

Local and Personal

E. E. Bradt shipped a car of wood to Oregon City this week.

Henry and Roy Zimmerman are enjoying a new Ford sedan.

Applications for Motor Vehicle Licenses may be had at this office.

Mrs. Lester Cole's mother visited her the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Parry and family spent Sunday at Oregon City.

Geo. Yergen is on the sick list this week, being confined to the house.

N. E. Cole commenced hauling lumber from his new mill last Saturday.

Mrs. Schwab, of Gervais, came for a visit with her son, Zeno Schwab, Tuesday.

Mrs. Arch Loucks, of Cottage Grove, was a guest of Mrs. N. E. Manock last week.

Mrs. Nordhausen and Miss Sidonie Nordhausen spent the week end in Portland.

Raymond and Ivan Zimmerman, of Albany, spent Sunday with their aunt, Mrs. Louis Webert.

Aug. Roosens, who has been residing near Butteville, has moved to 220 North 16th St., Portland.

Geo. Wurster is putting in a new curb and a new septic tank and otherwise improving his premises.

John Pugh drove to Portland with his old car Tuesday, returning with a brand new Gray touring car.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Giesy, of Portland, were guests of Mr. Giesy's aunts, the Misses Giesy, Tuesday.

We are advised that the Shimmin place on upper Main street has been purchased by Mr. F. W. Will, of this city.

Sanford Leach, of Blue River, in the McKenzie country, spent a few days with his brother-in-law, D. A. Yoder, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wallace and children, of Mulino, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schneide.

Rumor has it that Mrs. Sarah Bell Pratt Hayden, proprietress of the stolen goods ranch, has been sent to the state insane hospital.

The worst road in town is that which leads from Main Street to the Lutheran church. It's a disgrace to Aurora. It ought to be fixed speedily.

Parts for all cars, trucks, and tractors. W. E. Burns—Dan Burns (Not Brothers—the Same Man.) High St., at Ferry, Salem, Oregon. 46tc

At the entertainment to be given in the basement of Christ Lutheran Church in the last week of February, the zither club will play a number of splendid selections.

Mrs. B. F. Giesy is ill with an attack of scarlet fever, contracted while caring for her sister's children. The children in the meantime are with their grandmother.

That part of Aurora School District known as 303 has posted notices of an election to be held February 29th, relative to a union with high school District No. 1 of Clackamas County.

Neal, Mc & Rose, jewelers of Oregon City, are conducting an annual price-cutting sale lasting until Saturday, February 16th. It will pay you to come with the rush. 6-2tp

The meeting held Tuesday evening relative to care of the cemetery was not well attended. However, a committee was appointed to look into the matter and report at a meeting to be announced later.

Tomorrow, Friday evening, there will be a large attendance at the meeting of the Knights of Pythias many from Portland coming, attended by the Dokkie Drum Corps. All Pythians are urged to be present.

The young people of Christ Lutheran Church are planning to go on a two or three days' camping trip up to Mount Hood as soon as the weather gets warm enough. It is the intention to take tents along and lots of things to eat.

Since it was announced that the Luther League of Christ Lutheran Church is to debate the question: "Resolved that girls should bob their hair," at least a score additional girls have done so, from which it appears that the negative stands small chance of winning.

At a public dance given in the Band Hall Saturday night, a man giving his name as A. Freauff and his residence as St. Johns, was arrested by Marshal Dewey Miller and placed in the lockup for disorderly conduct. At the hearing Monday morning, however, he was released.

Rev. Schoeler reports that his members contribute liberally to European Relief. He is ready to receive donations also from such as do not belong to his congregation. So, if you wish to do something for the starving children of Europe, leave your donation either with him or with the Aurora Observer, which office will hand it to him to be forwarded to headquarters.

Oregon City, Ore.

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Mrs. Christine Young spent the week end at Monmouth.

Miss Georgia Kraus accompanied her brother, John Kraus, to Portland Saturday.

Mr. John Kraus attended the meeting of the Holstein Breeders in Portland last Saturday.

Mrs. Rosa Giesy, who has been confined to the house with a bad cold, is reported to be improving.

Mrs. Dewey Miller is in Portland, caring for her sister, who is recovering from an attack of smallpox.

Mrs. John Singer, who recently underwent an operation for goitre at the hands of Dr. Joyce, is reported to be getting along very nicely.

Miss Lauretta McCormick and Miss Alice Murphy, of Portland, spent Saturday evening with Mrs. Albert Ehlen and took in the dance by way of entertainment.

Mr. Loren B. Kerr, formerly of Aurora, now a resident of Seaside, was married Tuesday, February 12th to Miss Glenora Smith, of Astoria. After a short trip Mr. and Mrs. Kerr will make their home at Seaside, where Mr. Kerr is in business.

