

Hood River Glacier

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SCIENCE DISCOVERS THE BEE

The proverbially busy bee has arrived. Science long ago discovered this thrifty worker, and now the Sunday magazine supplement of the big metropolitan dailies takes up the industrious manufacturer of sweets and exploits the wonders of his activities, in the economics of plant life, along with the flirtations of chorus girls and seasons of prominent divorcees.

In a recent issue of the Sunday Oregonian, in the magazine supplement, we learn that the bee is valuable to man, not merely because the insect assembles from fragrant flowers the nectar sweetness, making it available for food. The bee plays a far more important part in the affairs of old Mother Nature. Dr. W. H. Ballou, Sc. D., Lt. D., L. I. D., who despite all these dignified titles, writes in an interesting style as those experts on international love affairs that usually demand the Sunday supplement space, said in a recent Sunday Oregonian:

"The farmer who owns a swarm of bees not only will have honey; he will have more and better vegetables, more and better fruit, finer cattle, richer dairy products, fatter chickens and more eggs than if he had no bees.

"That is because the bee is nature's great dependence for fertilizing plant life. It is the bee, flying from flower to flower and from plant to plant which bears pollen from the male flower to the female flower and thereby causes them to grow.

"Science has long recognized sex in horticulture and the part the bee plays as pollinator. But only lately has this discovery been applied in a practical way to agriculture. Research showed that lands with no bees became barren and lands with bees waxed fertile. A farm with a bee hive produced twice as much as a farm without a bee hive."

Growers of fruits, all the way from the cranberry bogs of New England to the prune me of Santa Clara county, Calif., have learned that bees increase their yield and give fruits of better quality. Orchardists of the Hood River valley long ago learned the lesson of the bees. It has been determined by scientific research that bees are invaluable to the truck gardener. It is a great story, and an interesting one, this of the bee and the part played by the most industrious of all insects in the scheme of nature. It is a story worthy of study.

Here in Hood River our winters are so severe and diseases have made such inroads that our bees are subject to heavy fatalities. But we might well direct some investigation for a cure of such conditions. We may keep our orchards clean of scab and eliminate anthracnose, but we must have a certain quota of bees to give the blossoms their proper pollination each Maytime.

THE CELILO WRECK

Only those who were buried from the warm, lighted train last week, quarters as comfortable as the most modern home, into the mad chaos, with its groans of the dying and screams of the injured, can realize fully the horror of the wreck on the O.-W. R. & N. line at Celilo. Such incidents cause us to shudder. Naturally, we seek, in our contemplations of such disaster, the cause and work toward future prevention of such death-dealing accidents. Railroad wrecks are not infrequent. We read almost daily of them in various parts of the country. But here on the O.-W. R. & N. line we had come to feel secure. Fifteen years had elapsed from the time of a serious wreck at Bonneville until that at Celilo. The O.-W. R. & N. Co., from its highest officials down to the lowliest laborer had been drilled in campaigns of safety first, not only for passengers but for their own protection.

While some inquiry has been directed toward getting at the cause of the wreck, no conclusive explanation has as yet been arrived at. Veteran Conductor Allison is held accountable in one newspaper report. The rail management, according to another, was negligent in failing to establish a dispatcher at the junction at Fallridge. Indeed, the most thorough investigation may never reach a point where definite responsibility can be placed for the disaster. It is certain that the wreck resulted from some slip of the human agency. After all we must lay it up to the storm that clutched the mid-Columbia. It was the climactic tragedy left in the wake of the unleashed elements.

Under circumstances like those left by the storm, railway officials, after a time become worn out. Schedules are all awry and the routine of their daily lives is topsy turvy. It is a wonder that trains move with any efficiency or degree of safety under such circumstances. The fact that they do operate with a close simulation to the orderliness of things in normal times, shows that railroad men are made of good stuff. But when disaster comes in an overflowing series, getting worse and worse, the officials become callous, as is only natural with humanity, and there is a proneness to haste and to overlook details.

The Celilo wreck was a terrible thing. It left a wake of pain, grief and sorrow. But it appears as one of those regrettable incidents for which there is no human accounting. Nothing has been shown as yet that can result in the pointing of a condemnatory finger at the rail management. Jack Allison may have relaxed from his years' watchfulness for a moment. But out of all the suffering the wreck has left in its wake, Conductor Allison's grief must have exceeded that of all others.

