

OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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

The Lebanon post office showed a healthy growth during 1930 over the preceding year, and the business done for the year was the largest of any year in the history of the office.

Oral arguments on the application of the Sumpter Valley Railroad company to abandon its line between Bates and Prairie City, in Baker county, will be heard by the interstate commerce commission at Washington, February 26.

The contract for the long tunnel through the mountain on the Umpqua highway a short distance west of Elkton is expected to be let by the state highway commission in a short time, according to R. S. Shelley, supervisor of the Siuslaw national forest.

Officials of the Cascade Box company of Klamath Falls, whose plant was completely destroyed by fire on New Year's night, state that they will rebuild the plant within 75 days. The loss was \$40,000 and the new plant will be valued at a like amount.

Mrs. Ella Schultz Wilson was re-elected secretary of the Oregon state fair board at a session held recently. Mrs. Wilson has been secretary since 1924. A. C. Marsters of Roseburg was re-elected president of the state fair board for the fourth consecutive term.

A hog died of freight near The Dalles recently. A. C. Nielsen had prepared to butcher two hogs. When he shot one in the head with a rifle, porker No. 2, several feet away, also dropped, kicked his heels a few times and passed on, without a scratch on his body.

O. J. Amundson of the Rainier farming district will sow a ten-acre field to flax this fall, the harvest to be used for seed. This is the first flax to be raised in the district, and if the crop is successful, as soil experts predict, a larger acreage will be planted next year.

During the last biennium 1343 ex-servicemen have taken advantage of the loan privileges of the Oregon soldiers' bonus act to borrow a total of \$2,857,300, according to the biennial report of Frank M. Moore, executive secretary to the World War Veterans' state aid commission.

A check for \$41,806.89, the balance due Douglas county turkey growers for birds shipped during December by managers of the pool, has been received. The total amount received from the sale of December turkeys, which totaled slightly more than 16 carloads, was \$112,914.55.

While the Oregon motorist has until July 1 to worry about paying his 1931 license fee, flares are not so lucky. Oregon aviators, in common with others over the country, already are securing 1931 plates. Secretary of State Hoss has received 75 plates to be issued to aviators who fly within the state.

Sales of Umpqua valley turkeys for breeding purposes have increased from 300 to 400 per cent since the annual northwestern turkey show was instituted three years ago, according to J. C. Leedy, county agent and secretary of the Douglas County Turkey Breeders' association, which sponsors the annual show.

Decoy geese may also be used for coyotes. Richard Miller of Klamath Falls bagged a coyote while goose hunting. The decoys had been set out and Miller was hiding in a blind when the coyote attacked the fake birds. Miller shot him with the goose load before the animal was disillusioned by the pastboard decoys.

Oren Suddell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Suddell, suffered with a "splitting headache." He went to an Albany doctor, who found a grain of barley pressing against the ear drum. The head of barley had gone into his ear last fall. Suddell thought it had been extracted. The sheath had, leaving the seed, which had started to grow.

The Alaska cheese factory burned to the ground recently. Cause of the blaze is unknown. The factory had been shut down for three weeks, but had been reopened and was in operation at the time of the fire. A large stock of finished product was in the building at the time of the fire. The loss is estimated at \$5000. The plant will be rebuilt.

After a term of nearly twenty-five years as president of the Linfield college at McMinnville, Dr. L. W. Riley tendered his resignation to the board of trustees. The resignation, which is to take effect on March 1, 1931, was accepted by the board, but a request was made that Dr. Riley continue his duties as honorary president until the end of the school year.

Deschutes county's expenditures for indigent relief, widows' pensions and other charity work during 1930 totaled about \$21,000. The largest single item of expense was the maintenance of the county hospital, about \$6000.

Nothing interfering, the rails of the Oregon Electric railroad will reach Sweet Home soon. Had it not been for several delays caused by soft fills and an inadequate supply of ballast the steel would have reached there some time ago.

Reading of advertising is worth while.

PREHISTORIC BEAST DISCOVERED IN ICE

Unlike Any Animal Known to Northern Regions.

