

The Aurora Observer

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EDITORIAL Opinions of the Observer

Sheridan suffered a \$100,000 fire last Saturday when half of the business section was wiped out by flames.

Lillian Russell, famed actress and noted for her beauty and for her nerve in advertising her beauty, died Monday morning. She was quite active in Red Cross work and was interested in the welfare of working girls.

The Auto Races at Salem last Saturday, gave the crowd all the thrills desired when two machines crashed together in front of the grand stand. Both drivers taken to hospital, but will recover and soon be able to do it again.

Very gentle and sensible remark by Mayor Baker when asked what a "flapper" is:

"I don't know what a flapper's idea of a flapper is!"

"I have never used the term because it's all wrong. It started way back when they first called a girl a 'chicken,' then a 'baby doll,' then other terms as these became worn out by overuse. Always they are taken to mean a girl who is off color."

"No girl who wears a neat dress of proper length—without rolled or expensive hose or garters in evidence—is ever referred to except as a nice, neat 'girl.' Some girls like to be referred to as flappers, but it's all wrong."

"The Wages of Sin is Death."

Front page, whole column was taken to tell of the suicide of a Portland young man who was with a married woman accompanied by a pint of moonshine. He is, as the paper stated, a "Prominent Portland Youth." If he had been an honest, sober, straight, working boy without riches, he wouldn't have been so "prominent," and if the woman had been entirely "square," the space would have been much smaller. And if the sin of both had not been there, no suicide would have occurred.

Idle men are finding work. Idle men that want work, are finding work. Money is plentiful; altogether too plentiful. Thousands of houses, business blocks, hotels and factories are being built all over Oregon. Not a city or village in the state that isn't building something. Creameries, Canneries, small factories are also going up in many rural towns. Why believe in "hard times," anyway.

THANKS

The Aurora Observer has just put in a large, new press with electric motors, and new type. We extend heartiest congratulations to Bro. Robinson at this evidence of progressiveness and prosperity. He has certainly accomplished wonders in a field, where apparently there was not much scope for expansion. In a few months he raised his subscription list from 420 to 900, and extended his clientele to all the surrounding towns. He is a live wire.

—Eastern Clackamas News.

THE GOLFING BIRD

"Who's the stranger, mother dear? Look—he knows us—ain't he queer?" "Hush, my own—don't talk so wild; He's your father, dearest child." "He's my father? No such thing! Father died away last spring." "Father didn't die, you dub! Father joined the golfing club. But they closed the club, so he Has no place to go, you see— No place left for him to roam— That is why he's coming home. Kiss him—he won't bite you child; All them golfing guys look wild."

No more may the youthful patriots of Oregon vent their enthusiasm on the grand and glorious Fourth of July through the medium of firecrackers and fireworks. "Them days is gone forever."

Under the provisions of an act of the legislature of June 1921, effective January 1, last, firecrackers, rockets, torpedoes, blank cartridges caps, Roman candles, pistols, canes and all forms of explosives and pyrotechnics hitherto associated with the celebration of the annual natal day have been banished from the realm of Oregon forever.

Not only is it forbidden to make use of these once common and necessary adjuncts to a fitting and proper observance of the Fourth of July, but their sale or possession by dealers is also prohibited and the state fire marshal or his assistants are authorized to confiscate and remove any such stocks as may be discovered within the state.

Hereafter Oregon's observance of the grand old day will be absolutely safe and sane—at least so far as legislative action can make it.

Our exchange table reveals that many preachers in Oregon turn from the pulpit to the press. Many of our editors were former ministers. You get rich just as quick in the editor's chair as the preacher's. Look 'em over; there's Upton H. Gibbs, now talking to more people through his Eastern Clackamas News; there's St. Clair, who is making a success of the Gresham Outlook; Editor Bond, from a hard-shell Baptist to editor of Canby Herald, and several more without counting Ingals of the Corvallis Gazette-Times who rivals Billy Sunday.

The Oregon hop crop is coming on rapidly under the influence of warmer weather, and as the output promises to be larger, than last year's hop men are showing some concern as to how it is to be moved, particularly as the market outlook is less satisfactory than it was a year ago.

From present indications the crop will run between 60,000 and 65,000 bales, as against about 56,000 bales produced in 1921. Some of the yards are still backward, but others are well advanced.

Prospects are also good in other sections. California dealers write that the yield in that state will exceed that of 1921, judging from present appearances. English hop growers have had a backward season, but the latest mail advises say the vine is now coming along well. The Australian crop turned out to be 1500 bales more than in the preceding season.

BIG PROFIT IN SNAKE "CROPS"

Frenchmen in Fair Way to Get Rich When Authorities Put an End to the Game.

Snake breeding was one of the most profitable industries in France for two brothers who owned a farm in the department of the Yonne. The department, finding itself infested with vipers, offered 20 centimes a head as a bounty. The brothers interested themselves, registered their farm and started out to catch vipers. They had marvelous luck last year, catching 48,000 serpents and making bigger profits than ever had been made on the farm. During the last six months, their catch increasing miraculously, it seemed likely to run into millions. Their neighbors unfortunately were inquisitive and the authorities investigated. The brothers were found to be raising snakes on the farm. Each mother viper reared an average of fifty a year. Had they continued it is estimated the enterprising brothers would have had 5,000,000 vipers in five years. The unimaginative court of Assizes in Tonnerre sentenced the snake breeders to two years' imprisonment for obtaining money by false pretenses, which was reduced, however, to eighteen months.

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