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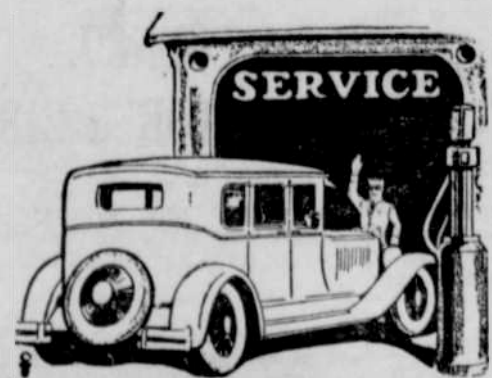
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Do animals think? Have the stars in their courses intelligence? Is man himself intelligent? The fact is that neither the one nor the other can be truly said to boast any intelligence of their own, so much as being individual manifestations of the one intelligence that, rightly sensed, shines tenderly and majestically through nature itself.

SAFEGUARDING SCHOOLS

Oregon's leader of schools, C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction, was among the many dignitaries who came to Nyssa for the Malheur county teachers' institute last week end. Few people had the opportunity to meet him, other than the teachers, but he brought a message of interest to all who are concerned in the problems confronting our public schools.

In the twenty-one Oregon counties for which figures were available, the warrant indebtedness of school districts increased 37 per cent from June 1932 until June '33. Payment of taxes now delinquent would wipe out this indebtedness without new levies or taxes but will taxes be paid?

To raise at this time an amount sufficient to adequately provide for hard-pressed schools, as well as needy persons, is the problem which Mr. Howard has placed before Governor Meier's committee of thirty-two which has requested the governor to call a special session of the legislature. Howard is doing all that he can to safeguard our public schools.

Mr. Howard's message was only one of many instructive talks which were given here last week end. Most of the teachers derived much benefit from the institute—perhaps a few did not. It was a very successful affair, the first held in Nyssa and the first one called by Mrs. Claypool. Perfect fall weather was welcomed by the visitors from western Oregon and those who made long drives to attend the institute.

NEARER MARKETS VIA I-O-N

With much pleasure, the Nyssa and Owyhee country greeted word which came from Idaho last week that the neighboring state will join Oregon in the construction of the I-O-N highway. A large sum of money has actually been assigned to the Marsing-Jordan Valley half on the Idaho side while Oregon has agreed to build from McDermitt north. While we had hoped for the Succor creek route, nearer Nyssa and nearer Malheur county irrigated lands, the essential thing is the I-O-N connection over some nearby route.

Contrary to the opinion of some, the I-O-N highway is no new project. Many people of this county have been urging its construction for two decades but until Idaho and Oregon would agree to shoulder its cost on almost a fifty-fifty basis, the I-O-N was repeatedly placed on the shelf.

Nearer markets for farm produce is the crying need for the I-O-N. It will bring southern California a day closer to the heavy producing Snake river valley. It will provide what is unquestionably the most direct outlet to California. It will permit transportation of perishable products in minimum time through a section not served by a railroad. It will provide another north and south connection and unite important highways of Idaho, Oregon and Nevada.

EDITORIAL TABLOIDS BY CLARK WOOD

Oregon has its untoward events, but never to the shocking extent of California.

Gold is found in the fur of Alaskan bears, but it's the sort of claim we wouldn't feel like jumping.

John Barleycorn won't be under much restraint if saloon men are allowed to put up the bars.

Thanks to PWA, it won't be long till the public works to better advantage on the Owyhee.

One suspects that the men who strike when they've a chance to work, merely work because it gives them a chance to strike.

The ant hasn't changed much in millions of years, we read, but we doubt that he's ever been such a happy little explorer as he now is at a nudist picnic.

The Little Mustang

Chapter 2

The greatest dread I had was the coming of my mate the beautiful red mare, how could I warn her of the danger ahead, how could I tell her these men were working from the Cromey Creek side in Oregon, her favorite range—no saddle had ever burdened her back, no bridle had ever hampered her mouth. My red mate was larger than most of the noorish steeds from which she sprang. Her coat was a rich sorrel color a truly dainty drab, her nostrils were wide and sensitive, her eyes like stars so bright, she was slim bodied and slender of limb with an almost golden tail and mane. She was so alert so fast so sure of this wilderness of desert sands. Would they catch her. I prayed not. So day after day with a cruel craftiness and patience, (there was no hurry) the horse running was on each day, with a change of horse each day for the men. The mare evaded the riders and they in turn wanted to see what she would do when fairly caught in their trap. They of course selected their hiding place with regard to the direction of the wind so that the wild mare could not scent them. Nearer and nearer they approached driving my red beauty farther way from her grazing grounds, until one day they closed on and took her by surprise with a snare, a trap of cheese cloth tied to sage brush and rocks up a narrow canyon. When she found she was surrounded, up the canyon she climbed only to confront the white waving spectre of a thing that never grew there before, back she came like a ball of fire tumbling and jumping at flying rocks. In a flash the "skinnline" settled around her neck and she was caught as the slack in the rope tightened and she knew enough not to struggle. She seemed utterly docile just waiting.

(To be continued)

Around the Country

Her cow did not kick over the lamp to start the Chicago fire 62 years ago Sunday night, said Mrs. James Ledwell. She broke a silence of years to say that she believed the fire was started by boys who probably dropped a lighted cigar in the hay.

When Henry Martin of Bryon, Cal., discovered his chickens running around in the raw, he thought the nudist fad had reached the barnyard. He later discovered that a mite solution removed their feathers.

On Vale Project—Four farmers from Parma, Idaho, have purchased land on the Vale project—Delmar Hamilton, 80 acres; Ben Sayre, 40 acres; H. F. Jones 40 acres, and S. H. Dutro, 40 acres. The new buyers will commence improvement of their farms immediately—Oregon Farmer.

P. R. Sears, farmer at Jamieson until he moved to Seattle two years ago, will share in a \$150,000 estate left by his father who died in Chicago recently, reports say. Mr. Sears invested a large sum of money at Jamieson but

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TO ASK OLD AGE PENSION REDUCTION

Salem—Reduction of the maximum old age pension allowance from \$30 to \$20 a month will be sought at the proposed special legislative session, the Marion county court announced.

The pension law, passed at the last legislature, becomes effective January 1. Financing methods are left to the counties and have resulted in much protest from county courts of the state. It is claimed it will be impossible to pay pensions as specified in the law.

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