



The Office Cat

BY JUNIUS

This is Kiss-Your-Bankroll Good-by Week. Christmas bills are due.

IT IS YOUR FAULT

If a man never deals with you, it may not be your fault, but if he deals with you once and does not continue it is your fault.

JOG ON, JEHOSEPHAT!

Roads get rougher every mile; (Cluck!) Jog on, Jehosaphat, an' show some style.

Mule's gone lame, an' the hens won't lay;

Corn's way down an' wheat don't pay;

Hogs no better, steers too cheap;

Cows quit milking, meat won't keep.

Oats all heated, spuds all froze;

Fruit crop's busted, wind still blows;

Sheep seem puny, an' I'll be durned;

Rye field's flooded an' the hay stack's burned.

Look's some gloomy, I'll admit—

(Cluck!) Jog on, Jehosaphat, we ain't down yet.

—Griff Crawford.

Of course it is none of our business, but whenever we see a girl smoking a cigarette, we imagine her mother chews tobacco.

Vance Hutchins is of the opinion that Santa Claus smokes a pipe, because he is such a rotten judge of cigars.

Eugene B. Debs got out of jail on Christmas day, but he lost his citizenship. The only habitual candidate for the presidency now left in this country is Billy Bryan.

Speaking of hard times—and who isn't—they say that salesmen are the most independent people on earth this year—Yep, they aren't taking orders from anybody.

General Foch says America won the war by drinking only water. We thought we were drinking water only because the boys were at war.

WAY IT GOES

"A gambler says the man who won't wager on a good thing is a short sport."

"And then the short sport has to help him pay his board."

THE QUINTESSENCE OF BLISS

A boy with a pitcher of syrup, a plate of butter cakes and all the creamery butter he wants is not going to suffer at the breakfast hour and neither will anyone else who will try it.

Subtitle from a Recent Photoplay: A son was born to her during her absence.

BENEFICENT HENNERY!

A Mickey named Patrick McCord. Was one of "the poor of the Lord." Now he's richer than cream. Getting coin in a stream—He makes something to use on a Ford.

THEY MUST KNOW HOW A FARMER LIKES TO TALK

(From a News Item) Canadian farmers were required to answer 220 questions in the 1921 census.

Doctor says there are only 180 causes of death. Still, each one of them generally proves fatal.

HOW NEWS DOES SPREAD

The Klamath Falls papers report bootleggers in that town so plentiful that they are compelled to bunk on the jail floor, 3-deep—the top ones during cold weather serving as bed cover for the under ones, who are forced to change positions occasionally.—Jacksonville Post.

OREGON BREVITIES

Clackamas county reduces taxes by cutting budget, abolishing two deputy clerks, and lowering salaries of many officers.

Warrenton—Pottery plant opened here fires first kiln.

Toledo—City raised \$15,000 as a bonus to start big timber industry that will employ 300 men as soon as housing is provided.

Astoria—Big tax payers' meeting cuts budget \$450,000.

Three bridges will be built in Marion county.

Indications are all salmon canneries will operate next year full capacity.

Gold Hill—Large body gold quartz ore hit in Danielson mine.

Monmouth to build new residences.

Pendleton Packing company employs 24 men.

Eugene to have another \$25,000 cannery. Building record 1921.

Salem—Plans complete for \$280,000 boys' training school. Present boys' industrial school to be used for institution to cure drug fiends.

Florence—Sluslaw district sawmill idle for year to reopen.

Reedsport door factory to increase payroll to 50 men.

Newburg—Work started on new business block.

123 mills reporting to West Coast Lumbermen's association for the week ending December 31st, manufactured 45,958,310 feet of lumber; sold 58,277,576 feet, and shipped 52,090,524 feet. The unshipped balance in the domestic cargo trade totaled 90,224,127 feet; and in the export trade 98,695,556 feet. In the rail trade the unshipped balance amounted to 4,029 cars.

Roseburg 1921 building expenditures totaled \$126,380.

Salem—Spaulding Logging company cuts minimum wage to \$3 a day.

Portland project, 16 street and sewer improvements.

Gold Hill shipped 100 carloads beans and apples.

Continental mine in Grant county will operate all winter.

New Oregon auto law to be tested in courts.

Douglas county taxes 3.8 mills over 1921.

Linn county taxes total \$15,000 higher than last year.

State has 286 banks with total resources of \$300,447,528.

Eugene tax levy for 1922, 55.1 mills.

State expenses for 1921, \$30,462,536, or 220 warrants daily.

Albany—Local fuel company installing lathe mill.

Marshfield—S. P. Co. to spend \$47,000 on tracks in city.

Gaston building \$3,400 drainage system.

Clatsop county court cuts wages common labor to \$3.50 a day.

