

What is the main difference between a big duck in a little puddle and a little duck in a big puddle?



The size of the puddle!

WE DO NOT CLAIM TO BE A BIG DUCK! AND YET WE ARE TOO OLD IN THE MEAT BUSINESS TO BE STYLED A DUCKLING! WE ARE THEREFORE, JUST A MEDIUM SIZED DUCK IN A MEDIUM SIZED PUDDLE! MAKING A BIG NOISE ABOUT OUR WARES. BE GOOD, COME HERE FOR GOOD MEATS AND WE WILL MAKE GOOD WITH THE GOODS!

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PORTLAND TO HAVE 12,000 TON DRY DOCK

The initial step in a comprehensive plan to put Portland on the map as a port was taken today when the commission of public docks unanimously decided to construct a 12,000-ton floating drydock at an estimated cost of \$1,200,000.

The dock will be located on the St. Johns terminal grounds, and, although the commission has not formally decided the question, it will be of wood instead of concrete construction—Telegram.

Gosh!

While a Toledo man was shooting bedbugs in his room, a bullet glanced and wounded his roommate. We have roomed in other towns where you had to go after the bedbugs with a hammer or a baseball bat, but we'd hate to room in Toledo, where you have to go after 'em with a gun.

Let Us Supply You We Carry the Finest Line of Poultry All the Year Around



Chickens that are fresh killed. Fish, steaks, chops.

Everything In the Meat Line The Temple Market

LONDON GETS GLIMPSE OF FAMOUS "Q" BOAT

London, Dec. 20.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—A "Q" ship has come to London. She is a gray, dingy, nondescript kind of ship, perhaps a collier, or a coastal tramp. But all London is flocking to St. Katherine's Dock to see her, for the frowsy old tub represents a development of naval warfare which produced some of the finest heroism in the history of sea fighting.

According to Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the British admiralty, nothing could be more inspiring than the conduct of the officers and men on the "Q" ships—those mystery ships where for hours the men lay, and were shelled and killed and lay untended until the opportunity came to sink the enemy.

This "Q" ship is certainly not what she seems. At a signal her hatches can disclose glistening 4-inch guns, and her harmless-looking stays rap out wireless messages. For more than two years her skipper, Lieutenant-Commander Auten, V. C., and her crew, all of whom remain with her, have been hunting U-boats.

Gunner Cunningham, wearing a Distinguished Service medal, shows visitors to the ship how they tackled submarines. Leading the way to the forecabin, he points to a hawser reel lying on the deck. "That's a dummy," he says. "It's the skipper's lookout when a submarine is sighted. This little smokestack is also a dummy—it hides a periscope. The skipper from his look-out would give the range to the hidden gun crews.

"No sign of life was to be seen on the ship after a 'panic party' had put off in an open boat until the order came—'Fire.' Then this fore-hatch flew open and the sides of that dummy cabin fell outward, and the two 4-inch guns got to work. We settled one U-boat with 12 hits out of 14 from one gun and seven out of eight from the other."

The crew of this decoy ship hunted submarines in an old steamer called the Stock Force until the forepart of that vessel was blown away by a torpedo. It was on the Stock Force that Lieutenant-Commander Auten won the Victoria Cross.

Finicky Elephant.

An elephant, in his native land, has a hard job to find what he likes to eat. Contrary to the general belief, he will not eat anything, but he selects carefully the best of roots, herbs, fruits and various vegetables. When in captivity, he eats about the same kind of fodder, with a few exceptions, including pastry, bread, nuts (chiefly peanuts) and some other goodies which may be offered to him. Elephants eat no kind of meat whatsoever; they will only eat pure grown food or clean bread or pastry.

Know Whortleberries?

Very few people, we suspect, have tasted whortleberries, and many do not know what they are. There is an excuse for their ignorance, as experts were long in doubt whether the fruit was the same as the bilberry; but now they are agreed that they are one. The Scots call them blueberries on account of their color, which is a genuine blue, and so in the "Merry Wives" Pistol instructs the fairy to "pinch them blue as bilberry."

Birds Speak a Language.

The birds and animals do not use a great many words or sounds, but they can certainly understand each other, writes George F. Burba in the Columbus Dispatch. That is, they are able to converse with each other to some extent. There isn't any doubt about it. They have their alarms of danger; they have their distress calls; they have their softer tones of affection.

Caesar's Wounds.