Cordova, Alaska.—Definite confirmation of the discovery of a huge prehistoric animal, well preserved in ice that has held it for ages, was brought here by W. J. McDonald, supervisor of the Chugach National forest, and a party of six others who went to Glacier Island, near Valdez, to investigate the report.

The animal, McDonald said, is 24 feet long, shaped unlike any other prehistoric beast that was known to have roamed the northern regions. It resembles a sort of mammoth lizard more than a dinosaur, but has reptilian characteristics, with a long tail and tapering head, he said.

Encased in Glacier. McDonald believes that the animal became encased in the Columbia glacier and slowly was carried to the sea with the movement of the glacier island in the past centuries.

Reports of the animal or reptile were regarded dubiously here until investigating parties went to the island to view it. Many were of the opinion that the report was the outgrowth of some native's superstitious imagination. Dr. Charles E. Bunnell, president of the Alaska College of Agriculture, at Fairbanks, was requested finally by the American Museum of Natural History, it was said, to look into the matter.

Men of letters in this vicinity were at loss to explain what kind of animal or reptile it was. Dinosaurs were not known to have reached Alaskan regions. No trace of one ever has been found there.

Head Like an Elephant's. The description of the creature was given in detail by McDonald, who said it was 24 feet long, with a 14-foot tail which started at the rib section. The body back of its head to the end of the rib section was 6 feet long; head, 50 inches long; snout from end to center of the forehead, 39 inches; width midsection, 11 inches; circumference, 29 inches; the length of the vertebrae in center, 7 inches; vertebrae consists of three blades, top blade, 14 inches long, side blades of 12 inches each.

Continuing McDonald reported a flipper was found on each side of the body behind the head measuring 40 inches long and 8 inches wide. The flippers, he said, have three joints with five fingers; the width of the skeleton at the widest part was 38 inches. The skeleton was estimated to weigh 1,000 pounds. No sign of teeth was found. The flesh on the body resembled horseflesh; its head was much like that of an elephant.

Only a small portion of the body had meat on it.

British Planes to Be Equipped With Brakes. London.—All of Great Britain's heavy bombing aircraft are to be fitted with wheel brakes in the future. This decision has been made by the air ministry following prolonged tests climaxed when one of the test machines was forced down in a field which ran a sunken road. The big machine was headed straight for this road and without brakes a crash would have been certain, but by use of the brakes the pilot was able to check the forward speed, and by jamming on the brakes on one side only, just before he reached the road, was able to swing around and come to a halt.

Wheel brakes also are to be standard equipment for all 1931 Puss Moth machines.

It also has been found with both the bombers and the Puss Moth machines that the distance of run on a takeoff can be considerably shortened by opening the engine out wide and getting the tail off the ground before the brakes are released.

Seattle Rooster Takes Daily Dips With Ducks. Seattle, Wash.—Proof that environment may overcome hereditary influences is illustrated by Seattle's swimming rooster, "Swiftwater Bill." Bill lives on a raft adjoining the boat-house of Capt. B. A. Swift, a Lake Union canal. His only playmates are ducks. Several months ago, Swiftwater Bill stood watching his playmates in the water. They swooped in, glided around and had a good time. That situation continued until Bill forgot about his hereditary training and jumped into the water. He started swimming to keep from drowning. Now he takes his daily dip with the ducks.

Rich Man's Wife Wears One Coat for 22 Years. New York.—Although her husband is worth a million and a half, he has bought her only one coat in 22 years, Mrs. Anastasia O'Keefe told a court here in asking for a divorce.

She also said that he has a seven-passenger limousine but never lets her ride in it; that he has made her buy her own clothes and pay for her amusements out of a \$30-a-week allowance.

Longest Railroad Curve. New Orleans.—The sweeping arc described by the tracks of the Illinois Central railroad as they circle Lake Pontchartrain above New Orleans, is the longest railroad curve in the world. The tracks curve with the lake for nearly 30 miles.

Carey Whittington of Philadelphia teaches canaries to sing by allowing them to listen to flute solos on a phonograph.

