, Powers; Clifford S. Benson, Reedsport; Nellie F. Stachwell, Shedd; Nora Macconn, Warrenton.

Completion of the Jordan Valley irrigation district, under a plan outlined by the state irrigation securities commission probably will be undertaken within the next few months, according to representatives of the district. The district within the next few days will advertise for the sale of bonds in the amount of \$400,000.

At a meeting of the old and new Y. M. C. A. directorates of La Grande, attended by W. W. Dillon, state secretary, August J. Stange of La Grande offered to pay the indebtedness of the institution and give the "Y" officials until March 1, 1924, to redeem the building, thus saving the Y. M. C. A. from being sold by the sheriff.

Representatives of the upper Willamette valley high schools met in the Albany high school building Saturday morning to divide the state into districts for athletic competition. Representatives from Corvallis, Eugene, Roseburg, Cottage Grove, Lebanon, Silverton, McKinville, Forest Grove, Salem and Albany were in attendance.

Oregon pensions have been granted as follows: James S. Vanderpool, Agate Beach, \$12; Herman J. Gleeman, Baker, \$12; James H. Robinson, Portland, \$12; Robert A. Blevins, Salem, \$15; Francis J. Walsh, Beaver, \$15; Sarah E. Radabaugh, Roseburg, \$30; Annie McReynolds, Cottage Grove, \$30; Mary M. Warrick, Portland, \$30; Sarah B. Brown, Boro, \$30.

Ex-service men and women and relatives of dead veterans who were residents of Oregon at the time they entered the service for the world war

and who consider themselves eligible to receive either the cash bonus or the loan benefits under the Oregon soldiers' bonus law must file their initial or first application in the offices of the bonus commission at Salem on or before December 31, 1923. Application blanks received in that office on and after January 1, 1924, will not be considered, the secretary of the commission said.

The greatest slaughter of beavers ever known in Oregon has been and is taking place since the law passed by the last legislature, opening the season on the little fur-bearers, went into effect. Stanley Jewett of the United States biological survey, after a trip around the southern and central part of the state, brings back word that ten traps for every beaver in a wide area, covering more than 200 square miles are set and that within two years there will not be one of the industrious animals left if the present rate of decimation continues.

MAKING PAPER FROM ASPENS

Industry Suggested for Utah, Which Has About 100,000 Acres of These Trees.

In Utah the manufacture of paper from aspens is no new idea, as some of the pioneers in that state produced fair grade of paper from wood pulp and rags suitable for news print.

From time to time the shortage of paper supply has brought attention to the possibilities of employing the quaking aspens of Utah for reduction to pulp for paper manufacture.

Now there are approximately 100,000 acres of the aspens in northern and central Utah. Their usefulness consists of serving as a cover for young evergreens, and to a certain extent aid in controlling the flow of rains, and for that reason are revered by foresters. The timber is soft and not of value commercially, and without denuding the aspen areas, the mature trees, it is averred, would furnish sufficient annual paper supply for the entire West. The trees grow rapidly, maturing at twenty to thirty years of age on the gentler slopes and in flat regions, where they could be easily and cheaply gathered for the pulp mills. Only trees three inches or more in diameter would be taken.

Not Interested.

"It says in the paper here," began Mrs. Johnson in the midst of her reading, "that an airplane traveling at the rate of two hundred miles an hour would take fifty-three years to go from the earth to the sun."

"What's that?" returned Gap Johnson of Humpus Ridge, aroused from a doze.

"It would take an airplane going at two hundred miles an hour fifty-three years to reach the sun."

"What's the difference? You ain't aiming to go there, are you?"—Kansas City Star.

Wouldn't Commit Himself.

Numerous ladies now study law, are admitted to practice and become ornaments of the bar. A Supreme court judge met one of the youngest in the corridor of a public building. He bowed and paused to remark: "You are the prettiest lawyer I ever saw, and I may add, one of the best."

She thanked him and passed on. "Which compliment did you prefer?" asked a friend who had overheard.

But the lady, being a good lawyer as well as a pretty girl, refused to commit herself.

Matronchattel Rebuilt.

Hastings, one of the most picturesque villages in France, held by the Germans for four years, and later captured by American troops, has been rebuilt by Miss Belle Skinner, a wealthy resident of Holyoke, Mass. The place has a new town hall, with a school, a new library and a thing unknown before in the long history of the village—a water supply system, as well as a monument to the war dead.

