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In other days and until very recently, of the hardships of Arctic exploration, not the least was the long isolation from all human affairs except those of a minute group which the men making such voyages had to undergo. Indeed, not infrequently, this has seemed far worse than cold, darkness, and from it came the irritability and quarreling that have marked many such expeditions. The men, too long imprisoned in narrow quarters under depressing conditions, grew desperately tired of each other's company and not less desperately tired of talk into which nothing new could enter. Now the radio has changed all that. The cold and the darkness and the chance of shipwreck in the crashing ice floes remain, but every day and every hour, if they choose, the shipmates can turn a knob, listen in, and hear all of the really important and exciting news of the world. This is what Captain MacMillan and his men now are doing, though their little vessel is well on its way toward the Pole, and not only do they hear what other folk are doing, but they can tell the other folk about their own achievements and experiences, and that, if they are like most of us, is even more interesting. For they can send as well as receive. While they cannot summon immediate aid in case of need, at least they can disclose the need, and get the aid in time if only they can wait for it. And that is a good deal more than their predecessors could do.


Every manager of a grand opera company should first be made to take a course in managing a semipro ball team in a small town.

The gentleman who is always waiting for something to turn up might try reading a newspaper, as he crosses a busy intersection.

Being a king is more of a distinction than it used to be. There are so few of them.

That burglar who stole a set of golf clubs will now either serve time or waste it.

**BILL BARBER SAYS**



THERE IS A MATTER OF FACT NOW BEING OPERATED BY THE GOOD MEN WHO WORK IN THEIR SOLES OF FEELING. NOW WE KNOW THE FEELING ALL THE FEELING MATTERS COME FROM

## Training Educators For Their Job

The number of states which, officially through their state departments or state institutions of higher learning, or better still, by the cooperation of these organizations, provide some means of giving training in service to county superintendents and other rural school supervisors is constantly increasing. More significant still is the quality of work done in these conferences. The annual get-together meetings of yesterday had their advantages; no one would disparage them. The new spirit of professionalism applied to education demands more than good feeling and inspiration. Modern school conferences, whether for teachers or superintendents, make definite provision for a new type of instructor, namely, one who bases his work on educational principals and shows methods of applying them in the special field of education in which his audience is engaged.

For years cities have been employing professionally prepared administrative and supervisory officers. Rural school systems are following their example, but not yet, however, in large numbers. In states which have not yet progressed to the stage of placing their rural school systems on a strictly professional basis in the selection of rural superintendents and supervisors the next best thing is to train those now in service in the best way possible. For this purpose a number of progressive states are holding annual conferences, often one or two weeks in length, and securing the services of professionally trained and experienced educators to give intensive courses in educational methods and practice.

Despite the enactment of the prohibition amendment, a few years ago the hop crop of Marion and Polk counties for 1923 brought larger financial returns than the combined yield of peaches, apples, cherries, prunes, pears, loganberries and strawberries, according to a bulletin issued recently by the Salem chamber of commerce.

Three fatalities were due to industrial accidents in Oregon during the week ending May 22, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims included Carl Mathias, Holbrook, laborer; William A. Ballard, Albany, laborer; and Clemens Oster, Bend, faller. A total of 669 accidents was reported to the commission.

Major Swartzlander, for 25 years superintendent of the Umatilla Indian agency, will leave Pendleton in about three weeks to accept a position with a special intelligence unit of the federal treasury department. He will be stationed in California in his new work. Byron H. Sharp of Phoenix, Ariz., has been designated to succeed Major Swartzlander.

University of Minnesota co-eds have decided that in men, looks are preferable to riches, but a handsome bank roll need not be considered entirely out of the running.

Paris may become the divorce Mecca of the aristocracy, but for the truly democratic Reno will continue to offer certain economic as well as social advantages.

## Local Members Vote to Suspend The Wheat Growers' Association

About one hundred farmers gathered in Moro on Friday afternoon, May 23rd, to attend the annual meeting for Sherman county members of the Oregon Cooperative Grain Growers. The purpose of the meeting was to elect three delegates from this district and to discuss plans for suspending operations of the marketing body temporarily, as the Washington State Growers have done. The present delegates—V. H. Smith, of Wasco; W. S. Powell, of Moro and Fred Krusow, of Grass Valley—were re-elected by a substantial margin of votes.

According to A. H. Lee, general manager of the Oregon Cooperative Grain Growers, who was present at the meeting, if the McNary-Haugen bill passes and becomes a law, all wheat raisers will be included and there will be a 100 per cent sign-up in cooperative marketing.

