

LEXINGTON ITEMS

School commenced Monday, Sept. 2, with an excellent attendance. The teachers, Misses Lay, Tillson, Allinger and Fridley are all present, but the professor has not yet arrived.

Doc Taylor was called to war and left Tuesday morning to be gin duty. Jim Saxe is working in his place at Burgoyne's store.

Mrs. Della Phelps of Myrtle Point, Ore., is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Reaney.

B. S. Clark expects to leave in the very near future for their home in Missouri. The Clark's have rented their place and Karl Miller and wife will live in their house. Mr. and Mrs. Clark will travel in their auto.

Mrs. Mulloy is home again a'ter quite a visit with her daughter in Seattle. Her grandchild accompanied her home.

Ola McCormick, Bob Clark and Jim Cowins were among those who left for Camp Lewis Thursday.

Houses for rent are badly needed in Lexington now that school has commenced.

CITY OF QUEER CONTRASTS

None, Desolate in Winter, is Feverishly Lively During the Short Months of Summer.

Ships approaching the coast of Alaska watch eagerly for the first glimpse of a break in the low horizon line, and as the faint silhouette of a city is caught by the spy glass word goes round that Nome is in sight. The square outlines grow steadily plainer and broader. Unmindful of the heavy waves that crash so dangerously near its doors the city is reaching out to the very water's edge to greet the incoming ship. A bolding launch comes out to meet the ship and bring in the passengers to the shore.

The gold seekers built Nome in the rush of 1898, and the gold seekers still add their quota to its population. They have made it a city of contrasts—of ostentatious wealth and hopeless desire. Where they camped on the beach and built wooden huts and saloons the city has grown up. When more space was needed, it spread its houses along the beach in long uneven rows.

From November to June it is frozen into a dull apathy from which it rouses to attend theaters, dances, and other social frivolities which make the winter tolerable. Ice bound and dark the winter may be, with only three or four hours of pale sunlight a day, but the popular idea of the wilds of Nome is an interesting myth. Electric lights, telephones, department stores, banks, hotels—Nome has all of these perquisites of modern civilization.

When the sun begins to shine steadily and the fresh surf pounds on the beach, Nome awakes and the summer residents who have gone "outside" return. The population is practically doubled. Nome spends its summer months in wildly rushing about to make up for the enforced dullness of the frozen winter.

MUSICIANS HAVE LONG LIFE

Reasons Why Those Who Furnish Us With Sweet Sounds Are Not Cut Off in Youth.

Investigations made recently by a well-known doctor lead him to conclude that musicians who play wind instruments are exceptionally long lived.

Coronet players are credited by him with an average life of 69.1 years. Clarinet players are next with 64.4, while the average oboe and bassoon player lives to be about sixty-three years old. The lowest duration of life by these players of wind instruments is in men who handle the flute. Because of the formation of their instruments, they do not have opportunity for full exercise of their lungs. Therefore the flute player, according to this authority, reaches an average age of 61.2 years.

It is interesting to observe the number of seemingly aged men who are members of orchestras. The theater orchestra that does not number one or two men who have left their hair far behind with the years, or are so gray that they appear well upon the century mark, is an exception. The truth is that a steady and moderate daily use of the lungs, which is called for by the performance of professional duty, is responsible for this remarkably high average of existence.

THEN IT CAME HOME TO HER

Moment When Henrietta Realized That There Were Dishonest People in the World.

Henrietta Weir looked at the change the conductor had just given her—a quarter and five nickels.

"Goodness," she thought excitedly, "he's given me a nickel over! I'm riding for nothing!"

And she quickly closed her hand over the change, and then she remembered that the conductor had rung up her fare and that probably the nickel would have to come out of his own pocket.

"Oh, dear!" she thought remorsefully. "Perhaps the poor man has a large family and perhaps a nickel a day is all he can afford to feed them with. I suppose I really ought to return it to him. But no, he has a bad face—I shouldn't be surprised if he beats his wife every day, and it would serve him right to suffer for his own carelessness! Still, of course, I wouldn't like to feel that I am depriving his baby of its daily bucket of milk—no, I'll keep it—a man in his position has no moral right to have a large family. Goodness, what if he should suddenly find out he gave me too much and demand it back again? I think I'll get right out—I'm only ten blocks from home, anyway."

And at the next stop she hurriedly left the car, still clutching the quarter and five nickels in her hand.

