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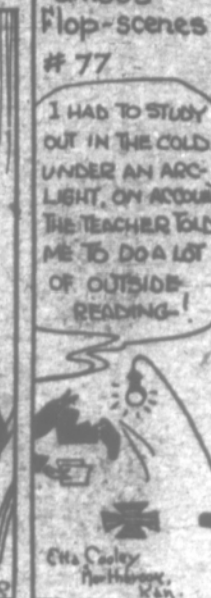
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RECORDS INCREASE MONTHLY

Because of an unprecedented demand for the new models announced at the beginning of the year the Chevrolet Motor company during February again topped all previous monthly production records for automobiles with an output of 85,821 cars. February production this year showed an increase of 34,518 cars, or more than 67 per cent over the total of 51,303 Chevrolets built in the same month last year. Despite the greatly enlarged facilities provided under the \$10,000,000 expansion program completed December 1, 1926, the factory has been forced to expand its operations by working overtime, day and night, to meet the nation-wide demand, which marks the rise of the company to its position as the largest manufacturer of gear-shift cars in the world. Factory executives ascribe only one reason for the phenomenal growth in popularity of the Chevrolet car—it has met the public desire for an automobile of exceptional quality and performance at a reasonable price. This is what is causing the company continually to extend its production, a record seemingly being made one month only to fall before that of the following month.

RED TAPE

A gun collector recently sought to buy some obsolete war material, for museum purposes. Some of it dated back to the Civil War; all of it is old and as little usable as witch charms. It was for sale. But it took days of time of officials to whom the government pays thousands of dollars a year, to negotiate the sale of three dollars' worth of stuff. A private company would have handled such an order between mail. This incident has a lesson for those who wish to learn.

The reason the average city dweller is prevented from knowing and sympathizing with his brother on the farms, says Dr. S. P. Cadman, is because he has such troubles of his own as high rents, crowded quarters, exorbitantly dangerous streets, skies smothered with sooty smoke or foul with fumes of gasoline, and numerous other things which tax his resources to the limit. And these, the good doctor thinks, make the representative city dweller an object rather than a giver of sympathy. The farmer, too, often receives little enough for what he produces, but by the time it reaches the city dweller's table he is paying all the traffic will bear for the necessities of his back and board. On the other hand, the good doctor is convinced that to place our basic industry, farming, on a sound foundation it must be made more attractive and profitable, otherwise troubles which have long crippled Great Britain will gradually prevail here. That's the danger.

After all the distressing news that has been printed regarding the great financial loss attending the Santa Barbara earthquake it is pleasant to read that some real benefit to the people of the neighborhood is to come out of it. The news that the great increase in water flow in the rivers and creeks of the country which immediately followed the temblors still continues and seems likely to become the normal water supply of the district will mean that the irrigation benefits will pay the quake loss many times over in years to come. It is the theory of geologists that the shake-up of the earth opened up underground reservoirs that were never before available.

Not even the severest critics of the daily newspapers can deny their educational value, to which Dr. William Matthews Lewis, president of George Washington University, directed attention in his address at the Allegheny County Teachers' Institute recently. Doctor Lewis recommended that the teachers read "a good newspaper" to keep abreast of the times and round out their education. In no other way, he said, is it possible to keep well informed on current events, and of course he was right.

The International Congress of Plant Scientists in session at Cornell was allegedly amazed by the statement that bacteria may change so radically as apparently to become a different species. But the theory on evolution should do away with amazement. Man often turns into a worm after he is married. Then why should not a worm turn into a man or plant bacteria eventually into gardeners like Adam or Burbank?

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

George Franklin Elgin, 62, life-long resident of Oregon, forest ranger and legislator, died at his home in Salem.

Randon harbor between the Moore mill and the ocean will be dredged this summer, government engineers have announced.

Dr. Harold C. Bean of Portland was appointed a member of the state board of health to succeed Dr. C. M. Barbee, who died recently.

Announcement of the resignation of Dean William G. Hale, head of the University of Oregon school of law, was made at Eugene.

More than 2000 rabbits were killed in a drive northeast of Bend when 140 hunters, armed with shotguns, covered several sections of land.

A number of Salem high school students were called on the carpet for getting with eggs automobiles passing the school structure recently.

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the building and machinery of the Stayton flax plant at Stayton. The loss is estimated at \$6000.

Delegates from six Pacific and northwestern states attended a two day convention of the Northwestern Electric Light & Power association at Portland.

The Pendleton Woolen mills, which have been closed since the death of Chauncey Bishop in January, resumed operations last week with a full crew of workers.

A district convention of the American legion was held in Pendleton Saturday, with legionnaires from Union, Umatilla, Morrow and Gilliam counties in attendance.

The government will be asked to send the United States dredge Col. P. S. Michie to Coos bay at once. Ship piling is crippled there by the channel and bar conditions.

A special election will be held in Canby March 19 to vote on the question of levying a special tax of \$3000 to purchase more land for the union high school grounds.

A branch of the state library, to serve the various counties in the interior, is to be established at Arlington, if the city will furnish quarters and a local librarian.

