

# OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

## Principal Events of the Week Assembled for Information of Our Readers.

Loren Wayne, 8-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Gott of Seio, was brought to Albany to be treated for a fractured hip which was injured when the baby tipped his high chair over backwards.

Japan is trying out pulp made at the Sitka Spruce Pulp & Paper company mill at Empire. The first order going to the Orient was lifted by the Japanese steamer Yoneyama Maru a few days ago.

The March report of T. A. Rafferty, chief state traffic inspector, shows that seven persons were killed and 341 injured in traffic accidents during the month. The total number of accidents was 2269.

The city council of Salem has voted to place on the ballot at the May primary election the referendum measure providing an exclusive franchise for Oregon Stages to operate street buses in the city.

Construction of a steam stand-by electric power plant to cost \$420,000 has been authorized by the Eugene water board. The plant will supplement the present power plants of the city in emergencies.

The earwig pest has invaded the Coos bay section of Oregon. Residents in several parts of the city have exhibited the flower pest and plans are being adopted to keep down its multiplication, if possible.

Following the bringing to the Medford chamber of commerce of a stem with four tulips on it by Mrs. Don Newbury, Mrs. H. C. Glascock appeared with five perfectly formed tulips on a single stem.

The Oregon Natural Gas company has made application to the city of Newport for the exclusive right to pipe gas to the consumers of the city. The city council is reported willing to grant such a franchise.

A petition is being circulated and signed by citizens of Redmond to purchase for a park the block where Redmond's oldest landmark stood, the old-time stage livery barn, which was destroyed by fire last fall.

Five persons lost their lives, four almost instantly, when a light passenger-delivery all-metal truck crashed into the rear of a freight engine at the Y north of Canby. They were en route to the funeral of a friend.

Approximately 200 persons attended the cowboy breakfast given in Corvallis auto park recently. Following the rationing of sour dough biscuits, bacon and eggs, hot cakes, prunes and coffee, a 45-minute program was broadcast over station KOAC.

The city council and all residents of Heppner are excited over the 500-gallon per minute flow of artesian water struck by A. A. Duran of Walla Walla, contractor on the municipal well about 13 miles from Heppner, near the present intake on Willow creek.

Another relic of the old river days went into oblivion a few days ago when the steamer Gray Eagle, which for many years navigated the Willamette river between Salem and Portland, was burned by its owners, the Oregon Pulp & Paper company.

The plating mill of the Mohawk Lumber company at Donna was destroyed by fire. The building contained machinery that was valued at \$4000 or \$5000. The plant had not been operated for ten years, but the machinery had been kept in good condition.

The famed rhododendrons of the Siuslaw section around Florence are now coming into bloom, due to unusually plentiful April showers. The extravagant gold of the Scotch broom is also just around the corner. Early gardens are thriving and all vegetation looks well.

The Lower Columbia Cooperative Dairy association has received a check for \$150,000 from the federal farm board. The check is part of the \$202,000 loan made to the association. After retiring a \$100,000 bond issue the association will use the money in expanding its field.

The unemployment situation has cleared up noticeably within the past two weeks in the Marshfield section. Several hundred have found work in that time, and white cedar logging, one of the chief helps in keeping laborers busy, will be starting in all sections of the county soon.

The check of contracts with the Eugene Fruitgrowers' association indicates a banner year in fruits and vegetables in Lane county this season. Vegetable acreage contracted for amounts to more than \$900. The approximate acreage of pears is 400, of prunes 2000 and of cherries 400.

Construction has begun on a new vinegar manufacturing plant at Freeville. At present only one unit will be installed, to take care of 50,000 gallons of apple juice. It is expected to have the factory at work in a short time.

Ripe strawberries, the first to be picked in the Roseburg section of the 1930 crop, were reported recently by A. J. Tuck of the Edenbower district. So far as is known these are the first to ripen at any point in the county this year.

Edison invented the incandescent light 50 years ago. Now the Senate is having it investigated.

## Who Won Those Bets?

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JOHN CRAMMER asked Amelia Washburn to be his wife and she said to him nay. "Oh, what do I care?" thought Johnny to himself as he left the house of the rectorial young lady, "there are just as good fish in the sea as ever were caught. I'll look around—go for a trip abroad, maybe, I'll find some girl who can appreciate a first-class offer of marriage when she gets one."

And Amelia thought: "Johnny Cramer always was a conceited creature. Why, he acted as if he thought I would drop into his mouth like a ripe plum. This will teach him a lesson. There are plenty of young men fully as desirable as Johnny and not half so self-sufficient who will be willing to see that I am not left to braid St. Catherine's tresses."

The fact was that, in addition to being unappreciated, Amelia and Johnny had been brought up to think extremely well of themselves. On the night of his rejection by Amelia, John sought out a disreputable friend of his with whom he played cards and encouraged—until all hours in the morning. To this friend he confided the fact that Amelia Washburn had rejected him.

"Not a crack," replied Johnny. "Then it's your vanity that has been wounded."

"Nonsense," cried Johnny, "I haven't any vanity and nothing is worrying me. Deal the cards."

