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"The Good Earth"

ALL that was good in the life of Wang the Landlord sprang from the earth, as told in the famous story of Pearl S. Buck. Her inimical, straightforward style goes deeply into a philosophy that applies to humans everywhere. Fundamentally, Wang the Landlord, could be a man of the earth anywhere.

And so it is when rains come in season, filling the earth with bursting life, that Wang the Landlord rejoices. He can look forward to enough to fill his storehouses against the long season in which the earth lies dormant, so that there will be no hungry mouths at his house, and besides have some to turn for a little silver with which to purchase some of the added joys of life.

Wang the Landlord learned thru many trying years, some when there was no rain and the crops withered lifeless upon the ground, and others when the floods came and hopelessly covered up his fields, that his true security was with the earth for it constantly replenished his supplies of foodstuffs, clothing and silver, whereas without the land his supplies faded and nothing came back to replace them.

With copious rains this week, the good earth of Morrow county is wet and steaming, bursting with life such as Wang the Landlord was pleased to see. Little seeds sown in the past season have swelled and burst and life in them grows abundantly, a soothing balm for sore eyes and aching hearts that found the earth less affluent in recent seasons.

Where It Belongs

AN IRATE Gazette Times reader would give dog poisoners some of their own medicine. Not enough to kill them, but just enough to make them think they were going to die, so that they might experience some of the body wracking pain which stricken dumb animals undergo.

Next to the man who steals pennies from a blind person, is the dog poisoner, our informant believes. Tho some dogs are sheep killers, the poison rarely gets these. Instead, many faithful watchdogs and pets are the victims.

No matter how much one may be aggravated by dogs, whether it be the neighbor's pet which persists in wearing a path through the newly sown lawn, or whether it be a common street mut that may sneak a choice morsel from the back porch, or mayhap snarl at one going along the street, still there is no excuse for the poisoner. There is plenty of law under which one may act, and city and county officials stand ready to cooperate in protecting property rights in a just manner.

The dog poisoner takes the law into his own hands just as much as does

the mob which strings a human up to a tree. Both are menaces to society, and have no proper place in any civilized community.

Aside from the illegality, dog poisoning is the most despicable of acts. Its perpetrator is devoid of the last vestige of sportsmanship. Not only does he jeopardize others than his opponent, but he attacks in the dark, without slightest warning and giving no fighting chance whatever. No matter how ill bred the cur, he is a gentleman beside the man who would poison him.

Columbus Took a Chance.

DAYS of depression have taught our people to be very wary of stocks and speculation. It was the gambling instinct run rampant that caused prices to soar on the stock market far above any justification from earnings or the industries they represented. And it was the forced readjustment of values which caused the entire nation to suffer.

So today, there should exist a great deal of caution, when venturing upon anything that smacks of speculation.

Still there exists the element of chance in any venture, greater or lesser as the nature of the venture may be. Columbus took a chance and discovered America. Great explorers in other fields also took chances, many apparently hopeless, to realize returns proportionately as great as did Columbus, in science or in industry.

Behind every venture there must be a stage of exploration to see if the nebulous idea really contains that of tangible worth. It is the promoters who attempt to make the tangible from the nebulous, and their explorations in the early state are termed "wild catting."

We hold no brief for the thousands of gentry who have fleeced honest people of hard earned savings through many fantastic wildcatting schemes. There have been unscrupulous promoters by the legion who have placed an odium upon the profession by their misleading practices. But when a promoter comes along and lays his cards face up on the table, hiding nothing and making no fantastic promises, then does he elicit our admiration.

A new corporation has just been granted a permit to sell stock for the development of the natural gas possibilities at Wells Springs. It is purely and simply a wildcatting venture as admitted by its incorporators. There is nothing beyond the opinion of two professedly reputable geologists on which to pin one's faith when investing in the company's stock—that is other than a business set-up which guarantees that the investors' money will not all be soaked by a high-powered stock sales organization, as sometimes has happened.

If Morrow county people buy the stock, they will do so with their eyes open, knowing that the hope of dividends lies in the nebulous idea containing the true germ of reality.

But, still there is pleasure in toying with the idea of a producing gas field being uncovered right here in Morrow county.

MOTHER.

(Hilma Swenson Nelson of Ione read this original poem at the annual Troedson family reunion last Sunday.)

The years have been long and lonely without you,
Empty, silent and long.
And, oh, how I miss you, my Mother.
She was my friend, and now she is gone.

I have grown; I, too, am a woman,
Brown hair like you, and tall.
I have only your picture to gaze at;
Such comfort it brings to us all.
But I dream of you, my Mother, so often—

In dreamland a child by your side.

And now you sleep beneath the daisies,
In God's mansion you now abide.
Oh Mother, your name so holy in fame,
Your love and tenderness came to us all.