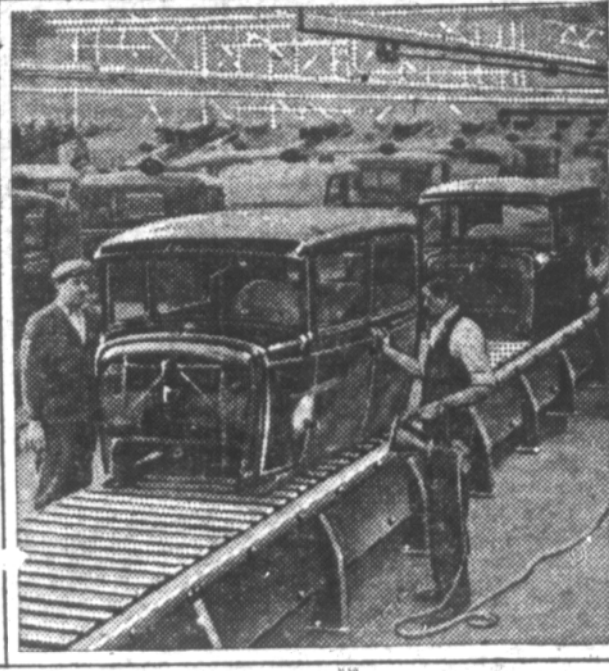
What is said to be the earliest English silver table fork, made in 1632, is exhibited at the Victoria and Albert museum, South Kensington.

Lars Runglie of Gary, S. D., has a sorrel mustang horse 52 years old, which he has retired from service.

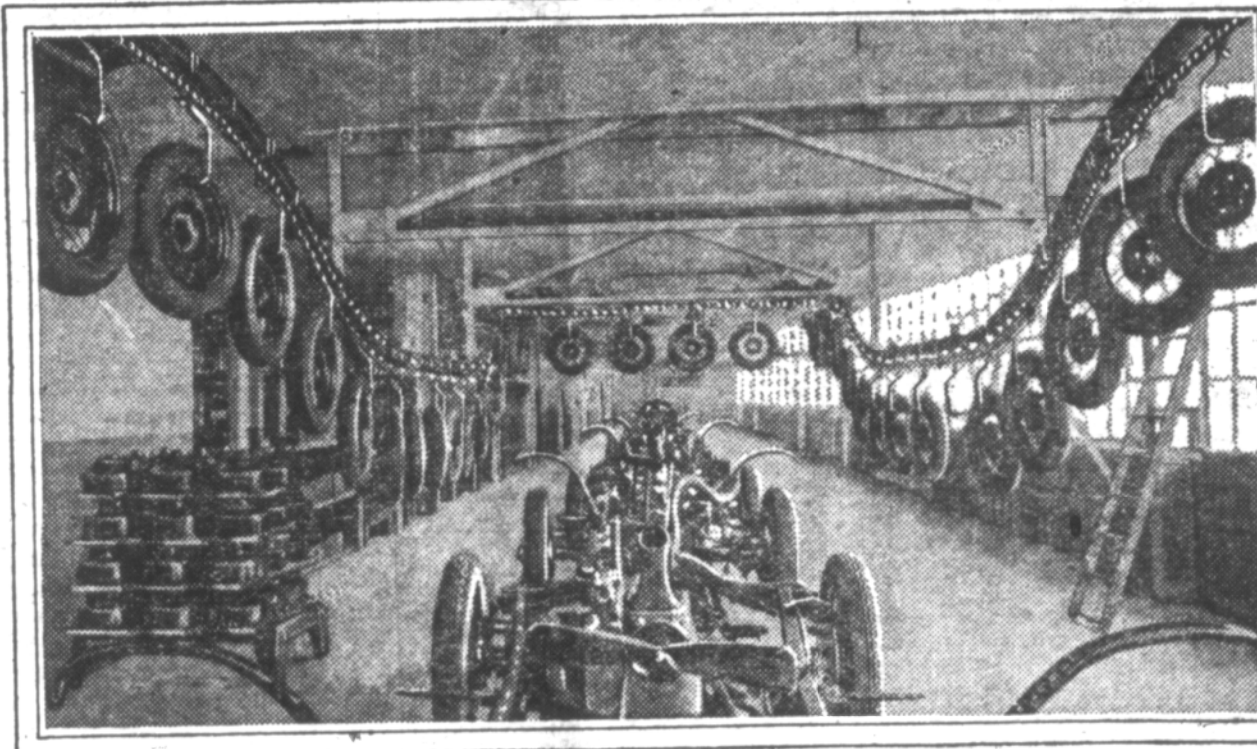
Conveyors Carry Ford Car Parts



Trains unload in the plant.