New Crop Diseases.

Fifteen new diseases of field and vegetable crops were reported in the United States during 1922. Twelve crops were affected. They were carmel, radish, Swiss chard, lettuce, potato, radish, Chinese cabbage, bean, watermelon, sweet potato, tomato and tobacco. Most of the new diseases appeared in very restricted areas, meaning to be the result of abnormal climatic and similar conditions.

Not to Be Trusted.

A hired man left a farm near Tipton, Mich., taking a horse, a buggy, 15 chickens, 20 jars of canned fruit, one calico, one pair of rubber boots, five bushels of potatoes, one-half bushel of onions, two shirts, one pair of pants, one revolver, 15 gunny sacks, one pair of shoes, one phonograph and 90 records. In addition, the owner intimates, this hired man is not a fellow who can be trusted.

Necessities First

Speed of Radio.

You may not believe this but it's true. A speaker in New York is heard by a radio fan in San Francisco before he is heard by the people in his own audience at the back of the hall in New York. This is because the audience hears by sound waves which travel only 1,125 feet a second, while the radio fan has the sound brought to him by vibrations traveling 186,000 miles a second. The difference in hearing time in this case is only a fraction of a second, but it's as uncanny as it's hard to believe.—Exchange.

The Married Man.

Late hours are apt to tell on a man, but if he is married he doesn't seem to care, just so they refrain from telling his wife.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

U. S. land office at The Dalles, Oregon. December 5, 1923.

Notice is hereby given that Dell H. Wright, of Moro, Oregon, who, on March 11, 1920, made homestead entry, No. 018790, for nels, Sec. 27, segw, Section 28, Township 1 North, range 18 east, Willamette meridian.

has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before register and receiver, United States land office, at The Dalles, Oregon, on the 18th day of January 1924.

Claimant names as witnesses: J. R. Cothran, George H. Rehnman, W. A. Mills, and Frank Shoemaker, all of Moro, Oregon.

J. W. Donnelly, Register.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that Nancy I. Miller as executrix of the estate of William E. Miller, deceased, has filed her final report and account with the Clerk of the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, and that Saturday, the 5th day of January, 1924, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. and the courtroom of the above mentioned court at the court house at Moro, Oregon, has been fixed as the time and place for hearing objections to said final report and account.

Nancy I. Miller, Executrix.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County

D. W. Morehouse, plaintiff

vs.

Wm. E. Howell, Hester E. Howell, E. J. Miller, W. G. Armsworth, J. A. Ellis, C. H. Howell and Myrtle M. Howell defendants

By virtue of an execution, judgment order, decree and order of sale issued out of the above entitled court in the above entitled cause, to me directed and dated the 21st day of December, 1923, upon a judgment rendered and entered in said court on the 12th day of December, 1923, in favor of D. W. Morehouse, plaintiff and against Wm. E. Howell, Hester E. Howell, E. J. Miller, W. G. Armsworth, J. A. Ellis, C. H. Howell and Myrtle M. Howell defendants for the sum of \$13,500.00 with interest at the rate of 7 per cent per annum from the 1st day of March, 1923, and the further sum of \$750.00 with interest at the rate of 7 per cent per annum from the 12th day of December, 1923, and for the sum of \$ costs and disbursements and the costs of and upon this writ commanding me to make sale of the following described real property, to-wit:

All of section 18, township 1 north range 16 east of Willamette meridian, Sherman county, Oregon.

Now therefore by virtue of said execution, judgment order, decree and order of sale and in compliance with the commands of said writ, I will on Monday, the 28th day of January, 1924, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the east front door of the county court house in Moro, Sherman county, Oregon, sell at public auction (subject to redemption), to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which the within named defendants Wm. E. Howell, Hester E. Howell, E. J. Miller, W. G. Armsworth, J. A. Ellis, C. H. Howell and Myrtle M. Howell, had on the 12th day of December, 1923, the date of said judgment and decree, or since that date had in and to the above described property or any part thereof, to satisfy said execution, judgment order and decree, costs and accruing costs.

Hugh Chrisman, Sheriff of Sherman county, Oregon. Dated this 26th day of December, 1923. First issue December 28th, 1923. Last issue January 26th, 1924.

Odd Musical Instrument.

One of the most curious musical instruments ever made was the glass harmonica that Benjamin Franklin invented. It was composed of glass discs of different sizes set on a spindle and made by a treadle to revolve in a trough of water.

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