

Auto Thefts

The Dalles Chronicle
Two Oregon college boys today were sentenced to terms of three years each in the Montana state prison, for theft of an automobile. They had taken the car to remove a tire from it for their own automobile, in order that they might continue their summer tour of Yellowstone national park, the boys told the court, in their pleas for leniency.

Three years in prison for the theft of an automobile is quite a jolt, yet the Butte judge who imposed the sentences was setting an example that other courts could well afford to follow, if the ever-increasing number of automobile thefts is to be checked.

An automobile, worth anywhere from several hundred to several thousand dollars, is as much the personal property of the man who owns it as his watch, the silverware in his home, or his piano. Housebreakers, who enter a man's home and steal, if apprehended and convicted, usually are shown little leniency by the courts.

There seems to be an opinion, however, that boys who steal automobiles are merely engaging in harmless pranks, and should be released with little if any punishment. Especially is this true when the automobiles are recovered and returned undamaged to their owners, after the "joyrides."

A few more prison sentences such as the ones handed out by the Butte judge undoubtedly would have a salutary effect upon youths who still consider it a lark to steal an automobile and have a good time at the expense of somebody else.

During Fair Week Moro Hotel will need additional help in the dining rooms. Manager Larimore desires to employ local girls instead of sending out of town, as this will help the girls and keep the money at home.

Mr. Larimore is receiving applications now, and any girl attending school or otherwise not employed and who would like to help should put in her application right away, as he must know if he can secure the help locally or have to make arrangements for outside help.

The Wheat Market

The wheat and rye markets became somewhat firmer last week, following the recent declines. Soft winter wheat advanced to \$1.40-\$1.42 at St. Louis, with supply light. Stocks of all wheat combined are large, however, because of the unusually heavy marketings of hard red winter wheat. United States farmers intend to reduce winter wheat acreage 2.1 per cent according to an intentions to plant survey just made by the department of agriculture, but the rye acreage will be increased 8.6 per cent if these intentions are carried out. The western states expect to increase winter wheat acreage.

Increased offerings of new oats and barley and favorable progress of the corn crop caused continued weakness in the feed grain markets. Barley prices were not much changed on the coast but trading was dull and eastern barley markets went lower. The supply of feed grains in the Pacific northwest is expected to be relatively smaller than in the United States as a whole. Production of corn, oats and barley in Idaho are all forecasted materially below last year, while decreases in Washington about offset slight increases in Oregon.

Movie Star To Be Queen

Visitors at the Pendleton Round-Up this year, September 19, 20, 21 and 22, will have the opportunity to meet a motion picture actress in person, for Mary Duncan, renowned for Mary Duncan, renowned on both stage and screen, has been chosen queen of this year's Round-Up.

Queen Mary will ride in all Round-Up parades and hold sway over the western kingdom with its cowboys and cowgirls. The honor of ruling the Round-Up is a signal one and last year went to Mabel Strickland, world's champion cowgirl. The Round-Up dynasty is made up of a long list of attractive girls who have been accorded this honor.

A news item that means little to you may be of paramount interest to many Sherman County Observer readers.

MOVIE NOTES

"VALLEY OF THE GIANTS"
Milton Sills, First National Pictures star, has added another remarkable performance to his already long list of screen successes.

Playing Bryce Cardigan, in Peter B. Kyne's great story of the Redwoods, "The Valley of the Giants" at the Wasco Theater Sunday, August 26, Sills surpasses any of his past performances, and gives a remarkable characterization.

"The Valley of the Giants" is a story of the lumber industry on the Pacific Coast, and of a romance that grows out of rivalry between two rival lumber barons. The story by Kyne was an interesting and enthralling one, and in bringing it to the screen First National Pictures has lost none of the beauty and romance of the original.

In the beautiful settings amid the giant trees of the Pacific Northwest, this graphic story is unfolded in a manner that holds interest from start to finish. There is conflict, struggle and action throughout, and one of the most thrilling scenes ever shown on the screen is provided in the wreck of the logging train, which plunges down a mountainside, breaking from the engine, running into a sharp curve, and over a sixty-foot cliff into a river. The scene has never been duplicated for the motion picture camera, and is thrilling in the extreme.

Umatilla county business men and farmers are urging the acquisition of a tract of land by the county court in the immediate future for crop rotation experiment purposes.

