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STEAMING UP

The sun is with us a little longer during these present days than he was during December, and his rays work more effectively than when winter's influence was stronger. As a matter of fact, it begins to be more apparent, even to those cautious folks who know the weather man for a fickle sort of character, that spring is flirting with us. Some of us have even gone so far as to express the unqualified opinion that spring is here to stay.

Spring's virus is in the air, even though winter should come back for a short visit. The tulips are peeping through the ground. The grass is painting the landscape with green. Marble games have been in progress these many weeks. Dead leaves from last year on the lawn fill father with apprehension as to the labor that will be necessary to remove them.

Change is with us. Farmers who come to town these days are not so deliberate and casual as they were only a month since. They move with speed and directness. Their nostrils trained through many seasons to catch the first whiff of spring's odors, have told them that it won't be long now until the plow should be busy turning over dirt. Ditches must be cleaned before many days. There are a thousand and one things that presently will be crying to be done, and because forehanded farmers want to keep away from a rush of work as long as possible, they are starting early so they can boss the job, instead of being bossed by the pressure of the job.

How invigorating is this season. The sluggish near stagnation that marks the few weeks after Christmas is all but forgotten. The goods and wares of the merchant suddenly come to be in demand. There is work for them to do, and they are purchased by men and women bent on accomplishment.

The Hermiston country is preparing to launch into another season's work. Sleeves will soon be rolled up, shirts will open at the collar, and coats of tan will be the proper shade on the faces of father and the boys. We're steaming up, 'arin' to go.

The north section road between the Tilden and Jewett ranches has been reported as being impassible in places. The mail carrier has not tried to get over the bad places for some time, and residents out there stated that the road was torn up by the county too late in the fall and did not have a chance to settle properly before winter rains and snows came. In the meantime the ranchers most vitally affected are welcoming the spring sunshine and the effect it is having in slowly drying the mud.

Just as if farmers lack in free advice, along comes Henry Ford and says machinery and science are more needed by agriculture than livestock and the lowly hen. Henry knows how to make cars, but a few years ago he demonstrated his lack of knowledge of history. Now he has gone and done the same thing over again.

REVIEW OF LEGISLATURE

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tion administration.

The senate postponed indefinitely a bill authorizing an appropriation of \$50,000 for a woman's building at the old soldiers home. This bill was sponsored by the Women's Relief corps.

Motor Regulations Opposed
 Strenuous opposition to additional regulations affecting motor vehicle owners was voiced in the senate when a bill providing for inspection of tourist camp grounds was defeated.

Sixteen senators voted against a bill to provide for distribution of automobile license plates by the sheriffs of the various counties instead of through a centralized office as now handled.

The legislature of Washington has refused to appoint a committee to confer with a committee from the Oregon legislature with relation to fishing legislation on the Columbia river, according to a letter received by the chief clerk of the senate.

A bill extending the time for obtaining the state soldiers' bonus or loan was passed without opposition by the house. It provides that one may apply for cash benefits up to June 30, 1930, and for the loan to June 30, 1945.

Representative Pierce's bill permitting dancing after midnight and until 3 A. M. in counties of the state of lesser population, failed to pass.

Repeal of the motor vehicle certificate of title law which was sought in a bill introduced by Senator Upton, was defeated in the senate after a lengthy and somewhat heated debate. Twelve senators voted for the repeal of the certificate of title law, while 15 senators voted against the repeal.

Voters to Pass on Salaries
 Voters at the next general election will pass on a proposed constitutional

amendment prohibiting salary increases for both state and county officers during the terms for which they were elected, under a resolution introduced by Senator Brown and approved by 22 of the 30 senators.

By 31 votes, the house passed Representative Graham's bill, which does away with the personal liability of automobile owners or drivers for injuries to their guests. The bill carries an emergency clause. It was opposed by most of the lawyers of the house, who urged it was throwing down the bars for negligence and that it would be declared unconstitutional.

A bill introduced in the house by Cramer, to prohibit livestock from running at large in precincts through which a state highway runs came in for a severe roasting in the senate, and failed to pass.