Bodies starting through the shop.



Conveyors carry wheels with mounted tires over a line on which cars pass to completion

The highly important part played by conveyor systems in all Ford Motor Company manufacturing and assembly plants is graphically shown in the above three pictures taken in the recently opened Edgewater, N. J., plant. One of the pictures shows how parts may be unloaded from freight cars within the plant only a few feet from the various assembly lines. Another picture shows automobile bodies starting their trip on a conveyor while

the third view is of the conveyor system used to bring wheels to the chassis which are also moving on a conveyor. As indicated in the picture, a constant flow of wheels on which the tires have already been mounted moves around and over the chassis assembly line. As a chassis enters the section, workers, in groups of four, each take a wheel from the hogs and fasten it to the chassis.

AGED CIRCUS MAN WEDS GIRL ONLY 26

Seeks Companionship for Few Years Left to Him.

Great Bend, Kan.—"Well, hum! So Uncle Charley's married? Humph! Never expected him to hook up with Virginia Pritchard. Why, he has known her ever since she had to hawl for food—he's old enough to be her grandfather."

But Uncle Charley's married, anyway, despite what the folks think about it. Uncle Charley is Charles Andrews. He is seventy-eight years old. It surprised many here when he married Virginia Pritchard, twenty-six, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Pritchard, for fifty years owners of Great Bend's circus lot.

Florida Honeymoon. Uncle Charley and his bride are now in Florida on their honeymoon. "Yes," said the young-old bridegroom, "there is considerable difference in our ages. But we have found a happy companionship."

"I have been lonely and I have but a few years to live. I want them to be happy years with Virginia." And so it was that the December-May honeymooners left for the sunshine and warm breezes, while the gossips still puzzled over the marriage to Virginia Pritchard.

Uncle Charley's friendship for the Pritchards developed through their mutual contacts with circus life. For years Andrews was a member of the executive staff of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey circuses.

Met Her in Infancy. Through these connections he met Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard and incidentally their daughter, Virginia, when she was an infant. He saw her grow from infancy to womanhood and finally asked her to marry him.

The bride's parents first met Andrews when he was operating his own show—a trained bird and magic show. Andrews acted as the magician.

Years passed and Andrews ended his own show and became attached to the "big top." His connections with the circuses brought him to Great Bend annually and a close friendship arose between him and the Pritchards. In later years when Uncle Charley severed his connection with circus life, he returned to Great Bend to make his home and to look after his extensive farming interests. Being a widower, Andrews made frequent trips to the Pritchard home and it was on the visits that his friendship with the oldest daughter of the family developed.

Having no family of his own, Andrews was looked upon by the Pritchards as a member of their family. He dined with them frequently, and when the marriage took place on November 9 it united two families whose chief thought was circus happenings.

British Columbia Hen Lays 357 Eggs in Year

Agnass, B. C.—Falling to produce only eight days out of 365, a white Leghorn pullet owned by Mr. and Mrs. W. Whiting of Port Kells, B. C., has just established what is claimed as a new world record by laying 357 eggs in a year. The previous record holder was a

white Leghorn of the same stock, owned by the University of British Columbia. She laid 351 eggs in 364 days—but her eggs averaged only 22 ounces to the dozen, as compared with a 20-ounce average for the Whiting's pullet.

The latter pullet's production for the year totaled a total of 52 pounds—just exactly ten times the weight of the hen at the conclusion of the test.

W. H. Hicks, superintendent of the Dominion experimental farm here where the test was held, attributed the bird's remarkable record to the fact that she received an abundance of skimmed milk and grain feed, in addition to the usual scratch grain and mash.

