

IS LOBBYING FOR THE BIGHORN SHEEP

Oregon Has Resident Who Has Interested Himself Thus For Years

While every session of a state legislative assembly has its group of professional and nonprofessional lobbyists, it is doubtful if any state has one with a more unselfish motive than that which caused Charles H. Seeber of Oregon state to leave his craggy fastness in the Anecrid Lake district of Wallowa county and brave 18 feet of snow to plead the cause of 22 Bighorn mountain sheep, which he believes to be the last in Oregon, before the thirty-fourth Oregon legislative assembly.

Charles Seeber, or "Silvertip," as he is more familiarly known, is interested in obtaining some legislation that will protect the animals. There are 52 distinct varieties of flowers and many other species of moss growing along the east fork of the Wallowa river, "Silvertip" says. It is upon this moss that the mountain sheep feed in the winter time, if any is left after common sheep have been grazing during the summer months.

"Silvertip" wants the region closed to logging and is appearing before the proper committee of the legislature. Support of the state game commission is being sought.

"Silvertip" as he is known for miles about his home derives his nickname from his silvery hair framing a ruddy countenance. He has spent 32 summers and a majority of the intervening winters in his mountain fastness.

DIPLOMATIC SERVICE FOR BUSINESS MEN

Increased Interest Shown By This Class Marks New Era, Belief

American business men who in the past have paid little or no attention to the diplomatic service on the theory that the gentlemen who represent us abroad as ambassadors, ministers and secretaries were social rather than real business figures, have come to a realization that they have misinterpreted the possibilities of these several officers. For the first time American business men at first hand are making their representations to Secretary Kellogg that in making appointments they hope that attention will be given at first hand to the business capacity and vision of the men who are sent abroad. In the old days the ability of a diplomatic officer to dance smoothly, talk softly and be a perfect gentleman was supposed to make him A-1 for his post. Since the war, however, in the struggle for world trade, it has been found that the representatives of other countries have begun to spend less time at teas and more in factories and counting houses. As a result a new vision has come to the American manufacturers. It is to the credit of these business men, however, that they have approached the matter in a fine spirit.

DEFECTIVE VISION DUE TO BAD LIGHT

Defective vision, due to improper lighting and poor eyes, costs the people of the United States \$460,000,000 annually, according to Guy A. Henry, New York, director-general of the Eye Sight Conservation council of America.

Accidents resulting from poor lighting cost \$300,000,000 per year, he says, and \$30,000,000 industrial waste can be charged to bad illumination. School children, unable to progress rapidly in their studies because of defective vision, cost the country \$130,000,000 annually.

"Good lighting of comparative cheapness is available and scientific deflection and correction for the defective eye will relieve the human race of much needless suffering," Mr. Henry states. "There is urgent need for the education of the public concerning eye care involving both the correction of sight and a knowledge of proper lighting."

BIRDS FLOCK TO CITY OF SEATTLE, REPORT

Audubon Society Reports Them Attracted to Different Sections

Birds find Seattle an attractive winter habitat, judged by the result of the annual winter bird census taken by the Seattle Audubon society and just made public.

The members of this society distribute themselves through the zones of the city on a certain day in winter each year and take a census of all the kinds and numbers of wild birds. Then the combined lists are tabulated.

This year showed the total number of species discovered to have been 83 with 13,457 individuals. A comparison of the years from 1923 to 1927 shows a steady increase in the numbers of both species and individuals.

The students are exercising their muscles for the athletic season, but their minds do not seem to lumber up with the same facility.

The American is sometimes a strange animal. He will spend almost a lifetime at home making money and then go abroad to have it taken away from him.

RAILROADS ARE IN BETTER SHAPE NOW

Improved Condition Generally Favors Sale of Common Stock, Report

"The railroads of the country are in a better position to finance their growth through the sale of common shares than they have been for more than twenty years," says Nation's Business Magazine. All the strong carriers, whose shares sell fifteen points or more above par, could readily market new stock. However, some who could do so are inclined to hesitate because they can get money cheaply through the further piling up of bonded indebtedness.

The Southern railway and the Atlantic Coast line have already announced that they will sell stock this year. Others, no doubt, will follow. Walter S. Case, of Case, Pomeroy & Company, representing the interests which recently acquired control of the Southern railway, estimate that the railroads will have to spend \$1,000,000,000 a year for the next five years in order to equip themselves to handle expected traffic expansion. If the roads continue to reinvest \$400,000,000 annually out of earnings, as at present, they will have to raise \$600,000,000 of new money to fulfill Mr. Case's estimate. Only half of the common stock, the public would be asked to absorb one and one-half billion dollars of railroad stock in the next five years.

