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Anyone May—IF

THE Portland Oregonian has taken notice of the fact that Douglas county produced the first wild lamb's tongues and other spring flowers. Ben Hur Lampman, editorial writer of that excellent journal, philosophizes on the finding of spring flowers. Ben does not sign his editorials and he does not need to. When better editorials on flowers are written in the Oregonian, Ben writes them. Here is the editorial:

Looking For Lamb's Tongues

One cannot say that it is a generous rivalry, this ambition of various towns and cities first to announce spring wild flowers, but at least it is genial. And, of course, such a disposition is all that could be expected, for if a certain region in western Oregon concedes the earliest lamb's tongue to another locality, there no longer remains anything to argue about, and the quest is not half so interesting. People do not quarrel over flowers, any way, but what a deal of gratification they derive from discovering flowers in their secret places. The first flowers of the returning season.

Roseburg, Eugene and Medford, by means of their respective newspapers, have been searching for trifiums, spring beauties and lamb's tongues wherewith to pelt one another. The Eugene Register has offered prizes for specimens obtained in the pleasant countryside beyond the city. The Medford Mail-Tribune urges its readers to find wild flowers for the greater renown of the Rogue river valley and the confusion of all pretenders. But the Roseburg News-Review chorties softly as it announces that, having merely expressed the wish to its subscribers, the editorial desk is heaped with blossomed wildings, until the scissors are quite lost and the paste pot cannot be discovered.

Here is victory, you would say. Perhaps. That is, the submitted proof has the appearance of victory, but we have yet to hear from Eugene and Medford, who have not conceded defeat, and whose searching parties may return at almost any moment, faltering under their floral burdens. In any event, we are convinced, the defeated communities will accept their fortune with good grace, being consoled by the reflection that it is fully as thrilling to be second or third in the finding of the first lamb's tongue as it is to be first. For the quest and capture of the first wild flower is, after all, a purely personal experience and may be enjoyed by anyone.

In the light of recent developments, perhaps in the last sentence, he should either have omitted the phrase "first wild flower" or should have qualified it by adding: IF HE LIVE IN DOUGLAS COUNTY.

Mr. Corbett and His Hat

THE Astoria Budget's clever and entertaining recent editorial whose keynote was "High-Hat Harry," applied to Senator Henry L. Corbett, candidate for governor, was perhaps the most widely circulated newspaper campaign article up to this date, but Mr. Corbett has succeeded in turning it to his own advantage. He is going about the state now campaigning. Naturally everywhere he goes people look at his hat first and at the candidate second. And that hat is a rather dilapidated soft affair, worthy to be worn by any of us small town hicks or by any farmer. And Mr. Corbett's general attitude and approach to those he meets are said to match his hat perfectly. He is as democratic as can be. He is wealthy but not purse proud.

The Budget is undismayed and declares it has never yet witnessed magic which enabled anyone to take a governorship out of a hat. Nevertheless his hat appears to have become with Mr. Corbett a campaign asset. If Governor Norblad would go about wearing fisherman's hip boots and Mr. Hall in a lumberjack's plaid shirt the effect, if any, might be neutralized. In a campaign lacking issues, as this one does, there ought to be careful attention to costuming and properties.

Dealers in farm machinery in Roseburg are planning to celebrate a "Farm Equipment Week" culminating with a machinery show and program and free lunch. Power farming is more efficient farming. This promises to be an event worth while.

Stand by for a battle royal tonight on the Junior high school basketball court. Myrtle Creek and Riddle basketball teams will decide the championship of southern Douglas county.

Report comes from Los Angeles that ex-President Coolidge is to be given a position as czar in the oil industry, corresponding to the place Will H. Hays occupies in motion pictures and Judge Landis in baseball. It is hoped the report is wrong. Cal is capable of better things.

Oregon Editors' Opinions

(Siuslaw Oar)

WESTERN Lane county now has its candidate for the legislature, Earl Hill has consented to run. Stronger pressure was brought to bear in his case than for any other man in western Lane. Not but that others were strongly urged. Not but what others would have served, if elected, just as loyally. Not but what others were as well qualified. Earl Hill was persuaded to become a candidate over all the others because it is believed he has a greater probability of being elected.

Western Lane is coming to the front, a fact which is apparent over the whole country, and there is open expression on every hand that a man from the western part of the country will receive a generous vote. In other words it is admittedly a section entitled to representation. Mr. Hill has a wide acquaintance with men of affairs in all parts of the country and when the question was broached of selecting a man from western Lane his name was quite naturally among those first to be mentioned. Personal letters and personal solicitation of friends had its weight, of course, in inducing him to become a candidate, but it was not until a delegation of his home people waited upon him that he finally consented.

Since the announcement was made Mr. Hill has received voluntary offers of support on all hands. The situation is highly satisfactory. It must be remembered, however, that it is western Lane who has selected him as their candidate and it must be western Lane who backs him up. The rest of the county will respond.

How It's Done
(Medford Mail-Tribune)

While this burg is seeking the first "lamb's tongue" of spring, the fair city of Eugene pursueth the first trifium. In both instances the objective will be attained by a pretty girl accompanied by a spiffy young man.

Or Wanted to Get Rid of Them
(Baker Democrat-Herald)

If one may judge by those garden hoes that were found buried at the mouth of McKay creek the Indians did not think much of the Great White Father's ideas about work or else they thought they were supposed to plant the implements.