"I'd better look again—perhaps there are only four nickels after all," she thought. And she opened her hand and looked. No, there were five, but, as she looked, the quarter slipped through her fingers and fell on the pavement—with a hollow, leaden sound.

"Oh!" she gritted through her teeth. "The dishonesty of this world!"

Burglars Dread a Noise.

"Noise is the greatest enemy of the burglar and is what he most fears. Bear that in mind if you believe a thief has entered your home."

So says Frank McCarrick, lieutenant in Manhattan's downtown detective headquarters, whose long years in the police department give weight to his statements.

"The best of alarms in a household," he continued, "is a glass or chinaware pitcher or similar vessel. Slam it through the window and its crash above will be followed by another as the missile falls to the street or the arway below.

"Never grapple with a midnight prowler, for he is prepared for such eventualities and has it on you. Generally no quarrel of conscience would come between him and murder if there was danger of his being caught."

Etiquette in Mexico.

Travelers through Mexico report many peculiar customs which reflect the temperament of the people. Some of these are founded upon superstitions hundreds of years old while others date from more recent days. There is a prevailing belief in the country that there is bad luck in a sequence of threes and wherever possible the combination of three is avoided. This is shown very often to persons strange to the land in the lighting of a cigarette.

In the United States one often sees three men light their pill from one match. It would be a gross insult in Mexico to offer a man a light from a match that had already started two cigarettes going. Instead one must blow out the match and give him a light from the ignited coffin nail.

Frogs That Have Hair.

"Finer than frog hair" has long been a slang method of expressing the superlative degree. Doubtless no one ever gave it a thought whether frogs have hair or not. Probably no one ever realized they did until Prof. G. A. Boulenger discovered in the German Congo frogs that had growing upon their bodies either hair or a very good imitation of it. It has since developed that anatomically it is not hair, in the sense in which that term applies to mammals. Our own hair is skin to finger nails; it is a horny growth, whereas the "hair" on the African frogs is an abnormal development of the tubercles that appear on the skin of the ordinary frog. The ordinary person, however, who places appearance above origin, will doubtless call it "hair."

The Government Wants Your Black Locust Trees

It has commanded every Black Locust Treemill plant in the country, owing to the scarcity of the wood. To complete the ship building program any trees you can spare from your groves are absolutely needed. Will you not write the Western Ship Supply Co., at Room 1201 N. W. Bank Building, Portland, Ore., and let them know how many you can spare. They will pay you a reasonable price for them. 18d20

HORSES FOR SALE

Broken or unbroken. Will be sold for cash or on time, purchaser giving note with approved security. Horses can be seen on my ranch at the Tub Springs. JAMES CARTY, 4dtf Lexington, Oregon.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, July 5th, 1918.

Notice is hereby given that Frank M. Pedro, of Echo, Oregon, who, on May 25th, 1914, made Homestead Entry, No. 013372, for Lots 4, 5, 6, and 7, and E 1/2 SW 1/4, and W 1/2 SE 1/4, Section 6, Township 1 South, Range 29 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three-year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before C. C. Patterson, United States Commissioner, at his office, at Heppner, Oregon, on the 10th day of September, 1918.

Claimant names as witnesses: Robert A. Culick, Mason F. Duncan, Gussie E. Ayres, and John Brosnan, all of Lena, Oregon. C. S. DUNN, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, July 5th, 1918.

Notice is hereby given that Gussie E. Ayres, of Lena, Oregon, who, on November 17th, 1913, made Homestead Entry, No. 012615, for E 1/2 SE 1/4, E 1/2 SE 1/4, Sec. 10, N 1/2 NW 1/4, SW 1/4 NW 1/4, and NW 1/4 SW 1/4, Section 11, Township 2 South, Range 28 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three-year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before C. C. Patterson, United States Commissioner, at his office, at Heppner, Oregon on the 10th day of September, 1918.

Claimant names as witnesses: Walter Kilcup, James Sheridan, of Heppner, Oregon; Robert A. Culick and James T. Morgan, of Lena, Oregon. C. S. DUNN, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION—ISOLATED TRACT.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, July 5th, 1918.

NOTICE is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Sec. 2455, R. S., pursuant to the application of Olive M. Neal, of Echo, Oregon, Serial No. 015583, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, but at not less than \$2.00 per acre, at 10 o'clock A. M., on the 11th day of September, 1918, next, at this office, the following tract of land: E 1/2 NE 1/4, E 1/2 SE 1/4, Sec. 24, Tp. 1 N., R. 27 E., W. M.