The senate reconsidered and approved a bill repealing the present law making it incumbent on men desiring to obtain a marriage license to first submit to a medical examination.

The senate indefinitely postponed a resolution providing for a constitutional amendment creating the office of lieutenant governor.

Governor May Be Budget Officer
 The senate approved a measure sponsored by Governor Patterson providing that he shall be the state budget officer. Twenty-one senators voted for the bill and nine opposed. It previously was passed by the house.

The budget bill gives the governor power to appoint a budget master, and appropriates \$25,000 for the administration of the budget department.

It was one of the principles set out in the Patterson platform when he sought nomination and election to office, and the senate vote grants to him the power which he told the voters he would seek of the legislators and would use, if given to him, to reduce state expenditures.

The senate, by a vote of 19 to 9, with two members absent, approved a house bill introduced by the Tillamook and Washington county delegations authorizing construction by the state highway department of what will be known as the Wilson river toll road.

Senate Opposes Phone Investigation
 Twenty-four members of the senate recorded their votes as opposed to adoption of a memorial introduced by Senator Dunne requesting a federal investigation of the telephone rates now effective in the state. The memorial was indefinitely postponed.

Senator Upton has introduced a bill abolishing the state fish commission and placing the duties of the department under the state board of control.

Creating of the office of superintendent of the Oregon state penitentiary was provided in a bill introduced by Senator Moser. The superintendent would have authority to appoint a warden and deputy warden.

This bill is part of the administration program to place the various prison industries on a profitable basis. Members of the board of control said the superintendent would act as executive officer of the institution and would be held responsible for the management of the penitentiary industries. He also would have general supervision over the entire prison plant.

Salesmen Exempt as Peddlers
 The senate passed a road and highway committee bill eliminating commercial salesmen from the operation of the so-called peddlers motor vehicle license tax. Under this law commercial travelers were compelled to pay a motor vehicle license fee 50 per cent in excess of the license fee assessed against other vehicles.

The new bill in addition to repealing the peddlers' license tax, fixes the last half of the year for securing motor vehicle licenses as of June 1. Under the present law the last half of the year begins July 1. The last half license fee under the new act would be based on 60 per cent of the total license fee.

Senator Bailey has introduced a joint resolution referring to the voters of the state a constitutional amendment making the provisions of the workmen's compensation act compulsory as affecting all hazardous occupations. Under provisions of the proposed amendment, all employers and employees engaged in hazardous occupations would be brought under the act without any opportunity for election or rejection.

Beautiful Bird, but Has Bad Reputation

Mexico has contributed a number of striking species of birds to the lower Rio Grande valley of Texas, but none more handsome, more mischievous or more provocative of interest than the large green, yellow, blue and black member of the crow-family, says Nature Magazine. He is nearly a foot in length, his upper parts are a lovely blue-green; the crown of the head and hind-neck, a deep, rich blue. The forehead is almost white and the chin, throat, chest and eye region black. The shoulders, rump and upper tail are yellowish green, the four middle tail feathers being a darker, brighter green, while the outer ones are yellow.

He is an inveterate robber of the nests of wild birds as well as those of domestic fowls.

Slitting Parrot's Tongue

"It is a widespread superstition that to enable a parrot to talk (in imitation of human speech) it is necessary to slit the tongue," says Alexander Wetmore in the Scientific Magazine. "This, however, has no foundation in fact, and when practiced only inflicts an unnecessary cruelty. Birds make sounds in a little organ known as the syrinx at the lower end of the trachea or windpipe, and as the tongue has little to do with the process, slitting it has no connection whatever with the ability to imitate sounds."

Fish's Odd Method of Attracting Prey

For a long time it was considered that the nearest allies of the angler fish, well known in British waters, were fish living on or near the bottom of the sea. But recent investigations show that there is another group that live in midwater at depths of from 1,000 to 5,000 feet from the surface.

This region presents conditions inhospitable to life, and as conditions must be almost uniform from season to season, by day and by night, peculiar modifications are to be expected in creatures capable of adaptation to such a strange environment.