Amelia's sleep was broken that night. She was afraid she had not been gentle enough in her dismissal of Johnny, but then he only got what he deserved. No, she did not regret her action in the least. She would not marry John Cramer if he asked her fifty times. She could look back, she hoped. At breakfast the next morning she reminded her father of that trip to California upon which he had been promising to take her. Add, the idea falling in with the father's inclinations, it was agreed that they should start for the climate state at once.

"It is high time I was considering the subject of matrimony," she told her father. "The first thing you know you will have an old maid on your hands. I want to look around the world and see people, and pick out a suitable person for a husband."

"Well, look around then," replied Washburn. "See the many men of many climes; but I bet you a new car you marry a New York man after all."

"Against that I'll bet you a new hat that I'll pick up a husband in my travels," retorted Fanny.

"I am going to sail on the Platonic, next Wednesday," Johnny told his friend. "I shall take a good look about the world and probably bring back a wife with me when I return. I am tired of a single life."

"Bet you a hundred you come back single as you depart," said the friend. "Bet you the same I find a wife abroad," said Johnny. And so it happened that while Amelia was speeding West by train, Johnny was speeding East by steamer, both on a similar mission. When Johnny had tired of Europe he went on to India and beyond. And when Amelia had tired of the Pacific she pushed on to the Hawaiian islands and beyond.

Kipling has said that "East is East and West is West, and never the twain shall meet." But he was wrong about that—geographically, at any rate. They met at the one hundred and eighty degree of longitude, about half way across the Pacific, where you gain a day or lose a day, depending upon which direction you are traveling upon which one person starts West and also if one person starts East and keeps going, there is every chance that they will meet somewhere on the trip. And thus it happened that John and Amelia met in Tokyo, at an exceedingly expensive hotel—as most Japanese hotels are these days—and were actually glad to see each other.

A whole year had passed since that little proposal and rejection affair of theirs, and if you had witnessed their meeting you would have supposed that they had forgotten all about the trifling incident. But they hadn't—and each was exceedingly curious to know if the other had been married, become engaged, or fallen in love in the mean time. Amelia was the first to exhibit her laudable curiosity. "Are you still unmarried?" she asked lightly.

"Yes," replied Johnny, "and you are you Miss Washburn still?"

"I am," she replied calmly.

"Amelia," began Johnny earnestly, "just one year ago—" She looked at him keenly. There could be no doubt what he was going to say—he was going to renew that year-old proposal of his.

Amelia grasped the situation in an instant and broke in hastily: "You asked me if I was still Miss Washburn. I am—but I shall not be so very long. I think I expect to be married as soon as I return to New York."

Johnny sat silent for a long time and then asked dolefully: "May I ask who is the fortunate man?"

"Why," laughed Amelia, "it's you, you goose. I have reconsidered my refusal of last year."

Now that is all right, and as it should be—but who won those bets?

At the time of their marriage Amelia (Lord Beaconsfield) was thirty-five and his wife was fifty. She lived to be eighty-three.

Earth's "Skin" Thick  
The thickness of the earth's crust is variously computed to be 10, 20, or perhaps as much as 50 miles.

Delight in Occupation  
One of the desirable conditions in any walk of life is to do that which one is fond of. The name of the lucky, Lief the Lucky, Lief the Lucky, isn't so. There's no luck in idleness.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

## U. S. Students Earned \$26,000,000 in 1929

New York.—A total of \$26,000,000 was earned by students working their way through educational colleges and universities last year, according to a bulletin published recently by the National Students' Federation of America. This figure represents, according to the survey, the earnings of 94 per cent of all the students in the United States.

While 46 per cent of the men in college work either at whole or part time jobs, only 43 per cent of the women are listed as employed. Six per cent of the students in male colleges are entirely self-supporting, according to the report, while only 2 per cent in the corresponding women's colleges manage to earn their entire college expenses. The survey was made in 763 colleges and universities in the country.

## Texas Game Preserves Closed for Ten Years

Austin, Texas.—Hunting has been absolutely forbidden for ten years on game sanctuaries in Texas with more area than all of Connecticut and four times as big as Rhode Island.

There are 68 of these sanctuaries, with a total of 3,203,122 acres, where wild life is held sacred. The largest is a 314,344-acre tract in eight counties where hunting is forbidden until November 1, 1935. The earliest sanctuaries were established in 1925.

The latest was a 6,000-acre tract in Culberson county owned by W. L. Moody of Galveston. It became a sanctuary on February 27, 1929, and will be closed until 1939.

These sanctuaries are not the earliest efforts of Texas to preserve the herds of wild game for which the state was once famous. A review of the conservation steps just issued by the state game, fish, and oyster commission shows that Texas had its first game law in 1890. That law prohibited killing quail on Galveston island for two years.

Beside the game sanctuaries, practically every form of nonpredatory wild life now is protected by closed seasons. Under them a steady growth of wild life population is detailed in the department manual.

## Rocket Aimed at Moon Explodes in Final Test

Vienne, Austria.—The culmination of a year's labor on a rocket designed to reach heights never before attained by man or anything man-made, nearly ended in tragedy here for Dr. Darwin Lyon, New York physician, and his assistant, Doctor Adler, young Vienne inventor.