New York is adopting the "stagger system" of traffic control but this does not mean that the saloons are going to be opened.

CULTURED COWBOYS ARE NOW ORGANIZED

Dude Ranchers Form Association in Montana; Interesting to Tenderfeet

While Travelers' tales still hold a measure of marvel at the openness of the great open spaces, the national itch for organization is in a way of incorporating select bits of western scenery. From Bozeman, in Montana, comes word that the "dude ranchers" have put their heads together and set up the Dude Ranchers Association of the Northwest, says Nation's Business Magazine. Well, this business of making life more interesting for eastern tenderfeet is now big enough to justify its wide-spreading title. Begun in 1886 as a sporting proposition by several graduates of eastern colleges, the original boarding-house proportions of "dude ranching" have been expanded to million dollar magnitude in Montana alone.

No offense was intended, and none seems to have been taken at the picturesque designation of the paying guests. With the vacationist thus distinguished from the native, the "dude" has come to a refined distinction in his own ranks—the visitor arriving by train is still a "dude," but the sojourner is a "dude."

"Dudes, Ltd.," say, and "Sage Brushers, Inc." And what of the owners and the guides, the "boss wranglers" and the "dude wranglers?" Eventually they will feel the clubby urge toward formal and exclusive goings on. They, too, will find it difficult not to obey the national impulse.

