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Grade crossings are a perpetual source of danger, and fatalities will not be eliminated until the grade crossings no longer exist. But that eventually is too far off. It would cost millions of dollars to change the grade of the railroad and interurban tracks in Indiana. Transportation companies now are not financially able to think of undertaking such a gigantic improvement. Casualties from this source, however, can be avoided, if the automobile driver will, of his own accord, practice the maxim of safety first, says the Richmond (Ind.) Palladium. He has it within his power to stop at a crossing and to look in both directions before he ventures across the tracks. Tests by the railroad companies show pretty conclusively that engineers obey the rule requiring them to whistle as they approach one of these death traps. Normally the fault lies with the automobile driver, who attempts to beat a train across the crossing or carelessly proceeds without having satisfied himself that there is no danger.

What is called a treasury crisis has arisen in the Mexican government. As the government has ordered a thousand of the officials of that department discharged and a reduction in the salaries of others, it is apparent that "crisis" is the right word.

Farmers and laborers are rallying to the support of Oregon. Everybody may confront problems of hunger and housing unless the revolutionists seize the opportunity to establish themselves as agriculturists and mechanics.


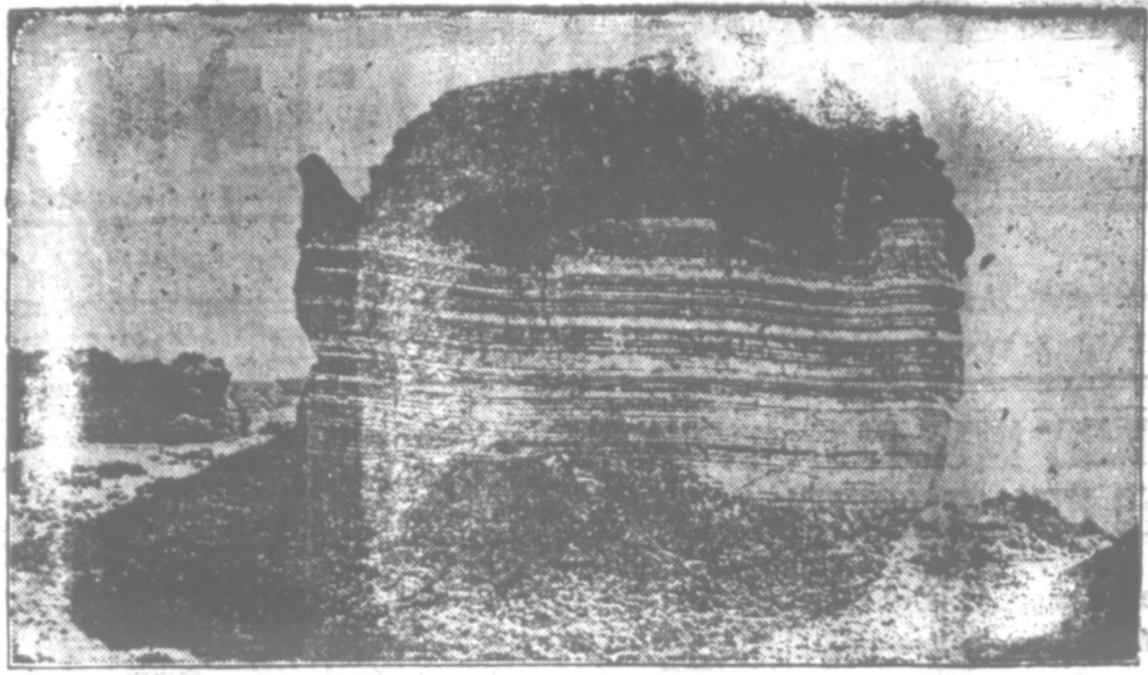
The candy reported as selling at \$200 a box may account for some of the statements about Americans spending more money that way than for churches.

A Brooklyn church club advises girls earning \$20 a week not to buy fur coats. In these circumstances there is also something to be said against investing too heavily in ocean-going yachts and private Pullman cars.

A professor says that bathing is an unnecessary custom indulged in for the purpose of gaining social prestige. Yes, it helps a man to get into society and also to live with himself.

BILL BARBER SAYS

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS GENERATION AND THE LAST IS THAT PATCHES HAVE BEEN CHANGED FROM TROUSERS TO TUBES.

THE "TEAPOT" WHICH HAS CAUSED AS MUCH INTEREST AS THE "BOSTON TEA PARTY."

The "Teapot" in Wyoming which marks the spot of the Naval Oil Lease and from which the name of Teapot Dome was obtained, which now comes in for a deal of airing on the part of the special Senate Committee, the result of which may be the "severing" of more than one prominent head.

