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Persistent Prods.

A CERTAIN young chap in Heppner high school who shows promise at "colymating" is making himself obnoxious to anyone unsympathetic with the notion of Heppner having a swimming pool. He persistently prods. And his prods will produce results.

A great amount of mass inertia must be overcome to push objectives toward the goal of progress. It isn't that the general public is necessarily uninterested, but habit is an ominous obstacle. The young folks, with habit not so strongly entrenched and, too, not encumbered so heavily with responsibility, are more aggressive.

It takes young blood to keep older blood flowing. If the youth of Heppner unite in their determination to get a swimming pool, the older folk will be encouraged by the stimulation and find a way. The young columnist cannot turn the trick by himself, but his persistence, if it pervades a wide enough circle, will accomplish the desired end.

Spring Zephyrs.

IN THE spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of a swim next summer. And so does the young lady's. . . In the spring, also, a deep sigh of relief is breathed by the housewife at the prospect of less dust. Meaning, of course, that she is hoping for surfaced streets before summertime. . . Several other persons, maybe not so young in age, but very much so in perspective, are seriously eyeing a prospective pea industry. Judge Campbell says a number of test plots are in prospect this spring. . . A spring jackrabbit hopped up from Boardman and stole the basketball tournament show. His name is Ted Wilson, and he's headed places. . . Spring zephyrs loosen the bonds of poetic fever. We have an offering next week from the "old-timer," C. A. Minor. Watch for it. . . Rumor has it that Fred Hoskins is ducking fast to dodge the proboscis of the baseball bug. Others are being bitten. Another sign of spring. Then there's Bill Bayless digging in the yard; an unusually heavy crop of angle worms; the good wife's suggestions of painting and fixing around the house; and Willow creek running muddy. To old timers the latter was once an undeniable sign, it being said that a certain historic gentleman who lived on the upper reaches of the creek was taking his spring bath. . . Anyway, we say, rushing for the kerchief, "Sprig has cub."

Lion or Lamb?

DID March come in like a lion or like a lamb? That's a question you may answer. Quincy Scott, Oregonian cartoonist, showed March as a lamb with raincoat and umbrella. Probably that depiction would hold just as true for Morrow as Multnomah, as a heavy rain ushered in the new month Sunday night and Monday morning. If we are to take such an entrance as a happy medium of two extremes,

maybe we can look forward to a similar exit. That would be welcome. In any event, the weather has been lamblike since the rain, a happy fact, indeed, for the many new woolies now arriving in the county.

Gets Beaver Tryout.

IT MAY or may not be that the name of Larry Ritchie, erstwhile soupbone artist of Ione who hung up an enviable reputation in the Wheatland baseball league, will appear in the Portland Beaver lineup. Ritchie has gone to Los Angeles with the expectation of getting himself looked over by the Beaver bosses. Larry's friends have their fingers crossed. The neighboring town already has one of its former prides performing in the big leagues. He is none other than Curt Davis who pitched for the Ione club two successive seasons at the beginning of a scintillating career, including a fine record with the San Francisco Seals in the coast league and fine performances with several major league clubs, most recently with the Chicago Cubs, National league pennant contenders last season.

Legislature End

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year, with a drop in the age qualification to 65 years on January 1, 1938. This program, it is figured will cost both the state and the counties approximately \$680,000 more during the biennium than Governor Martin had included in his budget for old age pensions. Predictions are that the senate committee's proposals will meet with general approval and will be adopted by both the House and Senate as a most satisfactory compromise of a perplexing problem.

Labor bills, loaded with dynamite, continue to repose in committees and will probably remain there when the session ends. Even those who favored the measures seem to regard this as the best solution of another dreaded chore.

This week the state building program was dropped into the hopper. This program includes provision for the purchase of additional land in Salem, adjoining the capitol site, and the construction of one and possibly two, new buildings, one of these to house the state library. The program, if approved, will be financed through a loan of \$850,000 from funds of the industrial accident commission and such federal grants as may be available through the Public Works administration. Authority is also to be vested in the board of control to purchase an office building in Portland for state purposes. Such a building would be financed without cost to the taxpayer, the cost to be met through rentals to be paid by departments occupying the building. Several Portland buildings are being offered the state, including the Oregon building, now partly occupied by state departments, and the Elks Temple.

The hangman's noose which served Oregon for, lo these many years in carrying out the death penalty, is now to be retired in favor of lethal gas. The legislature has authorized the change. Cost of the gas chamber and necessary equipment is estimated at \$300.

The criminal syndicalism law which has been on the Oregon statute books ever since the days of the World War, has been repealed at last. In its place the legislators have written a new statute defining the crime of conspiracy which makes it a crime for two or more persons to conspire together to commit a felony.

It now looks as though the people of Oregon were to have another chance to vote on an increase in the pay of the legislators. A resolution which has the backing of the State Grange, Federation of Labor and American Legion has been introduced. It bears the names of 12 senators and 32 representatives which practically insures its passage without much difficulty.

Frustrated in their attempt to secure favorable action at the hands of the legislature on their "Sunday closing" bill the Independent Retail Grocers are turning to the people through the initiative.