I alone will bow my head
And join them today and know your name.

G. T. Want Ads bring results.

Van Hoomissen-Parker Nuptials Solemnized

Church of the Holy Redeemer in Portland was the scene of the wedding of Miss Mary Van Hoomissen of Portland and John G. Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Parker of Heppner, at 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning, Rev. Father Thomas reading the beautiful ring ceremony. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Van Hoomissen of Portland.

The ceremony was performed in the presence of relatives and a few close friends. Miss Frances Van Hoomissen, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and Worth Chaney of Portland and Powers was best man. The bride was charming in her bridal dress of white printed taffeta with redingote of white silk net, worn with white hat and white accessories. The bridesmaid wore dress of similar pattern, with blue net redingote and blue accessories. Each carried old fashioned nosegays of blue delphinium, pink and white rosebuds and lillies of the valley.

A reception followed at the home of the bride's parents. Presiding at the table were Miss Marian Swanson of Victoria, B. C., Miss Evelyn Nevar and Miss Blanche Chaney of Portland and Miss Kathryn Parker of Heppner. Immediately following the reception the young couple left for a motor trip through eastern Oregon and were expected to arrive in Heppner today. They will be at home in Portland where Mr. Parker is employed as bookkeeper with Consolidated Highway company.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Parker are graduates of University of Oregon. Mrs. Parker taught last year in the Arlington schools. Mr. Parker was graduated from the local high school before going to the university, where he majored in business administration.

Attending the wedding from Heppner were the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Parker, brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Vawter Parker, and sister, Miss Kathryn Parker.

County Grangers Attend State Meet

(Contributed)

Among Morrow county people attending the 64th annual session of the Oregon state grange at The Dalles, June 7-11, were Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Parker, Jeanne and Velma Huston, Heppner; Lorena Hirl, Lena; Mr. and Mrs. Al Troedson and W. G. Palmateer, Morgan; Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Kincaid and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Heliker, Ione; Mr. and Mrs. Burton Peck, Lexington; Mrs. Lilliard and Mr. Kruse, Boardman. Minnie McFarland, Umatilla, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Lundell, Willows, and Mrs. Harriet Deos of Cecil, members of Willows grange, also attended the meeting. Mr. Lundell holds the office of steward for state grange,

and Mrs. Lundell is state chairman of the Home Economics committee.

There was something of special interest for those in attendance each day, and most interesting talks were given by the national master, Louis J. Taber; B. F. Irvine, the blind editor of the Oregon Journal; Mr. Freestone of New York, and by several other speakers. Morrow county grange put on a skit Thursday morning for the state lecturer's program.

The sixth degree was exemplified Thursday night with 216 candidates being initiated. Fred J. Freestone of New York, member of national grange executive committee, was presiding officer.

Fifty Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler county patrons enjoyed a banquet together at Mack's cafe at 6 o'clock Thursday evening.

The weather was splendid and the new dock buildings were certainly fine places for business, drills and committee meetings, and also furnished ample parking space for cars. The Dalles entertained the largest number of grangers to attend the annual meeting for several years.

The Home Economics club of Willows grange will meet at the home of Mary Lindsay on Friday, June 18.

The next business meeting of Willows grange will be Sunday, June 27, in the hall at Cecil. Business meeting will be called at 11 a. m. and patrons will bring food for pot luck dinner at noon. The H. E. club will have charge of the program hour. A gift day has been planned by the members for the grange kitchen, and the brothers as well as sisters are to contribute something to help furnish the kitchen. This kitchen shower will be for the June meeting.

FRED L. GRIFFIN.

Funeral services were held from the Zell Funeral chapel in The Dalles last Thursday morning for Fred L. Griffin, 47, for many years a resident of the Eight Mile community, and who was a baseball catcher for several years with Eight Mile, Ione and Heppner ball clubs. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Griffin, pioneer residents of the Eight Mile section. For several years he had resided in The Dalles and at the time of death was employed with the Forest Products Treating company. He was stricken suddenly at a dance while offering friends some cookies from a sack. Interment was in I. O. O. F. cemetery at Ione. He is survived by his widow, Gladys, two sons, Frederick and Dean; three sisters, Mrs. V. Kaiser of Maupin, Mrs. Veda Ritchie of Portland, and Mrs. Lyda Ball of Yakima; and two brothers, Frances W. of The Dalles and Phillip of Ione.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Riggs and baby son, Frank Clark, arrived yesterday from their home in Eugene for a visit at the home of Mrs. Riggs' parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Clark. Mr. Riggs, former U. of O. footballer, was wearing the whiskers adorning all Eugene adult males as a reminder of the Oregon Trail pageant to be presented in that city next month. Mrs. Riggs and son expected to remain for a more extended visit while Mr. Riggs will leave for home the end of the week to get back on the job at his service station.

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