When the Dodobird and the Dinosaur
Roamed their native woods in the days of yore,
When the Askatoon left his Cave to win
The heart of his Chigaree and drag her in—
I say, many years before modern days
Luck worked in mysterious, subtle ways;
But a Gink too rich, as 'oddy, was then
Annoyed by inquisitive Fellow-men.

Now the Askatoon and the Chigaree,
Had a wonderful well that was full of Tea,
And, going for Tea, one day they found
Tea leaves and trouble scattered around
Where the Greedy Snill had tacked up a sign:
"KEEP OFF THE DOME! THIS TEAPOT'S MINE!"
They yelled for assistance, and shrieked until
Their neighbors came running to Teapot Hill.

"This digging into Tea is a terrible bore."
Said the Dodobird to the Dinosaur;
"And the Pot will be empty when the Tea's all stirred,"
Said the Dinosaur to the Dodobird.

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Proceedings of the County Court

March Term

Report of Sheriff Hugh Chrisman concerning delinquent taxes was received, approved and ordered placed on file.

Letter received from Roy J. Baker, of Grass Valley enclosing check for \$85 in satisfaction for barn demolished in that city was received and same ordered continued until next term of court.

Application of C. L. Poley for appointment to the office of county physician was received and ordered placed on file.

Order made and entered that Dr. C. L. Poley be appointed county physician for the year 1924 was adopted. Salary stated to be \$270.

Resolution introduced and adopted that the office of traffic officer for Sherman county be established.

Application of J. H. Lichtenstern, of Wasco, for appointment as county traffic officer was received, read and action ordered postponed until next term of court.

Communication received from the State Highway Commission notifying the county court for Sherman county that construction will begin on the

southern end of the Sherman highway between the south county line of Sherman county and head of Cow canyon to a connection with the California highway was received and ordered placed on file.

Communication was received from M. J. Olsen, of Woodburn, Oregon, asking if concrete culverts would be built this year by this county. Ordered that answer be made that none were under contemplation by this county.

Resignation of A. M. Young as justice of the peace for district three read, accepted and ordered placed on file.

R. A. Stowe was appointed justice of the peace for district four in place of W. I. Westerfield, deceased.

Resolution introduced and adopted ordering construction of the Grass Valley-Rutledge market road and that bids be ordered advertised for work thereon. Said bids to be opened on Friday, March 14th.

Petition of R. O. Clodfelter and others that the Shearer bridge grade be declared a market road project and that the same be improved with market road funds was read and ordered placed on file.

Report of H. S. Wall, county road master, for the year 1923 was read, accepted and ordered placed on file.

Report of Mr. M. L. Hoskinson, county clerk, received, read and accepted and placed on file.

Petition presented by J. M. Eddy and others asking the county court to increase the widow's pension allowance of Mrs. Rosalia Orcutt was read. Increase ordered not to exceed \$15 for groceries and an additional sum for fuel.

Bill received from the city of Grass Valley for 406 tanks of water, furnished for highway construction on Moro-Grass Valley unit, was ordered placed on file and continued until next term of court.

Bill received from State Highway Commission for labor and materials furnished by the state commission on account highway construction of Sherman highway unit between Wasco and Biggs, amounting to \$965.68 was ordered placed on file and continued until next term of court.

Warrants were ordered drawn from the Sherman highway road bond fund to pay the following claims incurred on account of construction of said highway:

Baurs & Baurs, account road contract 638, for work done up to Dec 10, 1923	6190.08
Baurs & Baurs, account road contract 639, for work done up to Jan 10, 1923	5202.44
Baurs & Baurs, account road contract 638, for work done up to Dec 10, 1923	2443.02
Baurs & Baurs, account road contract 639, for work done up to February 10, 1924	3106.71

Warrants were ordered drawn on the general fund to pay the following claims, on account of salaries, office expense, and incidental expense:

E D McKee, salary county judge	75 00
L L Peetz, county commissioner fees, 5 days court attendance	30
L L Peetz traveling expense	15
Rena Norton, deputy clerk salary	130 00
Faith Ginn	110 00
Hugh Chrisman, sheriff salary	380 00
E R Hickson, deputy sheriff salary	250 00
G B Bourhill, treasurer salary	100 00
Mary L. Hoskinson, salary, clerk	270 00

