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Office With Al Hermanson

Back in the New England states we find, according to
dispatches, throngs of people trekking to the grave of an
Episcopal Bishop and there at his shrine seek to rid their
bodies of their ills and deformities. Many of these pil-
grims remain all night so that they might be there to get
their turn.

About every so often such a thing happens as this.
People become all excited about the performances and
sacrifice everything to make the journey in quest of health.
Such performances merely demonstrate the truth of the
mind's control over the matter of the bodily system. The
mind is relieved of its ills and the body responds to the re-
action. The same results could be obtained at home should
the person influenced bring themselves to believe it.

It is difficult to believe that there is anything divine
exuding from the ancient grave to heal the sick. The
craze will soon be over and the memory of the shrine will
only be the lore of the little New England village.

If the sufferings of humanity are in anywise alleviated
the atmosphere which surrounds the tomb, be it spiritual
or imaginary has done a real duty.

Again the "Oregon Farmers" have taken their city
cousins to "the cleaners." The Oregon State College after
having only mediocre luck in the Pacific Coast conference
trained their guns on the Detroit University and defeated
them. Last year the same school defeated the powerful
New York University. Detroit has not been defeated for
two years and the victory of the Oregon boys came as
quite an upset.

It is still contended that long trips weaken the athlet-
es but not so the Schissler teams. He contends that it im-
proves his teams for he is able to keep them under his
eye at all times and in this way he is able to watch their
diet and training.

The past few days there has been considerable public-
ity given the cooperative movement thru the medium of
the Medford Daily News. However the comment has
been practically all adverse to the idea of Cooperative mar-
keting.

Knowing the owner's business we are not surprised
at the policy shown by this paper for the interests of the
owner of the Medford News would not be served by a co-
operative organization.

We do believe that this newspaper is creating a false
impression by its activities and is undoing the good that is
being undertaken by the agriculturists of the nation.

Individually cooperatives may be total flops—There
are failures in any line of achievement but we cannot say
that an entire theory is wrong because it has failed in sev-
eral instances. We believe that the cooperative theory is
a very good one and, perhaps the only salvation for the
farmer's ills. It may have failed in this valley many times
yet that is no argument against the cooperative. It is
merely a sign of poor management or suspicion on the part
of those who enter the organization.

It would be very difficult to conceive the other al-
ternative of the farmer—the consignment plan—being any
salvation. Every middleman must be paid and his pay is
subtracted from the grower's check.

Cooperation has brought the laboring classes out of
the rut and placed them where they too can enjoy some of
the joys of modern civilization. The large banking insti-
tutions, the large mercantile stores—In fact all lines of
business are organizing along cooperative lines—Why?
Because it is the way that they must organize to bring
themselves the most for their labors. Just as soon as the
farmer gets away from the idea that he cannot trust a
neighbor with a portion of his business he will be able to
form a successful cooperative and if that time ever comes
the farmers of the country will have the rest of the nation
eating out of their hand. The effort of the News articles
sounds very much like the propaganda which was used
a few years ago by the employers in labor circles against
the union.

Adding the sugar to fruit while it
is cooking toughens the fiber of the
fruit and helps to retain its shape.
If the object is to soften the fruit
fiber, it is best to add the sugar
just before taking the fruit from the
fire.

A more flaky pie crust can be ob-
tained if in cutting the fat into the
flour the particles are not made too

fine, as it is the rather coarse pieces
of fat which melt and give the flak-
iness. It is necessary only to have
the fat particles fine enough for
fairly even distribution.

Use of a tray often saves many
steps when setting the table, carry-
ing vegetables from the basement,
or doing numerous other tasks that
require the carrying of several ar-
ticles at once.

News Gleaned From all Over The Nation

Georges Clemenceau, fiery orator
and war-time premier of France
died Sunday at the age of 88. Cle-
menceau's career was a stormy but
splendid one and his last wishes
were for a simple burial in his old
home in Vendee.

The first football defeat suffered
by the University of Detroit since
early in 1927 was administered to
them by the Oregon Aggies in De-
troit Saturday. The score was 14-7.

The estimated dead as a result of
the tidal wave which struck the
coast of Burin Peninsula after the
earthquake last Monday were 40 or
more. The tidal wave traveled so
fast that a warning sent from Lame-
line reached Burin almost simultane-
ously with the wave. The wave
carried away houses and destroyed
bridges and all the damage is not
yet known.

Senator Francis E. Warren of Wy-
oming, a pioneer of the west, died in
Washington. Senator Warren had
been a member of the Senate con-
tinuously for 35 years. Besides his
wife and son, his son-in-law, Gen.
John J. Pershing was at his bedside
when he died. He was 85 years of
age.

