

**TANK MYSTERY IS SOLVED**

Local Company Arouses Curiosity on Coast with Tank Truck

(From the Gold Hill News)

Last week the Beaver Portland Cement Company made a trial run from this city to Gold Beach, at the mouth of Rogue River, with a large truck loaded with water for the purpose of estimating the cost for transporting cement from the Beaver Portland Cement Company in this city to Gold Beach where the huge bridge will soon be built to span the Rogue River on the Roosevelt highway.

The sight of the tanker on the highway over that way caused no little surmise, judging from the following article, clipped from the Curry County Reporter.

An immense tanker and as large a tank trailer traveling down the Oregon Coast Highway on Wednesday caused a lot of excitement in Gold Beach and much conjecture as to what the tanks contained.

The story got around that the tanks were a traveling moonshine plant, with the liquor in water jacketed tanks. Others declared they were oil tanks sent along the Oregon Coast highway on a scouting and logging trip, preliminary to some new oil company entering the field.

The tanks were accompanied by a big touring car driven by "Moose" Muirhead, manager of the Beaver Cement Company at Gold Hill. The tanks until they reached Rogue River were filled with water and then the water was emptied into the river and the tanks proceeded empty down the highway.

The tour of the two big tanks is nothing more nor less than a scouting and logging trip of the Beaver Cement Company of Gold Hill which is figuring on furnishing the cement for the Rogue River bridge. The tanks were filled with water as will be the cement trucks if the company gets the contracts, and when they reached Rogue River the tanks were emptied as will be the cement trucks.

The company wants to determine the cost of trucking the cement to site of the bridge on Rogue River.

That's the solution of the tank mystery.

**Everybody Wants Plenty**

The more you get, the more you want. They are payable on demand and good for face value. Some are counterfeit. Some come in small denominations, others in large. Some people are stingy with them, others extravagant. They can't always buy happiness. Kisses are like money, only sweeter.—Exchange.

**Others Trying to Learn**

Some men are born leaders and most women are born drivers.—Chicago Daily News.

**MERRILL O. BETTS**

(From the Gold Hill News)

Merrill O. Betts, familiarly known by his friends and associates as "Stub" passed away at his home in this city, Monday following a short illness brought on by blood poisoning.

Mr. Betts was born in Tacoma, Washington, June 3, 1890 and came with his parents to Rogue River valley when 2 years of age. He has since made his home here. He was educated in the local schools and in 1917, on the first day of the war, April 6th, enlisted in Company 7, Oregon National guard and remained in the service until the spring of 1919. He served overseas with the 65th Coast Artillery for 11 months. He was married in the fall of 1919 to Bertha Welch of Central Point and to this union were born two children, Mm Marvin and Murial Althea both of whom survive him. Besides his children Mr. Betts is survived by his wife, Bertha and mother Mrs. Ogden Snyder, both of this city.

Funeral services were held at the cemetery with Rev. Mell in charge. The Medford Post of the American Legion, of which the deceased was a member officiated at the grave in keeping with the organization's ritual. Old friends and comrades of the deceased served as pall bearers. The sympathy of the community goes out to the bereaved family.

**ODD FELLOWS CONFER DEGREE**

(From the Gold Hill News)

The local lodge of I. O. O. F. conferred the first degree of Odd Fellowship upon four candidates, Tuesday evening. The candidates were two from Central Point and two from Ashland.

The lodges of the county have been making a new practice lately in conferring degrees. The Central Point lodge confers the initiatory degree, the Gold Hill lodge the first, Ashland 2nd and Medford, 3rd. In this way the several lodges are able to fraternalize more with one another and the degree work is better for each lodge specializes in one certain degree. A large attendance and a splendid meeting was reported Tuesday.

**How She Took It**

Slobbs—"I took a chance and kissed her in the dark." Slobbs—"How did she take it? What did she say?" Slobbs—"She said she never wanted to see my face again."

**Optimistic Thought**

"One nice thing about thin-soled shoes in winter," says Galatine Travers, cheerfully, "is that no matter how cold your feet may get outside, it doesn't take them half the morning to warm up after you get into a heated room."—Kansas City Star.

**U. O. Man Accepts Post**



Dr. Ralph D. Casey, professor of journalism at the University of Oregon, has accepted a position as chairman of the department of journalism at the University of Minnesota. The Oregon man will take over his new duties in the fall of 1930.

**Governor's Con Initiated**

A degree team made up of University of Oregon faculty members in the Eugene lodge of the Masonic order initiated Walt Norblad, of Astoria, and son of Oregon's new governor, into the first degree recently with Carlton Spencer, of the law school faculty, officiating. Norblad is a senior in law at the university, and his initiation was witnessed by his father.

**Real Social Spirit**

All the people we meet are really abler of mind, richer of nature, than they have ever discovered. To help them to make the discovery is to exercise the true social spirit.—L. H. Hough.

**Road Hard to Police**

The Khyber pass, a narrow defile in northwest India, connecting the Punjab with Afghanistan, is open to traffic only on Tuesdays and Fridays. The amir of Afghanistan undertakes to police the pass for only two days a week to protect travelers from attacks by the lawless Afridi tribes.

