

## New Manager To Assume Duties at Montgomery Ward

C. A. Brown, acting manager at the Medford Montgomery Ward and company store, announced yesterday that A. E. Oines, formerly of the Reno, Nev., branch of Wards, has been appointed manager of the store here. He will replace P. A. Timm who has resigned because of his health.

Oines is an Oregonian and has had about 15 years' managerial experience with the firm. Brown will become assistant manager on Oines' arrival.

E. L. Davis, who has been acting assistant manager at the local store, has been appointed assistant manager at the Grants Pass store where he will report Monday. Davis came to Wards from the University of Oregon a year and a half ago under the company's management training program.

**SAFER LOLLIPOPS NOW**

Gary, Ind. (U.P.)—Plastic now is making lollipops that are safer for children, the National Patent Council says. The sticks are soft, flexible and wider at one end so they can't be pulled out of the candy.

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## On the Side—By E. V. Durling

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Ever hear of Lue Gim Gong? He was a Chinese known as "the Luther Burbank of Florida." He settled in Deland, Fla., in 1886. In 1889 he introduced a new variety of orange and for this was awarded the Wilder Medal by the United States Department of Agriculture. In 1892 he originated the Gim Gong grapefruit, which withstands ten degrees greater cold than other varieties. Gong also pollinated a currant with a grape and produced the cherry currant, which is as large as a grape. In addition, he perfected a peach for growth in greenhouses.

**Stargazers**

An unusual Florida settlement is the town of Orlovista. This is largely inhabited by astrologers. Many of these stargazers just come to Florida for the winter, but practically all of them are always ready to furnish a horoscope for a price. Maybe I could persuade that Milwaukee checker-upper to visit Orlovista. He could have a horoscope made by each of one hundred astrologers and then compare them. That could be an interesting experiment in checking up. It might even furnish excellent material for a magazine article.

**Please Note**

Near Orlovista is the Deer Island pit. This is a place with a seating capacity where cock-fights are held regularly. The birds are matched by their weight, which is from four to six pounds. A four-pounder is a lightweight, a six-pounder is a heavyweight. The fights are by rounds and the contest lasts from twenty to thirty minutes.

An international tournament is held annually. In this game-cocks from all over the world compete. The amount of the purse for this event varies, but it has been as high as \$25,000.

Admission to the international tournament is \$5. The betting is terrific. You can have my share of cockfighting. I think it is a cruel, inhuman sport. Just as bad as bullfighting.

**Summertime**

Palm Beach, which is, of course, right on the ocean, is said to be a pleasant place in the summertime. The socialites who winter there have summer homes in northern resorts. However, their Palm Beach homes are expensively furnished and they like to have them well taken care of in their absence. Therefore, many couples who like Palm Beach in the summer agree to act as caretakers in return for free rent. Thus many people in moderate circumstances live in luxurious cottages at Palm Beach, rent free, for eight months of the year.

**Getting It Right**

Have been checking up on Kissimmee, Fla. The name of this town was once erroneously mentioned on a National radio broadcast as "Kiss Me, Florida." Kissimmee is in the Florida cattle country. It has been visited for over seventy-five years by cowboy boys out for a good time. Kissimmee had the first bar in the country where a man could have a drink without getting off his horse. That type of bar originated in Kissimmee in 1870. It was later copied by western cattle towns.

**Sidelights**

Among the wide variety of activities in Florida is frog farming. A frog lays from ten to thirty thousand eggs a year. The frogs are not marketed until they are two years old.

**Insects**

The grapefruit and fish are not the only things that grow to huge proportions in Florida. They have some formidable looking spiders around here. Taking a shower this morning I was amazed to see climbing up the wall a spider as large as a crab. The house we are living in was recently built and is in the best residential section of this part of Florida. There are also quite a few ants around here. The mosquitoes seem to have been eliminated.

**What's In A Name**

The population of Christmas, Fla., is only 250, but its post office does a terrific business during the Christmas season. Many people send gift packages to the town to be forwarded to various sections of the country so they can bear the Christmas postmark. Throughout the year there is a demand for cards from collectors of unusual post marks.

Jacksonville, Fla., once had more moving picture studios within its limits than Hollywood, Calif. That was in the early days of the silent film era. The period when Owen, Matt and Tom Moore, Alice Joyce, Arthur Johnson, Wally Van, Flora Finch, Lillian Walker and John Bunny were the leading film stars. It was the custom at that time for all the companies having studios in New York to go south for the winter. Most of them located in Jacksonville.

**Joker Plays 'Meanie' And Rubs It in Too**

Greensboro, N. C. (U.P.)—Roger Tilley paid plenty for that new car and he didn't want it to sound just like a bag of bolts. A dealer check-over failed to eliminate an annoying rattle.

Tilley delivered an ultimatum, eliminate rattle, or provide new car.

