

BRIEF NEWS OF VALE

At Boise School—

Miss Edna Burt accompanied Miss Thompson to Boise Monday. She has begun a summer course in advance work at the Boise High School.

To Canyon Celebration—

Miss Cora Lee accompanied Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hayes to their home at John Day Thursday, and will be their guest several days. She will attend the Whiskey Gulch celebration at Canyon City with them.

Portland Guests—

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Skadden were pleasantly entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Coates this week. The visitors are from Portland.

At Stacey Home—

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Hinkle of Burke, Idaho were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Granville Stacey this week.

Lytle's Leave—

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. D. Lytle left Monday for Hood River, Portland and other points in the western part of the state. Mr. Lytle will attend to lodge business as Grand Chancellor of Oregon, Knights of Pythias lodge.

Visits Grandmother—

Miss Thelma Peterson left Monday to spend the week with her grandmother, Mrs. Harry P. Stacey, who lives at the head of the valley.

University Students—

Misses Margaret Humphrey and Georgia Hickman are expected to arrive home today from the University of Oregon.

To Return to Work—

Virgil Johnson has nicely recovered from injuries received when a horse ran over him at the O. E. Carman ranch about two weeks ago, and he will return to his work on the milk route Monday.

From Portland—

Mrs. W. R. Johnson returned home from Portland the latter part of the week. She enjoyed a very pleasant visit with relatives and friends in the coast city.

Mother Leaves—

Mrs. W. R. Ling of Stanfield, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. A. Holte, left Friday to return to her home.

Watson People Here—

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ferguson brought their little daughter to Vale Monday to Dr. Walker. Jesse Griffith was with them. They left Tuesday.

In Caldwell—

Misses Mayme Johnson and Fay Chester made a business and pleasure visit in Caldwell Tuesday.

Drive to Eugene—

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Cleveland start for Eugene this morning to attend graduation exercises at the University of Oregon, where their daughter Margaret is a student. Before returning home, they will visit in Portland and other cities.

On Vacation—

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Romph leave tomorrow for Portland, with a Caldwell man in charge of the Boise-Payette lumber yards. They will visit Mr. and Mrs. Harold Romph in Portland and expect to also make a trip through California. They will return the first of the month.

According to a press dispatch, a number of New Castle, Del., citizens have purchased caskets on the installment plan and will "use them as chests" until they are needed for permanent occupancy. The owners would hardly refer to them as hope chests.

Governor Friend W. Richardson of California is also an editor and has faith in publicity, which he reaffirmed in a speech before a Los Angeles advertising club, saying: "I am a believer in advertising. My name has become as famous as anyone's in this state. It has even become as famous as some of our well-known colic remedies."

Fred Hannah, negro of Elmira, N. Y., bent on marriage, found a way to circumvent red tape. Refused a license because his fiancée had a husband living, albeit in jail, Fred left the clerk's office in deep thought. He returned in two hours with another girl, secured the coveted document, and married her.

Nature-fakers have flourished from time immemorial, but few have surpassed the author of a book on birds, published in London in 1793, who solemnly declared that birds migrated to the moon during winter, returning in the spring. He estimated that the trip took 60 days.

Eating hard-boiled eggs, plus anger, sets up poisoning in the system similar to that of toadstools, according to Ira Hilton Jones, noted chemist. Eggs should be eaten only when in a cheerful mood.

With an extremely delicate instrument, a French scientist claims to have measured the dimensions of the human soul. It is understood that he found some of them quite diminutive.

THE TIPPING CUSTOM

While many attempts have been made to eradicate the practice, even by the passage of laws, the tipping habit persists, through lack of courage on the part of the public.

Originally, no doubt, the custom of giving tips to servants was inspired by kindly motives, but it has long since become a species of petty graft. Many employers of low-class help pay miserably small wages, with the knowledge that tips from customers will supply the deficiency. Employees accept the small wage with the same understanding. Consequently the public pays in the aggregate vast sums for which no service whatever is rendered.

The effect of the tipping system is wholly bad, as those who accept the gratuities must lose somewhat in self respect, while those who pay them do so simply because it is expected and they do not wish to appear stingy.

One restaurant noticed recently displayed a sign which read: "We pay our waiters living wages and do not permit them to accept tips." That sign inevitably caused patrons to hold a higher opinion of the proprietor and his waiters.

THE PROGRESSIVE SMALL TOWN

A town does not have to be big in order to be progressive. A small town can keep up with modern ideas just as well as a big one. It does not have to go in for costly improvements to gain this reputation, but it does have to keep itself up and look neat and well cared for.