Perhaps one of the oddest concerns the primary need for the maintenance of the species. How can a fish find its mate in these vast, trackless, gloomy spaces, where they are prevented from living in shoals by the poverty of the food supply? It has been found that in some of the species the males are minute dwarfs living as parasites attached to the females.

Most of the fish live wholly on other fish, and, like the angler fish, obtain their prey by attracting it and then engulfing it in capacious mouths armed with sharp and flexible teeth that bend inward towards the gullet.

The fishing apparatus is developed from one of the spines of the dorsal fin, and consists of a stiff but movable basal part, the rod; a long flexible part, the line; and a tip with barbs, representing the hook. The bait is a luminous bulb, the outer skin being nearly transparent and containing a glandular sac which sheds a secretion by a pore.—Vancouver Province.

Many Luminous Plants Known to Naturalists

Glow worms are not the only living things that are luminous. Several plants and parts of plants have the power of shining in the dark.

There is, for example, a luminous moss. It can be seen in crevices among rocks and large groves by the roadside, sometimes in patches measuring six or seven inches across. The common tormentil gives off a light, too—just close near the roots. If the roots are dug up and cleaned of soil, they will be clearly outlined in the darkness by a pale green phosphorescence.

The light given off by decaying wood is common enough, but few people perhaps have noticed the light given off by leaves during the fall of the year. When beech and oak leaves start decaying they glow with much the same kind of light that comes from fresh fish.

This light is caused by tiny threads that are interwoven into the plants and are essential to their health, although often they do not start glowing until the plants are either dying or dead. If the underside of a glowing beech leaf is examined under a magnifying glass, small yellow spots will be seen. These are the centers of the fibers, and if one is disturbed with the point of a pin it will glow more brightly for a few minutes.

Finishing Sealskin

Natural sealskin is so heavy and salt-impregnated, so thick, greasy and coarse-haired, that no woman would care to wear the fur until it had been properly dressed. It requires a number of operations to finish the raw skins. They are washed, dried, cleaned with oil-soaked sawdust and skived to one-third of their original thickness. The skiving requires the most sensitive touch, as the knives must go deep enough to loosen the roots of the stiff hairs but must not touch the roots of the fur itself. When the bristles are loosened the skins are turned over and the bristles are rubbed out. The skins then go to the hot rooms, where the fur side is exposed to blasts of hot air. The last operation is the dyeing that gives the fur its characteristic color. Unlike ordinary things, sealskin is colored by being painted with coat after coat of dye, put on with a brush.

An Alibi for Ed

Two backwoodsmen in Maine knocked at the door of a house at the edge of the forest. "Hello, Ed!" said one of them to the farmer who came to the door. "Say, we come across the dead body of a man over there in the hollow an' we kinda thought 'twas you."

"That so? What'd he look like?" asked the farmer.

"Well, he was about your build—' 'Have on a gray flannel shirt?"

"Yep."

"Boots?"

"Yep."

"Was they knee boots or hip boots?"

"Let's see. Which was they, Charley, knee boots or hip boots? Oh, yes, they was hip boots."

"Nope," said the farmer. "'Twasn't me."—Boston Transcript.

He Knew Better

Two negro boys were engaged to change one of the large, heavy tires used on the present-day type of motor coaches. The bulk and weight of the tire was giving them quite a little trouble and a bystander, noticing this, made an offer of a quarter to the one making the nearest correct guess of the actual weight of the tire.

The very first boy to proffer his guess very confidently said, "Dis here tire weighs 35 pounds, boss."

Whereupon the other boy hilariously drolled his reply: "Boss, dat shows how ignorant some niggers is. Ah jest put 70 pounds of air in dat tire."—Forbes Magazine.

A "Show Me" Boy

Bobby had his mother's best bread knife out in the yard, where he had been trying to cut bricks. His mother found him at the job and asked him:

"How in the world do you expect mother to cut bread with that knife when you get through?"