He and the dealer watched the mechanic going over the shiny sedan and they heard a muffled yelp of triumph from beneath a fender. Out came a small bag containing loose nuts and bolts and the following note:

"Bet you had a heck of a time finding this."



**AIDED BY EASTER SEALS**—Gene Noland, 10, La Grande, a victim of cerebral palsy, is shown above receiving special leg exercises from Mrs. Jeanne Huffstutler, physical therapist, at the Children's Hospital school in Eugene. The school, which is open to crippled children from all sections of the state, is financed by sales of Easter Seals.

## Origin of the Planetary System

By J. Hugh Pruett  
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"Please discuss the prevailing theory regarding the formation of the planets." (W. J. D., Sioux Falls, S. D.)

Seven years ago Dr. C. H. Clemenshaw of the Griffith observatory in Los Angeles wrote, "At present there is no accepted explanation of the origin of the planets." Today the older theories are crumbling and new ones are clamoring for recognition before the scientific world.

**Easiest Way Out**

The easiest way out, the one which would require no knowledge of the deep mathematical and physical laws of Nature's methods of operation, would be to assume that "in the beginning" the planets, complete in their present forms, were placed in their existing orbits never to change in any way. But our telescopes show us that changes are taking place before our eyes in some of the stars as they are rent asunder in what we call novae and supernovae.

In 1775, Immanuel Kant, the German scientist and philosopher, proposed a planetary formation theory. This was put into more tangible form 20 years later by the brilliant French mathematician Laplace. This was called the nebular hypothesis. Laplace suggested that the space from the sun to the farthest planet was once occupied by a disk of hot gaseous material. As this rotated, contracted and cooled, rings were left behind which finally collected into the various planets, and with the central portion becoming the sun. This beautiful theory had almost undisputed sway until about 1900.

At the beginning of this century, Chamberlain and Moulton of the University of Chicago propounded the planetesimal hypothesis in an attempt to overcome definite imperfections in the older theory. They assumed that the sun was once an isolated star without planets. Another blazing star charged into the solar neighborhood and by gravitational attraction tore off huge masses of material from "our star." The visiting sun went on its way into the depths of space and the loose material collected into planets. A little later, Jeffreys assumed that the visiting star actually "side-swiped" our sun and splashed material off.

Within the past few years von Weizsacker has advocated that

the primitive sun was surrounded by a shell which changed to a rotating disk that finally became planets in a "sweeping up" process. Then came Whipple's dust-cloud hypothesis in which light pressure played a large part in assembling the mighty suns and the lesser worlds.

**Struve's Suggestion**

In a recent article Struve suggested that planets possible are formed from the dissipation of the common envelope of material which surrounds certain double stars when they combine into one. Until recently it has generally been considered that planetary systems were rare in the universe, but Struve states that the most recent theories indicate the "process of planet formation is not unusual."

Next week we shall discuss the most recently announced theory, that of Dr. Gerard Kuiper of the University of Chicago.

Sunday, April 9, 1950

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THIRTEEN

## Stock Market Reaches Highest Since 1930

New York, Apr. 8.—(U.P.)—The stock market culminated a steady rise since last June today when the Dow Jones industrial average reached a new high since October, 1930.

In one of the most active sessions of the year, the industrial component finally broke through its wartime bull market high of \$212.50 established in May 1946, topping it by five cents to \$212.55. The 1946 high had been the best since October 3, 1930.

With the market closed Friday in observance of Good Friday and shut down tomorrow in the usual Sunday closing, traders rushed to execute orders which had accumulated since Thursday's close with the result that first hour volume was the heaviest since May, 1948.

Dow Jones closing stock averages: 30 industries 212.55 up 0.45; 20 railroads 56.36 up 0.13; 15 utilities 43.25 up 0.05, and 65 stocks 76.18 up 0.15.

Sales spurred to 1,000,000 shares from 680,000 shares traded last Saturday.

## Salem Students Not To Return on Monday

Salem, Ore., Apr. 8.—(U.P.)—Eighteen Salem high school students who were suspended last fall for belonging to what the school board called a secret society will not be permitted to return to their classes Monday, when spring vacation will be over, board officials said today.

Expulsion was made effective Friday for the boys who were members of the ABC, which they first said was the American Boys club, but which was called, in testimony in a recent circuit court trial here, the Alpha Beta Chi.

The board said it would grant the boys full credit for school work done while they attended classes under a temporary injunction.

When seeds of the American holly sprout, only about one-tenth produce female trees. Only female trees produce berries.

**STREET DEATHS DOWN**  
Chicago (U.P.)—The American Automobile Association estimates that U. S. pedestrian deaths for 1949 equaled 9,450, a reduction of 400 from 1948.

Howell, Mich. (U.P.)—Burglars who broke into the American Legion club brought along two juicy pork hocks. They rifled the place while the watchdog feasted.

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