

New Message System

**Typewriter Prints Letters
On Gum Paper Tape
Accurately**

The Western Union Telegraph Company has just installed a Simplex Printing Telegraph system in Hood River that is the latest innovation in modern automatic telegraphy.

The Simplex printer is a sort of long-distance typewriting machine. The new system replaces the old-time Morse method, which required many months of training in the mysteries of the clicking sounder, and substitutes a typewriter-like apparatus easily operated by anyone familiar with ordinary typewriting.

The Simplex Printer conducts greatly to both speed and accuracy, as well as to ease of operation. It has been adopted for general use by the Western Union company on circuits of certain specified classes of machines as they can be manufactured. The apparatus is compact, being little larger than an ordinary typewriter and weighing complete about 70 pounds. In a majority of instances, the operators are young women who sit before this super-typewriter, which has everything but its keyboard housed in a glass and metal jacket, and tap out words on the keys. As she strikes the letters, electrical impulses pass over the wire to a distant city, setting up impulses in another super-typewriter at that end in such a manner that the corresponding typebars are pulled down and the message is typewritten on the dry side of a gummed paper tape. Another girl seated before the super-typewriter at the distant end picks up the tape as it flows from the machine and with the aid of a small gumming instrument, glues it rapidly to a message blank, after which the message is ready for delivery.

The girl may be typewriting over a distance of several hundred miles. When the distant office wishes to send, the operator here merely stops typewriting and the original process is reversed.

Some 600 Simplex Printers are now in use in the Western Union system, and during the next four years the number of machines will be increased to about 8,000.

With the Simplex system, letters are hurled across the continent in a fraction of a second, and a message of 75 words is sent the same distance in a minute. It is faster than the telephone, and more accurate. It has almost the speed of light.

Some electrical engineers predict that the Simplex Printer or some similar machine eventually will be found in every business concern in the country of any magnitude, and they foresee the day when there will be telegraph exchanges, similar to the present telephone exchanges, which will permit a concern in New York, for example, to obtain a connection with its branch in Chicago, after which stenographers seated at the Printer keyboards will carry on business correspondence between officials of the concern, transmit reports, receive comments or exchange any other communication that may be necessary.

Movies

**Stirring Drama In
"The Pagan"**

Tropic scenes of wonderful beauty, thrills such as a battle under water with a deep sea shark, and other vivid details of life in the tropics, embellish a romantic love story, in "The Pagan," Ramon Novarro's latest Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture, which comes Saturday to Moro Theatre.

"The Pagan," adapted from the famous novel by John Russell, was directed by W. S. Van Dyke. The cast includes Renee Adoree, Donald Crisp, Dorothy Janis, and others of note, and the picture was made in its entirety in the islands. The company passed weeks in Tahiti and in the jungles to film this dramatic romance of tropical life.

Novarro plays a young half-caste islander, heir to a fortune and practically chief of a tribe, who is pitted against an itinerant trader in a struggle for the love of a native sweetheart. She, in turn, is the rival of a white adventuress on the island for the love of the youth. The white woman, "Madge," is played by Miss Adoree, while Miss Janis plays the native charmer.

Novarro's sensational swimming through a shark filled lagoon and his battle with one of the "tigers of the sea," the thrilling trek of hero and heroine into the primeval jungles, and other dramatic details surround a charming love story in the new picture. Historic spots on the island, and locales mentioned by the author are used as settings for the new picture. Among them is the famous old church where the first missionaries Christianized the natives, and the queer little colony established on the shore near Tahiti by Zane Grey, the novelist.

People who talk in their sleep should tell the truth while awake.

County Notes

KENT LOCAL ITEMS

Oscar Adams is building an addition to his residence here.

J. C. Wilson was in Portland over Saturday and Sunday with his family.

The high school boys defeated Wapinitia here Monday 8-3 in a good game.

J. U. Leonard was in Hood River the past week on account of the death of his mother. She was buried Sunday.

James Stewart was up from Moro Monday inquiring about disease in the stock, but did not find any at this time.

Warren Norton left for his former home in Polk county last week, to be away a few days attending to business affairs there.

The local school fair was held Monday and the declamatory contest in the evening. Cecil Norton was the winner in the only division that had more than one speaker.

The ground for the American Legion building was broken Monday afternoon. Prof. Kilpatrick of Corvallis delivered a short address. J. M. Wilson, Giles French and Fred Fickett also gave short talks.

Millions of Trout Eggs

The Crane Prairie egg taking station of the state game commission bids fair to be one of the best in the state according to Harold Clifford state game warden. A total of 7,000,000 rainbow eggs will be taken from it this year. Diamond Lake station is the largest operated by the commission, but eggs taken from it are approximately six weeks behind those taken from the Crane Prairie station which is located on the upper Deschutes. All eggs taken there are hatched in the Fall River hatchery and the same crew of men operate both the station and the hatchery.

Reading advertisements is worthwhile

A New Game Bird

**Eastern Oregon to Be Given
Arizona Quail Instead
of Pheasants**

It won't be long until the sad nasal note of the Arizona scaled quail (*Callipepla squamata*) will mingle with the weird desert noises of central and eastern Oregon on a summer night. Fifteen of these sturdy little game birds were received last week by the state game commission at the Corvallis game farm, according to a communication from Gene M. Simpson, superintendent, to Harold Clifford, state game warden.

The scaled quail is expected to eventually take the place of the sage hen, that splendid game bird of the sagebrush country, which is gradually dying out despite the protection afforded by legislation. The scaled quail nests on the ground under yucca or sagebrush, is hardy and well fleshed. This new arrival in Oregon feeds on small beetles, ants, grasshoppers, small seeds, and plant tops and is found in any typical desert country of the southwest not too far from water.

In Warden Clifford's opinion the scaled quail is ideally suited to the high uplands of eastern Oregon, where Chinese pheasants will not go nor stay. This variety of quail is often referred to as the "cotton top" because of his white-tipped comb. The sexes are much alike in coloring, being of pale bluish gray on top and ranging to a buff under the belly. The young have black bars on backs with brown bars on side, but lose these distinguishing marks with advancing age.

The "cotton top" adult ranges from 9 to 12 inches in length, has a wing of from 4 to 5 inches long and a tail of about the same length. These quail are prolific and lay from 9 to 12 eggs to a setting and raise two or three broods a season. They are found in their native habitat in large numbers in western Texas, Arizona, New Mexico and Mexico.



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Announcement

Miss Thelma Kelley, Home Economist of Pacific Power & Light Company, will conduct an Electric Range Cooking School on May 6-7 at the Legion Hall.

This school is open to all and we extend you a cordial invitation to come.

Mr. Edison and You

Would you move to a town where you couldn't have electric service, if you could help it?

Yet, it is only within the past five years that 4,000 towns and villages of the United States were supplied with electricity for the first time.

In these days, when even the most modest cottages is wired for electricity, it is difficult to realize that within the short span of seven years 9,000,000 homes — the hearthstones of 40,000,000 people — have been added to those already served.

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SHERMAN COUNTY

TRACK MEET FIELD

Grass Valley, Oregon, May 11, 1929

FORENOON 9:15 Baseball Kent vs. Sherman
County Schools Team. 11:00 Musical Pageant

AFTERNOON
Track and Field
Meet.

DURING THE DAY
Tennis Tournament
Handball Tournament

IN THE EVENING
Annual Speaking
Contest.

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