**River Really Falls**

Fall River, in Massachusetts, takes its name from a river so called because it is only about two miles in length and falls about 140 feet in a half-mile.

**Good in Adversity**

Adversity has the effect of eliciting talents which, in prosperous circumstances, would have been dormant.—Horace.

**RABBIT RAISING NO LONGER HOBBY BUT A BUSINESS**

Rabbit breeding was for many years regarded as an interesting amusement and hobby. Within the past few years rabbit farming has developed into a commercial enterprise. Rabbit skins are today the great staple of the fur trade. In the United States, there are now over 10,000 breeders of utility rabbits. Their combined investment is in excess of 25 million dollars. In New York city alone 15 fur dressing and dyeing plants are devoted exclusively to rabbit skins.

Nearly all of the felt hats in common use are made from felt manufactured from chemically treated rabbit furs. Thousands of tons of rabbit skins are used annually for this purpose.

Many other products are manufactured from the rabbit. The hair is used as a stuffing for mattresses, pillows, cushions and quilts. Piano manufacturers use felt made from rabbit fur on the sounding hammers of their instruments. Shoes, pocket books, gloves and novelties have been successfully manufactured from leather made of rabbit skins. Gelatine and glue are made of the pelts from which the hair has been removed. The grease and oil from the fat of the skin is used in the manufacture of soap and other products. The waste matter is used as fertilizer.

Rabbit skins for the manufacture of fur coats are principally secured from Australia and New Zealand. Under normal conditions, the United States consumes 50 per cent of the Australian rabbit skin supply. In February of last year 75% of all the rabbit skins exported from Australia were shipped to this country.

In 1917, when an embargo was placed on the importation of furs because of the lack of shipping facilities, the American manufacturers were obliged for the first time to look to the American sources for their supplies of rabbit furs and to offer prices high enough to obtain them.

This was the opportunity for the establishment of the breeding of utility rabbits upon a commercial basis, and the breeding of utility rabbits in the United States for commercial purposes began to assume importance. Since then, the government has recognized the potential importance of this industry and has established experimental stations devoted to the development of the breeding of utility rabbits.

**EXPLORERS HUNT ALFALFA ON PLAINS OF CENTRAL ASIA**

After visiting most of the countries of Central Europe and working their way well into Asia, H. L. Westover and We Wainhouse, representatives of the Bureau of Plant Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, recently returned to the United States, bringing several hundred new plant varieties, principally alfalfa and fruits.

One of the principal purposes of the trip was to obtain varieties of alfalfa which might prove immune from or resistant to bacterial wilt, a disease which is proving serious to alfalfa growers in the Middle West. Preliminary tests had indicated that varieties from Turkestan and France were somewhat resistant to the disease.

Besides obtaining alfalfa seed from every section of Turkestan, Mr. Westover also brought back seed from France, Italy, Germany, Poland, Austria, Rumania, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia. In all, he brought back 170 lots of alfalfa seed. These seeds will be tested at our experiment stations to determine whether or not they are resistant to wilt.

Doctor Whitehouse was successful in his search for fruits, and brought back seeds of apricot, almond, pistache, and melons. The melon seed will be used by plant breeders who are trying to combat melon wilts by breeding new wilt-resistant strains of high quality. The wild fruits to be tried out in an effort to determine their value as stocks and in addition they may prove of value to plant breeders.

**FARM POINTERS**

Although the idea that baby chicks should not be fed until they are 72 hours old is erroneous, it is often best not to feed early where parcel post shipments of young chicks are made, says the Oregon Experiment station.

The question of whether lime sulphur or oil shall be used in a dormant spray is answered as follows by the Oregon Experiment station. As lime sulphur in most cases is a more general cleanup spray than oil, it is generally used, especially in orchards where leaf roller is not a serious pest. This pest is con-

trolled only by oil spray, while blister mite and twig miners are satisfactorily taken care of by lime sulphur alone. There is always danger of injury from oil sprays applied during the fall or winter, but no evidence that low temperatures following such sprays applied in the spring during the dormant period result in injury.

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**Import at U. of O.**



Wide attention has been given Dr. John R. Moz, professor of political science at the University of Oregon, for his outstanding work in international relations. He will be one of the speakers at the student conference on international relations in Portland during February.

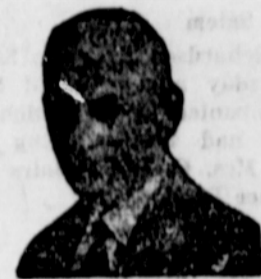
Are these eggs fresh? Lady, the hen don't even know I've got 'em yet.—Ex.

**Mum's the Word**

Jim was having trouble with his arithmetic. So when his sister's beau showed up that night to take

her out she asked him if he would mind going up to Jimmie's room and helping him while she got ready. Young Kissel was pretty good at arithmetic and he knew he could help Jimmie if that rascal would only pay attention. He asked Jimmie to show him his lesson; then he proceeded to give the boy a simple lesson in addition. "Suppose, Jimmie," he said, "that I gave you 50 cents now, a quarter tomorrow and another quarter the next—"

"Aw that's all right with me, Mr. Kissel," spoke up Jimmie. "I'll take the money and keep quiet, but what do you think of those problems; some stickers, aint they?"



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