If every building needing paint is promptly attended to, if the roads and streets are kept well repaired, if the sidewalks are substantially built, if the homes are attractive, if the stores have neatly arranged stocks, that town will look like a progressive place, even if no big sums of money are spent on new projects. Then if it has wide awake organizations, such a town seems more progressive than half the large cities.

BRIEFLY TOLD

Gold in King Tut's coffin is valued at \$243,000.

For pulling sick men through many doctors receive credit which ought to go to pretty nurses.

Ten men who took a Turkish bath in Chicago came out thoroughly cleaned, as thieves stole their clothes and all their valuables.

When Thomas Good of Chicago was charged with stealing from children, the judge said: "Mr. Good, you're bad."

William Carter of Wilden, Eng., listened in on a radio concert for the first time on his 105th birthday.

Judge Crory of San Antonio ordered that three boys arrested for stealing an automobile must go to bed every night at 9:30 until they are 21, or go to jail.

Mrs. Elizabeth Paine of London has sued for damages because the attendant of a beauty parlor left her in a mud bath all day, having forgotten she was there.

Judge Carter of St. Paul advised a defendant to always count 100 before talking back to his wife when she was angry.

Oscar Hanson of Chicago found a dead mouse in a pie and is suing the restaurant in which he was eating.

After Rev. Arlie Brown of Whitesburg, Ky., had preached a sermon against bobbed hair, Miss Martha Drew slapped his face and drew a jail sentence of thirty days.

When Joseph Gordin of New York tried to act as peacemaker between a man and wife, both of them attacked him and gave him a beating.

Andre Lissonier of Paris, who escaped from a lunatic asylum some months ago, was found playing with a jazz orchestra and returned to the madhouse.

Robert W. Bradley, a private in the Fourth U. S. Infantry, stationed at Spokane, Wash., has come into a fortune of \$200,000 through oil developments on a farm left him by his father.

Ralph A. bury of Savreille, N. J., was awakened by the gnawing of a rat in time to discover that his home was on fire and get the family out of the house safely.

PASSING OF THE TRUANT

The festive truant is not so much of a factor in the boy world as he used to be. Formerly we used to hear much of the idle and wandering boys who would quit school on many fine days and wander off for whatever sport was in vogue. But the ideas of the people as to school attendance are getting stricter. They pay taxes to have the children taught, and they know that they can't get their money's worth if the pupils are roaming all over creation.

School officers are following up absent children more persistently, and finding out why they don't show up and take the dose of culture which the community insists upon their swallowing.

Probably children are less inclined to play truant than formerly. The school work is more interesting. Many of the type of boys who formerly would have skipped school to engage in sports, are likely to realize that their best hold is to stick to their school and work into one of the athletic teams.

The worst offenders are often parents rather than children. In the country districts it is claimed that many farmers keep their children out when there is some work that they want done. Thereby they may save hiring labor, but they pay a high price for it when they allow breaks to occur in the children's schooling.

Children simply can't keep up if they are allowed to stay out without good cause. They fall behind their classes, and fail to learn things essential to their further progress. They get the idea that school work is not important, which must dull their sense of ambition. Every family in Vale should be urged to send its children to school with absolute regularity, except as sickness may interfere.

Judge Anthony Johnson of Dunkirk, N. Y., turned George Goutcher, aged 48, over his knee and spanked him for making mean remarks about the court and the police.

Delayed for fifty years because each had relatives to support, the wedding of Albert T. Gardner and Miss Leona Gibbs took place in Philadelphia.

Sam Marshall of Albany, Ga., was accidentally locked in a big refrigerator and had to jump up and down all night to keep from freezing to death.

One's own praises are usually sung in a high key.

Fear of appearing poor is the greatest bar to getting rich.

We must sometimes eat our words, unless we had rather fight than eat.

In our opinion the luckiest lion hunter is the one who doesn't find any.

No skin remedy has ever been found effective in a case of itching palm.

American fiction will survive so long as circulation statements are made.

A New Hampshire man, married in 1858, is living with his wife still; probably very still.

"Cling to your youth," is Elinor Glyn's advice to girls. Sound, but entirely superfluous.

An Iowa man did not speak to his wife for a year, but possibly she gave him no opportunity.

Nearly every home contains a bible and a mail order catalogue, but they are not read with equal avidity.

A Pittsburgh man bet he would kiss the first girl he should come to. It took half an hour for him to come to.

Roosevelt wrote "The Winning of the West." Wayne Wheeler appears ambitious to write "The Winning of the Wets."

An apiarist declares that his honey bees are worth their weight in gold, but we had rather have our trousers pockets full of gold.