With the forest fires becoming
hazardous along the coast of South-
ern Oregon and along the Oregon-
California line rangers & large forces
of fighters are being rushed to the
scenes in an attempt to curb them.
Seven new fires were re-
ported during the fore part of this
week.

The Holy Cross cemetery of Mal-
den, Mass. has been closed to all
except funerals by order of the Cath-
olic Archbishop of Boston. The cem-
etry has been visited by thousands
of people during the last three weeks
seeking miraculous cures at the
grave of Rev. Patrick J. Power.

STATE TAX VALUATION ANNOUNCED BY COMMISSION

Oregon's total assessed valuation
for 1929 on which will be based the
tax levy for 1930, is \$1,124,988,691.82.
This was announced by the state tax
commission.

The total figure is a combination
of \$944,789,311.47 in local assess-
ments reported by the county assess-
ors and \$180,199,380.35 assessed
valuation of public utility property
as fixed by the state tax commission.

The total is \$2,656,511.39 more
than the 1928 total of \$1,122,332,180.-
43. Local assessments this year are
\$1,843,704.52 less than the 1928 fig-
ure of \$946,633,016, and the utility
assessments are \$4,500,215.93 in ex-
cess of the 1928 total of \$175,699,164.-
43.

The commission accounts for the
increase in public utility assessed
valuations by new development and
expansion of utility companies.

Changes in local assessment fig-
ures are spotted. Multnomah coun-
ty's assessment this year is \$331,-
380,310 against \$326,330,083 last year
a gain of \$5,050,227. The total of
the other 35 counties is less than
last year by \$6,893,931.53 in round
numbers.

Twenty-two of the 36 counties
show decreases in local assessments.
They are Baker, Clackamas, Colum-
bia, Coos, Deschutes, Douglas, Gil-
ham, Harney, Hood River, Josephine,
Klamath, Lake Lincoln, Linn, Mar-
ion, Morrow, Polk, Sherman, Tillam-
ook, Union, Wallowa and Yam-
hill.

Bronco Knows Its Work

"Yes," said the motion picture
actor, "every time I appear in a cow-
boy film I realize how well off I am."
"I suppose you get big pay for acting
cowboy roles," remarked his friend.
"It isn't that," replied the actor. "I
always get assigned to a bucking
bronco—and then I know that I am
better off."

Thistle Raising Profitable

The teasel, a cactus-like thistle, pro-
vides the only entirely satisfactory
means of carding wool, removing the
burr and bringing up the nap. Conse-
quently in some parts of the world,
especially in England, in northern
New York and in Oregon, raising
thistles for the wool manufacturing
industry is a regular business. Teasels
were introduced into America by Wil-
liam Snooks, an Englishman, in 1820.

THE JOKERS CORNER

KNOWS HER CATALOG

"You can get anything at a mail
order house," remarked the lady
next door.
"Everything, slack! but a male,"
sighed the old maid.

HER ANCESTRY

Hilda—Where were you born?
Olga—Ay was born in Minneapolis
of Swedish parents.
Hilda—Then you're an American
too.
Olga—Wal ay gass ay bane of Amer-
ican destruction but Swedish des-
ign.

PICKING HIS SAVIOR

A man had been hauled out of the
sea seemingly dead.
Spectator—"We must try artificial
respiration—there are six different
methods."
"Dead man"—If brandy is one
of them, leave the other five."

HIS ONE ERROR

"If I'd had any brains when I was
a young fellow I'd be traveling a-
round the world now."
"Would you and what would your
wife be doing?"
"I wouldn't have a wife."

SHE WAS SCOTCH

The old lady kept a little grocery
store and for several months she
had been foolish enough to allow a
certain man credit. But as he had
shown no sign of settling his ac-
count, she had been persuaded to
take the case to court.

"What can you pay?" asked the judge,
turning to the defendant when he
had heard the evidence. The
defendant ejected not to answer.

Whereupon the judge gave his at-
tention to the plaintiff.

"What will you take?" he inquir-
ed.

The old lady produced an ear
trumpet and leaned over in his di-
rection.

"Eh?" she said.

"What will you take?" the judge
repeated.

A sudden look of happiness came
over her face. "Oh I wasn't expect-
in' to be asked!" she chirped. "But
since your so kind, sir, I'll take a
wee drop of the Squaw Butte Dew
brand."

RANCHERS FLEE BEFORE FLAME FOREST FIRE AT GOLD BEACH

Fear was felt last week end for the
safety of ranch families along the
Rogue River between Tindall Hill
and Gold Beach where a forest fire
with a 10 mile front was reported
sweeping down the narrow valley
toward Gold Beach according to
press dispatches.