In the rocket's final trial, before a scheduled launching on the Italian Alps, one of the containers exploded as the gyroscope stabilizer was being started. The impact smashed the building housing Doctor Lyon's laboratory to bits.

Sensing that the flying apparatus, which released liquid gas into the explosion chamber, was falling to function, Doctor Lyon tossed his assistant through the door of the laboratory and jumped after him. Flying debris fractured both bones of Doctor Lyon's right arm.

## U. S. Asked to Redeem \$2,000 Banknote Quilt

White Hall, Ill.—A \$2,000 quilt, literally, because it was made of United States banknotes, has been sent to Washington in an attempt to get it exchanged for that much spendable currency.

Whether it will be worth anything at all was a question, because the eccentric splendor, Miss Mary Booth, seventy years old, who made it, clipped the bills into a variety of shapes to fit into patterns and threw the remnants away.

She then pasted the parts of the quilt, most of them containing only the portraits of various Presidents, upon a sheet and hid it. Miss Booth once lost a considerable sum in a bank failure and explained that she made the quilt to keep the rest of her money safe.

## American Oil Drillers Arouse Ire in Alberta

Lethbridge, Alta.—Imported American oil drillers are "in bad" here. They are charged with "beating up" Canadian steam engineers because the latter insist on cleaning boilers in accordance with Alberta laws. These "Yankee drillers," according to reports, display a fine disregard of Canadian regulations. If an engineer refuses to obey their orders he is soundly thrashed. That fact the Alberta Federation of Labor.

## Life Prisoner Learns to Like Devil's Island

Paris, France.—Notorious Devil's Island, in French Guiana, is not the hell hole it used to be, according to a letter written home by one of its inmates, Charles Barataud, condemned to the penal colony for life because of the murder of a man friend.

"The life is not too bad and the wardens are humane fellows," he writes to his parents. "I would sooner be here than in the local jail at home."

## The Catch in It

The most economical of wives frequently is the one who has been married for her money.

## Rainbow Colors

In the rainbow the inner or primary bow the colors of the spectrum are arranged in their order, red on the outside and violet on the inside. In the outer or secondary bow the colors are in the reverse order.

## Even the Humblest Can Make the World Brighter

As I sit writing to my study, the radio downstairs is bringing a splendid concert through the air from more than 1,000 miles away.

I hear the sound of an airplane overhead. It is carrying the mail 100 miles an hour across the continent. An automobile dashes up to the door and delivers the purchase made from a store less than an hour ago.

Today was clean-up day in the home; the vacuum cleaner was going and the dirt disappeared as if by magic.

The telephone bell rings; it may be a friend nearby or a long-distance call from clear across the nation.

The shadows lengthen; I press a button and the room is flooded with light.

What are you and I doing to deserve all this? Frank G. Moorhead asks, in the Farm Journal.

Do something for somebody else, and find out how honest and useful you are after all. If nothing else, try saying "Good morning" cheerfully to everybody you meet. That's a long way from flying an airplane with the night mail. But it may do somebody a world of good.

The best way you could possibly repay Thomas A. Edison, or Lee de Forest, or the Wright boys, or Alexander Graham Bell, or Cyrus McCormick, would be to be kind to somebody else, to give him a lift in life, to make things easier and better and brighter for everybody else. Reduced to essentials, that's all they did!

## Seemingly, Citizens of New Orleans Live Well

But in New Orleans! Here you find no one dish, but a variety that promises years of varied delight. The oysters of Bayou Cook and Four Bayous. The lake shrimp and the river shrimp, those last tiny ones boiled with the pepper. The pompano. The Spanish mackerel. The redfish. The green trout. The flounder. The court-bouillon and the jambalaya. The boudin, served au bordel du lac. The penitence, served au bordel du lac. The canard, either with boiled turnips or roasted rare so the blood runs as you cut the breast. The tender, delicate creole lettuce; the blushing, gentle tomatos. Chives and shallots; romaine and endive. Frog legs that thrill you as never the legs of cooking a chick-thrill. More ways of cooking a chicken than there are chickens. And coffee such as Peronius and Lucullus and Epicurus would have drunk had they known how to drip it.

But why tantalize a nation of standardized food? They can't all live in New Orleans.—New Orleans States.

## About the Cuckoo

Many of the superstitions connected with the cuckoo related to matters matrimonial. If a maiden ran into the fields early in the morning to hear the first call of the cuckoo, and when she heard it took off her left shoe and looked into it, she would then find a man's hair of the color as that of her future husband.

The cuckoo is also a bringer of luck—though under circumstances. If, when you hear the cuckoo for the first time in any person, the sound proceeds from the right, you will be prosperous. If, on the other hand, the sound comes from the left, ill luck awaits you.

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## Many Have Same Thought

One often hears the saying, "The sin is not in the sinning but in the being found out." "Scandal is the greatest part of the offense," recites Dryden, the poet, and Mollere says, "The harm is only the noise that commences." A popular proverb commands—"Thus shalt thou not be found out." The French put the following twist on it: "Guard yourself from being found out so that you may be at fault freely."—Boston Globe.

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