Judge Kavanaugh of Chicago declared some time ago that there were 118,000 murderers at large, and so far no one has demanded a recount.

The staff of a Washington State College paper, called the "Yellow Jacket," were suspended because its stinger penetrated the skins of the faculty.

A GUARDED PROPOSAL

Lorenzo Dow, an American evangelist who went to Ireland in 1799 to endeavor to convert the Catholics of that country to Protestantism, was a bold spirit in many respects, but it appears that he was extremely cautious in matters in which women were concerned.

His tentative proposal of marriage, written to a young woman of his acquaintance, is a masterpiece of conservatism. He wrote as follows:

"If I am preserved, about a year and a half from now I am in hopes of seeing this northern country again; and if during this time you live and remain single, and find no one that you like better than you do me, and would be willing to give me up three years out of four to travel in foreign lands—for if you should stand in the way I should pray God to remove you, which I believe he would answer—and if I find no one that I like better than I do you, perhaps something further may be said upon the subject."

It is safe to say that the young lady could hardly have gotten a breach of promise verdict on the strength of a letter like that.

EMBARRASSED THE NEWLYWEDS

Doris' mother was entertaining a young couple just returned from their honeymoon. Doris, feeling neglected, sat a little apart reciting nursery rhymes in a loud voice to attract attention to herself. Little notice was taken of her until the conversation slackened a bit, then she was heard reciting, "Needles and pins, needles and pins, when a man marries—" she hesitated striving to recall the remainder of the couplet. Suddenly her brow cleared. "When a man marries the cradle will rock" she finished triumphantly, and she wondered why she was sent out of the room.

SIDELIGHTS

Annoyed by interference to traffic by slow-moving funerals, authorities at Campi-Salentino, Italy, ordered them to proceed at a livelier pace. Jazz was substituted for the plaintive strains of Chopin and the trick was done, in spite of many protests.

A young Hungarian society woman recently challenged to a duel a young man of her class who had mentioned her name lightly while intoxicated. When they met to fight with swords, he demanded that she strip to the waist, in accordance with the code. She refused, he laughed and walked away. More insulted than ever, the lady wept.

How deceptive appearances may be was again illustrated at Pendine, England, the other day. As J. G. Parry set out to break the world's automobile record for a single mile, his car began to swerve violently from side to side, and anxious spectators said, "Parry is drunk." When he finished the course it was learned that his lubricating system had failed and that Parry had steered with one hand and pumped oil with the other at a speed of 172 miles an hour, 17 miles an hour faster than an automobile had ever traveled before.

Oreste Gusali, an Italian engineer, is building an airplane in which he hopes to fly to the moon.

A humane society of Glasgow has recommended that cats be licensed and provided with identification discs.

After flying from Melrose, Mass., a homing pigeon was picked up exhausted at Winfield, Kan.

Tommy Knapp, 12, and Jimmie Lee, 8, arrested for stealing, told a Chicago judge that they were hardboiled, and he gave them three months under parole "to soften up a bit."

After inheriting a fortune of more than a million dollars Root Fitch, 65-year-old retired farmer near Dowagiac, Mich., decided to have new wall-paper for his home.

Miss Virginia Barnes was fined \$5 for smoking on a New York ferryboat, while 14 men were fined only \$3 each for the same offense.

Despite the cynics, the still small voice of conscience is occasionally heard. The manager of a store in Steubenville, O., has received a \$2 bill from a man who wrote: "I stole a duck from your stand some years ago, but have since been converted."

In a recent proclamation General Pilsudski told the Polish army: "If you can not love me, at least you will have to respect me." Which recalls the famed remark of an American sergeant to a squad of recruits: "All I want out of you guys is respect, and damned little of that."

Fisk and Goodrich tire companies have contracted with the Hightower textile interests of Georgia for \$10,000,000 worth of cord tire fabric for delivery during the next ten years, this being the largest textile contract ever made.

Gas bombs and gas masks will be supplied to prohibition agents in certain New Jersey territory, according to an announcement by J. L. Thompson, deputy prohibition administrator.

S. Hikell of Omaha, whose wife and young son disappeared a year ago, celebrated the anniversary of their desertion by feasting 200 poor children at his home.

Winning of the state golf championship by her husband did not compensate Mrs. Anna Hughes of Omaha for the loss of his society, so she secured a divorce on grounds of neglect.

Although serving a life term in the Georgia penitentiary for killing her mother-in-law, Mrs. Ida Hughes is suing her husband for divorce, while he is being sought on a bigamy charge.

Because someone had misplaced the volunteer fire department's truck and 500 feet of hose, the town of Core-do, W. Va., was threatened with destruction until a neighboring village sent aid.