

POST OFFICE AD- VISES OF THRIFT

In commenting on the activities of National Thrift week which began Saturday with Thrift day, Postmaster Johnson points out that it is particularly fitting that the postal service should play an important part in these activities to the first and foremost, advocate of thrift, Benjamin Franklin.

Although the first postmaster general and renowned as a philosopher, patriot, diplomat, inventor and scientist, his name will no doubt live longest by the impression he has made as an advocate of thrift. Many of his writings on thrift have become classics and will be remembered as long as our language is read.

Postmaster Johnson also would have the patrons of his office clearly understand the purpose and functions of the postal savings system, the agency of the government by which thrift is promoted. Contrary to the conception of many, postal savings is not a bank. While it is a savings institution in the proper sense of the term, its similarity to a bank ends at that point.

The policy of postal savings also differs from that of savings banks and other savings institutions. The most humble patron of the office is welcomed at the postal savings window. His purchase of a 10-cent savings stamp or his deposit of a single dollar is received as kindly and given as courteous attention as the transactions of the holder of a million dollar account at any bank.

TROUT LAKE

Trout Lake Chapter, O. E. S., held their regular monthly social at the Masonic hall Thursday evening, January 15, with a good attendance. The pleasure of the evening commenced Mrs. C. M. Cutting, who has been re-elected worthy matron for the coming year, was called to the front of the hall by Wm. Coate in behalf of the order, who with a few well chosen words in appreciation of her work and the harmony that prevails, presented her with a beautiful pearl necklace.

Trout Lake grange held their regular meeting Saturday, January 10, and installed the new officers. There was a good attendance. The discussion during the lecture hour was "What is liberty—desires to all?" The general opinion seemed to be that justice for the poor against the rich in our courts was hard to secure against the influence of money.

Mrs. Cutting, Mrs. Wm. Coate and Mrs. O. L. Wilson were appointed on the dinner committee for this year. The next meeting of the grange will be held Saturday, January 24.

We understand C. H. Pearson has installed a radio.

George Pearson, who is attending the state agricultural college at Pullman, spent his holiday vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Pearson.

Good seed corn if not hand picked last fall is selected by successful Oregon growers and tested for germination some time in February.

Old fashioned dance, Rockford hall, January 23.

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POULTRY

The Glacier wishes to start a poultry column and will be glad to print from week to week the experiences of local ranchers and orchardists with chicken raising.

The following is the experience as related by Allen Macrum, of Dee, who with his son, has started egg production as a side line to orcharding.

"We purchased April 1, 1924, 500 day-old chicks, Hollywood strain of White Leghorns, from C. D. Nickelsen, of Hood River. We raised 450-230 roosters and 220 pullets. Some of the pullets started to lay at five months old. In August we received 9 eggs; September, 330; October, 2189; November, 3784; and December, 3877. From December 17 to December 27, the thermometer registered from zero to 16 below, so that reduced the egg production for that month. We built a chicken house 18x45 at a cost of \$365.

"On the credit side we have: Eggs sold, \$325.77; chickens sold and eaten, \$24.25; total receipts, \$350.02; 200 hens at \$2 each, \$400; total, \$800.02.

"Feed has been very high priced this year, but we are well enough satisfied with our investment that we have ordered 500 more chicks of the same kind from C. D. Nickelsen this year and intend to build another chicken house 18x28 at a cost of \$450. We used the Hodgen-Brewster baby scratch development mash and egg mash. We mix our own scratch feed, wheat and cracked corn. We ship our eggs through the Pacific Cooperative Poultry Producers. After deducting express and commission they have averaged us 45c per dozen on all grades.

Oregon's Health

(By Frederick D. Stricker, M. D., collaborating epidemiologist, Oregon State Board of Health, in cooperation with the United States Public Health Service.)

It is of the greatest importance to a state that accurate records be kept of its vital capital, of its gain by birth and its losses by death. The true wealth of the state does not lie in its lands and waters, not in its forests and mines, not in its flocks and herds, not in its dollars and cents, but in its healthy and happy men, women and children. A well man is worth more to the state than a sick man. Disease is a departure from normal health. Disease impairs the body and mind of the individual person, ruins his efficiency and ultimately destroys him. The strength of a state is but the result of the combined virtues, vices, ills and deficiencies of all individuals. Moreover, though disease originates in the individual it spreads by contagion from one person to another, and, if unarrested, ultimately to the whole people, sometimes ending in a national plague.