Grace May Zevely, county school superintendent salary	280 00
C L Poley county physician	45 00
Jas Stewart, salary stock inspector	50 00
Otto Peetz, assessor salary	360 00
F D Antrim, state weights and measures	12.91
Anna Eddy, court house janitor for January	35.00
Anna Eddy, court house janitor for February	35.00
Sherman Electric Company, light January	10.60
February	10.45
City of Moro, water for months of January	6.75
February	6.25
Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co act phone rental and tolls for Jan	26.63
Feb	29.41
Glass & Prudhomme, printing acct county officers and supplies	232.66
Margaret Peetz, assistant assessor's office	40.
Kilham Stationery & Printing Co printing acct	50.52
Grass Valley Journal, printing assessor	60.25
Tum a lum Lumber Co, coal court house expense	80.90
Floyd Platt, drayage acct	6.75
A A Dunlap, county commissioner fees, 2 days court attendance	14.40
Dr C L Poley, board of health	1.25
W E Tate	2.00
Robt Urquhart, postage acct for assessor	5.00
Wasco County, acct Todd Dixon and Lawer for the month of Nov, care and board	69.65
Dec	60.
Underwood Typewriter Co, supplies for clerk	107.50
Moro Trading Co, supplies acct sheriff	18.30
G E Mathews, election hall rent	30.00
George A Potter	5.00
W H Meyer coroner	9.85
Wasco Cafe meals for prisoner	50
O A Rmtey, repairs to roof court house	4.60
F R Axtell, painting penalty sign dumping rubbish on road	2.00
Farmers Elevator & Supply Co., wood for Mrs. Orcutt	13.00
Moro Trading Co, account Orcutt	24.55
Anna M Russell, widow's pension for Jan and Feb	50.00
Rosalia Orcutt, widow's pension	35.00
Williams Motor Co, expense acct county assessor car	10.85
Hugh Chrisman, sheriff expense account board of prisoners	125.90
C L Montgomery, drayage work and express	3.52
J A Smith, justice court fees	20.
A M Young	6.50

Warrants were ordered drawn to pay the following claims, incurred account tax refunds:

Roy Rich	3.40
Oregon Cooperative Grain Growers	155.8
M M Aschenbrenner	.92
Washington Wheat Growers Assn	1.60
Lyman B Miller	2.70
A Provoost	2.10
Vern R Coe	2.51
H E Thompson	1.72
Matt Simon	1.03
W S Hall	1.08

Getting a New Ltd.
"Your wife wears the same hat all the year round. You, however—" "Is it my fault that women don't take off their hats in restaurants?"—Magendorfer Blatter (Munich).

Evidence of National Decay.
There is no greater evidence of a general decay of virtue in a nation than a want of zeal in its inhabitants for the good of their country.—Addison.

Pioneer Farmer Visits County

Notes a Complete Change in Farming Conditions of Present Day

J. P. Walker, from Pendleton, was a business visitor in Moro on Wednesday. He was interested in tracing reality records at the county court house. Mr. Walker was one of the earliest pioneer settlers in what is now Sherman county, coming here in 1876 and locating west of Moro. He and his brothers were among the first settlers to experiment with the possibilities of raising wheat in this county in active opposition to the horse and cattle raisers of those days. At the time of his locating in the county he bought a bunch of one thousand sheep, in partnership with his brothers, so that if the wheat raising efforts should fail they would have something else to help pay their bills.

Mr. Walker said that the horse and cattle men, about the same time, made an organized effort to drive such settlers as they off their lands and the most common method was to cut their wire fences and let the loose stock destroy the growing crop. Trouble with the Gordon family, after which Gordon ridge is named, was the result. One Sunday, during the absence of Mr. Walker, the son of Tom Gordon, also named Tom, cut the wire enclosing the Walker crop. Shortly after it was repaired young Gordon, his brother-in-law, a man named Beckwith, and his wife, Gordon's sister rode up and tried to again cut the wire by filing it instead of cutting it with clippers.

Walker tried to stop them and managed to take the file away from Gordon who then drew a revolver and shot Walker in the top of the left arm at the shoulder, diagonally from the back. Three shots were fired by both men, the last shot by Walker as Gordon was standing behind his horse resting his pistol hand on the saddle for a final shot at Walker. Gordon was killed and at the trial it was proven that Walker had acted in self defense, the testimony of the doctors that the shattered bone of the arm was caused by a shot from towards the back and finding part of the bullet under the skin near the front of the arm and the other half in the hollow of the bone, where it followed towards the elbow, being conclusive.

Mr. Walker stated that after the battle, wire cutting of settler's fences stopped and the country rapidly became settled with wheat farmers. It becoming soon a conclusive fact that wheat could be raised in what is now Sherman county. Largely due to Mr. Walker and his brothers, the wheat crop of Sherman county is next to the largest of any county in Oregon and, on a per capita basis, is the largest of any county in the United States.

J. P. Walker sold his interests in Sherman county to his brother in 1885 and moved to Umatilla county. He now resides in that county at Pendleton where he has business interests.

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