Crushed under tons of gravel and rock, Harry Woods, 22, was killed, and his companion, Clinton Moore, was buried for 38 minutes in an accident in a gravel pit near Bend.

A special election for the city of Hubbard has been called by the city council for April 28 to vote on bonds of \$10,000 for establishment of an electric lighting plant.

The Southern Pacific has the necessary material on the ground and will begin at once the erection of a fine passenger and freight depot at Algoma in Klamath county.

Former Senator Robert N. Stanfield plans to return to Oregon in about two weeks, he says probably to engage once more in the sheep business. He will make Portland his home.

Reports filed with Clara A. Lee, state insurance commissioner, show that a total of 35 fires in Oregon outside of Portland during February resulted in losses aggregating \$146,930.

Transfer of the annual summer guard from Medford to Gearhart has been finally approved, except for minor details, by the war department.

After several weeks' investigation, a Baker county credit bureau was organized at a meeting of merchants in Baker, to prevent their incurring losses from the present credit system.

Governor Patterson issued requisition papers looking to the return to Oregon of Albert Brownlee, who is wanted in Lane county for murder. Brownlee was under arrest at Walla Walla.

Carl Pope was appointed state land attorney for Marion county to succeed Brazier Small, who has resigned. L. F. Conn was appointed state land attorney for Lake county. He will succeed O. C. Gibbs.

More than 70 per cent of the 265 Oregon high school students who participated in the Bible study examinations in January failed, according to C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction.

Allan Jones, for the past four years, bailiff of the state supreme court, has

resigned to accept employment in the claims department of the United States veterans' bureau, with headquarters in Portland.

Governor Patterson has received information that federal quarantine has been ordered on alfalfa hay shipments to the state of Nebraska from Baker. Malheur and Union counties, because of the alfalfa weevil.

W. H. Canon, for the past two years state parole officer, has sent his resignation to the state board of control.

Fishing above tide-water on the Umpqua river was closed by the Fish Commission of Oregon, meeting in Portland.

Rufus A. Farrens, prominent farmer living 16 miles southwest of Ione, was killed on the Gooseberry market road near Ione when his automobile left the highway and overturned, pinning his body beneath the car.

Operations of Oregon's state government in the fiscal year ending September 30, 1926 at \$10,682,423, or \$12.23 per capita according to a summary compiled by the United States department of commerce.

Discontinuance of three of the five remaining federal land offices in Oregon, leaving only those at Roseburg and The Dalles has been recommended to Secretary Work by William Spry, commissioner of the general land office.

Monmouth is now a full-fledged city, the postoffice department has decided. Department officials notified Representative Hawley of Salem that they have ordered the village delivery service now in effect at Monmouth changed to city service.

Tentative approval of Portland's plans for the change of the harbor line in connection with the \$2,000,000 plan of the Laugegard waterfront development project has been given by the war department, Senator McNary notified city officials.

Patrons of mail order insurance companies, which have been flooding Oregon with circulars bidding for business, patronize such concerns at their own risk, Clara A. Lee, state insurance commissioner, warned in a bulletin issued at Salem.

Bookkeepers of the Hermiston-Stanfield district decided at a meeting attended by C. J. Hurd, Oregon Agricultural college specialist, and Wall-Holt, Umatilla county agent, to form a co-operative association for the marketing of their product.

Pauline Looney, who was born April 9, 1845, died at her home in Jefferson. She was the daughter of James and Ruby Looney, pioneers of 1842, and the first child born to them on their donation claim at Looney Butte where she lived for many years.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Medford Irrigation district with Medford business men the latter agreed to subscribe \$25,000 to complete the work of connecting the canals of the Medford Irrigation district to prevent seepage losses.

Under an ordinance passed by the Salem city council for the protection of radio listeners operators of electrical apparatus generating or causing high frequency oscillations which interfere with radio broadcast transmitting or receiving, must take out permits.

Bids for the first seven miles of the canal for the Vale project now are being advertised by the government and drainage work has started. It is expected that the surveying will be completed in time for advertising the 25 miles of railroad construction to the Owyhee dam by April 1.

The relief fund, created by the state of Oregon to assist in reconstructing public property destroyed by the Astoria fire disaster of 1922, this year will pay 10 per cent of the cost of the projects which benefit from this relief fund. This will bring the amount paid by the state to \$4.3 per cent.

Complete reorganization of the state board of harbor examinations was provided when Governor Patterson named three new members of the board to succeed those who have served heretofore. The new members are Roy Neer of Portland, D. L. Johnson of Oregon City and Clarence D. Winston of Corvallis.

Reports at Salem indicate that offers of 22 cents a pound are being made for unad 1925 hops. Contracts are being written at 18 cents for three to five-year contracts and at 19 cents for one-year contracts. It was said that there are now approximately 10,000 bales of unad hops in the growers' hands.

No appointment of a successor to fill the vacancy of W. H. Canon, state parole officer for the past year under the administration of Governor Pierce, will be made until the newly created office of superintendent of the penitentiary has been filled by the board

of control. It was announced from the office of Governor Patterson.