Every Oregonian is, or should be, interested in the health of his state. In 1923 there were 353 less deaths in Oregon than there were in 1922. A reduction of the unusually low death rate of this state should be appreciated by all. Health is an asset that the state of Oregon cannot capitalize too highly. The decrease in the death rate was due to a lessening of the usual number of deaths from pneumonia, influenza and diabetes. The conditions in Oregon are undoubtedly favorable to the prolongation of human life. A graduate analysis of our human bookkeeping records shows that there are possibilities of a greater life saving. Tuberculosis and measles claimed more lives in 1923 than in 1922. Special steps must be taken to safeguard our citizens from these infections.

A campaign of education is needed to inform the public just how these diseases should be reported to the proper authority at once, not to be mischievous—desires these individuals of their liberty, but for the purpose of instructing them how they can better care for themselves and how they can live so as not to be a menace to others. A graduate of tuberculosis or consumption who follows instructions is a safer person to associate with than the ordinary citizen. Many deaths could be prevented if the knowledge now existing were actually applied in a reasonable way to a reasonable extent. Statistics show that 42 per cent of the deaths of persons in the United States could be prevented or postponed. The health problem will be solved when education in all its forms is brought to bear upon problems of human living.

Baptist Ladies Meet

The first meeting of the year was enjoyed by the missionary ladies of the Baptist church last Thursday at the home of Mrs. L. H. Huggins. Devotional exercises were in charge of Mrs. L. A. Ousted. A reading, "Missionaries Undaunted by Plague," by Mrs. J. R. Heaton, was an interesting account of conditions and success of missionaries in the plague stricken quarters of Los Angeles last fall. A New Year's Promise was read by Mrs. J. K. Carson, after which Mrs. C. R. Delepine presented Mrs. Parriot, who was recently married, as the guest of honor. She was presented with a beautiful picture. Miss Alberta Carson sang, accompanied by Mrs. Olmsted.

Camp Fire Notes

A weekly meeting of the Talekva Camp Fire Girls was held Monday at the Methodist church. Estelle Mays was elected publicity manager and Inez Young was elected scribe for the ensuing year. At the close of the meeting the girls discussed the true meaning of kind deeds and decided each one would try to do at least one kind deed a day. A monthly ceremonial will be held at the home of Inez Young, at 8 p. m. Saturday. There are many things of importance to be brought up before the girls, therefore try to be present.

Big Crowd at Smoker

A large crowd was present Tuesday night at the Mt. Hood Community hall for the first of a series of winter smokers scheduled. The main boxing event with Don Hatch facing James Wirtwick, the latter of Dee, was a draw. The fighters weighed in at 152 pounds. Rogers knocked out DeHart. Church and Goss fought to a draw. Jesse Hutson and Dick Hanna were heavyweight wrestlers. The decision was given Hutson after Hanna became too ill to continue. Dick Rogers was given the decision in a wrestling match with V. Keks.

OBITUARY

Mrs. W. D. Stewart. Funeral services for Mrs. W. D. Stewart, who would have reached her 80th birthday next month, were held Tuesday morning at a private service at the Hartness mortuary. The body was taken to the Portland Crematorium, where a service was held at 1 p. m.

Mrs. Stewart, who was a native of Massachusetts, had resided in Hood River for the past 25 years. She had been an invalid for a number of years. An only son, William Stewart, a retired merchant, survives Mrs. Stewart.

Mrs. Stewart was the wife of Rev. Wm. D. Stewart, a pastor of the Christian church, of Bethany, Mo., whose death in 1864 left her a widow. She afterward taught in a young ladies' college at Columbia, Mo.

Mrs. Stewart came to Oregon in 1877, where she has continuously made her home with her only son, Wm. M. Stewart. While she was residing in Portland Mrs. Stewart became a charter member of the Portland Woman's club, and entered into and enjoyed the club literary work, but since coming to Hood River a frail and delicate constitution has kept her social relations within rather narrow limits. Only to those who had the pleasure of her intimate acquaintance was given the privilege and opportunity to know her sympathetic mind and her brilliant intellect. Among these friends and with the favored authors in her own library Mrs. Stewart has enjoyed the pleasures of a long life, quietly going to sleep at the age of 80 years.

Funeral services for Helen, the 17-year-old daughter, of Mrs. Stewart, Charles Baker, of White Salmon, were held yesterday at the home on the Snowden road, interment following at the White Salmon cemetery. The death of the young woman occurred Monday, following an operation for appendicitis. The funeral was conducted by C. C. Anderson.

In addition to her parents, Miss Baker is survived by a sister and five brothers.