W. W. Rankin, 54, county road supervisor, was killed and L. J. Casey and son Leslie were injured when a touring car driven by Rankin left the grade at Rocky Hill, near Butte Falls.

Before calling a special election to again vote on the question of selling the electric light and power and water systems, the town of Canby has decided to employ an engineer to determine the actual value of the property.

The onion harvest will begin in about three weeks in the Lahish Creek district. About 500 acres of beaverdam land are devoted to this crop, which is expected to have at least an average yield of 800 sacks to the acre.

Work has been started on the three new buildings to be occupied by the Four-H clubs of Lane county at the county fair grounds in Eugene. The cost of the buildings will be low, as much of the material and labor has been donated.

Irrigated spring wheat of the federation variety has yielded an average of 58.6 bushels to the acre over a seven year period on the Harney branch experiment station at Burns, where irrigation by pumping has been tried extensively since 1919.

Railway Strike Pending

J. W. Higgins, chairman of the Conference Committee of Managers of the Western Railways, today made the following statement:

"Refusal of the Order of Railway Conductors and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen to arbitrate certain differences between them and the western railways, creates a situation of great concern to the public. The Watson-Parker Railway Labor Act was passed by congress only two years ago to afford a peaceable means of settling such differences. It was drafted by representatives of all the railway labor organizations and of a majority of the railways, and its passage was urged by both of them. Persistence by the conductors and trainmen in their refusal to arbitrate would amount to a repudiation of this law.

"On June 25, 1927, an arbitration board formed under the Watson-Parker Railway Labor Act made an award in a wage dispute between the western railways and their conductors and trainmen. It held that the fact that employees of these classes on eastern and southeastern lines recently had been granted an increase was no reason why an advance should be granted in western territory, because road conductors and trainmen in road service in the west previously had been earning 6 1/2 to 7 1/2 per cent more than those in the east and southeast, and because, as the roads of the western group were earning relatively much smaller net returns than those of the east and southeast, they could not afford to pay an advance. While refusing an advance to conductors and trainmen in road service, the arbitration board awarded an advance of 7 1/2 per cent to the yardmen of the western lines.

"The award was effective until March 1, 1928, but in November 1927 the conductors and trainmen renewed their demand upon the western railways for advances. Because of wage negotiations that were pending between the western railways and their locomotive engineers and firemen, negotiations between the conference committee of managers and representatives of the conductors and trainmen were not begun until July 16. Meantime the firemen secured an advance of 6 1/2 per cent by arbitration, and the engineers accepted a settlement on the same basis without arbitration.

The conference committee of managers was willing to give the conductors and trainmen increases equivalent to those received by the engineers and firemen; but asked for the elimination of certain rules which are not in effect in any other territory. These are rules arbitrarily restricting the use of more than one locomotive on a train and also the number of cars that may be hauled in a train with two locomotives. They thus restrict the efficiency and economy that may be attained in operation.

"Desiring to effect an early and satisfactory settlement, the conference committee of managers on August 1, after two weeks of negotiation, offered to grant the conductors and trainmen either an advance of 6 1/2 per cent in wages without any change in rules, or an advance of 7 1/2 per cent if they would agree to eliminate the restrictive rules in question. Either offer would raise their wage rates and earnings above the highest in history, that is the rates awarded by the United States Railroad Labor Board in 1920. The representatives of the employees refused to accept either of these propositions but insisted, as a minimum, upon the retention of the rules and an advance of 7 1/2 per cent. As previously stated, the engineers and firemen already have accepted 6 1/2 per cent. It is estimated that, without any change of rules, an increase to the conductors and trainmen of 6 1/2 per cent would cost the western railways \$6,500,000 a year, while an increase of 7 1/2 per cent would cost \$1,000,000 more.

IN MEMORIAM

ARTHUR PHILLIPS

Terminating an illness of less than ten days, death came to Arthur Phillips at 12:15 a. m. Tuesday morning at a hospital in The Dalles where he had gone for surgical and medical relief. Mr. Phillips was a resident of Moro district for more than a quarter of a century; first as a farmer and owner of a hay baling machine, followed by stock and fruit interests. He later moved to Moro where he owned a hotel business, selling that to take up diversified gardening. About ten years ago he bought the Belashee harness shop and business.