HORSE ERA IN CITY PASSES WITH RAZING OF OLD STABLE

By the end of the week Heppner's transition from a frontier town will be almost complete.

No doubt a flood of memories will surge through many minds as the change is completed—as the last vestige of a glorified age is removed from the city's main thoroughfare.

Newt and Gene Jones, Joe White, and others of those fearless bronc busters will ride again in the old barn lot. Billy Gordon will be hitching up his best team of bays to the rubber tired buggy for the gay city blades to take bustling and plumaged lassies for a Sunday afternoon drive. Willis Stewart will come forth in high-heeled boots, flapping sombrero and flowing mustache to greet drivers of the six-, eight-, or mayhap 12-horse freighting wagons. Sam Meadows will be trotting out his pinto ponies, then the Matlock and Swaggart horses, all prize horseflesh of an earlier day, will pass again in review.

The cowboys will ride into town again on Saturday nights, racing their horses out at a late hour to the booming of sixshooters.

The crowd will be out again to greet the Canyon City stage coach and to hear the news of a new gold strike. But the flood of memories will not stop.

Incident recalls incident as associations of the old livery stable pass in review. It is the livery stable that is now passing from the picture.

The old blacksmith shop is no more. Tommy Brennan was the last smithy to get his livelihood from shoeing. Pap Simons, Scrivner, Ashbaugh, Klein and others there were whose business was revolutionized by the farther and farther encroachment of gas, steam and electric power machinery into the horsepower field. . .

No longer may one see the highly liveried Percherons proudly pulling the Palace hotel bus to and from the depot. Frye's stocky Belgians no more may be seen drawing the old

dray laden with beer keys. Parcell's light delivery team of grays has long since given way to the gas propelled rigs. Ed Breslin alone maintains a team in his fuel service, the only remainder of those former days. . .

And so the day of the horse in Heppner is almost past. The last vestige of the colorful era is disappearing with razing of the old livery stable on south Main.

Moved from the site of the present Ford garage following the fire of July 4, 1918, the stable has fallen into disuse the last few years except for Rodeo time. Billy Gordon was its host for many years at the old site, followed by Billy McRoberts. Then Willis Stewart, who before ran the old Red Front Livery stable, took the helm. From him it passed again to Billy McRoberts, and then to Henry Robertson, the last of the stable operators.

The old Meadows stable, later run by Mike Healy, long since was converted into a lumber shed and houses the Tum-A-Lum office. A bit ironical, perhaps—from the horseman's point of view—a garage filled the site left by the Gordon barns. Now a garage is to be built on the old Palace hotel corner. In the transition, a garage and service station stand where once stood the old Natter Brewery and the Star hotel. Gilliam & Bisbee's modern two-story building covers ground where once stood the Vic Groshen saloon and other small businesses. The old Times and later Gazette Times office once stood on the site now being vacated by the livery stable.

The fire of July 4, 1918, removed the old structures, and hastened the transition.

Art Parker has the job of removing the last monument to the passing horse era. Wightman brothers have purchased the old stable and will use the salvaged lumber.

The old livery stable had to go. Abandoned for use, it became a fire menace, increasing insurance rates. The city dads condemned it some time ago. The land, which has reverted to the county for taxes, may soon again be in demand.

Miss Harriet Heliker is spending the week visiting at home near Ione, but will return to her studies at Northwestern School of Commerce at the end of the week.

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REV. R. C. YOUNG, Pastor
Bible School 9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
C. E. Society 6:30 p. m.
Epworth League 7:30 p. m.
Evening Service 7:30 p. m.
Tuesday, Boy's Club 7:30 p. m.
Thursday, Fellowship Meeting, 7:30 p. m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.
ALVIN KLEINFELDT, Pastor
Bible School 9:45 a. m.
Morning Services 11:00 a. m.
C. E. Society 6:30 p. m.
Evening Services 7:30 p. m.
Choir Practice, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.
Midweek Service, Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

The following quotation from Lewis E. Lawes, prison warden, Sing Sing, gives his attitude toward the Sunday School:

"Today, more than ever before, the work of the Sunday-school is of vital importance. It develops the spiritual and moral character of our youth which is of outstanding importance at the present time. Religious education is just as necessary as the training provided by our public schools, and the value of the Sunday-school in the proper guidance of our future citizens cannot be emphasized too strongly."

There will be no evening service at the Christian church this Sunday. We are dismissing to cooperate in the union meeting at the Methodist church where a missionary from Africa will speak.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH.
(Episcopal)
10 a. m., Church school.
11 a. m., Holy Communion and sermon by Archdeacon Hinkle.
6:30 p. m., Young Peoples Fellowship.
All are welcome.

THE ASSEMBLY OF GOD.
E. D. Greeley, Pastor.
Sunday services:
Bible School 10:00 A. M.
Devotional, 11:00 A. M.
Evangelistic Service, 7:30 P. M.
Weekday services:
Cottage Prayer Meeting, Tuesday, 7:30 P. M.
Evangelistic Service, Friday, 7:30.

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