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### Columbia Diversion Study

The reclamation bureau wasn't fooling when it came out some time ago with the proposal that water from the Columbia river be diverted to drought-ridden portions of California. That the bureau still has the matter under study is shown by the request to the house subcommittee on interior department appropriations for \$170,000 to enable continuation of the study.

THE Columbia basin, with its enormous excess of water, is the only known source of water needed in California and neighboring states, a memorandum from the bureau explained.

It will be a year or two before a report can be made to congress. In the meantime there will be no information given out as to possible routes for the proposed diversion, said the bureau in making the study fund request.

IT WAS also stated that there has been no estimate of the quantity of water which might be diverted but it was said that it would be very small compared with the 170 million acre feet of water which is annually discharged by the Columbia into the saline embrace of the Pacific ocean at Astoria. E.C.F.

### Early Oregon Printing

A commission was appointed in 1855 to meet in Jacksonville and review the claims of citizens for property destroyed by the Rogue River Indian tribe during the war of 1853. Handbills broadcast at the time are among the interesting items described in "Oregon Imprints," a bibliography of material printed in Oregon from 1847 to 1870, just issued by the University of Oregon Press. Author and compiler of the book was the late Douglas C. McMurtrie, noted typographer and bibliophile. His work was carefully revised by his associate, Albert H. Allen, and the manuscript was submitted to the University of Oregon press in 1943.

AMONG printed material described are several other items of interest in Southern Oregon. There is, for instance, the listing of Jackson county and state candidates for the 1862 election. The list was carried in a copy of the Jacksonville Civilian, published by S. H. Jenner at Jacksonville in May, 1862. The Civilian was short lived, however, as it suspended publication at the end of that May.

EXCERPTS from H. D. Sheldon's History of the University of Oregon reveal that "in 1851 the (university) location was given to Marysville, now Corvallis. . . In 1854 a board of commissioners received a gift of five acres, advertised for bids, accumulated building materials and other assets worth \$2,877.20, all for the benefit of the Marysville location. But the very next year, the university was relocated at Jacksonville in Southern Oregon. A year later the legislature repealed this act. . ."

IMPRINTS also refer to a catalogue gotten out by one of Ashland's pioneer business concerns, the Tolman and Blake Nursery. The booklet, listing fruit trees, was from the press of the Table Rock Sentinel of Jacksonville.

Another reference to the Jacksonville Sentinel tells of a poster issued on October 6, 1866, by the board of trustees inviting proposals for building a bridge across Rich Gulch on the Applegate road.

THE overland mail route to California from Portland, passing through all important mining centers of Southern Oregon and Northern California, was advertised July 19, 1866 by posting of cards which sported a large woodcut of a stage with galloping horses. According to the "Imprints" description of the card, the stages from Portland connected with the railroad at Oroville for Sacramento. The journey, which required six days, cost \$50.

ONE of the most interesting items described is a circular published June 7, 1847 by James W. Nesmith at Oregon City. The circular was issued as an answer to J. Quinn Thornton, in the controversy over Thornton's denunciation of the southern Oregon or Applegate immigrant route.

Nesmith's circular declares that: "J. Quinn Thornton, having resorted to low, cowardly and dishonorable means, for the purpose of injuring my character and standing, and having refused honorable satisfaction, which I have demanded; I avail myself of this opportunity of publishing him to the world as a reprobate liar, an infamous scoundrel, a black hearted villain, an arrogant coward, a worthless vagabond and an imported creant, a disgrace to the profession and a dishonor to his country."

### Farm Marketing Cash Receipts Said Down

For the first time in 12 years, cash receipts from farm marketings in Oregon have shown a decrease, according to a report prepared by the Oregon State college extension service from United States department of agriculture reports and other data. Figures just released for 1949 show a decline of 13 per cent

from the record high of 1948. Farmers' cash receipts are still more than three times the pre-war average, the extension service said. Receipts from crops declined 15 per cent for the year and livestock and livestock products were down 12 per cent. Just how much the decline means in terms of realized net income to Oregon farmers cannot be determined yet, according to the extension service, because data on production expenses are not available. For the United States as a whole, realized net income dropped 17 per cent during 1949, according to preliminary estimates made by the bureau of agricultural economics.