Arthur Phillips was born at Riverside, California, January 25, 1873; died August 21, 1928, at The Dalles at the age of 55 years. Besides Mrs. Phillips, to whom he was married at Yakima 26 years ago, there remains a son, Anton, address unknown, by a former marriage and Grace Phillips, adopted daughter 14 years old. Deceased was a member of the Catholic church, uniting with the church very early in life. He was also a member of Moro lodge of Woodmen.

Funeral services under direction of Zell Funeral Home was conducted from Moro Methodist church Wednesday afternoon, Rev. R. A. Feenstra preaching the sermon. Acting as pall bearers were W. S. Powell, Hugh Chrisman, J. C. Freeman, W. A. May, A. M. Young, and Geo. B. Bourhill. Interment was in I. O. O. F. cemetery at Moro. A large number of friends and neighbors attended the funeral services and many floral gifts of friendship and esteem were draped about the casket.

Card of Thanks

We cannot at this time call to mind just the words we would like to use in expressing our deep heartfelt appreciation of the many thoughtful acts of kindness and sympathy given us during the time of sickness and death of our husband and father. We truly appreciate all that has been done to make less our sorrow. Especially do we want to thank the donors of floral tributes received.
Mrs. Arthur Phillips
Grace Phillips.

Free Pamphlets

The U. S. Government is interested in the care and improvement of children as well as in that of livestock. A rather new departure is its emphasis on education in the field of social hygiene. Since the great war the government has been issuing a fine series of pamphlets giving clean wholesome sex instruction essential to the welfare of children and youth and important as well for older folks.

Parents ought to answer their children's inquiries on sex lines and do it simply and reverently. Our splendid educational system ought to give better assistance in constructively solving sex problems. These pamphlets will help and can be had for the asking. They are issued in sets; set A for young men; set B for the general public; set C for boys; set D for parents of children; set E for girls and young women and set F for educators. Address the United States Public Health Service, Washington, D. C. or the Oregon Social Hygiene Society, Corbett Bldg., Portland.

If we may have a far better education along these lines, through our homes and schools and churches we will have less need for the "homes" I represent. We can all help toward this end.

B. E. Emerick of the Alberta Kerr Nursery Home and The Louise Home for Girls.

Japan's orders cause disorder in China.

The trout season is open. Deep in his crypt Ananias stirs uneasily.

What some fathers call their babies at night is not the name on the birth certificate.

The prince of Wales has bought an airplane. We rather thought he would tire of horses.

The Neighborhood Crab has just acquired another, which he refers to as his "leading law-mower."

Not having anything else of any account to do, the king of Italy has taken to putting with archeology.

"Safety Devices Follow Disaster."—Boston Transcript. Generally, whereas they ought to precede it.

Women gain steadily in political power. "Madame President" may yet become a salutation of serious formality.

At New York banquets the "stop" and "go" semaphores are being used to handle speech traffic. Now we know what was meant by the wise men of the East.

New York state has reported its first case of typhoid, which was traced to the patient's handling rabbits for cooking and infecting a sore spot on his hand.

Mediation between the two parties has been conducted by the Honorable John Williams, a member of the United States Mediation Board. Mediation having apparently failed, the conference committee of managers asked Mr. Williams to use his good offices to bring about arbitration of the matters still in dispute. What this meant was simply that there should be arbitration as to whether the objectionable rules in question should be eliminated and the employees should be given an advance of 7 1/2 per cent or the rules should be allowed to stand and they should be granted the same advance as has been received by the engineers and firemen.

"There has been no favorable change in conditions on the western railways since an arbitration board held on June 25, 1927, that their road service conductors and trainmen were not entitled to any advance in wages. The railways of this territory are still falling far short of earning a "fair return" and are earning a relatively much smaller return than those of eastern or southeastern territory. The conference committee of managers has offered the settlement it has with the conductors and trainmen because the engineers and firemen of these lines already have secured increases. It seems clear the conductors and trainmen are not entitled to larger increases than those received by the engineers and firemen, but the conference committee has even offered to leave to arbitration the remaining questions in dispute.

"In refusing to accept the actually generous offer of arbitration made by the conference committee the representatives of the conductors and trainmen have acted in plain disregard of the spirit and purpose of the Watson-Parker Railway Labor act and thereby are imperilling its usefulness as a means of peaceful settlement of wage controversies between railways and their employees."

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