

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers

Milton—One hundred acres of land in the Milton-Freewater area have been contracted for by the Utah-Idaho Sugar company for a venture in sugar beet growing.

Baker — Shipments of ore from Baker to the smelter during 1936 amounted to 82 cars. The loadings include concentrates and crude or direct smelting ores.

Klamath Falls—The public library definitely became the property of the city recently with the redemption of the last \$5000 bond issue by City Treasurer Ruth Bahiany.

Baker — First checks issued for work done under the 1936 soil conservation program in Baker county were received last week. The 90 checks amounted to \$15,818.60.

Corvallis—Tax reverted lands in Benton county total 19,139.24 acres and 974 city lots. Total assessed value of this property is \$172,615, and charges against the property total \$42,228.06.

Astoria—With the price of salmon at 20 cents, more fishermen are getting their gear in condition for winter season gillnetting. About 20 boats are out at present. All the fish are disposed of on the fresh fish market.

Astoria—The Clatsop county court will soon take up the matter of appointing a county dogcatcher. So far, only 202 dog licenses have been taken out. On March 1 the dogcatcher's activities will start, with double fees. Last year over 1200 dog licenses were taken out.

Port Orford—Although her bottom was badly ripped on rocks in the harbor here when she was driven aground late last week by high winds, the 196-foot freighter Cottonera reached an open beach before she finally came to rest and seems in no danger of breaking up.

Eugene—More than 150 trees were found across the upper Siuslaw road between Lorane and the O'Brien creek bridge, all weighted down by the heavy snow, according to a report reaching the county court last week. The county road patrolman for that district has a crew of men at work removing them.

Albany—Construction of a 130-foot span crossing the Calapoia river at Brownsville has been decided by the Linn county court. Commissioners Renninger and Colley reported last week after visiting the proposed site of the bridge in company with Glenn Paxton, state bridge engineer, and County Engineer Larsen.

Monmouth—F. E. Murdock, manager of the Monmouth Cooperative Creamery and Warehouse association, in his annual report at the stockholders' meeting, showed in operation of the creamery and warehouse combined an increase in total sales over 1935 of \$22,212.12; an increase in gross profits of \$698.14; and a total decrease in expense of operation of \$1,827.65.

Salem—Two Willamette graduates left this week for Japan to take up work in the consular and teaching fields, respectively. Ivan White, of Salem, graduated in '29 and assistant in the diplomatic corps in Mexico City for two years, left last week for Yokohama, where he will do consular work. The other is Jack Bellinger, Lebanon, who did graduate work on the Willamette campus last year.

The Dalles—State and city police here had visions of a murder mystery or possibly a death by freezing during the recent storm, when a hysterical woman telephoned that a human leg was projecting from a snowbank four miles up Mill creek road from The Dalles. Investigation revealed that a practical joker had dismembered a wax dummy of a woman, of the type commonly used for window dressing; draped a leg in a silk stocking and a suede shoe and "planted" it where it would be discovered by passing motorists.

FIRE LOSSES LARGE Salem—Fire damage to the extent of nearly \$2,000,000 on lands coming under the jurisdiction of the state board of forestry resulted during the past season, according to compilations revealed by the state forester's office. Figures show that a total of 1302 fires burned over 223,321 acres of land with a resultant loss of \$1,954,728. Coos county, center of fire-fighting activities for three months, sustained a loss of \$1,605,353, over 80 per cent of the state's total.

Eugene—Eugene teachers are due to receive a back-pay check, March 1, and a somewhat augmented salary from then on, as the result of school board action in adopting a new schedule suggested by the teachers' committee.

Hood River—While deep snow in Hood River valley will delay spring operations in orchards, fruit growers say the benefit to be derived from the moisture reserve will more than offset the hindrance to pruning apple and pear trees.

WORLD'S BEST COMICS

Lighter Side of Life as Depicted by Famous Cartoonists and Humorists

THE FEATHERHEADS

By Osborne

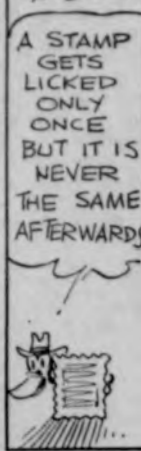


Laft at the Post

By C. M. PAYNE



QUACK



'SMATTER POP—Betcha Here's an Answer Pop Will Never Get

By C. M. PAYNE



MESCAL IKE

By S. L. HUNTLEY

Back Again



FINNEY OF THE FORCE

By Ted O'Loughlin

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BRONC PEELER—Bronc Has a Happy Thought

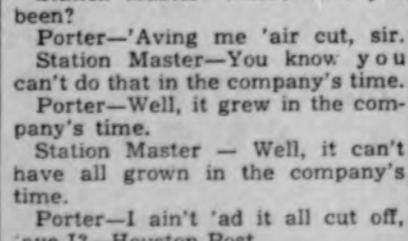
By FRED HARMAN



The Curse of Progress

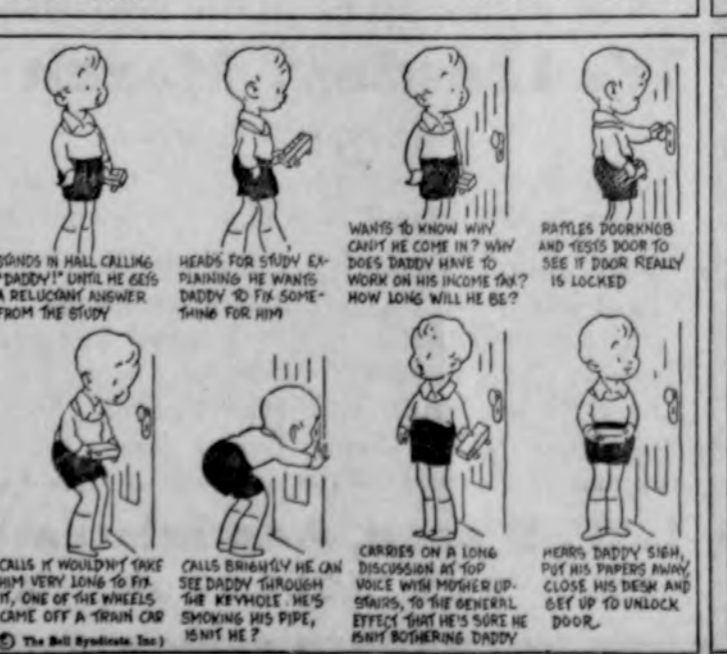


Splitting Hairs

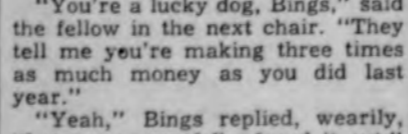


LOCKED DOOR

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



Rainbow's End



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