

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The annual meeting of the Oregon Woolgrowers' association will be held at Pendleton January 9 and 10.

When the Coahy union high school resumes work, January 9, it will be in the new building just completed.

Nineteen hundred dollars was obtained in a holdup and robbery of the Mount Scott State bank, a suburban bank of Portland, last week.

Mrs. Millie Michelson, 64, was killed last Thursday at Lake Grove station near Oswego, when struck by a Southern Pacific southbound electric train.

Poultrymen of the lower Columbia district will hold their annual convention in Astoria, January 4, sponsored by the Astoria chamber of commerce.

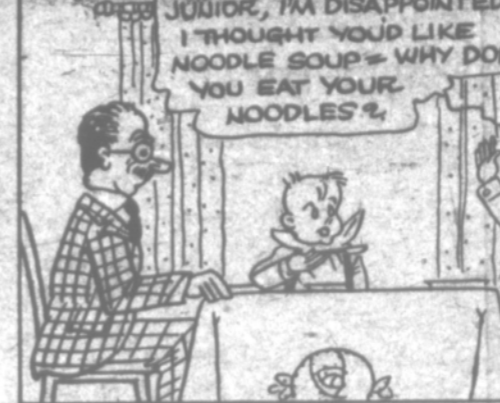
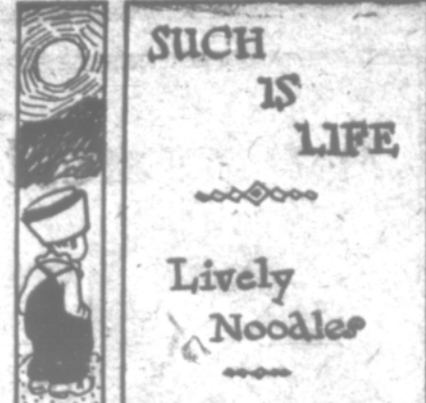
A new church organization has been incorporated at West Linn. Articles have been filed by the Glad Tidings Assembly and a new building is to be erected.

The case of E. Henry Wempe company of Portland vs. Ben Selling and others, trustees of the Wempe estate, was affirmed by the supreme court last week.

A fall from a high chair into its mother's arms resulted in a broken arm for the 15-month-old baby of Mrs. W. H. Wyrick of Bridge, near Myrtle Point.

Yarns manufactured by the Oregon Linn Mills, Inc., of Salem, are pronounced faultless by Thomas Barbour, world-known linen thread manufacturer of Belfast.

James Samuel March, widely known



pioneer minister and a resident of the Rogue River valley for more than 60 years, died last week near Phoenix, aged 83 years.

While playing with a .22 rifle last week, the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leisinger of the middle Hood River valley shot and killed his 12-year-old brother.

Mrs. Mary Henderson, who died in Baker last Monday, at the age of 90 years, was an Oregon pioneer of 1843, having settled in that year on Marys river near Corvallis.

Inquests are required on each coyote killed in Curry county before the \$25 bounty on the animal can be collected, according to an order issued by the county court.

Portland has a population of approximately 344,640, according to figures compiled for the Portland chamber of commerce by Professor Kent of Oregon Agricultural college.

A tiny baby boy, weighing but three pounds, is apparently thriving at Corvallis general hospital, where doctors and nurses worked over him a full hour before he drew breath.

West Salem will have city carrier service after January 2, 1928. In the past West Salem has received its mail over a rural route out of Salem, and has had only one delivery daily.

The total tax levy for Clackamas county for 1928 will reach \$1,265,353, according to figures compiled by County Assessor W. E. Cook and County Clerk Don J. Ryan. The state tax will amount to \$350,108.

Elk in bands from five to 20 are to be seen almost daily by motorists on the Roosevelt highway a few miles below Gold Beach. It is estimated there are between 50 and 60 in the Hunters Head band.

John Mayfield, about 45, was shot to death at Imbler last week by an unidentified assailant. The bullet, fired from a rifle, entered the front door of the house and pierced Mayfield's head as he lay asleep.

Dedication of the new auditorium of the West Linn union high school will be held early in January, according to John L. Gary, principal, who announces that work on the structure is rapidly nearing completion.

Low Riggs, Wasco county deputy sheriff and well-known resident of Rowena, was badly injured Wednesday afternoon when a post support at his filling station was pulled over on him by an outgoing truck.

From nine acres on the Ernest Douglas farm in Grand Island district, Willamette river bottom land, more than 900 bushels of corn was produced. It is of the Bloody-Butcher and Golden Dent strains cross. It is well developed first-grade corn.

A. C. Ruby of Portland was elected president of the Pacific International Livestock exposition to succeed E. A. Stuart, Seattle, who has been president since 1921. Mr. Stuart resigned but retained his directorship and trusteeship.

The Astoria police force has been out from nine to five men in a recent upheaval which was initiated a week ago by the sudden resignation of J. C. McIlwain, when he was called on the carpet by Chief of Police Murphy and City Manager Kratz.

Property valued at nearly \$175,000 was destroyed in Reedsport last week by fire, and industrial plants of half a million dollars' value were threatened by a blaze of undetermined origin. The fire destroyed the Coast Fisheries and Anderson Packing plant within two hours.

Purchasing of right of way property between Lebanon and Sweet Home by M. Lynott and J. F. Byers, who have been surveying a railway route between Albany and Foster, was in progress last week. A crew of more than 20 was also engaged in resurveying part of the route.