In case this bill does not pass in congress, the delegates from Sherman county are instructed to use their influence toward recessing the activities of the Grain Growers Association until such time as 75 per cent of the wheat raised in the three states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho shall have been signed up in a cooperative marketing plan.

A committee consisting of Fred Cox, of Grass Valley, and E. E. Kaseberg and V. H. Smith of Wasco drafted messages which were sent to the Oregon delegation in congress urging the passage of the McNary-Haugen bill.

W. S. Powell of Moro presided at the meeting and Harry B. Pinkerton acted as secretary.

Edward E. Brodie, minister to Siam, has been endorsed by Charles L. McNary, United States senator, for appointment as ambassador to Japan. Mr. Brodie is owner and publisher of the Oregon City Enterprise.

Many telegrams have been received at the executive department from California protesting against the recent action of Governor Pierce in refusing to allow the Oregon national guard to go into summer training at Monterey.

"Three-Fingers" Clark, 55, member of Beecham & Clark, sub-contractors on the Natron cut-off construction at Crescent lake, was found dead near the Hanson camp at O'Dell lake. It is believed that death resulted from heart disease.

The fishermen's union strike, which stopped commercial fishing at the mouth of the Rogue river last summer, has not been settled, and the Macleay Estates cannery at Wedderburn remains idle, although the commercial fishing season opened May 16.

Miss Cornelia Marvin, state librarian, has received information from the Oregon Agricultural college that two farmers' bulletins having to do with fruit canning have been withdrawn by the government. Persons having received the bulletins are urged to destroy them because of danger from botulinus poison from the recipes contained therein. The bulletins bear numbers 1211 and 839. The first of the bulletins relates to "Home Canning of Fruits and Vegetables," while the second was entitled "Home Canning by the One-Period Cold-Pack Method."

Bondholders in possession of approximately \$2,000,000 worth of bonds in the Warm Spring irrigation district in Malheur county will receive their July interest payments, according to an agreement reached between the state irrigation securities commission and the Fleischacker interests of San Francisco, who are heavy holders of Oregon irrigation securities. The state will pay approximately \$900,000 of the interest due on the bonds under its guarantee, while the Fleischacker interests will advance \$25,000 through San Francisco banks. Without this arrangement interest on the bonds would have been defaulted.

## News of Interest From Every where

Roseburg's strawberry festival opened last week with a record-breaking crowd in attendance.

Preliminary arrangements for the fair next fall have been taken up by the Linn county association.

Crops throughout Grant county are in need of immediate rain and farmers are alarmed over the prospect.

More than 2500 persons attended the opening of the first annual eastern Oregon sportsmen's show at Baker.

Portland accommodated 4078 families in new dwellings in 1923, as against 3668 in 1922 and 3136 in 1921.

An extension of the Pendleton municipal water system at its source of supply to cost about \$35,000 will be started next week.

Petitions for the recall of Willard A. Elkins and Mrs. Roy Loomis, members of the Eugene school board, have been placed in circulation.

The receipts of wheat at the Astoria terminals from July 1 of last year up to the present total 3755 carloads or slightly over 5,000,000 bushels.

At the Independence mine in the Granite district there is piled up more than 200 tons of concentrates awaiting transportation to the smelter at Tacoma.

Business men of Polk county are backing the campaign to organize all of the 6000 prune acreage in that county into one unit for the marketing of the crop.

Roseburg suffered a spectacular warehouse fire, which caused a loss roughly estimated at \$50,000 and for a time threatened the entire south end of the city.

The Jersey herd of Frank Loughery and son of Monmouth was auctioned to bidders from all over the United States for \$15,230, at an average price per head of \$352.

The pageant of Wascopam will not be staged in The Dalles this year, it being planned instead to put on a larger affair in 1925, with a paid director in charge.

The Walter L. Baker Calf club, so-called by reason of the gift made by Mr. Baker of a registered Jersey calf from his Lane county herd, has been organized at Pilot Rock.

The request of Sheriff Lowe of Klamath county that he be allowed to send his prisoners to the state penitentiary for safe-keeping has been refused by Warden Dairymple.

The Oregon Federation of Women's clubs by unanimous vote went on record in convention at Oregon City as favoring the entrance of the United States into the world court.

With construction work on a fish-way over Sherrar's Falls already started, plans for the opening of the Deschutes river and its tributaries to Columbia salmon have materialized.

More than 2500 acres of timber were cruised and mapped by students in the school of forestry of Oregon Agricultural college while on their annual spring trip in the Oakridge district.