It Was Only a Dream, But He Took No Chances

Flint, Mich.—When Alex Schoeffel dreams he does it sincerely and you can't take a chance on one of them coming true. For instance:

The other evening he retired for a much needed rest. He dreamed the house was afire and that flames were licking up the side of his bed. He awoke, saw to fire, but called the fire department just the same. Then he went back to bed.

As he explained to the firemen after they had broken down the door to get into the house: "I can't tell a thing about my dreams. I might have been awake when I was asleep or I might have been asleep when I was awake. You can't always tell. So I took no chances and called you up."

Pheasant Bagged Alive by Hunter; Breaks In

Cedar Rapids, Iowa.—One of the three pheasants the law permits a hunter to kill in one day was alive because he saw the hunter coming.

Ben T. Sorum left here for Independence to kill the three birds. While his machine was traveling at 50 miles an hour a pheasant crashed through the windshield of his car and dropped down beside him.

Sorum, though hit by flying glass, continued his hunting trip, bagged two more pheasants, and brought the live one home.

A Toledo man who left home 23 years ago to see the world has just returned because he is lonesome. What's the matter? Couldn't he find the world?

While chaperoning the four-year-old during the summer we were astonished to find so little has been done in late years to improve the breed of horses on merry-go-rounds.

Another lesson one has to learn by more or less bitter experience is that an ability to shuffle a deck of cards like a vandyke magician doesn't necessarily make your partner a swell bridge partner.

The courage necessary to pick the 50 men who "rule" the United States was nothing to that which will be required to answer a magazine's question: "Who are the 12 greatest women in America?"

William Stuart of Los Angeles wants a divorce because his wife beat him with his wooden leg.

Matter of Orderliness More Than Being "Tidy"

If you talk to some folk about their lack of orderliness, they tell you, more often than not, that they cannot be bothered. Somehow they seem to love their disarray. It is always odd to see a man happily doing his work in the midst of a pile of disordered papers.

It is all very well to enjoy such untidiness; but it does not seem economical; in fact, it is surely a waste of two things: time and pleasure. Time is, of course, very important in these days of speed, and to the majority of us the probability is that pleasure of orderliness is of second importance. I am not so sure that it is not almost as important as the saving of time. We must not rule out our consideration of psychological values, and that is what pleasure in work is not only for ourselves, but for others.

Disorderliness in a home, on the bench or desk or table, is not pleasant to look upon. Besides, if we are orderly in our work, we shall be orderly in our mind; that means more effectiveness, and therefore greater success. We have no right to do anything, or have any method or lack of method, that retards progress.—G. H. G. in London Tit-Bits.

Monks of Mount Athos Form Large Community

Mount Athos is a rocky promontory stretching 40 miles out into the Aegean sea. It is the home of the greatest monastic community in any Christian land. Nearly 5,000 monks dwell in this republic. Athos and all its buildings are owned by the 20 sovereign monasteries of the orthodox church that rule the peninsula. The Greek governor general's relation to the administration is that of a minister plenipotentiary. In a thousand years only one woman has set foot on Athos. She was the wife of Lord Stratford de Redcliffe, British minister at Constantinople during the Crimean war, and was permitted to land there as a special favor to her husband. Others claim that she had been there, but the authorities at Athos deny their assertions. According to tradition, the first religious settlements were made during the reign of Constantinople. It is known, however, that St. Athanasius established the great monastery of Lavra in 900 and it is still standing.

Peculiarities of Concrete. The bureau of standards says that concrete does not blow up. Concrete, however, as well as practically every other material, expands with an increase in temperature. On a very hot day, under a sun, with no clouds in the sky, concrete roads will become very warm and expand to a considerable extent. If means are not taken in the design of the road to accommodate this expansion the road will "heave," as it is called, frequently breaking at the point where it has been raised in the air. The more cement that has been used per unit volume of concrete the greater will be the expansion. Concrete also changes its volume due to changes in water content. Drying out causes shrinkage and wetting causes this expansion and contraction.

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GIRL BANDIT BARES DREAM OF HAPPINESS

Confesses Bigamy After Arrest in Pistol Battle.