In a paper read before the French Academy of Medicine it was declared that although Julius Caesar received 35 wounds when he was murdered only one was fatal. The first blow produced only a slight wound, but the second, which penetrated the walls of the thorax, was mortal. After the first blows Caesar fainted and then his assailants struck at him repeatedly.

Twenty-Four Hour Time in China.

In China time is calculated on a basis of a 24-hour stretch instead of two 12-hour periods, as we are still doing. This is indicated by a time table of the Shanghai-Nanking railway. We have, for instance: Tanyang, 12:09; Chinkingang, 12:52; Nanking, 14:15; Pukow, 15:30. Italy also is using 24-hour time. The day begins at one o'clock in the morning and ends with midnight as 24 o'clock.

PERSONAL AND LOCAL

A new selling plan on Hoosier Cabinets at Holman's Furniture Store, 605 G street. 61 Tadiac Sabin has it. 61 Evans Reames, attorney of Medford, was in the city yesterday.

Hemstitching and piecing at 10 cents a yard—All work guaranteed The Vanity Shop, Medford, Ore. 271f Home Again—Grandmas Cookies in 10c packages at Kinney & Truax Grocery. 61

Captain W. H. Conner arrived from Camp Lewis this morning and is spending the day with his sister, Mrs. Geo. E. Lundburg. Electric work—Paul's Electric store, phone 99 Medford. 62 Gold Seal rugs and Gold Seal art carpets at special prices at Holmans.

ALASKA MAKES FIRST SHIPMENT OF PLATINUM

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 10.—Two more minerals, platinum and molybdenite, have been added to the list of metals produced in paying quantities in Alaska, says a review of the Alaska mining in 1918 issued by J. L. McPherson, secretary of the Alaska bureau of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce.

"Alaska made its first shipment of platinum in November, 1918," said the review. "One hundred and thirty-three ounces of the metal valued at \$13,577 arrived in the state recently from widely separated localities in the territory. Six ounces came from Salt Creek in the upper Copper River region, 32 ounces came from Dime Creek near Nome and 105 ounces came from Salt Chuck Mine in the Ketchikan district."

GIANT FIR HOLDS FIRE FOR SEVERAL MONTHS

A dead grand fir tree, four feet in diameter, was ignited June 27, 1918, during a forest fire, and burned continuously until November 8, although heavy rains visited the region in September and October, according to Forest Ranger John Kirkpatrick. The tree stood near the mouth of the north fork of Clispus river, on the Rainier national forest. When last seen by the ranger the tree was still burning and had been reduced to a stub less than 40 feet high.

Ranger Kirkpatrick says that fires of this sort persist on account of the clinkers which form and lie in the center or lowest part of the burning surface. The clinkers resemble those in the bottom of a blacksmith's forge and are like red-hot bricks. A tremendous amount of rainfall is necessary to cool them off.

The clinkers are very hard and present a glazed surface. They resemble lava rock in form, being perforated and honeycombed to some extent. They burn the tongue slightly when applied to it cold, as potash does. After weathering they crumble and look like slaked lime.

Accidents at Different Ages.

One of the large casualty companies has prepared a compilation showing the percentage of deaths due to accident at different ages. Out of a total of 713,801 deaths embraced in the compilation, 21.1 per cent were persons from fifteen to twenty-nine years old; 16.1 per cent, thirty to thirty-nine; 12.3 per cent, forty to forty-nine; 8 per cent, fifty to fifty-nine, and 4.7 per cent, sixty to sixty-nine.

NEW TO AV

WANTED—Light 2-horse wagon; also light double harness. Chas. Hively, R. F. D. No. 4, Box 2, across bridge South Sixth St. 61

FOR SALE—or trade—40 acres of timber for city property or good car. Address Box 119, City. 66

BEGINNING CLASS in stenography. Call 4-R. 61

FOR SALE—6,000 feet of choice second hand lumber; 1x12 mostly, also some 2x4 and 4x6. Inquire Dericks, 203 Burgess. 62

FOR SALE—Good wheat hay. Inquire Grants Pass-William stage, phone 287-R. 66

WANTED—Stock to feed. Inquire Grants Pass-Williams stage. Phone 287-R. 66

Receives New Grader.—A fine new road grader arrived for Josephine county and will be unloaded from the car this afternoon.