"I don't know, mother. Show me how," came back Bobby, who handed the knife back to the fond parent.—Columbus Dispatch.

Will Keep Hands off Evolution
 Memphis, Tenn.—Opposition to any legislation that would interfere with the proper teaching of evolution or scientific knowledge generally in the schools and colleges was expressed by the educational association of the Methodist Episcopal church, South. This sentiment was embodied in a resolution adopted.

TAKEN UP NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I have taken up and have kept for about 100 days at the W. C. Kik ranch four miles north of Hermiston, the following described animal: Sorrel gelding, weight about 1200 pounds, about 12 years old, winelass brand on right shoulder. Said animal will be sold, unless redeemed, at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand on the 5th day of March, 1927, at the above described ranch at 10 o'clock A. M.

Dated at Hermiston on this 17th day of February, 1927.

(Signed) W. C. KIK.

24-2tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of George Anderson, deceased, in the County Court in the State of Oregon, for Umatilla County. All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present such claims duly verified, and with proper vouchers attached, to the undersigned at the office of Raley, Raley & Warner, in the First National Bank Building, in Pendleton, Oregon, within six months from date of this notice, the same being dated and published the first time this 17th day of February, 1927.

M. H. HOBSON,
 As administrator of the estate of George Anderson, deceased.

Raley, Raley & Warner & John F. Kilkenny,
 Attorneys for Administrator.

24-5tc

In the Matter of the Application of O. D. Teel, to Include Certain Lands in the Westland Irrigation District.

Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of January, 1927, the petition of O. D. Teel, holder of the title or evidence of title to land adjacent to the Boundaries of the Westland Irrigation District, was filed with the directors of said district, praying that the land of said petitioner be included in the Westland Irrigation District. The name of the petitioner, and description of land mentioned in said petition is as follows:

O. D. Teel. The South Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and the South Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, of Section Twelve, Township Three north of range twenty-eight east of Willamette Meridian. All persons interested in the matter of said petition or who may be interested or affected by such change in the boundaries of said District, are hereby notified to appear at the office of the board of directors of the Westland Irrigation District at Hermiston, Oregon, on the 1st day of March, 1927, at eight o'clock P. M. of said day, being the next regular meeting of the board after the expiration of the time of publication of this notice, then and there to show cause, if any they have, why said petition should not be granted.

Dated this 18th day of January, 1927.

J. W. MESSNER,
 Secretary of the Board of Directors of Westland Irrigation District.

20-4tc

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE

In the County Court of the State of Oregon For Umatilla County, in the Matter of the Estate of

William C White, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned as administrator with will annexed of the estate of William C. White, deceased, and pursuant to an order of the above entitled Court made and entered on the 8th day of January 1927, will sell for cash in hand in one parcel at private sale upon sealed bids at the First National Bank in Hermiston, Oregon, subject to confirmation by the above entitled Court, all of the following described lands located in Umatilla County, Oregon, and all belonging to said estate, as follows: Beginning 345 feet west and 30 feet south from the center of the southeast Quarter of Section 10, Tp. 4 N. R. 28 E. W. M., thence west 157.5 feet; thence south 300 feet; thence east 157.5 feet; thence north 300 feet to the place of beginning in Umatilla County, Oregon, and that said administrator will receive bids for said land from and after Monday, the 21st day of February, 1927, and will sell said land to the highest bidder for cash, provided said bid is satisfactory to the Judge of the above entitled Court.

This notice is published four consecutive weeks in the Hermiston Herald, a newspaper of general circulation published weekly in Hermiston, Umatilla County, Oregon and by posting the same notice in three public places in said County and State, all in the manner and form as by law provided.

Dated this 20th day of January, 1927.

F. B. SWAYZE,
 Administrator with will annexed of the estate of William C. White, deceased.

20-5tc

Where an American Hangs His Hat

Once a hat was not just a hat; it was also a badge of sectionalism. That was when the broad-brimmed Stetson and the nobby derby seldom met. When South, East, North, West lived differently, dressed differently, thought differently. When a traveling American could feel like a stranger in his own land.

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