The high school strike at Newport ended abruptly last week when 27 of the students presented themselves at the school and, through a representative of their parents, said they had decided to return to their studies. They asked Mrs. Daisy T. Halleck, principal, against whose administration they had been protesting, to aid them in making up grades.

With every lake of the Klamath basin covered with thick ice and with deep snow throughout the central and northern sections of the county, winter sports in Klamath are now in vogue. Upper Klamath lake, the largest body of fresh water west of the Rocky mountains, is under a thick sheet of ice, and skaters can skim over the ice for 30 miles.

Bert Hopkins was arrested last Thursday, accused of killing Fred and Sunday, near Flora, late Wednesday. Officers were called to Flora, 40 miles from the railroad, before daylight, to make the arrest.

W. C. Hobbough, his wife and three children barely escaped with their lives when a barn in which they were living near West Woodburn was destroyed by fire last week. A cattle dog, entering the burning building evidently in search of one of the children, was burned to death.

Seaweed Harvest of Importance in Japan

Japanese soldiers do not give much trouble to the quartermaster's department. In the field they are capable of great endurance on a diet of dried rice, dried fish, dried seaweed, and pickled plums. The seaweed is wrapped round the rice and used as a "relish" to it. Given a tiny fire, a stewpan, and the rations mentioned, they are perfectly content, whatever the weather and however long the marches.

Seaweed is grown specifically for food purposes, being cultivated with as much care as any other crop. After the typhoon season, the women may be seen heaving great loads of young trees which have been stripped of their leaves, though all the small branches are left intact. These are drawn into the weed on the shore, acres of brushy saplings being arranged in long, parallel rows where the tide ebbs over them twice daily. Gradually, the green fertile weed collects on the branches, and four lishes there until the farmers harvest it. It is then carefully picked over and dried for future use.

Remarkable Service

Public attention has of late been directed to casualty insurance more than ever before, because much political agitation has centered around it in connection with schemes to establish compulsory automobile liability insurance.

Probably no business is so much the development of the times as is casualty insurance. This type of insurance today assumes the risks which beset the individual on every side.

The present day tendency is to make somebody pay for every accident. Without casualty insurance, the average business runs the risk of financial ruin on account of an adverse judgment rendered against it because it may accidentally injure the public or its employees.

The marvel is that the casualty insurance companies, dealing with such an element of uncertainty, have been able to offer insurance against every known risk and many which are unknown, at such reasonable rates.

The endeavor to force the state into this line of business in competition with private companies is a mistake. The state may regulate, but it should not operate private business.

Whales' Dives Beat Those of Submarines

London.—Whales make the stoutest submarines look exceedingly tame when it comes to diving. According to E. W. Gray, a British naturalist, they reach depths of 700 to 800 fathoms, or from 4,200 to 4,800 feet, when they are attacked. They do not make a gradual, sloping descent, either, but straight down. This behavior is known to whalers as "sounding."

In the old days, when whales were hunted with hand harpoons or with gun harpoons of a type that did not kill them quickly, the huge sea beasts frequently died at the limit of their dive, and getting them back to the surface was a long and arduous task. Sometimes in shallow water they crashed into the bottom and thus killed themselves.

Mr. Gray is of the opinion that the thickness of the whale's blubber, or protective layer of fat, may have something to do with its "sounding" ability. He notes that the Greenland whale, which has very thick blubber, can reach much greater depths than its relative, the narwhal.

Buy's Twain's Letters; Bare Money Worries

New York.—An account of the emolument and struggles of Mark Twain when his million-dollar fortune was being swept away by the publishing house he had bought, was given by the author in a collection of letters purchased from a private estate by Aaron Mendoza, dealer in old books.

The letters revealed him as harassed but kindly, honest far beyond his legal obligations, and willing to keep his mind off his troubles. "I mean to ship 'Pud'head Wilson' to you," Twain wrote his publisher during one of the years of depression. "I am almost sorry it is finished. It was good entertainment to work at it and kept my mind away from other things."

A Philanthropist

Sidney was only seventeen, but he had the air of seventy. Sauntering down the Strand, he took out a cigarette, only to find he had no matches. So he made for a tobacconist and asked for a light.

"We don't give matches away," he was told, rather rudely, by the man behind the counter. "We sell them." "How much?" asked Sidney. "A penny a box."

Venerable Student

Montreal, Quebec.—J. E. B. Casgrain, seventy-one, engineer and senator, is enrolled as a student at McGill university. He desires to brush up on his chemistry.

Most of Them Fall

New York.—Pearl Dopes Bell, novelist, frequently said she knew too much about love to succumb to it. Now she is on a honeymoon with Gilbert E. Rubens.

Wilbur Says Radio Saved 19,000 Lives

Washington.—Radio made it possible for the United States to avoid serious conflicts in two countries—China and Nicaragua—where its armed forces were protecting Americans. Secretary Wilbur of the navy said in an address recently before the telephone and telegraph sections of the American Railway association.

Flowers at Weddings

It is impossible to state when flowers were first used at a wedding, since this is a very ancient custom. Orange blossoms were worn and carried by brides from the earliest times, as they portend luck and happiness.

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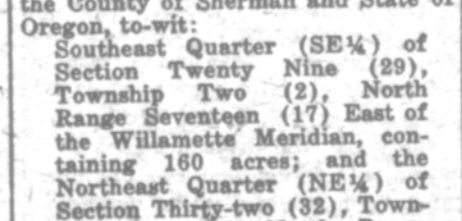
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