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Horse Dealers Buying Old Horses

The local horse market is beginning to have some evidence of life. Three carloads of horses have been purchased by buyers in the last week for shipment to Portland. Contrary to usual custom, young horses are not wanted. Old horses are in demand and when received in Portland are rented out to small gardeners, teamsters, etc. People who imagine they cannot afford a horse.

As a rule these horse renters keep the horses at least long enough to return the purchase price to their owners, then buy them. In the mean time the horses are not an expense to the dealer as the horse renter pays for their feed and provides stable accommodation. The average price paid at Moro is around \$50 and the average rent collected is about \$2 a day.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Hoffman Phillip of New York was nominated by President Coolidge to be United States minister to Persia. A bill to restore wide open gambling in Nevada was defeated in the assembly at Carson City. There were 22 votes against it and 18 for it.

Senator Reed Smoot, Utah, republican, was taken seriously ill in the senate. Smoot is suffering from acute indigestion and a general breakdown.

An additional tax of \$10,861,131.50 has been assessed by the treasury against Senator Coussens, republican, Michigan, on the sale of his Ford Motor stock in 1919.

Easygoing views on many modern economic and political problems were expressed by Thomas R. Marshall, ex-vice-president, who celebrated his 71st birthday Saturday in Indianapolis.

Average family expenditures for food in Portland decreased 4 per cent during the month from January 15, 1925, to February 15, 1925, according to a report just issued by the United States department of labor.

Estimated by income tax figures, the population of Oregon gained 8 per cent during the past year. There were 72,337 income tax returns filed this year as compared with 66,665 last year, an increase of 5623.

In lieu of the verbal contract said to have been entered into between the Klamath county court and the Central Oregon Stage company permitting that firm to charge tolls on the Bend-Klamath highway, the Klamath court has agreed to pay the stage concern \$600 for keeping the highway open for the next two months, according to an announcement.

BILL THE BARBER SAYS

I SEE BY THE PAPERS THAT FOOTBALL PLAYERS ARE TO BE TRAINED BY DANCING A GOOD MANY OF THEM DANCE AS IF THEY WERE PLAYING FOOTBALL.

Wild Indian Tales Craze Stranger

Sheriff Hugh Chrisman had in charge last week a man crazed with the fear of scalp hunting Indian warriors who, he thought, were raiding the C. A. Harper farm east of Wasco. The story is that the man working with him on the farm had filled him with stories of wild Indians and, as he was from the city, he believed all that he was told and imagined a great deal more. One night some of the men returned late from town and, as men sometimes do, yelled loudly as they neared camp. The man from town decided the Indians were after him. He put on his trousers and started barefoot over the fields to a neighbor to warn them of the danger. It was a couple of days before the man from the city had his nerves under control and admitted that he had been listening to improbable tales. The stranger decided that the city was best for him and that the dangers of the country had best be left to those who understand them. He is again at home in Portland.

The third annual Oregon state high school typing contest will be held April 18 at Salem.

Work of widening the McKenzie pass road in the Deschutes national forest is under way.

The Corvallis Elks have voted to erect a new temple 100 by 100 and three stories in height.

Construction operations on a new state fish hatchery on Roaring river near Lebanon have been started.

Approximately 105 inmates of the state training school for boys at Salem are ill with la grippe or influenza.

A new stage service was started between Baker and Halfway April 1, which gives those places daily stages.

F. I. Marshall of Portland was reappointed a member of the state board of barbers' examiners by Governor Pierce.

Albany merchants are considering a boycott of wholesale firms that refuse to ship merchandise to local customers by railroad.

Construction work on a bridge from the Albany bank of the Calapoola to Bryant park will be started soon, the city council has decided.

During the session of 1925, the state highway commission has announced it will complete the John Day highway, The Dalles-California highway and finish the Roosevelt coast highway from the Coos county line to the California state line.

A lease to mine and dispose of oil shale on 2680 acres of public land in Jackson county was awarded by the interior department to the Hartman syndicate. The company must pay the government a royalty of 2 1/2 per cent on shale produced.