### Activians Attend District Conference

Councillor Al Bradford, immediate past president, and Clint Bennett, president of the Medford Active club, represented this area at the annual spring council meeting of District 3, Active International, that was held in Eugene Sunday. The southern Oregon delegation was headed by Vince Vandrie, Grants Pass, lieutenant governor of District 3.

The session was held at the Eugene hotel and was attended by representatives of Active clubs in Oregon and southern Washington.

### Crosstown

by Roland Coe



"That fence goes all the way around the block—and Julia is makin' Tubby clean off the whole thing, just for writin' her initials in a couple places!"

### On the Side—By E. V. Durling

(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

I am only one  
 But I am one.  
 I cannot do everything,  
 But I can do something,  
 What I can do,  
 I ought to do,  
 And what I ought to do,  
 By the grace of God I will do.  
 —Lannon Ferrer.

(Keep the above in mind when you come upon a wrong that needs resistance, or a cause that needs assistance. . . A good, strongly worded letter can often do wonders. As for example, a New Yorker becoming angered at the dirty condition of the street he lived on wrote the mayor that if said street was not cleaned immediately he would start a movement to have him impeached. The street was cleaned the next day.)

The salaries of bookkeepers in New York City are now from \$45 to \$75 a week, according to a secretary who commands \$60 a week. Experienced stenographers are paid from \$45 to \$55 weekly. Telephone operators get \$42 a week. Receptionists are paid \$35. Beginning clerks just started acting career in London at the age of eight. His father, W. H. Denny, was a well known member of the original Gilbert and Sullivan Opera company. Reggie first really hit the limelight when he was starred in a series of films about a boy in a miniature airplane. He is also credited with having developed the first non-man-carrying radio controlled aeroplane. Get It Right

"There seems to be much confusion as to the appearance of this character of the old West known as Calamity Jane," writes a California subscriber. "I knew Calamity Jane personally in the early nineties and have her picture before me. Her height was five feet 11 inches. She had shoulders like Dempsey, a mannish but not unkindly face, a high forehead and jet black hair. Her name was Jane Canary. She was Irish. She died about 43 years ago in the Gallatin Valley of Montana and is buried next to Bill Hickok in Deadwood, S.D."

"You say a codfish ball is round," writes a New Yorker. "My dear fellow, a codfish cake is round. A codfish ball is spherical. I await the arrival of one so carefully wrapped. . . Among the original investors in the Ford Automobile company was Miss J. V. Couzens who put in \$100 and later sold the stock thus purchased for \$355,000. That was really picking a long-shoot, what?"

Queries from clients Q. Is there a song titled "Home in Pasadena"? A. Never heard of it. Q. The man I am interested in is the only boy in his family and he has six sisters. Anything in your Mules & Men files on what sort of husbands men with many sisters make? A. Only sons in families of many daughters usually make good husbands. They understand women. Also, having been surrounded by so many females for so long, they are inclined to be more tolerant of feminine faults, and eccentricities. The only threat in marrying a man with a lot of sisters is that sister-in-law trouble may develop. Sisters are usually somewhat critical of their brothers' wives. Especially when that brother is the only one they have.

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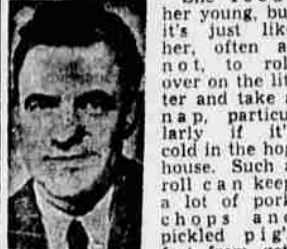
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### A Nichols' Worth of—Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS  
 United Press Feature Writer

Washington, March 1—(U.P.)—The sow, or mama hog, is a dumb critter.



Harman Nichols

She feeds her young, but it's just like her, often as not, to roll over on the litter and take a nap, particularly if it's cold in the hog house. Such a roll can keep a lot of pork chops and pickled pig's feet from getting to market.

