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ARMY FLYING HAZARDOUS

Army flying is a hazardous business. During the period from 1919 to 1922 eight out of every 100 army air pilots have been killed outright and two have been incapacitated for further service. Army officials explain that this high casualty percentage was unavoidable because of the very nature of army experimental flying. It must include all sorts of formation and stunt flying incidental to pursuit and combat training. As planes are improved, some of the hazards of this type of planing will be removed. Many will not. Army aviation, as the New York Times remarks, "is a man's job." In fact it is a hero's job, since every man who undertakes it risks his life to advance the science of aviation and to strengthen the national defense. Much that the army flyers learn is used to advantage in commercial flying and partly explains why the latter is so much safer. And so the world in peace or war is in these brave men's debt. As the Times points out, because of the risk he runs and the service he renders, the army flyer should be well paid and he and his dependants assured ample provision in case of accident.

One of the big life insurance companies broke all records in the amount of business done in 1922, and is well embarked on an even better showing for the current year. Company officials regard this as a certain reflection of improved business conditions. While all its lines were active, this company did a tremendous volume of business in industrial insurance. This is taken largely by wage earners and their families. The policies of this sort issued amounted to \$775,000,000. When it is remembered that this is the report for only one life insurance company, and that most organizations of the kind prospered proportionately, the situation becomes even more significant. Undoubtedly it is evidence of improved business conditions, as insurance officials point out. It is evidence, still more, of a growing appreciation among all classes, but particularly in industrial ranks, of the importance of life insurance. It shows, too, that the hard lessons of the last three years have not gone unheeded when thrift and careful provision for the future, rather than extravagant expenditure, are among the early reactions to increasing prosperity.

Twenty years from now we'd laugh to see coming down the road one of the clumsy contrivances we now call automobiles. In that day any one of them will start under all conditions at the press of a button, pneumatic tires will be unknown, the parts to be tinkered with will be about half of those now in use, and the power will be steam or electricity.

"Sing a song every day and you will live on hundred years or more," says a prominent prima donna. Now, here's hoping all the "birds" in this village don't start to warbling, for a few of us want to live a little longer.

We thought the average man had better sense than to attempt to out dance a girl, but now we have a dispatch from Texas saying one of the sterner sex has it over his rival by a few degrees—which is nothing to his credit.

Just as a fellow gets through liquidating accounts for the past month the bill collector walks in on him again to make life miserable for another thirty days.

Probably the present warm weather will have a tendency to put a damper on some of those non-stop dancers who are taking the country by storm.

The child who regards his parents as a mere convenience, later will regard them as a mere nuisance.

Good humor often wins when good sense fails.



Dear Folks:—

For seven years young Benny Snow had tried to get ahead, and the his courage never died, to failure he seemed led. He schemed and planned and toiled with vim to make a showing great, but still it seemed that he was chained and shackled down by Fate.

He had some friend who loved him well, who knew he had the stuff, who always raised him from despair when he would cry "Enough." They gave him pep and money too, each one a friend indeed; they told him that the world was his, that some day he'd succeed. But down went his weary head his castles came one day with such a force that Benny wept and hid himself away. He unravelled West and settled down and started once again. His rise was sure and rapid there, he found his place with men.

Success began to show itself and failure slunk away. So Benny joined his new found friends and started in to play. He gave up writing to the folks whose faith had helped him climb. He let them wait and wonder how he fared with Father Time until the day he felt a need of help both strong and true, the kind that never can be found in friendships that are new.

So back he turned to those at home who came to the test. For always you will live and learn the old friends are the best.

PRUNE PICKIN'S BY BERT G. BATES

HOWDY FOLKS—

This is the time of The year that we Are all thinkin' About improvements And we would suggest At this time A few things which Might aid in the Beautification of Our village.

To add to the color of spring and to enliven our street intersections we suggest that the city duds replace the traffic monuments with barber poles.

Another little stunt which might add to the attractiveness of our main boulevards would be to sprinkle grass seed along the street gutters. We are certain that a bumper crop of hay would be harvested in a short time.

The removal of last year's circus signs from the windows also might help some.

The ministers of the village might all raise goatees, and thus add more dignity to their profession. The doctors could also lend a city-like air to our township by following suit.