Ernest J. Snyder last week purchased from E. Netter one and a fraction lots on upper Main Street, it being the property occupied by Emory Howe, the property, which is known officially as Lot 2 and Part of Lot 1 Snyder's Addition to Aurora, being bought under the direction of Mrs. Edith Hirt, of Aurora, who, it is understood, intends to move to Aurora in the near future. The price paid by Mrs. Hirt, we understand, was \$1700.

Aurora School Notes

Several of the local teachers are planning to attend the local teachers' institute at Hubbard February 16th.

The girls of the Sewing Seven are making good progress on their project work. They enjoy their work very much.

The last week of February, or from the 25th to 29th, has been declared "Old Paper Day," for the community tributary to the Aurora school. In that week the pupils will make an effort to collect all the old newspapers and magazines possible. They will then be sold and the money turned into the school treasury.

Mrs. Fred Schneider and little son Frederic visited in Miss Gribble's room Wednesday afternoon.

The St. Valentine spirit was very evident in the third and fourth grade room. Every child received a great number, much to their pleasure.

Lotus and Maxine Giesy are absent on account of sickness in their home.

Deep Human Touch to German Children's Fund

The Altrua club of Oswego, Or., had \$15 in its treasury and after hearing of the pitiful condition of millions of German children, officially confirmed by American agents, voted unanimously to give the money to the fund being raised in Portland by the American committee for relief of German children.

Anton Mell, a young man temporarily working in Pendleton, read of the situation and sent his pass book on the United States National bank in Portland, with an order to pay \$50 from his savings account toward the fund. He had but a few dollars left.

The Meat-cutters' union of Portland voted \$900 from its treasury.

Many other similar instances could be cited.

WEST SHIPS RECORD FREIGHT TONNAGE OVER S. P. LINES

Traffic Handled Without Congestion By Increased Railroad Efficiency

LOADING INDICATES WESTERN PROSPERITY

Cars Loaded in 1923 Would Make Train 8,600 Miles Long; Would Encircle United States

Western shippers loaded 1,050,000 cars of freight on Southern Pacific's Pacific System lines in 1923, an increase of almost 200,000 cars over the loading for 1922, which was 851,942 cars.

The 1923 loading, according to J. H. Dyer, general manager of the company, was the heaviest in the history of the company.

If all the freight cars loaded on the company's Pacific System in 1923 were coupled up with the locomotives necessary to move them and with a proportionate number of cabooses, they would make a train 8,600 miles in length—long enough to extend around the United States from Portland, Oregon, through Chicago, Buffalo, New York, Washington, New Orleans, Los Angeles, San Francisco and back to Portland, with about 400 miles of cars left over.

The figures cited give some idea of the prosperity and productiveness of the western states, for these cars were loaded in the states of Oregon, California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico. The size of the imaginary train also gives an idea of the enormous task performed by the Southern Pacific Company in handling this traffic, which was moved quickly and efficiently, without congestion or general car shortage.

Southern Pacific, as one of the leading railroad systems of the country, has had a consistently good record in operating efficiency, extending over a period of years, but despite this fact, Southern Pacific's 1923 performance in heavy car loading, in obtaining a high daily mileage of freight cars, and in keeping locomotives and cars in repair, was uniformly better than in previous years.

Campaign Planned

When it became apparent that 1923 would be a year of unusually heavy traffic, the railroads joined in a campaign to speed up transportation. They set definite high standards of operating efficiency as a goal for the individual roads to reach. These standards were: 30 tons of freight per car loaded; 30 miles per car per day; 85 per cent of locomotives in serviceable condition and not requiring heavy repairs by October 1, the start of the season of heaviest traffic; and 95 per cent of freight cars in serviceable condition, by October 1.

Southern Pacific bettered these standards in every instance except in the average carload, and its performance in this respect was a remarkably good one and not to be measured by the goal set for all the railroads, because of Southern Pacific's large tonnage of light loading, perishable products, a full car of which averages about fourteen tons.

The average tonnage per car loaded in 1923 was 27.5 tons which was an increase of seven tenths of a ton over the excellent record made in 1922.

The company made its freight cars travel twelve miles farther each day than the goal set for the railroads as a whole, getting an average daily mileage per car of forty-two miles. In one month, an average of 47.3 miles per car per day was obtained. The average for 1922 was 36.8 miles.

Equipment in Repair

Southern Pacific, during 1923, averaged 88.5 per cent for the number of locomotives in serviceable condition and not needing heavy repairs as compared with a percentage of 86.5 in 1922. In only one month did the company have less than 85 per cent of its locomotives in serviceable condition, the goal set by the railroads as a whole for October 1. In only three months did the company have less than 95 per cent of freight cars in serviceable condition, the national goal by October 1. The average for the year was 95.4 per cent as compared with 93.6 per cent in 1922.

