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The engineer is rarely a farmer, but he has been the farmer's strong ally and often the farmer is an engineer. From very early days dates the reclamation of land from overflow in Holland, England, China, and along the Danube, Po, and various rivers of France, and, more recently along the Mississippi, Sacramento, and San Joaquin rivers of the United States. Another ally of the farmer is the mechanical engineer, he who devises labor-saving machinery for farm use. He has furnished the complete harvester which cuts, threshes, and sacks the wheat of our great western ranches. For all intermediate steps, and, indeed, many others even to the milking of the cows of the dairy, the machinery of the mechanical engineer has lessened the labor of the farmer, increased his acreage, and contributed much to the comfort of his living.

Whenever the prince of Wales travels incognito he always tells the world who he is and where he is going. This isn't playing the game as it is played in the fairy tales. The prince ought to tackle at least one real disguise before he settles down to the kingdom business.

Dean Brown of Yale thinks the American people should take stock of themselves and remedy certain evils in the body politic before it is too late. With the baseball season in full swing, the dean will have a hard time convincing a majority of the American people that this nation is going to pot.

As the result of recent discoveries, a chemical society promises that the car owner will double his mileage per gallon of gasoline. It is hoped eventually to work the mileage up to the figure claimed by the manufacturers of any given car.

We are told by a naturalist that salmon have been known to live 100 years. Maybe there's some truth in these stories about the big fellow that always gets away.

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Items of Interest From Every where

Roy F. Dean and wife, accompanied by Mrs. Nora Axtell, were at Rufus part of last Sunday, listening to the softly lapping wavelets at the popular bathing beach at that place.

George Mitchell, assistant to D. E. Stephens, superintendent of the experiment station, was called to Los Angeles last Sunday by receipt of the news of the serious illness of his mother.

Patsy McDonald, brother of Bill, is now a regular enrolled member of the government naval forces, at the present time being stationed at the U. S. naval training station at San Diego, California.

The ladies aid of the Methodist church will hold their usual monthly tea next Thursday afternoon, July 10th, at the home of Mrs. W. C. Bryant, one week later in the month because of the 4th of July holidays.

L. L. Peets and family were visiting during part of the past week at their home in this city. They were intending to return to Camp Sherman on Thursday, in time for the annual celebration and fire works display at that place.

C. E. Johnson and family, accompanied by Mr. Johnson's mother, Mrs. Fernie Johnson, left last Sunday for Wallowa lake and country surrounding that national recreation district. They expect to return about the 10th of this month.

Part of the business transacted by the county court at the July term held this week was the appointment of C. V. Belknap as county treasurer. The complete report of all business transacted will be printed next week in the Sherman County Observer.

Sherman county has been visited this week by a heat wave of unusual high temperature. Instruments in use at different places in the city agreed that the temperature for Monday was close to 106, with slightly less for Tuesday and Wednesday because of the cool west wind.

G. G. Thorp, proprietor of the Moro Dairy, was suddenly stricken on Monday morning with an acute attack of appendicitis, the fourth attack within a year. He was rushed to Wasco where an operation was performed the same day. Reports say that he is resting nicely since the operation.

Rev. Smothers and family have pitched their tent at DeMoss Park for a brief vacation from the warm spell now upon us. Rev. Smothers has been granted a vacation during the month of July, the greater part of which will be spent in the open. If needed to be called by phone, use the W. L. Dillinger number through Moro.

Word was received in this city on Monday of the unexpected death in Portland that morning of Clara May of Wasco, aged 40 years. Deceased is reported to have been suffering from tubercular trouble for some months. He was a member of The Dalles Elks lodge and of the Knights of Pythias of Wasco. The latter lodge conducted the funeral service at Wasco on Wednesday afternoon.



AL. SMITH AND HIS SMILE OF VICTORY

Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York, candidate for nomination for president on the democratic ticket, is a busy man these days, at his election headquarters at the Billmore Hotel, but he is never too busy to smile. Governor Smith expected to have the nomination cinched by the end of this week, to allow him plenty of time to catch up on rest and sleep.

under the direction of the Crandall Undertaking company. Mr. May is survived by his mother, two sisters, his wife and two children.

Geo. E. Cooper, pastor of the First Advent Christian church at Bellingham, Washington, and field agent for the Pacific coast rescue and protective work for the state of Washington, was visiting in Moro on Thursday, accompanied by his wife and three children. Rev. Cooper is a brother-in-law of Mrs. U. C. Smothers of this city.

The McMahon and Wheeler Greater Indoor Circus, coming to Moro Opera house next Tuesday, July 8th, is said to be the most complete indoor circus of the day, traveling on the Pacific coast circuit. They advertise to have with them a variety of dogs, ponies, monkeys, birds, bears, as well as real clowns, acrobats, trapeze and wire artists and ring performers of all types.