Detroit.—Mrs. Fern Evans, twenty-one-year-old bigamist and gang leader, was captured in Salem, Ohio, in a running gun battle and has been returned to Detroit to face trial. Police charge that she was the leader of a bandit gang which toured the Middle West and South in stolen automobiles, living on funds obtained from looting homes.

During the gun battle, Walter Evans, husband of Fern, escaped on foot after Salem police forced the Evans car into the ditch. Roy Evans, twenty-eight, Fern's brother-in-law, was captured with her.

Fern Evans' dreams have vanished. Like other girls she had visions of a shimmering gown of ivory satin, the gay laughter of friends, a merry departure, with a send-off of rice and old shoes—then months of glorious travel—these are the dreams of the average girl for her marriage and honeymoon.

Had a Good Job. And these were the dreams that failed Walter Fern.

"I used to spend hours picturing that wedding day," Fern was saying, with that characteristic dreamy look in her hazel eyes. "Perhaps I would wear a yellow dress, or maybe a smart suit, but I must have that honeymoon. I would travel and see the world with the man I loved."

"Then I had a good job. I was an inspector in the Cleveland police department when along came a man and I married him. I was seventeen and I thought I had found romance."

The first husband of the girl was Frank Barberic, who now claims that they were never divorced. Fern declares Barberic told her the divorce had been granted.

Long months of marital quarrels, broken by the birth of a baby girl, who is now two years old and resides with her paternal grandparents—such is Fern's story of that first marriage.

The couple separated, and Fern started work as a waitress in Cleveland. Then romance again crossed the girl's path in the person of Walter Evans, blond, handsome and twenty-seven.

"From the start Walter was always good to me," she declared. "He was thoughtful—different from Frank. He seemed to care a lot for me, and finally we began to talk of marriage. Walter had always wanted to travel, and before long we were planning that honeymoon I had always dreamed about."

A Grim Honeymoon. The marriage and honeymoon became a reality, with two exciting months of travel over the United States for the newlyweds, but police saw a shadow with a grim story.

They were charged with a series of robberies which took the honeymooners from Florida and Texas to Ohio. In Muskegon, Okla., the groom was wanted for wounding an officer who pursued him following a holdup.

"It was more than a month before I discovered how he was getting money," Fern went on. "At first I thought I could break him. Then he told me he had served nine years at the reformatory at Mansfield, Ohio, for robbery and I knew it was useless. I made up my mind to leave him as soon as we got back to Cleveland."

But Fern's resolution came too late, and now she is named as a looter of a Dearborn home.

"I didn't commit those robberies, but I was with Walter," she said. "He was good to me and I will stand by him. Whatever happens I'm going to take it smiling."

Yawning Graves Await Pauper Dead of City

Cleveland, Ohio.—Six graves always remain open at Highland Park cemetery, waiting to receive the bodies of those consigned to a pauper's burial.

From the charity wards of hospitals and from accidents on city streets potter's field annually draws between 400 and 500 of Cleveland's dead. The frequency of burials makes it necessary for five and six graves always to be in readiness.

The arrangements are unpretentious, the ceremony simple: A pine board box, costing \$18 for adults and \$10 for children, is purchased from an undertaker, who receives in addition a small fee for his services. Final rites are paid by the mortician, who reads a brief prayer while a city health officer stands by as a witness.

Louise DeWald, commissioner of city cemeteries and the only woman in the country to hold such a position, supervises maintenance of potter's field.

Airport Spends \$200,000 on Modern Equipment

St. Louis, Mo.—Aviation improvements totaling \$200,000 have been completed at Lambert-St. Louis field during the last summer, according to officials at the airport. The field is equipped with the most up to date flying equipment known to commercial aviation. New boundary lights marking the 879-acre field recently have been added. A public address system for broadcasting weather reports, field announcements and providing entertainment to crowds also has been installed. In the last five months a total of more than 20,000 passengers on regularly scheduled trips passed through the airport.

Oliver Wendell Holmes said: "The smaller the caliber of mind, the greater the bore of a perpetually open mouth." For confirmation of this, see the Congressional Record, especially the Senate proceedings.