Gardiner sawmill to be enlarged and operated.

Spahngum moss industry active in Coos county.

Astoria will spend \$34,485 on playgrounds and equipment.

Seefeld—Lumber mill here to resume operations.

Lakeside may be chosen as site for \$50,000 hatchery.

Haines—Creamery here again in operation.

Astoria spent \$355,253 during 1921 on street improvements.

Portland to expend \$21,000,000

"Noisy" Football for the Blind



Blind workers at a Liverpool basket factory play football during their glaner hour. The ball is equipped with tin discs which make a noise by which the blind follow the course of the ball.

on building in 1922, \$5,000,000 by City. Exports for 1921, \$67,701,000. Gain \$6,272,000.

Pendleton—Packing company here doubles output during closing months of 1921.

Molalla has bright prospects for rapid development during 1922.

Wallowa—New power plant completed in largest in eastern Oregon.

Marshfield—Gardiner Mill company ready to start after repairs and additions which will cost the firm \$10,000.

Brownsville—Repair work to start on buildings to be occupied by the Brownsville woolen mills.

Bandon—Local mill resumes operations after shutdown.

Hood River—Approximate returns to valley apple growers will reach \$3,000,000.

Reedsport—New \$40,000 sash and door factory here begins operations.

Roadwork between Brandy Bar and Reedsport progressing rapidly.

Gresham—Local lumber company adding improvements on their yard.

Baker—\$109,000 road job let for construction of bridge section of Baker-Cornucopia post road.

Miss Maud M. Carleton was a Mer-

hill visitor Friday from Klamath Falls.

N. S. Merrill has returned from a visit in Colusa and Willows.

The ball game Friday was a walk over for the Merrill boys. The score was 11 to 51 in favor of Merrill.

The lineup of Merrill was—Kenneth Colwell, Eaton Kiger, David Edgar, Hill Hill, John Merritt, Butch Ballis.

There was a game between the High school girls and town team.

The lineup of High school team was: Eva Dillard, center; Alliean Murry and Vera Offield, forwards; Mary and Bee Taylor, guards; Town team: Mary Grayback, center; Miss Provost and Joyce Sigford, forwards; Bettis, Ora Offield, Eva Murry, guards.

Miss Fern Coram is back in school after being ill for some time.

The students at the High school are to have semester examinations this week. The first semester ended Jan. 7.

C. N. Haskins and J. N. Taylor were in Klamath Falls Saturday to attend the Farm Bureau meeting.

MERRILL

After a few weeks visit in Oakland, California, Mrs. Nancy Cannon has returned to her home in Merrill.

At the regular semi annual installation of Tule Lake Lodge No. 187, I. O. O. F. the following officers were installed by W. F. Hill, District Deputy Grand Master:

N. G. C. R. Stephenson; V. G. H. C. Parker; Sec'y., L. Bowman; Treas; J. W. Taylor; Worden, E. A. Davis; Conductor, J. A. Brown; I. G., Melvin Bowman; O. G. R. F. Beasley; R. S. N. G., G. H. Carleton; L. S. N. G., Oble Walker; R. S. V. G., Dr. A. F. W. Kresse; L. S. V. G., C. N. Haskins; R. S. S., W. F. Jinnette; L. S. S. Harold Hill; Chaplain, G. W. Offield.

At the next regular meeting, Wednesday Jan. 11, a banquet will be served to which all I. O. O. F. and their families are invited.

Lyle Merrill returned this week from a two week's visit with his grandmother Mrs. Van Brimmer at Oakland, Cal. There has been rain in Oakland for the last ten days.

The Merrill Library club met at the library Thursday, Jan. 5. \$25.55 was reported cleared from the supper for the dance, Jan. 2. This is to be used for covering for the floor. The following members were present: Meedames R. H. and R. C. Anderson, Clyde Barrows, John Hannon, T. A. Barrows, C. Bowman, Leonard Bowman, Fred Peterson, G. H. Carleton, Geo. J. Walton, F. C. Grimshaw, C. Bailey, E. D. Harwood, W. F. Jinnette, Geo. Wright, C. M. Merritt and Mrs. Shuck. Meedames R. H. and R. C. Anderson, Harwood and Grimshaw were hostesses and served delicious refreshments. It was decided to give a card party each month thru the winter beginning with January.

Miss Velma Ady is home after spending a week in Klamath Falls.

Miss Fricke was in Merrill Friday and held her class in home hygiene. It was an interesting meeting and classes will be held each Friday at the Library.

In Copper Color



This Suzanne Talbot miff, like the hat, is made entirely of peacock feathers. The round full crown of the hat and the straight brim are covered with copper colored feathers, the edges of which are effectively irregular.



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