BLACK BEAUTY

Nobody who saw "Black Beauty" at the Risio theatre Monday or Tuesday night left with any regrets. It was a show that was interesting for child and adult alike. It was clean and wholesome and stimulated the spectator to ennobling thoughts. Shows, such as "Black Beauty", should have the patronage of Hood River folk. Go to see them and hearten the management to a further presentation of such features by words of commendation.

Favorable comment on good shows, and the box office returns on them, will do more toward putting an end to distasteful and immoral movies than any loud-mouthed condemnation of the latter.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST FRUIT EXPOSITION

At least the Seattle horticultural boosters who recently staged a big show there, so termed their fair. In the Seattle Times, however, which issued a special fruit exposition supplement, painful effort was apparently taken to exclude all other sections from participation, at least in the news of the activities, except those of the state of Washington. We have always heard that Seattle was rather selfish in tooting her own and Washington's horn. It was certainly demonstrated in this instance.

DRINKERS DO RUN A RISK

The kind of bootleg whiskey that is being sold now is another strong argument for a stricter enforcement of the prohibition law.—Newberg Graphic.

The jury at San Francisco disagreed

and "Fatty" Arbuckle has hopes of ultimate freedom. But "Fatty's" day as a popular movie idol was ended in the Rappe episode. The apparent authentic information afforded the general public as a result of the publicity given the Arbuckle case shows that "Fatty" is probably no worse than any other member of the party participating in debauching revelry. The big, jovial clown may even possess a general make-up inherently cleaner than others of the motion picture fraternity, whose actions have been revealed through reports incited by the notorious case. "Fatty" in a way was an unfortunate victim of circumstances. All in all the unsavory circumstances is going to have a beneficial effect on the motion picture business, and producers are going to heed a new demand for more moral cleanliness in the wars. "Fatty" has been a sacrificial goat.

In ancient Hebrew times, it was the custom of the patriarchs to choose an unblemished victim from the herds. Now "Fatty" was far from a spotless he-goat. While he is a goat, in the figurative sense in which we consider the word in our customary slang, his actions have revealed him as sadly in need of cleansing. The merits of the Rappe case, from the standpoint of judicial analysis, aside, public opinion has observed "Fatty" and his debaucheries and found a plenty to arouse condemnation.

Samuel C. Lancaster, builder of the Multnomah end of the Columbia River Highway, last week, after a tour of the route, returned to Portland and reported that huge accumulations of ice were endangering the concrete bridges and viaducts, the beauty of which has brought the scenic boulevard much fame. He suggested that the spans be cleared at once. Members of the Multnomah county board of commissioners, however, considered that the matter should be fully investigated. It is a wonder that some of the costly and handsome structures did not collapse while the gentlemen of the commission twiddled their thumbs and engaged in arguments. Perhaps the chinook wind alone saved their bacon and the citizens of Multnomah county much expense.

Beneath the snow blanket, the bulb and tiny seed slept serenely, dreaming of the glories of spring blossoms. The goose in a panic honked southward from the blizzard's blasts. But just as surely will they be winging their way northward when April's showers reign.

One did not have to travel to seashore last week to see the bouncing billows. They might have been beheld from a bank of Hood river at any point in the valley.

O.-W. R. & N. officials, and those of the Mt. Hood line, we know will be glad when the elements declare an armistice.

Christmas is coming on at a lively pace. Tardy shoppers will be caught as usual in such numbers as to create a last moment stampede.

Early Christmas shopping is a process that may be materially stimulated on the part of merchants by early advertising.

Sunshine and Orange Groves—Those S.P. advertisements now have a strong appeal.

In your charity budget, do not forget the Christmas Seals of the Oregon Tuberculosis Association.

Make your Christmas budget, shop early. When your appropriations have been exhausted, stop right there.

Schools to Give Fire Drills

City Fire Marshal Morgan has asked all citizens to visit the schools tomorrow afternoon and witness the children participate in fire drills. The fire marshal is promoting the fire drills as a feature of national education week. He says he hopes by offering the excitement of the fire drills to stimulate many patrons to visit school rooms and watch their children in recitations.

STATE GAINS GREAT AND NEEDED INDUSTRY

It is of interest to know that the operation of the Columbia Tire Corporation of Oregon will fill a definite need in the Northwest, and keep here a substantial portion of the money annually sent east for tires.