Telephone communication was se-
vered when the fire crossed the high-
way, burning down more than a mile
of telephone poles. Ranchers were
preparing to evacuate their homes ac-
cording to last reports. Fire fighters
were being mobilized and sent into
the stricken area, which is eighty
miles west of Grants Pass.

Relayed information reaching the
U. S. Forestry office in Grants Pass
said men in Gold Beach were organiz-
ing in an effort to keep the flames
from the city streets. The report in-
dicates the situation more serious
than at any other time during the
summer forest fire period.

Lying in the path of the flames are
a number of ranch homes and at
least one Union school building. A
single trail connects the residents
with an outlet, either in the direction
of Grants Pass or toward the ocean.

The same fire yesterday cut off an-
other avenue of escape when it burn-
ed the bridge over the Chetco river.
Reports reaching the forestry office
said fires were burning along the
Oregon-California border and that
the Siskyou forest had been entered
at one point.

The Smith river fire which has
been burning two days was being
fought by ranchers and property own-
ers.

Hold!

It is said that an American has four
chances in 100,000 of living a century.
Don't spoil your own prospect of being
one of the four by racing your car
against the locomotive at the grade
crossing.

Famous Chairs

One of the most beautiful chairs in
the world is the chair of Dagobert,
king of the Franks, who died in the
year 688. It is made of cast and
chiseled bronze of very fine workman-
ship. But St. Peter's chair at Rome
is said to be the most ancient and in-
teresting piece of furniture in ex-
istence.

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Brophy's
JEWELERS
MEDFORD, ORE.

COUGAR AND CROWS VICTIMS OF OREGON GUNS

Fred Gardner of Curry county
agreed five cougar during October
and thus drew bounties of \$125 from
the state game commission. W. W.
Ostrander of the same county killed
three of the big cats. During the
month 21 of the "big cats" fell be-
fore the guns of Oregon hunters.

Crow hunters were not inactive
during the past year, according to
the records of the state game com-
mission. A total of 500 crows and
magpies were killed. There is a
bounty of two cents on each of these
birds killed, so the commission put
out ten dollars which hardly pay
for ammunition.

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION WOULD BUY BATTLE ROCK

Recognizing the historical value of
Battle Rock, as well as its value as
one of the great natural attractions
of Oregon, the Oregon state highway
commission has agreed to contribute
\$2,000 toward the purchase of these
lands provided the balance of the
purchase price is raised by popular
subscription.

The cost of the various tracts em-
braced in the area to be purchased
is \$6,500.00.

Title to the land will be taken in
the name of the Oregon State High-
way Commission, and the lands will
be made a public park for the ben-
efit and enjoyment of the public.

The Port Orford Chamber of Com-
merce is endorsing the move to save
the famous rock and are asking that
everyone contribute what they will,
sending their subscriptions to J. C.
Ainsworth in care of the United
States National Bank of Portland,
Ore. which has been designated by
the highway commission as the de-
pository of all funds contributed,
and these will be available only to
the highway commission for the pur-
pose for which they are raised.

The Spanish War veterans plan to
erect a monument to Theodore Roo-
sevelt upon the famous rock.

Read the Ads and profit. A good
advertiser is usually a good mer-
chant.

TRAPPING SEASON WILL OPEN DECEMBER 1st

A spell of extremely cold weather
is welcomed by trappers. The sea-
son for trapping opens December 1st,
a month later than last year, by rea-
son of a change in the law made by
the state legislature. Cold weather
will improve the fur of animals and
thus render to trappers an increase
in prices. The season will close
February 28. Already several hun-
dred men have received licenses
from the state game commission.

FARM POINTERS

Both crate fattening and pen fat-
tening are used in preparing roast-
ing chickens for market. Crate fat-
tening, says the Oregon Experiment
station, produces a better quality
flesh, but also requires more work.

Honeybees, like humans do not
like winter moving, says the Oregon
Experiment station. Unless they are
moved in the early fall, it is
best to delay the work until March
or later.

Keeping hens comfortable isn't
merely a matter of kindness to dumb
creatures. Practical experience and
experiments both show that com-
fortable hens produce more eggs,
says the Oregon Experiment station.

More than 3000 tons of limerock
have been applied to Polk county
farms during the last four months.

It is usually considered good prac-
tice to feed cows fairly well up un-
til about 48 hours before calving,
and then cut down on the grain ra-
tion, advises the Oregon experiment
station. This is then gradually in-
creased after freshening.

A six months old pup needs about
one-fourth milk in his diet, it has
been found. Other good feeds are
cereals, stale bread dipped in milk,
broth or gravy, vegetables and meat.
Cheap mutton and beef are good, but
pork and pork products are not re-
commended.