

pared with two hundred pounds in Germany, five hundred and thirteen pounds in Belgium, six hundred seventy-four pounds in Holland and fifty pounds in France and Italy, each, per crop acre. This comparison of the uses of commercial plant foods in different countries is an indication of the extent to which scientific methods are being applied in the cultivation of the soil. Intense cultivation may be necessary in Belgium and Holland, but their people have learned that scientific treatment of the soil is the only remedy against failures. No amount of farm relief will produce such crops as scientific work will, with the aid of proper commercial plant food.

The total commercial fertilizer used in the United States for 1926 was 7,508,132 tons, as compared with 7,450,294 tons in 1925, an increase for the twelvemonth of 57,838 tons.

If the countless farms in America that have been literally "worked to death" were given a reasonable amount of fertilizer every year, the soil would, in most instances, produce as well as any piece of land in any country in Europe. No country in the world can produce fertilizer or plant food as cheaply as can the United States. All we need is a little more intelligent public demand. This demand must come from the agriculturist himself. The virgin strength of the tillable soil in America has been taken out of it, and the time is now for every man who plows a piece of ground to put fertilizer in it, if he desires to obtain a harvest at the end of the season.

IN THE INTEREST OF GOOD HEALTH

IF YOU WANT to reach a ripe old age and yet dwell in this land of moist and changeable winter-temperature you should now commence to take precautions, is the opinion of Portland's city physician, Dr. John G. Abele, who is especially concerned lest the influenza germs might cut short the threescore years and ten of the general allotment. Here are some of Abele's simple anti-influenza remedies:

Keep regular hours.

Drink plenty of water all the time.

Dress warmly.

Keep from getting wet.

Don't overeat.

Nothing difficult about these don'ts, but the doctor declares that their observance will keep away this dreadful sickness. Overeating reduces vitality, one of the ideal conditions for the "flu" to commence its work. Drinking a great deal of water will prevent congestion and sluggishness of the intestinal system—a no less important factor in keeping the body fit in its battle against the "flu" germs.

If these health rules are observed, Dr. Abele contends that, there will be little need of worrying over colds, coughs and chills, the little forerunners of the dread malady we have come to know as influenza.

Those who seek public office on the strength of fancied race hatred and religious intolerance would do well in looking over the records of political ups and downs of those who sought and won office that way. The disconcerting thing about the few victories that have been won on such campaign issues is that they so quickly turn into defeat. There is nothing stable about such issues, according to some sad and sore fellow citizens who describe their political for-

tunes and subsequent misfortunes as something akin to the bather's experience who is practically carried out of the water and onto the dry land by a strong wave, but before he has time to contemplate this marvel, the wave changes into an undertow current that takes him with an irresistible force and carries him right back again out into the briny deep. Carried into office on the sweep of passions and hardly seated before being booted out by a sobered public opinion, is an experience that has come to a number of American citizens during recent years. A few Oregonians have gained public office that way, but, alas, the big majorities that put them into office melted away in no time. For want of support, the incumbents have been turned out of office at the first opportunity while but a hopeless and enemy minority was left to watch the exit of their fallen idol and the consignment of an erstwhile hero to perpetual political oblivion. Some of these political blunderers are already out, but a few are yet to face the reelection voting squad. The political horizon has some ominous signs. No one can read these signs better than those who pledged themselves to false issues and agreed to meddle with the equal rights of the citizens at large, making unwarranted concessions to some and denying others their just rights. Funny how some people never can learn that the inevitable Nemesis runs all through life.

The gracious queen of the Roumanians who but a few months ago almost "captured" the people of the United States of America should lose no time in stopping the terrible anti-Semitic excesses in Roumania that are shocking the civilized world at the present time. The queen's stock in America is going to lose its value unless she gets busy right quick, for she is still the power behind the throne, as the saying goes, if not the power on the throne in that country, where that obsolete institution still has a working margin even though it is slender. Can it be possible that the queen is permitting or condoning these excesses, as a compliment to Henry Ford for putting luxurious automobiles at her service in almost every town she visited while on her tour of this country? No doubt that Ford is pleased with the anti-Semitic campaign that is sweeping through Roumania, for it isn't so very long ago since his anti-Semitic propaganda factory in the United States was busy turning out Roumanian language dope on the Jews for broad distribution in that country. The mental reaction in Roumania left nothing to be desired. If the current reports on this subject are any criterion, it is safe to say that the helpless Jewish population in Queen Marie's country has been paying a fearful toll in property, virtue and blood to appease the revived passions of race hatred which that propaganda unquestionably helped to fan into flame. Protests against these anti-Semitic excesses in Roumania have been placed in the hands of the Department of State at Washington and our government officials have asked the American ambassador to that country to investigate.

Good lawyers with a keen sense for plain facts make good judges of the kind the plain citizen taxpayer is interested in. Poor judges never were that kind of lawyers, if you take the trouble of looking up their records as practitioners before the bar. Only a few lawyers happen to be good politicians, which explains, in part, why so few good lawyers are elected judges. But the voters are getting onto their "mistakes" of the past and good lawyers who happen to be poor politicians will hereafter have a better chance to be elected judges than they have in the past. That's encouraging to the good lawyer who would gladly go on the bench to serve his constituency and help to put the American court on a higher plain, and it is encouraging to the people who pay the cost of the courts, but it is admittedly discouraging to some of the mediocre boys who are holding down the bench, here and there, in more ways than one.

It certainly does make a fellow feel creepy these days the way baseless and unfounded rumors of all sorts are manufactured, published and scattered about. Monsters are conjured up from innuendos and casual gossip and the language is so carefully guarded that in the lay mind it becomes a statement of facts, while the authors and publishers rely

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