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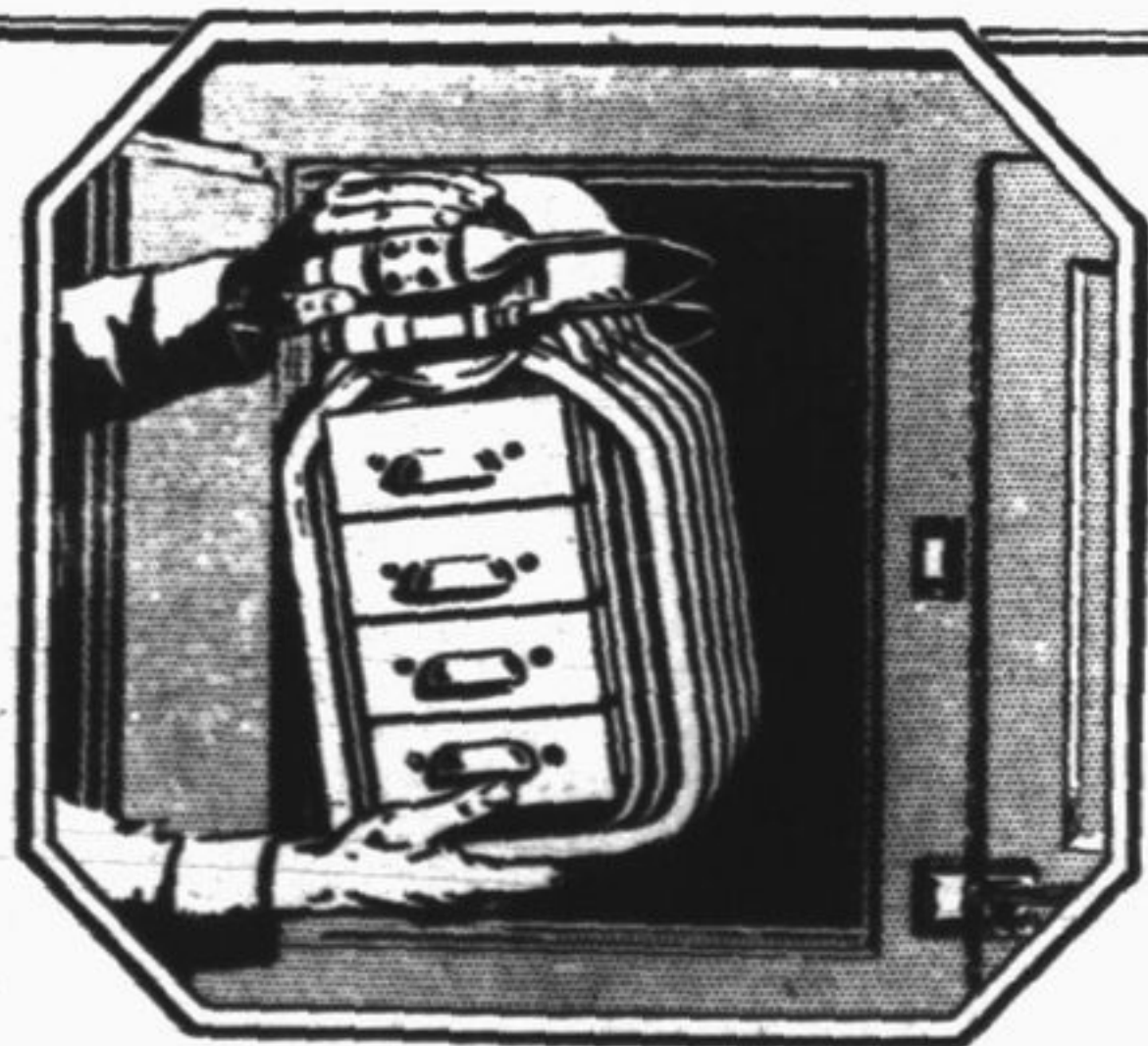
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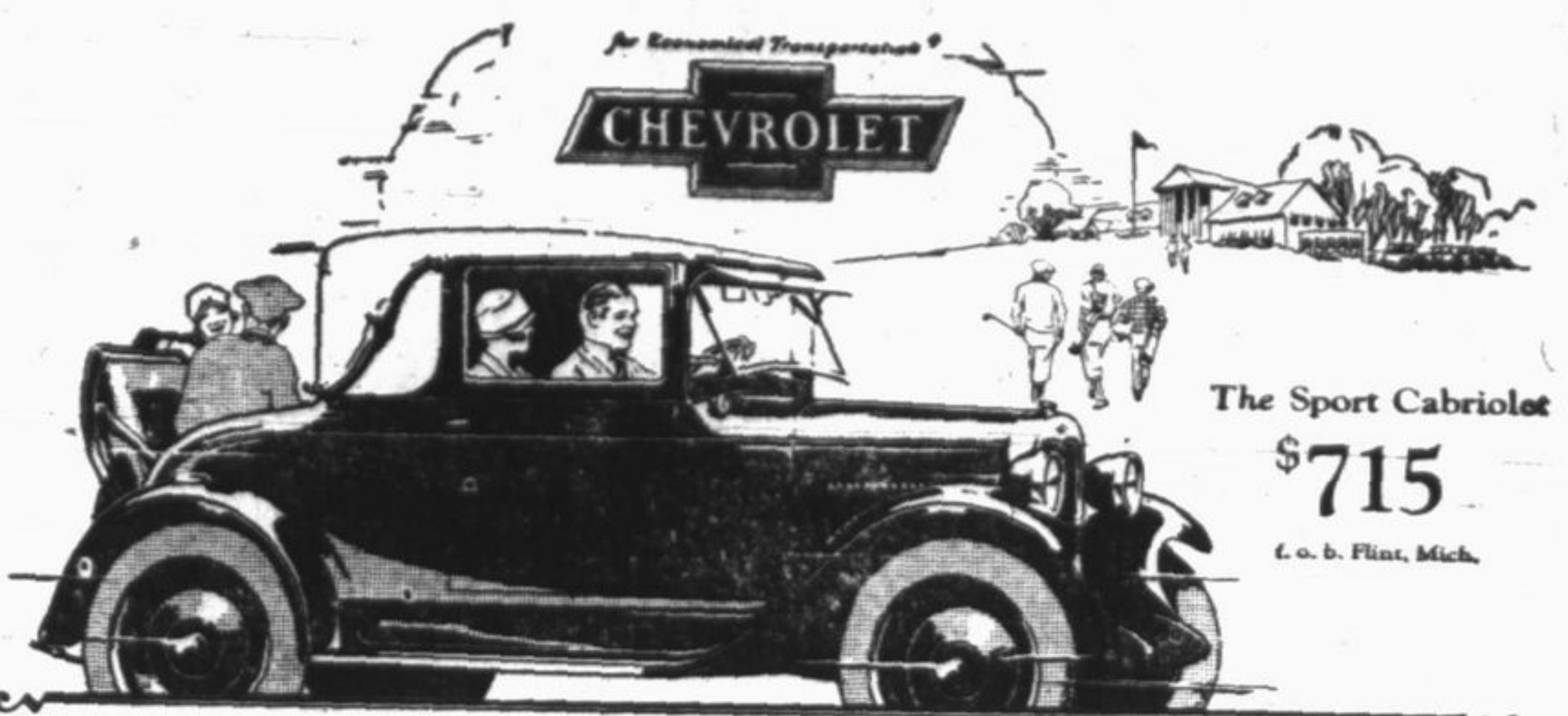
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