The above corporation has purchased an eight acre site in Kenton district, Portland, and is making preparation to begin the construction there of a modern, fireproof tire manufacturing plant within a few months, and expect to have it completed and in operation by next spring.

The men forming this organization are young, energetic, and have had years of experience with the best tire factories in the United States, where, as shown by letters from executives of these factories, they have contributed materially toward the perfection of plant organization and equipment for economic manufacture of tires.

Cumberland, Md., a city of something over 30,000 inhabitants, secured the new Kelly-Springfield tire factory, which commenced operations there some six months ago, by paying that company \$1,000,000 cash in advance, giving them a 60-acre factory site free, paying \$80,000 for changing the B. & O. railway tracks to suit the new plant, and expending an additional million dollars in building streets and sewers to accommodate the plant area to be occupied by the 3,000 workers which the factory expects to employ when it reaches its maximum capacity of 5,000 tires a day.

The Columbia Corporation did not ask for a bonus, and paid cash for their factory site and expect to employ 300 men when their first unit, which will be a 500 tire per day plant, is in operation. With an initial capacity of 500 tires and 500 men, the final plans are so drawn that capacity can be increased to 4,000 tires and 4,000 tubes per day without fundamental rearrangement.

It is just such industries as these that are to be the foundation of Oregon's prosperity and the public should be allowed the ownership of an interest in our industries, because every stockholder is a booster and many are users of the product of the industry they are interested in. This makes for the success of Oregon in more industries and a greater population.

Tax Delinquencies Grow

Sheriff Johnson reports that the delinquent tax of the county has materially exceeded the sum he had anticipated, reaching a total of \$59,000. The total delinquencies last year reached \$28,000.

"It is gratifying, however," says Mr. Johnson, "to find so many of those who fell in arrears rushing in now to make good their tax. Before the year is over, if the belated payments continue we may have the final delinquencies whittled down to almost the figure of last year."

Legion Investigates Accident Victim

The American Legion Post is conducting an investigation to determine whether John Wood, young trapper, killed by a fall from the Whatum Lake trail on Herman creek during the recent snowstorm, was an ex-serviceman. It was reported from Cascade Locks that Mr. Wood had been in the army, and tentative plans had been made for a Legion funeral Monday. Further inquiry has been unavailing in confirming the reports, and the young trapper, whose body is held here, will probably be buried by the county. A sister in British Columbia was unable to pay funeral expenses.

New Basketball Club Formed

Young business men, formerly high school, and some of them college, stars, have organized the Blue Diamond Basketball Association. A team is being developed. The local court will meet various Portland basketball organizations and will play the high school frequently. Members of the new club are: Otto and Jack Rivers, S. Lafferty, Lafferty, Jake Samuel, B. Johnson, Merton Folts and Thad Peterson.

FISS, FURS AND FEATHERS

Deputy Game Warden Loughary, who has toured different sections of the valley, reports that the recent snowstorm, contrary to alarm of sportsmen, caused but little loss of fur among game birds. In former years the flocks of China pheasants during periods of snowstorm had been very heavy. The recent precipitation came chiefly in the form of dry sleet, which did not stick to the birds and permitted of their free action. They were able to take to the trees and protect themselves in the shelter of fir and pine boughs, it is said. Flocks of the big birds have appeared at farthings in past several days, it is reported where orchardists are feeding them.

Heavy snow over the trap range of the Hood River Gun club has not prevented some of the more ardent shooters from trying out their guns. Sunday scores were made as follows by some of the sportsmen, who feared they might grow rusty if they waited until a chinook cleared the range: Will Marshall, 49 out of 50; E. V. Foreman, 48; J. G. Vogt, 43; A. F. Davenport, 43; and S. Loughary, 43. Men who shot at 25 pigeons scored as follows: S. J. Frank, 23; Wayne Poland, 23.

Hood River's youngest gun enthusiast is Hal Wittenberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Wittenberg. Although but 15, young Wittenberg is an ardent member of the Hood River Gun club. His mother states that she preferred that her boy learn how to handle a gun with proper instruction rather than go untaught into the wilds surrounding the town.

Hal is also keen on motoring, and his happiness will be near the bursting point next year when he reaches his 16th birthday and can secure a state license to drive the family Ford sedan.

J. R. and Dr. W. D. Nickelson, Al W. Meyer, of Cascade Locks and Forest Ranger Brown, of Wyeth, recently participated in a successful hunt at Arlington. They also shot a large number of jack rabbits.

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