Another improvement in performance was in the gross locomotive load, which averaged 3 per cent better in 1923 than in 1922. This means that each locomotive was made to haul a heavier load.

While there was a shortage of refrigerator cars during the peak of the grape shipping season, it did not approach in extent the shortage of 1922 and did not appear until a greater tonnage of grapes had been shipped up to that time than in any previous year.

The same effort for increased efficiency is being made in 1924, according to Southern Pacific officials, and improvements and additions are being steadily made over the system. More equipment, including new locomotives and cars of the finest design, are being received, and more are being ordered.

Botulism

(Allantiasis)

Botulism is a deadly food poison. The name botulism has lost its original significance which was sausage poisoning. It was thought that the germ which produces the poison causing botulism would grow only in sausage, but it is now known that it will grow in ham, cottage cheese, string beans, corn, asparagus, and ripe olives.

Botulism is a rare disease but is more common in Europe than in America. In a period of twenty-two years there were 150 people ill and all died of the disease, among approximately 100 million people. Therefore it cannot be compared in magnitude to tuberculosis. Botulism is the cause of forage poison and limberneck in chickens and turkeys.

There has been a marked increase in the number of recorded outbreaks of botulism in the United States within the past few years. The present outbreak in Albany is the only one in the history of Oregon and in the number of cases and rate of fatalities is one of the greatest in this country.

The bacillus botulinus grows only when deprived of air and at room temperature. It produces the botulinus toxin. The botulinus toxin is the only one of the true toxins that is poisonous when taken by mouth. It is exceedingly poisonous. A 250 gram guinea pig was killed by 0.000001 c. c. or 1-200,000 of a drop of toxin. Persons have been known to die from "hibbling" a portion of a pod of string beans.

Symptoms of poisoning may appear in as short a period as four hours and as long as six days after eating food containing the poison. The general appearance of the patient is one of muscular weakness, anxiety, utter helplessness, difficulty in swallowing, struggle for breath, and unsuccessful attempts to articulate, making a picture which once seen will never be forgotten.

The poisoning is caused by a toxin and not the germ. It may develop in many of the foods we eat when the conditions are right. All that is necessary for the formation of the poison in many kinds of canned food, is that spores of the organism remain alive within the container after it has been processed. The spores of the bacillus will resist the temperature of boiling water several hours.

Botulism can be prevented by exercising the following precautions:

- 1. Do not use any canned food which shows the slightest sign of spoilage.
2. Use no canned food unless it has been processed at high temperature; this is especially applicable to vegetables of the type that are used in salads. To insure high temperature a pressure cooker is a necessity.

SALE AND WANT ADS.

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NOTICE: The sale season is at hand and I am prepared to handle all kinds of sales to your satisfaction. When ready, call Will Heinz, Auctioneer, Aurora Route 1 or Canby 13-16.35-14tp

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For Sale—Lot of loose clover hay, \$10 a ton, Elias Keil, Aurora. 5-4tp

I wish to trade my 85 acres, nine miles south of Eugene, Oregon, for property in or near Aurora or Hubbard. This place is about 3 miles from the Eugene-Lorane paved highway. 25 acres in cultivation; house, barn, small orchard; 1-4 mile from school; a creek and county road running through the place. Also have an eight room modern house, 8 lots in Lebanon, Oregon, that I will trade for property in or near Aurora or Hubbard. Small barn, chicken house, a few fruit trees; 4 blocks from high school. Will give some one a bargain, as I live here and wish to have my property near home. Inquire of Jas. E. Taylor, Route No. 1, Hubbard, Oregon. 7-4t

Enjoy Social Time

Friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Leabo Saturday evening, February 9, to enjoy a good social time. Cards and games took up the greater part of the evening. Delicious luncheon was served and everyone visited. At a late hour all bade Mr. and Mrs. Leabo goodnight, knowing the evening had been spent most enjoyably. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. V. Van Vleet, Mr. and Mrs. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Hughill and children, Joyce and Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Kerby, Mr. and Mrs. A. White and grandson, Derril, Mrs. Reimer and daughter Aileen, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Grim and children, Mildred Esther and Warren, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Leabo, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schneider and children, Harold, Reta and Frederic, Misses Elizabeth Fry, Mildred Morgan, Clara Crann, Esther Dirksen, Virginia Klukis, Messrs. Perry Morgan, Alvin Fry, Elmer Fry, Edward Mullen, Delmar Morgan, James Taylor.

Clover Seed

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For Sale—Rhode Island Red day-old chicks. Hatch Feb. 25th, \$16.00 per hundred. Fred Drager, Aurora, R. 3. 7-2tp.

Any girl in trouble may communicate with Ensign Lee of the Salvation Army at the White Shield Home, 565 Mayfair Ave., Portland, Ore. 37-52t

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