



## OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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

Prineville's new \$200,000 hotel opened for business Monday.

The Southern Pacific company has reported a shortage of 208 cars.

Herbert Vanduyne has been chosen mayor of Coburg, to succeed John W. Conway, resigned.

The cement plant at Gold Hill, which has been closed the past three weeks, will resume this week.

Receipts of the state industrial accident commission during the month of July aggregated \$328,832.33.

Establishments of a beet sugar factory at Prineville at a cost of approximately \$1,000,000 is proposed.

Supervisor W. F. Ramsdell of the Whitman national forest reports receipts of \$160,097.53 for the fiscal year.

A caravan of 30 autos made the annual walnut excursion through Yamhill and Washington counties last week.

A branch of the federal prohibition enforcement office for Oregon has been located in the federal building in Medford.

Thomas W. Summerville, one of the most prominent pioneers of Lane county, died at his home at Harrisburg at the age of 82.

September 18, 19 and 20 have been set as dates for the annual Clatsop county fair which will be held at the Astoria port terminals.

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Tomato growers of Roseburg have agreed to appoint a committee to fix a minimum price for this year's crop and all will abide by the committee's decision and will refuse to sell under the price fixed.

John Clark, one of the most widely known police officers in the west and ex-chief of police of St. Paul, Minn., and of Portland, died at his home in Portland. Death resulted from a stroke of apoplexy.

Fines collected through the activities of the state prohibition department during the three months ended June 31, totaled \$35,111.44, according to a report filed with the executive department at Salem.

Answer to petitions of the cities of Seattle and Tacoma looking to reopening of the Columbia basin grain rate case was filed with the interstate commerce commission by the Oregon public service commission.

The Oregon Trunk railroad, in a letter received at the office of the public service commission, has served notice that the corporation's track between South Junction and Metolius would be abandoned shortly.

Mrs. J. R. Norton, a young matron of Hood River, well known in Oregon championship tennis circles, swam the Columbia river last week. She was the first woman ever to accomplish the feat in the mid-Columbia.

Remarks dropped by tourists during the past few weeks indicate that the law enacted at the last session of the legislature compelling non-resident automobiles to register in this state is unpopular and has caused travelers much inconvenience.

After spending more than a week in Gold Beach and vicinity investigating proposed sites for the Roosevelt highway bridge across the Rogue river, J. H. Scott and F. A. Keith, engineers of the state highway department of Oregon, have returned to Salem.

There is more mining activity in Baker county this year than there has been for the last decade, it is indicated by the record books of quantity and placer claims in the county clerk's office. To date more than 100 quartz and placer claims have been filed.

Governor Pierce has instructed Attorney-General Van Winkle to appoint a special prosecutor to assist the district attorney of Harney county in prosecuting a reputed bootlegger, who recently shot and seriously wounded a state agent by the name of Haines.

The work of laying the concrete paving to the city limits of Harrisburg has been completed. With the exception of a small gap between Shedd and Tangent, which soon will be paved, the Pacific highway is now paved all the way from Harrisburg to Portland.

## WHEN TREES REALLY BUD OUT

Specialist on Subject Says Most People Are Mistaken About the Time.

So few of us notice trees carefully that in early spring when the buds are swelling we say "The buds are coming on the trees," whereas, if our eyes had been opened to nature's wonders we would have known they had been patiently "budded" the summer before.

As the buds begin to swell the outside coverings or scales grow larger, separate and fall, writes Susan S. Alburts in Nature Magazine of Washington. They leave their scars behind them as a group of very close rings. Wherever these rings are, there a terminal bud has been.

Not necessarily does the distance between ring groups mean a year's growth. Sometimes, according to the season, a tree will make a second growth, then it has made two terminal buds in a growing season. The horse chestnut frequently does this, because of a disease that attacks it in early July. In such cases two groups of rings would be made in one year.

Not all the side buds on a twig will open. They are the reserve army waiting to come into action if the main buds are injured. After a few years of waiting, if they have not been brought into service, they will be covered by the growing wood, but have "served by waiting."

Not much variation occurs in the shape of the bud bundles in the same species, so probably the safest way to know trees is by their buds. Then, too, if we remember that they are on the trees all the year round except for a very short time immediately after the old buds have opened and the new leaves are getting strong enough to work, we can identify trees when all the leaves are gone if we know the bud bundles.

## SELLING FURS TO ESKIMOS

Sounds Like Paradox, but Wolverine Headress Is Popular With People of the North.

Selling furs for consignment to the Eskimos sounds like a paradox, but that is exactly what took place at the opening day of the week's sale of the Canadian Fur Auction Sales, Limited, at the Mount Royal hotel, according to the Montreal correspondent of the Boston Transcript. The explanation was more simple than it looked. F. H. Pingree, general manager and also auctioneer for the sale, said that the Eskimos of Alaska have plenty of beautiful seal, fox and similar furs, but each Eskimo with any pretensions as a beaver desires above all things to have a wolverine headress for himself and his favored squaws. So the Alaska dealers load up with the choicest skins they can get from the Eskimos and bring them to the Montreal auctions, where they barter them for wolverine skins, which they take back to Alaska for the adornment of the Eskimo beaux and belles. The Eskimos are satisfied and the various bartering processes are not done without profit.

## Marry Late.

Confucius is said to have played the lute at three, discoursed gravely on prudence and rectitude at five, and at seventeen was made inspector of the marts, distinguishing himself by repressing frauds and by introducing order and integrity. Modern eugenicists nowadays account for precocity by the advanced age of one or both of the child's parents at the time of its birth. This is true of nearly all of those whose names are in the Book of Fame, and we have very marked examples in the following (the father's age at the time of the distinguished son's birth is given in each case): Voltaire, sixty-five; Franklin, fifty-seven; Audubon, fifty-seven; Goethe, fifty-three; Irving, fifty-two; Bacon, fifty-one; Shakespeare, about forty-five; Milton, forty-five; Confucius, forty-five; Johnson, forty-seven; Edison, forty-three.