General Electric thinks it has solved the dilemma of the sow, with no help from her. It has devised a gimmick which it calculates will grow more, rather than fewer pigs, by the simple process of saving the lives of those which are born in the first place. If you follow me.

The G.E. experts figured that if the sow gets chilly—so do the little pigs.

They figured if mama and the pigs were in a place that was warm, more of the little ones would grow up to make fine bacon, pork chops or hams.

There were all sorts of experiments and the electricians finally came up with some heat lamps. It was a simple thing, really. They are the same kind of lamps we use around the house to take the ache out of sore shoulders after a rough game of handball and used to thaw the water pipes in the basement.

Put the same lamps in the pig brooder and what do you get—more piggies surviving. The same sort of treatment can be used in the hen house, the lamb shed, and the cow barn to protect the young of each.

In cases where the heat lamps are used, according to Joseph P. Ditchman, farm lighting specialist for G.E., an average of 1 1/2 pigs per litter are saved.

**Pig Saved Is Money Saved**  
 Ditchman reasons it like this: A sow farrows early in the spring and averages six to eight pigs to the litter. A litter of five just about breaks even on the open market. Profits to the man in overalls come on all over five pigs.

It takes about 140 pounds of feed to bring a pig to market age. A pig sells at a lot of money saved. . . And the more pigs on the market, the less city folks have to pay for a slice of ham.

As for the farmers: Heated brooders, according to Ditchman, are easy to build and don't cost much. They consist of a boarded-off corner of the farrowing pen. You can cut a front opening about eight inches high—big enough to let a pig in. Lamp Attached To Roof

A heat lamp can be attached to the roof, about 16 to 36 inches above the ground.

The electric light company will tell you that a pig brooder consumes about 36 kilowatt hours of electric power per litter. That is from the time a pig is born until it's big enough to go out and risk a bad cold.

The department of agriculture says that pig brooder research and development have been going on for a long time, among state colleges and experiment stations and power suppliers.

You don't have to sing to a pig to keep it happy. Keep it warm.

### Ghost Of Niles Canyon Takes To Heels As Officers Fire Shots

Oakland, Cal., March 1—(U.P.)—The ghost of Niles creek canyon stopped walking yesterday and began to run when policemen fired two shots into the air.

About 20 years ago, a girl mysteriously disappeared in the east bay canyon and legend has it that since then, at midnight of February 27, the ghost of the girl walks through the canyon.

About 30 citizens, plus Deputy Sheriffs William Rose and Ed Pavon, were on hand last night at Stonybrook park trestle when the witching hour arrived. Sure enough, a figure garbed in white strolled down the railroad tracks and glided out on the trestle.

The deputies, being practical men, fired two shots into the air.

The ghost, also being practical, ran pell-mell to the deputies and surrendered. Deputies said the ghost was a man, but refused to reveal his name.

### The Grange

Roxy Ann Grange  
 At last regular meeting of Roxy Ann Grange Valentine's day was celebrated in fitting style. Colorful pantomimes and tableaux portraying pistol packing mama was enacted by Mrs. Henry Mohler and Chas. White.

Department officials said the funds should be sufficient for the rest of the bismium, ending June 30, 1951. They will provide for tree planting, snag falling and seeding on state forest lands. Most of the work under way is in the Tillamook burn area.

**Provide For Study**  
 The funds also will provide for an initial study of reforestation needs and possibilities on 10,000 acres of the Nicolai mountain area in Clatsop county and preliminary studies in Linn, Lincoln, Marion, Jackson, Josephine and Douglas counties. The department said planting crews would resume work this week which was halted by heavy snows since fall in the Tillamook burn area.

This is the second issue of the bonds since they were authorized at the November, 1948, general election and by legislative

### County Engineer To Attend Association

Paul B. Rynning, county engineer, will attend the 47th annual meeting of the American Road Builders' association to be held in the Netherlands Plaza hotel in Cincinnati March 6 to 9.

Rynning is a member of the board of directors of the association and will take part in discussions of the nation's highway problems with the 1,500 delegates expected at the meeting. Federal aid to highways will be the theme of the four-day conclave.

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