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AURORA'S PROGRAM
FOR 1922

K. P. Home, New High School, Creamery, New Camp Ground, Fourth of July Celebration for the Valley.

The Crumley-Ritter trial... of headlines, but spicy readings for the anxious, curious public. Crumley was president of a business college in Portland, also of one in Tacoma. Miss, or Mrs., Ritter was once a student of his and now a grass widow. She and Crumley were arrested, but he was charged with blackmailing.

over, he... reconed as... When the... is accomplished they take the credit. Mr. Publisher, you just have to get in and make the people of your town put a new value on you and your paper! You have to tell them how much the town owes you, how much you have done for the town and the district, how much the merit and persistency of your work has benefitted them and their business. No, you can't tell them in so many words but you can tell them in a general way.

You have to sell the paper to the town! To get the maximum of profit from your work and the credit that is your due, you have to show them that you and your paper are just as important an institution as the school and the library and the commercial club—which is true—so says the Pacific Printer.

Miss Claire Windsor, the handsome movie star, wealthy, world-renowned, and who gossip says will probably marry Charley Chaplin, was a little tow-headed, but pretty school-girl living next door to the editor in Cawker City, Kansas. Geo. Cronk, her father and the village merchant, was one of the finest men we ever knew. Perhaps if Miss Cronk would look around, she could find a better man, but not a bigger fool than Charley Chaplin.

Aurora has free auto camp ground.

Mary Pickford and Dug Fairbanks are going to make their home in France. Charley Chaplin in England. Now can't some one persuade "Fatty" and the Sentinels to go to the South Sea Islands?

Selling a Newspaper to the Town.

"The newspaper, the smaller ones, the weeklies, the small dailies, are becoming more influential, printed, more influential. The newspaper is the best thing in the community, the most influential builder of the town. It is the cement in the town's unity and in its future. The newspaper has an influence on the value of real estate, on the success of every business, on the success of every undertaking, on the success of every movement. It is making dollars every minute for the people—the people of the town. Most of the people in the town do not recognize this. Many of them think they are treating the publisher royally if they give him two dollars for a year's subscription. They do not realize that they are working unselfishly in his position, but himself at least for everybody. If anything is to be done, it is to be done by the newspaper. The newspaper is the greatest interest in its success. Financing industry is all wrong; the thing to do with industry is to run it; under the management of people who own it, and who stay on the job. Make every community as nearly independent as possible. The great modern city is an abnormal development. It tends to break down under its own weight. It is socially based and economically unsound. You can see the evidence of this, in the acute housing problem of cities, and in the breakdown of municipal facilities, especially traction systems.—Henry Ford.

In more than double the usual number of pages and in a cover page of four colors, the "Christmas edition" of the Aurora Observer blazes "1925—Oregon World's Fair," devotes much space to business advertisers and fills in with well-selected holiday matter. Mr. Robinson has improved the Observer very much since he purchased it a year ago.—Portland Oregonian.

A \$20,000 Special Legislature has met and adjourned. Did you get your money's worth?

A few decades ago, there were local flouring-mills in the small towns. Then came patent processes, big mills, consolidation. The little mills were shut down. Now they are making small flour-mill plants that will produce the same flour, in very small establishments, and we shall be returning presently to the old system of the local mill, applying the local market. That will cut out another big item in waste transportation.

The new era will see a great re-distribution of industry back to the country. This country has got to live in the country; industry must be taken back to the country; all cities and towns should support more of their requirements, diversify their industries, enable local industries to finance their own development, and thus keep it in the financial control of the people who have the greatest interest in its success. Financing industry is all wrong; the thing to do with industry is to run it; under the management of people who own it, and who stay on the job.

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HUSH-A-BYE

When you want a child to slumber, nothing is more soothing than "Hush-a-bye baby," use a lul-a-bye tone; but if you want action, give hungry dogs a bone.—Par.

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Higher salaries paid for school teachers in Lane county are attracting more men to that profession than for some time past, according to E. J. Moore, county school superintendent.

Two exhibits of White Spring wheat, exhibited at the Northwest Hay and Grain show in Pendleton in September, won first and second prizes at the International Hay and Grain show held recently in Chicago. After a gun fight with bootleggers at Kerry, in which 17 shots were fired, Deputy Sheriff Hessong of Columbia county and Ernest Anderson succeeded in arresting Arthur Warranka, alleged to be one of the gang, and lodged him in jail.

What is believed to be the longest record in the state as commander of a Grand Army post is held by I. W. Falk of La Grande, who has just been re-elected as commander of the local post. Mr. Falk is now beginning his 22d year as commander.

Extensive improvements at the state fish hatchery on the upper McKenzie that will increase greatly the facilities of the plant by the addition of several new breeding ponds to the state preserve, were announced by M. L. Ryckman, superintendent of the state fish properties.

Representative Sinnott appeared before the house appropriations committee to urge an appropriation of \$400,000 for the Powder river irrigation project in Baker county. The treasury estimates submitted to congress early in this month requested this appropriation.

That a determined effort will be made at the next regular session of the legislature to reduce taxes through the elimination of millage taxes and the lopping off of departmental appropriations was indicated by addresses made by legislators at Salem during the special assembly.

Illicit game hunting in the Modoc lava beds proved a costly pastime to J. C. Kreigh, a trapper, who was placed under arrest by Game Wardens Courtwright and Miller, having been found with the carcasses of eight deer in his possession. He was brought before Justice Harrison Wilkins at Dorris and fined \$250 and sentenced to 150 days in jail.

The Oregon public service commission has suspended the operation of the proposed tariffs setting out increased rates which were filed recently by the Rockaway Beach company, the Garibaldi Beach Water company and the Tillamook Bay company. It is probable that a joint hearing will be held on these several matters at a reasonable early date. The police system now in force in Portland is obsolete and a general revision is needed in order to put it on an efficient basis in accordance with the actual needs of the city, declared the tax supervision commission, in a report following the slice of \$72,000 taken off the police budget in which it scored the police department and pointed out its various deficiencies.

The Standard Oil company has remitted to the secretary of state \$44,251.59, covering the tax on the corporation's sales of gasoline and distillate in Oregon for the month of November. From the Union Oil company the secretary of state has received a check in the amount of \$16,220.87, while from the Associated Oil company there has been received the amount of \$14,368.50.

Senator McNary has written a letter to the directors of the Portland chamber of commerce, calling attention to the unfortunate condition of about 1100 ex-service men living in Oregon who are unemployed. The letter appeals to the chamber for heroic efforts to provide employment for as many of these men as possible and urges quick action on the part of the membership to use its influence to this end.

Applications for authority to construct four overhead crossings on the Pacific highway over the tracks of the Southern Pacific have been filed with the public service commissioner. These crossings are to be located at Oakland, Sutherland, Wilbur and Ghady Point, all of them being in Douglas county. It was estimated that the construction will involve an expenditure of approximately \$230,000.

After spending approximately \$350,000 in development work and running a tunnel 250 feet past the place where it was expected to find the Last Chance vein of gold ore, the Cornucopia Mines company cut the ledge Friday and a revival of the mining industry at Cornucopia is assured. Robert M. Butts, manager of the company, says that enough ore is apparently at hand to keep the mill running seven or eight years.

Judge Bingham of the circuit court at Salem granted a certificate of probable cause following the filing of a bill of exceptions in the case of Dr. R. M. Brumfield, Roseburg dentist, who was convicted recently of first degree murder in connection with the death of Dennis Russell of Dillard, Douglas county. Brumfield is under death sentence. The granting of the certificate automatically stays the execution of the convicted man, who was sentenced to hang in the state penitentiary January 13.

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