It used to be a pleasant surprise to find money in an old vest at the time of the year, but this fall it is a surprise for anyone to even find an old vest.—The Pathfinder.

LIGHTS of NEW YORK

If you stop and calculate how many persons pass through the big railroad stations of New York every day, you can figure that running them is something of a business. There are, for example, the lost property departments. If you leave anything in a pullman car, it is turned in to a special department. If you lose anything in a day coach, or in the stations themselves, it is turned in somewhere else. Thousands of articles are lost; hundreds are returned. Great storage rooms, on the lower levels of the stations, are filled with various things, waiting for their owners to come and claim them. Everything that can be carried outside of a baggage or freight car is there.

I asked the custodian of one of these lost property caches whether men or women, as a rule, were most forgetful. He told me that it was about an even thing. Then I asked him what articles were most frequently forgotten. He said that the most common things left behind probably were umbrellas, coats, bags and hats. Hats are something fairly new in his experience. He charges the sudden influx of headwear to the fact that has been developed for going bareheaded. That was started by college boys and their elders took it up. A man who never wears a hat in the country, puts one on to come to town, chucks it up to the rack and forgets it.

The peculiar thing about bags is that many persons do not remember where they left them. They will declare they left a bag at a ticket window. Then one of the plain-clothes operatives in the station goes on a still hunt. He first looks where the owner claims the bag was left. Then he covers the station in a fashion taught by long experience. The news stands, the telegraph desk, the telephone booths, often bring results. One woman asserted she had left her bag at a ticket window, only to have it found in a hotel adjoining the station. The lost property departments of the stations always check up with adjoining hotels.

You might not think that travelers would leave their false teeth in trains, but it is a common occurrence. The teeth hurt them, they take them out, wrap them in a handkerchief and put them in a pocket. Later, they pull out the handkerchief, the teeth drop on the seat, and there they stay. Papers and tickets, often drop out of pockets or handbags. A man who reads a ticket must make affidavit that he was the purchaser. This doesn't appear to bother some persons. There is many a ticket that never finds its way back to the rightful owner.

Some individuals always are losing things. These repeaters come to be well known to the lost and found department. There is one woman, a commuter, who loses her handbag on an average of once a week. When she doesn't lose the bag, she loses something out of it. Men are likely to leave wrist watches in washrooms. They also leave knives, pencils and pens. Jewelry is almost always left on parlor or sleeping cars. Sleeping cars also produce pajamas, purses and wallets. Many travelers have a habit of slipping a wallet inside the pillowcase. A lot of them leave it there.

Enough spectacles and eye-glasses are left behind to start a store. You might think that a person who used glasses would miss them, but it isn't so. Musical instruments, books, briefcases, vanity boxes, soap dishes, razors, nail brushes, combs, overshoes, rings, pins, necklaces, pipes, portable phonographs, all are left behind.

I tried to check up on common honesty. It seems that 85 per cent of such articles as bags and coats are returned. When it comes to pencils, pens and umbrellas, the average drops to about 50 per cent. Such articles seem to lack individuality. The finder frequently walks off with them. After all, one fountain pen looks pretty much like another. Tickets also are a bad risk.

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Remembers 29 Wives and 400 Sweethearts

San Quentin Prison, Calif.—Norman A. L. Flood, forty, reflects nowadays on his fatal attraction for women while serving a one to ten year prison sentence for bigamy. "I guess I've got it," Flood says. "I can remember 29 wives and 400 sweethearts and I've forgotten some of them." According to Flood the way to get women is to make them believe "you want them for pals as well as sweethearts."

Son Succeeds Dad as Peace Officer

Memphis.—Police Capt. Hulet Smith, prominent peace officer of Tennessee, who died recently, will be replaced by his son, Hauric Smith. The younger Smith was employed in another department, but arranged for the transfer after his father's death. His first assignment was a "beat" his father once walked.

X-ray pictures may now be sent over long distance by telephone, enabling specialists to diagnose and assist in the treatment of injuries and ailments at long range immediately.

An Australian bank bandit named Perkins was sentenced to 15 years and to receive three floggings of 15 lashes each.

Reading advertisements is worthwhile.