Sam D. Montgomery and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Blair, all of Portland, motored up from that city last week-end for a visit with relatives at The Dalles and this place. They visited Saturday at The Dalles and on Sunday drove to this city, returning to Portland that same day. Mrs. Blair is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery, known to many as Ida Montgomery.

W. A. Raymond has been busy the past week remodeling the top floor of the Will brick building at Grass Valley, preparatory to its occupancy by Dr. C. L. Peley and family. The second floor of the brick is being made into a combined office and residence by cutting window openings through the brick walls. Dr. Peley and family expect to move to their new home shortly after July 4th.

A large cougar measuring six feet four inches from tip to tip was shot last Thursday, June 26th, by John Brady in a barn on the Rayburn place northeast of Klondike. The animal came to the Rayburn place early that morning after chickens and was driven into the barn by Brady throwing sticks of wood at it. After shutting the doors, Brady went to two neighboring farms before he could secure a gun. At the Friedley place he secured a shotgun, with which he shot the animal at a distance of four-hundred feet.

The lawn social given by the woman's missionary society of the Presbyterian church at the home of Mrs. C. L. Ireland last Friday evening was quite an enjoyable affair. Tables were placed on the porch and on the lawn between the house and trees bordering the sidewalk. Between the musical and literary numbers on the program the guests visited with each other until refreshments consisting of ice cream, cake and coffee were served. About nineteen dollars was realized by the society.

Non-resident motor vehicles in Oregon on June 13 showed an increase of 3 1/2 per cent when compared with figures compiled a year ago, according to a report prepared by the state highway department.

An ultimatum has been delivered to the county court of Linn county by the state highway commission to the effect that unless the court signs the agreement for the Albany bridge, no bridge will be built.

A cougar, out of its environment and thoroughly frightened at the prospect of no trees to climb nor underbrush to hide in, utilized the manger of an old barn near Wasco as a place of refuge and was killed with a shotgun.

Dr. James A. McBride of Pasadena, Cal., his brother, T. A. McBride, of the supreme court, and Justice Burnett are planning a visit to the McBride and Burnett homes in Yamhill county, where the three were born more than 70 years ago.

The Deschutes river flow is the lowest in recent years, running 1400 second feet, in spite of the fact that stored water at the Crane Prairie and Crescent lake reservoirs is re-enforcing the flow. Lack of snow in the mountains is given as the cause.

Taxes to be collected in Oregon during 1924, based on the valuations for 1923, aggregate \$40,155,083.30, according to a summary prepared by the state tax commission. This is a slight reduction when compared with the tax collections for the year 1923.

Le Roy Ledgerwood, manager of the Mehama fish hatchery, states that an attempt was made recently to dynamite the salmon racks across the mouth of the Little north fork of the Santiam river, to allow the salmon to go through to the headwaters of that river.

Anticipating that forest fires will soon break out again, Nelson F. Macduff, supervisor of the Cascade national forest, has issued an order for all fire lookouts to take their stations again. They had been off duty for some time owing to recent rains and lack of fires.

The work of pouring concrete in the construction of the new dam in Immigrant creek, which is a part of the Talent irrigation project in southern Oregon, has been started, according to information received at the offices of the state engineer. It will require several months to complete the dam.

A county-wide organization of sportsmen's organizations of Umatilla county was completed at a meeting in Pendleton attended by hunters and fishermen from Hermiston, Helix, Pilot Rock, Echo, Umatilla, Adams and Pendleton. The name of the organization is the Umatilla Fish and Game Protective association.

Taxation of electric light and power companies in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Utah has increased 42 per cent in the last three years, according to statistics assembled by George L. Myers, president of the Northwest Electric Light and Power association, and presented at the association's annual convention at Gearheart.

Following completion of the present contract on the Montgomery tract near Mehama, the practice of maintaining prison work camps at a long distance from Salem will be abolished, according to A. M. Dalrymple, warden of the state penitentiary. The action was taken, it was said, because of the many escapes at the camps during the past few years.

Paragraphs of State News

On his return home a few minutes after he had watched a shipment of caskets unloaded and had jestingly picked out the coffin he would prefer to be buried in, Matthew B. Keys, 69, dropped dead in Pendleton as a result of heart disease.

The state treasurer's office has started action in Lakeview to collect over \$150,000 from the executors of the Bernard Daly estate, covering inheritance tax upon that part of the estate that was left to the Bernard Daly educational fund.

Mrs. Anna Stevens, 71, wife of Jasper H. Stevens, and a pioneer of the Grande Ronde valley, died at La Grande. Mrs. Stevens was a daughter of George W. Webb, former state treasurer, who died a few years ago at the age of 96 years.

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