## Spider Kills Birds.

Birds are caught and killed by the Mygale, one of the best-known of the large and heavy spiders. It is a native of tropical and subtropical America. It sucks the blood of its victims. The body of this spider is dead black and is covered with long reddish-brown hair. It possesses eight eyes, placed close together in the front of its head. The species of spider are difficult of enumeration. The spiders of North America have been studied by Hentz, Emerton, Keyserling and Thorell, and no doubt by a number of other men who have specialized in insects, and it is estimated there are 800 species in North America. The spider has heart, liver, stomach, intestines, thorax, lungs, as well as several other interesting organs, as, for example, the spinning glands and spinnerets.

## The Belfry Tower.

Even in the Middle Ages England was the "Ringling Isle," and the love of bell music has endured amongst us to this day. Indeed, there are more bells in this country than in any other, and nowhere else is the athletic exercise of change-ringing anything like as popular. Not so very long ago our church belfries were regarded as outside the parson's jurisdiction; they were often the scene of drunken and disorderly frolics, which were thought to be justified by such bell inscriptions as the oft-quoted couplet: "Hark, do ye hear? Our clappers want beer."—London Morning Post.

## HE WAS THAT KIND OF MAN

New Boss Offered Him Anything on the Menu—He Took "Weak-fish."

His shoulders were broad but rounded, his face unshaven, his hands looked strong but they hung limply at his sides as he listened.

"The first thing you need," said the brisk cafeteria manager who had just taken him on as an extra waiter, "is a good square meal. The work here ain't hard but you'll be on your feet steady. Besides, we want our men to have the best. Now you just choose anything you want from them lists right there on the wall and it'll be brought right here to you. Then you get a white coat and go to work. But first you just say what you want to eat. Anything at all. There's the lists." And he waved his hand in a gesture of once hospitable and grandiloquent.

The new man surveyed the lists: Specials, large steaks, small steaks, sausages, vegetable dinner with eggs. Yankee pot roast, soups, stews, chicken fricassee, sirloin of beef with mushrooms, hash and macaroni, eggs and omelets, weakfish, sandwiches, salads and desserts. Truly, a magnificent offering.

"Well, what'll you have?" said his employer, by now assuming in the eyes of the listener something of the proportions of a Caliph. "Go on. Anything you like."

The glance of the benefited one flickered vaguely over the incredible lists. "I guess," he said and cleared his throat, "I guess I'll have some of that weakfish."

He would. He was that kind of man.—New York Sun.

## HANDY FOR FOUNTAIN PENS

"Filling Stations" Are an Institution on the University of Chicago Campus.

What do you do when your fountain pen runs dry at the most inconvenient possible moment—as it always does? If you are a student at the University of Chicago, you patronize the nearest filling station; the campus is supplied with these quite as freely as the Lincoln highway with filling stations for the tourist. A penny in the slot operates the machine, and enables the owner of the most voracious pen to appease the thirst of his instrument.

The machine works with self-filling pens and with the old style that fills from a dropper—provided the user has his own dropper. The dropping of a coin and the turning of the handle releases the ink from the reservoir, and the fluid flows into the right hand well, whence it can be sucked up by the pen itself or by the dropper. A slot in the upper left hand corner of the outfit contains a wiper with which any damage done by spilling or slopping may be repaired. If one drink turns out not enough, a second penny will, of course, turn the trick.—Scientific American.

## Cats and Weather.

Are cats weather prophets? Do their highly-strung nervous systems respond to changes in the atmosphere? It is an old belief that good weather may be expected when the cat washes herself, but bad when she licks her coat against the grain, or washes herself over the ears, or sits with her tail to the fire. In superstitious days pussie's response to a coming change in the weather was thought to mean that she had some control over it. A confusion of cause with effect. So sailors were afraid to provoke a cat; in fact they did not like a cat on board ship at all. A frisky cat made them quote the saying: "A cat has a gale of wind in her tail." The way to raise a gale was to throw a cat overboard. Ruffles on a calm surface from a rising wind are still called "cats' paws." In some parts of England a popular name for the stormy northwest wind is the "cat's nose."

## Island Devoted to Religion.

Star Island, one of the Isles of Shoals, ten miles off the mainland of New Hampshire, has been dedicated exclusively to a religious service, says the Detroit News. On its rock summit is a small gray stone church which was built in the year 1800. This has been used ever since as a place of worship, first by fishermen's mothers, sisters and sweethearts, who prayed for the safe return of their loved ones. During the last twenty-six years it has been a shrine for Unitarians and Congregationalists.

At ten o'clock each night long lines of men and women, carrying small lanterns, wend their way thither and, a churchful at a time, hang their lanterns on the walls and bow their heads in prayer or raise their voices in appropriate hymns.

## Heads, I Win.

What is the good of tossing if the other man's coin has two tails? An officer of the English royal mint has been shown a penny with two tails. He decided that someone had filed down two genuine pennies and skillfully soldered the tails together, and that it is impossible for any such coin to leave the mint. "It is a trick coin used for tossing purposes," he added. "Some years ago a person wrote from Scotland saying that he once had a two-headed penny but had lost it. As he valued the coin very much, he asked if we could mint him another with two heads and one with two tails, for which he would adequately compensate us. He said: 'I want these coins for tossing purposes.'"

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