What you need at the price you can afford at Holman's Furniture Store. 61

On Way to Recovery.—Mrs. Alex White, of Kerby, who expected to leave last night to be at the bedside of her son, Harold, who was reported critically ill with pneumonia at Corvallis, has received word that he is much improved. She returned to Kerby today.

Home Again—Grandmas Cookies in 10c packages at Kinney & Truax Grocery. 61

Road Work Hampered.—Work of rebuilding, or rather resurfacing, the macadam road south of the city has been progressing as satisfactorily as could be expected under the circumstances. The continued freezing weather has made the work difficult.

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Buys Lighting Plant.—C. F. Lovelace, of Wilderville, has purchased a 32-volt farm lighting plant from Paul's Electric store of Medford, which he will install in the near future. The plant will be used for lighting the home, and general farm purposes.

Weather Changes.—After over three weeks of freezing weather there was a turn for the better last night. The welcome change thawed out all pipes and brought rain, which has been falling the greater part of the day.

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Case Dismissed.—The case of Donald Offins, accused of communicating with a prisoner in the county jail, was dismissed this morning by Judge Gillette, the judge evidently believing that there was not sufficient evidence to retain Mr. Offins and considering the visit merely a friendly one.

Red Cross Workers Needed.—More workers are needed in the Red Cross sewing rooms. Two large allotments are on hand and must be completed very soon. Please figure your time during the week so as to give a certain number of hours every week to this work. Hundreds of thousands of our men will be in France for a long time. Besides this Belgium is sorely in need of some of the things we are making.

Classified Ad Rates.—Classified advertising in the Daily Courier will be charged for at the rate of 5 cents per line per issue unless paid in advance. The rate of 25 words at 50 cents per week does not provide for bookkeeping, postage on statements mailed, etc. Hereafter we have permitted occasional charges at the cheap rates but, no more.

Printing that pleases—We do it! Courier Job Department.

IF PARTICULAR ABOUT QUALITY Preferred Stock CANNED GOODS WILL PLEASE YOU TOMATOES CORN STRING BEANS ASPARAGUS BEETS PEAS HOMINEY PUMPKIN DILL PICKLES SPINACH APRICOTS SWEET POTATOES SALMON FISH FLAKES TUNA FISH OYSTERS CLAMS SOUPS PEACHES BASKET GROCERY CO.

Spring Will Soon Be Here We have a carload of FORDS coming Get your order in Ford Worm-Gear Trucks C. L. HOBART CO.

NEW MANNER TO FIGHT RED LIGHT DISTRICT Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 10.—Establishment of one or more state detention homes for the rehabilitation of women of the underworld is advocated in the report of the bureau of social hygiene, included in the biennial report of the state board of health. Bills providing appropriations necessary for such homes are to be introduced at this session of the legislature with the backing of the Women's Legislative council and Women's clubs throughout the state, the report said. The bureau recommended that the proposed homes be established on farms and that competent physiologists and suitable vocational teachers be included on their staffs. Four methods of stamping out social disease were urged by the bureau, direct treatment, law enforcement measures, education and rehabilitation. "This last, a world old plan, is of course the most difficult," said the report. "But any plan that does not include it is foredoomed to failure. If the diseased woman is merely given a jail sentence and then turned loose again to resume her trade it will only start over again the vicious circle." From 70 to 80 per cent of all prostitutes are suffering from venereal diseases and from 20 to 30 per cent are mentally deficient and should have permanent custodial care, the report said. 35 BELOW AT-FT. YUKON (By Mail).—Ice in the Yukon river here is two feet thick in places. Already the thermometers have registered as low as 35 degrees below. Legal Blanks at the Courier.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

HOME INDUSTRY FACTS

JUST as the extremes of joy and sorrow are felt by women, more than by men, so the extremes of "hard times" or prosperity are felt most keenly by the women. Women, as the buyers for Oregon homes, spend probably more than A MILLION DOLLARS A WEEK. Think of this tremendous power in their hands for making Oregon grow and prosper! Home Industries League of Oregon

JOY THEATER TONIGHT AND SATURDAY ALICE BRADY in "Her Silent Sacrifice" The honest love of a country girl overcome the empty smartness of Parisian society life Mutt & Jeff and the 75-mile gun COMING — SUNDAY and MONDAY William Farnum in VICTOR HUGO'S "Les Miserables" A BIG NINE REEL FEATURE SPECIAL MATINEE SUNDAY 2:30 at Reduced Prices