D. M. Sanson, head of a large linen concern in Canada and of a mill located at Lockport, N. Y., in an address before members of the Salem Rotary club said he had practically decided to establish another linen plant somewhere in Oregon.

Sales by 121 reporting mills of the West Coast Lumbermen's association for the week ending March 21 were 104,801,160 feet. This was 3 per cent above production of 101,337,293 feet. Shipments of \$9,928,551 feet were 14 per cent below new business.

An entire stock of haberdashery valued at between \$2500 and \$3000 and handled by Howard Hobson and Richard Gordon, students at the University of Oregon at Eugene, was stolen from the little store which they operated near the campus of the university.

Rev. William A. Sunday, nationally known evangelist, over whom Portland ministers have debated for months in an attempt to determine whether he should be brought to the city to conduct a series of meetings, is coming. He will be in Portland September 6 to October 25.

ALONG LIFE'S TRAIL

By THOMAS A. CLARK.
Dean of Men, University of Illinois.
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THE DRY GOODS CLERK

EACH of us cherishes a secret ambition, I have no doubt. Our hired man, who never succeeded in writing a complete sentence, and who would not have recognized a joke if he had met one face to face, confessed to me once that he'd "like to run one o' them funny coloms in a daily newspaper," and Fenton, my neighbor who weighs 300 pounds and has never been able to learn how to navigate a Ford, admitted that he'd like best of all to be an aviator.

As for myself, perfect bliss has always seemed to me incarnate in the young fellow who sold things in a dry goods and gent's furnishing store. If I could ever have helped out with the Christmas trade at Gullick's who ran such an emporium in our village, I should have been content, and asked for nothing in his Christmas stocking. But such joy has always been denied me.

Herb Weston had charge of the "gent's furnishings" in the store, and he was to me the last word in sartorial perfection, and the object of my secret envy. He was plump and impressive of physique, and his clothes were without a wrinkle. He was considered the social dictator of the village. He affected spats and a cut-away coat buttoned over a gloriously broad-crowned vest. His socks were radiant; but the crowning feature of his attire was a large pearl pin stuck at a rakish angle through his cravat. It seemed to my boyish eyes priceless and unattainable. I have since, in Rome, bought a handful of similar jewels for three lire.

Young girls adored Herb; young men envied him. He had such self-possession, such assurance, such perfection of appearance and such opportunity. His salary, I was told, was \$40 a month! It seemed incredible.

I was too much of a yokel for him to give me a thought. I came from the farm and my clothes were common and ill-fitting. He laughed at me one day as he saw me mounting Moses, our old gray horse, who was covered with mud from rolling in the street while I had been making some purchases in the store.

His cynical smile chilled me. That was the end of my ambition. I realized with a sad heart that it was far too high for my attainment and future events have proved that I was right. I have had to be contented with a humbler lot.

Sherman County Teachers Hold Local Institute at Grass Valley

Professor Berchtold of the Oregon Agricultural college and Mrs. W. A. Barnum of the Oregon Normal school were principal speakers at the third Sherman county teachers' institute, held last Saturday at Grass Valley.

At the morning session, Professor Berchtold spoke on "Reading in the Home." He gave a list of 100 books, which had been chosen by 26 men, all of whose names appear in "Who's Who," as splendid reading material for the average person. Mrs. Barnum gave a very instructive talk to the grade division on "Technical Grammar."

The opening exercises for the afternoon meeting were in charge of the Grass Valley school. The program was as follows: Song, Evelyn Olds; skit, "Belling the Cat" third and fourth grades; piano solo, Mrs. Blake; trio, Miss West, Frances Rolfe and Cecil Fritts; exercises to music, seventh and eighth grades; song, high school boys quartette.

Miss Jocardy from the Oregon State Tuberculosis society spoke for a few minutes on health. She made the statement that Oregon was the only state in the union in which tuberculosis was on the increase.

Miss Millgate, the new county health nurse, asked for cooperation of the teachers and parents when she visits Sherman county schools beginning this week, to examine all the children.

The meeting then adjourned into the two departments. Professor Berchtold spoke to the high school division on "The Place of the Periodical in the High School." Civics and arithmetic were discussed by Mrs. Barnum in the grade division.