Jason Rand

A telephone message received here Tuesday announced the death of his home in Portland, of Jason Rand, son of M. V. Rand, pioneer Eastern Side orchardist who developed the orchard place now owned by John Rath.

Mr. Rand's body will be brought here today by S. E. Hartness for funeral services and interment in the wild cemetery. He was survived by his wife and two sons, Arthur R. of Marshfield, and Homer, of Portland. A daughter, Mrs. Edna M. George, resides in Portland. The following sisters and brothers survive: Mrs. Lulu Horning and Harvey and Bert Rand, all of Portland, and Mrs. Lucy Clelland, of Morgan.

Clipped Here and There

A current analysis of the cost of apples in the great cities of the North Atlantic states provokes curiosity as to why more people in those states do not engage in the production of that fruit. The apple market in those cities is dominated by fruit from the far Northwest—chiefly from Washington and Oregon. And we are told that for a crate which costs the consumer \$5, the orchardist gets only about \$1.18. The city retailer gets \$1.87, and the remainder is divided among the packers, the wholesalers, the jobbers, and the railroads.

Now there is no good reason why the markets of these cities should not be supplied to satisfy from orchards scarcely one-tenth as far away as those of the two states who have named. All the way from Maryland to Vermont there are hundreds of thousands of acres of the finest orchard land in the world, capable of producing copiously apples of a quality which the far Northwest can never hope to equal. And these lands lie so near to the great city markets as to be exempt, under proper management, from the major part of the intermediate costs. In other words, the orchardist, on the contrary, has often got much higher prices for their fruit than those of Washington and Oregon get, and yet be able to place it in the hands of the consumers at a lower cost than the latter are now paying.

In late years it is true, eastern orchardists have regarded it as impossible to compete with the western fruit. The western apple grower grades his fruit according to size; he wraps each individual apple in a sheet of tissue paper, bearing an artistic advertisement, and he packs them carefully in even layers in a neat, decorated crate. The eastern orchardist, on the contrary, has often dumped his apples of all sizes helter-skelter into a barrel, just as his neighbor does his potatoes. And when the crate and barrel are displayed in the retail fruit store in the city, side by side, 90 out of every 100 customers choose the apples in the crate. But the 100th customer is a wise man, who buys apples to eat and not merely to look at.

It is confidently to be believed that if the apple growers of the east would take the same pains in assorting and packing their fruit that those of the west do, they would easily dominate the market; and that thus vast areas of hillside and other lands in these eastern states, now lying idle and profitless, could be made the scene of an easy and most lucrative industry.—Washington Post.

Climbing to the top of Mount Hood by the way of its bare and bony shoulders is indeed a wonderful thing to do; but it is not the peak of Mount Hood and the enjoyment, though most people think so. Following the system of ranger trails about its foot and up along its many storied ridges, and down its canyons, over its sprawling streams, and along the zig-zag bridge that in places hangs on the eyebrows of its cliffs, through its deep, dark and solemn timber, then coming plump into its little pocket parks or out upon its sheer cliff edges overlooking a world of wooded billows—these are the things, the more profitable rewards for the mountain climber in the Mount Hood region.

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grows on cushioned seats all the way from the plain to the peak of Mount Hood. All the show points about it could be made accessible by the easy chair route. But it is doubtful if any such enterprise would be either commercially or spiritually profitable.

We are coming to a generation of thrill seekers and we want to take our thrills sitting. It is not good to encourage such indulgence. If the time shall soon come when motor buses or cars can dump passengers in such choice spots as Paradise Park and Elk Meadows, something must be left as a fitting reward for the sturdy efforts of horse and foot.—Portland Telegram.

There is an old gag in a popular song: "For everything wrong beneath the sun, I'll make a law to stop it." This is the season of the year when would-be political reformers advocate a multiplicity of state and national laws to remedy imperfections in trade and industry. There is a large number of people who believe that the remedy for defects and abuses and dishonesty in the business world is more and still more legislation.

As usual, many novelties and experiments are proposed this month of the year that the Romans dignified with the God Januarius, a figure facing both ways. About five new cabinet positions with prospective employment for 100,000 officials and hundreds of new state boards and commissions, also employing taxpayers galore, are proposed with the magic formula, "Be it enacted, etc."

The people can only pray that most of these propositions will be defeated and that steady principles of self reliance and common sense may prevail in their stead. We can never improve on the maxim of Thomas Jefferson that an intelligent commonwealth is governed the best when it is governed the least.—The Manufacturer.

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