Property of the Portland Electric company, used in supplying water for the Tualatin valley, has been valued by the public service commission at \$247,300, according to an order prepared by the commission. The valuation placed on the property was of December 31, 1925. The valuation has to do with rate-making purposes.

Efforts to have the section of country containing the three falls in Silver creek, in the eastern part of Marion county, set aside as a government park are to be renewed, it was announced by members of the Marion county court. The section of the country which it is desired to include in the proposed park is three miles wide by five miles long.

At last you'll have to admit that your wife can work faster than you can. Likewise, she must agree that your judgment is better than hers—in the long run. Such conclusions, at least, are substantiated by a series of tests given to 542 women and 542 men, all college students, under the direction of the psychological laboratory of Johns Hopkins university. It was found, reports Popular Science Monthly, that in the task of substituting letters for symbols the women, on the average, could do more in a given time than the men. The latter, however, were more accurate in judging in advance the amount of work they could do in the time allotted.

Teaching methods of forestry to boy scouts, as has been done at this summer's regional camp at Canton, Ohio, for Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia scout troops, is another way of helping to make the present younger generation into useful citizens of the future. If practical reforestation is practiced constantly by those controlling cut-over lands, by the time these boy scouts will have grown to maturity the lumber shortage problem may solve itself.

The great practical need of life is discipline, and the English educational system supplies the need. The average man is shaped by contact with his school world, and of that world the schoolroom is a part, but only a part. Advancing years discipline the lives of most people with a severity undreamed of in the schoolroom, and it is discipline which produces the average man, the breed would not fall though every schoolmaster retired from his toll tomorrow.

The London chef who remained in an oven at a temperature of 220 degrees for 12 minutes while a roast was cooked probably ought to be in fair condition to use a telephone booth.

An Australian scientist says a protruding jaw or strong chin does not necessarily indicate, its owner is possessed of a strong character. Nevertheless old Home Nearerthorpe must have been a man of some force.

ANNUAL STATE REPORT OF THE ACACIA MUTUAL LIFE ASSOCIATION

Amount of capital stock paid up		None
Total premium income for the year	5,997,025.90	
Dividends paid to policyholders during the year	782,254.97	
Income from other sources received during the year	297,666.11	
Total income	7,086,946.98	
Disbursements:		
Paid for losses, dividends, annuities and surrenders	1,905,410.20	
Dividends paid to policyholders during the year	628,424.17	
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year	None	
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	1,184,406.32	
Agents' licenses and fees paid during the year	151,216.37	
Amount of all other expenditures	595,736.54	
Total expenditures	5,870,236.40	
Assets:		
Value of real estate owned (market value)	627,622.40	
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value)	1,185,300.00	
Loans on mortgages and other collateral	11,484,834.48	
Premium notes and policy loans	2,964,097.57	
Cash in banks and on hand	947,579.89	
Net uncollected and deferred premiums	2,141,168.97	
Interest and rents due and accrued	211,190.00	
Other assets	167,871.40	
Deduct assets not admitted	1,181,976.77	
Total admitted assets	21,067,906.16	
Liabilities:		
Net reserves	17,089,892.10	
Gross premiums received during the year	117,659.54	
Premiums and dividends returned during the year	7,718.88	
Loans paid during the year	12,000.00	
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Exploit Indians in Ecuador

Profiteering by whites with Indians as their victims is a fine art in Ecuador. One of the methods, now eliminated, was a peonage system incident to rubber trading. The Yumbos, a local Indian tribe which inhabits the department of Oriente, found their wants readily supplied. All that was expected in return was a large quantity of rubber. The kindly whites passed out trade guns, calicoes, Florida water, hair tonic, ribbons, talcum powder and other articles alluring to the savage heart—and wrote something in a book. The Indians brought in 10, 25, 50 pounds of rubber—and the white men again wrote in the book. The prices paid by the Indians in this method of barter were fabulous, as rubber was selling sometimes at \$2 a pound, says H. S. Dickey in Current History Magazine. These practices, however, ended with the passage of a law abolishing the peonage system. Gradually thereafter the rubber-shedding element disappeared from Oriente, and the only white people left were those connected or formerly connected with the government.

Bay of Fundy Tides

The proposal has been made by a Canadian engineer to turn the tides of the Bay of Fundy to use. His plan is to build a system of dams at the mouths of the Petitcodiac and Miramichi rivers, to connect these dams by a wing dam to the point of land between and thus to generate continuously from 90,000 to 200,000 horsepower. The tides in the Bay of Fundy are frequently as high as 45 feet.

New Guinea's Wonder Woman

The majority of people, except those who are residents in Australasia, have never heard of Mrs. Elisabeth Mahony, yet she is one of the most wonderful women in the world. Trader, engineer, builder, farmer, stock breeder, shipowner and mine owner, she is the uncrowned queen of an island known as Sudest, near New Guinea, where she has lived for the past 33 years.

Cornell botanist says that of 500,000 varieties of plant life only 10 per cent are cultivated by man. The other 90 per cent, or 400,000 varieties, are what you have to keep pulling out from between the rows all summer.

"Distribution," says an amateur economist, "is the greatest problem of the times." Hardly greater than the problem of getting something to distribute.

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