An excellent dinner was served by the women of Grass Valley. The institute was declared by many to be the best this year, although in point of attendance it was the smallest.

The Otter Rock-Rocky Creek section of the Roosevelt highway will be completed 30 days earlier than was anticipated, according to C. B. Sheik, superintendent on the Hampshire contract.

The Brooks-Scanlon Lumber company has deeded 172.3 acres of land with water rights a little more than a mile south of the Bend city limits to the Bend Golf club for golf club purposes.

The Booth-Kelly sawmills at Springfield and Wendling, which have been operating for the last six or seven weeks on a five-day week schedule, have been placed on a four-day week schedule.

No time will be lost by the bureau of reclamation in getting ready to start development of the Owyhee irrigation project in Malheur county. Senator McNary was assured by the department of the interior.

Sherman County School News

Early school has made marked progress this last year. Although there are only the two pupils in attendance, the school house has undergone a quite thorough cleaning and the house has been banked at the edges, making it much more comfortable than formerly. Under the management of Miss Mary McGowan, who has taught at Early the last two years, this school has complied with nearly all the requirements of a standard school.

The Slack school, a joint district between Sherman and Gilliam counties, is having school its second year. This school is pleasantly situated on the John Day river at the end of "Starvation point" and has three pupils attending this year; one from Gilliam county and two from the Sherman county side. The teacher is Miss Fanny Harrison formerly of Lexington, Oregon. They are raising money to put a bridge across the John day at this point and some of the material is on the ground.

County School Superintendent A. M. Zavely has secured a health nurse for the county who is to begin work soon. The work includes examination of all school children in Sherman county who are in the grades and covers ailments of eye, nose, throat, teeth etc. The parents are to be notified through the teacher when the nurse is to visit the school so that they may attend at that time if possible.

The work of the school nurse and funds to cover the expense has been provided by the Red Cross chapter for the district with which Sherman county is associated. The success of the recent Red Cross membership drive in this county gave the schools the privilege of having the nurse visit them and advise the children and their parents on health conditions.

The new \$250,000 temple at Astoria of the Elks' lodge was formally dedicated with Burnett Goldstein of Portland, deputy grand exalted ruler for Oregon, north, presiding, and R. B. Butler of The Dalles making the principal address.

Application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the construction of 143 miles of railroad in Klamath and Lake counties was filed with the Interstate commerce commission by the Oregon, California & Eastern railway through its Washington attorney, Eugene R. West. One line 63 miles long would extend from Sprague river in Klamath county to Silver lake in Lake county. A branch would project from this line at what is known as 43-mile post to the Williams river, 15 miles distant. Another line from Sprague river would be constructed to Lakeview, 65 miles, where it would afford an outlet for the California, Nevada & Oregon railroad.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company

of New York, in the state of New Jersey, made to the insurance commissioner of the state of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Income	
Total premium income for the year	\$ 50,198,116.00
Less: (1) Dividends and rents received during the year	18,155,829.89
Income from other sources received during the year	3,276,643.14
Total income	\$ 35,318,929.25
Disbursements	
Paid for losses, endowments, annuities and surrenders	\$ 27,113,800.78
Dividends paid to policyholders during the year	15,405,546.97
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	7,470,619.79
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	2,146,128.54
Amounts due to and expended for	8,079,611.45
Total disbursements	\$ 55,215,707.53
Assets	
Value of real estate owned (market value)	\$ 2,908,133.07
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value)	126,767,162.54
Loans on mortgages and collateral disbursements	166,244,798.53
Premium notes and policy loans	73,292,290.68
Cash in banks and on hand	2,416,562.03
Net uncollected and deferred premiums	6,890,131.08
Interest and rents due and accrued and other assets	7,882,478.81
Total admitted assets	\$396,416,557.04
Liabilities	
Net reserves	\$328,998,257.00
Gross claims for losses unpaid	1,506,736.49
All other liabilities	48,911,563.55
Total liabilities	\$339,416,557.04
Business in Oregon for the Year	
Gross premiums received during the year	\$ 490,203.45
Premiums and dividends received during the year	91,403.35
Losses paid during the year	235,948.00
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