The waterfront section could easily be transformed into a modern Greenwich village and to do this we would suggest that the residents of that section all wear smocks with green parrots embroidered on them.

DUMBBELL DORA THINKS Her dog should be named "Lino-leum," because he curls up in the corner.

All filivvers in the village should be painted a bright red or yellow to make them clear to the vision of pedestrians.

Skunk cabbage could be planted around the county jail with pleasing effects.

The mayor should buy himself a uniform like the one the cop is wearin'.

And the council might wear Palm Beach suits to keep from getting hot under the collar.

An ordinance should be passed making it imperative for all jazz bands to provide ear-muffs to their audiences before starting their dance programs.

Tying bows of ribbons on the telephone posts along the main drag should enliven the thoroughfare and attract the attention of passing tourists who are always on the look out for something new and unique.

Corn-fed damsels, who persist in wearing frocks that have been shrunken in the wash, should limit their trips to town until after dark.

The street cleaning dept. fellows should wear "white wing" suits to prove that they can keep themselves clean at least.

The ivy on the city hall might be transplanted to cover some of the barns near the main stem.

We'd suggest that some of the merchants wash their windows if we wasn't afraid that they'd come back at us and ask us to wash ours.

The hair tonic milliners should confine their drinking proclivities to barber shop bath rooms.

The best improvement noted today which draws the parochial pajamas is the new derby A. T. Lawrence is wearin'.

Doc Nervas in his golf knickers is no slouch, however.

The city was greatly beautified last week when Fred Jones shaved off his embryio mustache.

The sloonish sheiks of the village could assist in the beautification work by not paying so much attention to their locks and more to putting a crease in their trousers.

The Sheridan street bell ringers should pick bells that harmonize and play "The Resuary" instead of the present clanging tunes they jazz.

The village expectorators should step closer to the curb while unloading their saliva.

The warch of the w. k. celluloid collars should carry a wet sponge in their hip pockets.

The council might not waste a furo to purchase new phonograph records for those who persist in playing last year's tunes.

Arthan Mahoney, spokesman for the populace, has proven the arrival of spring by wearing a brand new cap with brass initials on the front denoting what stuff he works for.

The gum chewers should learn to chew their cud by working fewer facial muscles.

The maids who wear King Tut fashions should use Palm Olive soap

which was supposed to have originated in the prehistoric days.

The gardeners should confine their profane language to bugs and chickens instead of the entire family which has caused much marital distress of late.

The postmen might put miniature wings on their legs like those worn by Mercury and in that way speed up the city delivery system.

The cluster lamp posts should be installed before we all get too old to enjoy 'em.

Roy Bellows has announced to his wife that he refuses to cut the lawn any more. He says it is simply ruining the four-leaf clovers.

And now folks, let's all get together and boost a wee bit for the best little town this side of the Rockies. We've peddled a whole lot of bunk in this column for some years and if we've brought forth a chuckle or two we feel well rewarded, but our guff is not all supposed to be nonsensical and once in a while we drop a remark that we desire you to take seriously. We should all be for the Umpqua Valley, first, last and all the time. Never overlook an opportunity to give it a boost and if your breakfast isn't resting well and you're out of dyspepsia tablets and you feel as tho' you can't say a good word or two for the hometown, just retire to a dark corner until you've recovered and feel able to pick up a megaphone and broadcast the glad tidings that you live in a virtual paradise, surrounded by good people, good things and all that goes to make for a better community.

"Lots of wimmen think a censor ought to be appointed for the best lookin' gal in the village."

S. N. Sylkes has several dozen Dahlia bulbs which he will sell at \$1 per dozen.

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FRENCH BIRTH RATE DROPS NEARLY HALF MILLION SINCE 1868

PARIS, April 29.—A row of three babies, of diminishing sizes, clothed in white and resting on a black background, has been attracting attention in the windows of the National Alliance for the Increase of French Population.

It is a show window way of telling the story of a decreasing race. The largest baby has written underneath, "Year 1868-1,034,000," the second baby, "Year 1913-746,000," and the last baby, "Year 1922-500,000." The trouble between France and Germany is one of the babies, according to the spokesman of this organization, and Germany is bound to win the next war because of more babies. According to the latest figures, Germany now has 540,000 extra new babies, and France but 35,000 above her death rate.