The sale will not be kept open, but will be declared closed when those present at the hour named above have ceased bidding. The person making the highest bid will be required to immediately pay to the Receiver the amount thereof.

Any persons claiming adversely the above-described land are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the time designated for sale. C. S. DUNN, Register. NOLAN SKIFF, Receiver.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, August 6th, 1918.

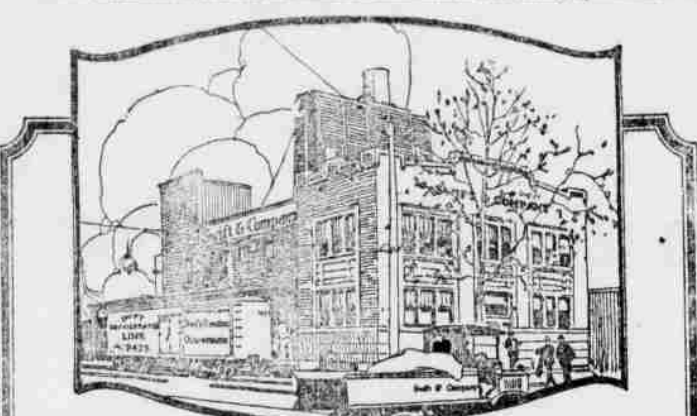
Notice is hereby given that Robert B. Steers, of Hardman, Oregon, who, on June 28th, 1915, made Homestead Entry, No. 015179, for SE 1/4 NW 1/4, SW 1/4 NE 1/4, NE 1/4 SW 1/4 NW 1/4 SE 1/4, Section 21, Township 5, South, Range 24, East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Three Year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before C. C. Patterson, United States Land Commissioner, at Heppner, Oregon, on the 10th day of September, 1918.

Claimant names as witnesses: Charles H. McDaniel, James H. McDaniel, George McDonald, John J. McDonald, all of Hardman, Oregon. H. FRANK WOODCOCK, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, August 15, 1918.

NOT COAL LAND. Notice is hereby given that Flossie E. Gilman, see Dinwiddie, of Top, Oregon, who, on February 19, 1915, made Homestead Entry, No. 014323, for S 1/2 S 1/4, Sec. 21, and N 1/2 N 1/4, Section 25, Township 7 South, Range 28 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before C. C. Patterson, United States Commissioner, at Heppner, Oregon, on the 10th day of October, 1918.



What is a Branch House?

The Branch House is the place in the packing organization where what the packing plant does for you is put where you can use it.

Both are the natural result of growth and development in the living thing they belong to.

Swift & Company Branch Houses are located in distributing centers all over the country. They are fitted out with refrigerating equipment to keep meat cool, sweet and fresh.

Each one is in personal charge of a man who believes in what Swift & Company is doing for people and wants to help do it.

They are directed by men who have spent years learning how to get better meat cheaper to the places where it is needed.

Meat is shipped to the branch houses direct from the packing plants in Swift & Company's refrigerator cars, in such quantities that it can be disposed of while fresh and sweet.

Your meat dealer comes here to buy your meat for you—unless someone else can treat him better than we can.

So you need the branch house in order to live well; and the branch house and the packing plant need each other, in order to be useful to you.

Swift & Company, U. S. A.

Claimant names as witnesses: S. T. Dinwiddie, of Top, Oregon. James Wilks, of Top, Oregon. Fread Neal, of Monument, Oregon. G. C. Langdon, of Top, Oregon. C. S. DUNN, Register.

ISOLATED TRACT PUBLIC LAND SALE

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, July 30th, 1918.

Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Sec. 2455, R. S., pursuant to the application of Zeita Brannan, of Lena, Oregon, Serial No. 015340, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, but at not less than \$2.00 per acre, at 10 o'clock a. m., on the 11th day of September, 1918, next, at this office, the following tract of land: NW 1/4 SE 1/4, S 1/2 SE 1/4, Sec. 24, NE 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 25, Tp. 2 S., R. 28 E., W. M.

This tract is ordered into the market on a showing that the greater portion thereof is unobtainable or too rough for cultivation.

The sale will not be kept open, but will be declared closed when those present at the hour named have ceased bidding. The person making the highest bid will be required to immediately pay the Receiver the amount thereof.

Any persons claiming adversely the above-described land are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the time designated for sale. C. S. DUNN, Register. NOLAN SKIFF, Receiver.

Open an account with THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF HEPPNER Assets over One and a Quarter Million Dollars.