Boys of the North Powder high school and seventh and eighth grades were dismissed last Friday morning to haul sand and other material for construction work of the new gymnasium.

Paul Coughlin of the University of Washington won the tri-state oratorical contest at Eugene for his school against the Universities of Oregon and Idaho. His oration was entitled "Justice."

Land which yielded "40 gallons to the acre" of moonshine whisky was titled by Sheriff Christensen and a force of deputies on the ranch of Willard Quinn, in the southern part of Wasco county.

Ursul Normand, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Normand of Elsie, in Clatsop county, was instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a rifle. The bullet tore the right side of his head off.

The Frouty Lumber company, owner of the Cullaby Lake lumber mill near Carnahan station in Clatsop county, has leased the plant to J. Weston Hall of Portland, who expects to start operations at once.

Oregon's exports for the first three months of the year totaled \$20,273,030 and put the state 13th in the list of states in the value of its foreign trade, according to statistics from the department of commerce.

L. E. Warford of Portland will be one of the doorkeepers at the republican national convention at Cleveland. There were two places for Oregon ex-service men and Warford's application was the only one received.

The state superintendent of banks has issued checks covering the second dividend to depositors having claims against the defunct First Bank of Bay City. The payments covered by the dividend amounted \$2500.

J. H. Bagley, representative of Clayton Marks, Chicago capitalist, whose timber holdings in Curry county approximate 30,000 acres, lying between Port Orford and Rogue river, is at Gold Beach making preliminary arrangements for extensive logging operations.

Approval was given by the secretary of the interior to awards covering the sale of 310,000,000 board feet of ripe timber on the Klamath Indian reservation in Oregon. The receipts from the sales, approximately \$1,500,000 will go to the Klamath Indians. About 1200 Indians will share in the \$1,500,000.

Flax growers of the Willamette valley will have 12 flax pulling machines to aid them with the August harvest, representatives of the chamber of commerce state development fund having signed a contract with the Canadian manufacturer. The machines are to be delivered in Salem by July 35 and are to cost \$37,000.

## Going 50-50 on Expenses Never Reduces the Final Cost of Taxes

Prof. Landers, president of the state normal school at Monmouth, gave an interesting and instructive address at the commencement exercises held last Friday evening in the high school auditorium in honor of the graduating class of 1924.

With one thought expressed by the speaker we wish to disagree. He stated that the United States government should work with the local schools, over the country at large, on a 50-50 basis of dividing the cost of education.

Evidently the speaker, through many years of receiving this remuneration for services extended, has lost sight of the fact that the "government" of which he spoke is also the "people" who pay the taxes with which the wheels of "government" is greased.

When speakers and workers such as Prof. Landers promulgate theories such as here stated, he is not lessening taxes in the aggregate, but is increasing them to a figure that rapidly becomes extremely burdensome, not only to individuals as such but also to every one who buy or sell any thing of value, including their personal labor, because all taxes received and spent by the "government" is invariably paid by the "people" and not always by the "people" best situated to do the paying to the "government."

The expense of maintaining the Moro public and high school for the present year, according to the school budget published last January is \$15,255. Of this amount, a part is paid by the county at large, the state contributes through earnings of the state fund, and the balance is paid by local taxation.

If the United States government were to divide this expense on a 50-50 financial basis, it would contribute as its share more than seven thousand dollars. Now, let Prof. Landers—or any other interested person—multiply this amount by the hundreds of thousands of similar schools in the United States. The total would be amazingly large and beyond ordinary comprehension and such a method of financing education, while guaranteeing salaries to a large number of inexperienced self-styled professors, would undoubtedly bankrupt even a nation as well and favorably situated financially as the United States. The ultimate result would be more quickly arrived at thru the wasteful methods always in evidence when funds are expended by the "government" for the good of the "people."

The tax money raised would be chasing itself around the stump to get back to its original source.

Paragraphs of State News

If alfalfa hay in the west end of Umatilla county and the northern end of Morrow county should yield at the same rate this year that it did last the Oregon Cooperative Hay Growers' association will have about 40,000 tons to sell, according to figures presented at the annual meeting at Hermiston.

Between 75 and 80 per cent of the crop in the two counties is controlled by the association.

At the final session of the Oregon grand lodge of Oddfellows at Hood River, Ashland won the 1925 convention. Officers elected for the coming year: L. E. Carter, of Postland, grand master; Henry Young, of Joseph, deputy grand master; V. J. Jackson, Roseburg, grand warden; E. E. Shores, Portland, grand secretary; Dr. O. D. Doane, The Dalles, grand treasurer; and Past Grand Master Taylor, trustee.

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