France's present population is placed at 39,200,000, whereof 1,500,000 are foreigners. Her native population for the first six months of 1922 increased by 9,045, compared to 15,549 in 1913, a normal pre-war year.

With the number of marriages increasing 193,452 for the first six months of 1922 as compared to 160,722 in the corresponding period of 1913, the birth rate is slightly lower as is the death rate. The National Alliance, however, points out that there is a three per cent decrease in the German birth rate due to post-war poverty and other causes.

France is endeavoring by legislation to increase the birth rate. Fathers of four or more children are given higher salaries, and other measures are being adopted, one of which is to give a father an extra vote for every child.

We have a two horse cultivator that cannot be beat. Wharton Bros.

WOOL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP GROWS

As a result of the high prices obtained by members during the 1922 season, the Pacific Cooperative Wool Growers have increased their membership considerably this spring. Since the close of the 1922 pool, 300 new members have joined the association. These men represent approximately 75,000 sheep. A number of the large range sheep owners of Eastern Oregon who have watched the association's progress closely for the past two years, this year joined the association and will market their wool graded and in an orderly manner.

A significant feature which has no doubt interested new members in joining the association is the fact that the prices received for fine and medium wools last year through the association are still several cents higher per pound than the peak outside prices thus far paid in the Northwest during the current season. During 1922, a number of choice range clips in the association brought from 45 to 46 cents per pound, while the Valley fine staple wools brought over 45 cents. The association last year sold a carload of wool for the highest price received for wools in the entire North-

RUPTURE EXPERT HERE

Seeley, Famous in This Specialty, Called to Roseburg

F. H. Seeley, of Chicago and Philadelphia, the noted truss expert, will personally be at the Douglas Hotel and will remain in Roseburg next Tuesday only, May 1. Mr. Seeley says: "The Spermatic Shield will not only retain any case of rupture perfectly, but contracts the opening in 10 days on the average case. Being a vast advancement over all former methods—exemplifying instantaneous effects immediately appreciable and without any strain or position no matter the size or location, large or difficult cases, or incisional ruptures (following operations) specially solicited. This instrument received the only award in England and in Spain, producing results without surgery, injections, medical treatments or prescriptions. Warning—All cases should be cautioned against the use of any elastic or web truss with under-strap, as same rest where the lump is and not where the opening is, producing complications necessitating surgical operations. Mr. Seeley has documents from the United States Government, Washington, D. C., for inspection. He will be glad to demonstrate without charge or fit them if desired. Business demands prevent stopping at any other place in this section.

P. S.—Every statement in this notice has been verified before the Federal and State Courts.—F. H. Seeley. Home Office, 317 N. Dearborn St. Chicago

Advertisement for Churchill Hardware Co. featuring a large aluminum cooking pot. Text: 'ANOTHER WEAR-EVER SPECIAL in a new pattern, heavy ALUMINUM GRIDDLE priced regularly at \$1.75, and to be sold during the week of The Winsor Cooking Pot at \$1.39 only. Packed on either 10c, or on the two pieces 12c. Churchill Hardware Co. Date: Friday, the 27th, till May 4th.'

Advertisement for 'TODAY'S MARKET REPORT' listing various goods and prices. Items include Butter, Eggs, Hogs, Cows, Steers, etc. with prices per unit.

Advertisement for 'MANY TEACHERS ARE U. OF O. GRADUATES' listing various subjects and teachers at the University of Oregon. Subjects include Mathematics, History, English, etc. Teachers listed include Helen Casey, Jean MacKenzie, Oscar Gorrell, etc.

Advertisement for 'Second-Hand Pianos' by Ott's Music Store. Text: 'FINEST SELECTION OF SECOND-HAND PIANOS EVER SHOWN IN ROSEBURG. The following list of second-hand pianos, taken in as part of our Gulbransen player pianos, are wonderful bargains. They cannot be told from new. All have been thoroughly tuned and properly adjusted by competent expert tuners, as good as new and at savings of from one to three hundred over original cost.'