The Shortening Story
(The Dalles Chronicle)

Every increase in the speed at which we live seems to bring a decrease in the length of short stories. The only thing lacking now is the short story that one can read while waiting for radio tubes to warm up.

Almost Unique
(Bend Bulletin)

Wives and sweethearts of members of the Portland East Side Breakfast club were guests at the last meeting which is described in the news as one of the most successful since the club's organization. Must have been the novelty of eating with the wife that made it so.

Coos Bids for Fame
(Coos Bay Harbor)

Eva Dugan, the first woman to be hanged in Arizona, paid the extreme penalty this morning in 1927 she murdered A. J. Mathis. Mrs. Dugan was for several years a resident of the bay and will be remembered by many.

Where it Began
(The Dalles Chronicle)

The bareheaded lad was probably first started by a man who refused to stoop to the chasing of his hat when the wind blew it off.

TUT SUPERSTITION IS BOLSTERED BY TWO MORE DEATHS

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Two more deaths which the superstitious were inclined to associate with the opening of Tut Ankh-Amen's tomb were attracting attention here today.

As a hearse was bearing the body of the late Lord Westbury to a crematorium today, it knocked down and killed an eight-year-old boy, Joseph Greer. Lord Westbury had committed suicide Saturday, and his act was ascribed by many to the curse of the Pharaohs. His son, Richard Bethell, died last November after serving as secretary to Howard Carter, who opened the tomb.

The other death today was that of Edgar Steele, 57, a worker in the British museum who had cared for some of the relics from the tombs of Luxor.

A museum official scouted the suggestion that there was anything sinister in Steele's death, however, and Mr. Carter declared that the curse is nothing but a myth.

MANDELL FAVORED TO BEAT McLARNIN

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Although defeated in his last fight with Jimmy McLarnin, Vancouver, B. C., welter weight, Sammy Mandell today was a mild favorite to win their third encounter Saturday night at the Chicago stadium.

The boys who supported Mandell when he was outpointed by the baby-faced Irishman at the stadium last fall, still think Mandel, when "right," can beat McLarnin as he did in New York a year ago last summer. Both have almost finished strenuous training, with Mandell planning to enter the ring at 137 pounds, and McLarnin at 143, two pounds under the agreed poundage.

BRINGING UP FATHER

By Geo. McManus

Talks on Health

By DR. R. S. COPELAND

MOST of us can remember how, only a few years ago, thousands of tiny tots were attacked by the dread disease diphtheria. It was tragic to see these little children succumb to this terrible malady. Parents and doctors had to stand by helplessly, unable to cope with the situation.

Within twenty-five years there has come a great change. After much study and experiment, diphtheria anitoxin was found to be a success in the control of this disease. In New York City, during this period of time, the deaths have been reduced by eighty per cent and the number of cases has been decreased by thirty per cent by the preventive methods which have been developed.

Within the last two years forty-eight special preventive clinics have been provided in the city by the health department. Competent child specialists are in attendance and treatments are given without charge.

It has now been found that toxin-anitoxin is a real preventive of this disease. Dr. William H. Park, director of the bureau of laboratories of the New York City health department, worked for many years on this problem. He should have the gratitude of every man, woman and child for the great work he has done in his research with the development of a real protection against diphtheria. Diphtheria is not now necessary.

To those parents of young children who have not received this simple protective treatment I would say that just as you prize the lives of your children you should not neglect seeing your local health authorities, or your own doctor, and have this treatment given your child.

We must go forward in our winning fight against this disease.

It is the little helpless tots from six to seven months old to children or ten years of age who are most susceptible to this very contagious disease. It is said that about one-third of the children of New York City have not had this treatment and, of course, tens of thousands elsewhere.

The cooperation of every parent is needed to help wipe out this dread disease. We must carry on a crusade against ignorance and fear in handling this situation.

There is nothing to fear in this simple treatment. There is everything to fear in the disease itself. In this treatment there are no apparent after effects. If there is a temporary reaction it is slight and lasts only for a day or two. In young children there is no after effect or a very slight one in some cases. In older children there may be a slight redness at the spot where the injection is made, and maybe a little fever, but this soon passes.

For several years what is known as the "Schick Test" has been used and doctors have been able to locate the children, and grown-up too, who are susceptible to diphtheria and who are likely to take the disease.

So we see what wonderful strides have been made for the protection of these little ones and of adults, too, who may be exposed to this dread disease. No parent should hesitate a moment to make the children immune from it. You should see your local health authorities, or your doctor, about this matter if you have a child who has not been made immune from diphtheria through the toxin-anitoxin treatment. Do it before it is too late.

Answers to Health Queries

Mrs. G. E. C. Q.—What should a woman of 38, 5 ft., 7 in. tall weigh?

2—Would swimming bring about a reduction in weight or will it merely build up the body?

3—What is responsible for so-called swimmer's cramp?

A—She should weigh about 149 pounds.

2—It may take off any surplus fat but is generally regarded as a body builder and developer.

3—May be due to over indulgence of swimming, to going in too soon after eating, etc.

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John P. Q.—What causes an irritation and dryness of the throat? I am constantly swallowing saliva which relieves me for a while.

A.—You may be troubled with nasal catarrh, with dropping into the throat. With special treatment this condition can be remedied.

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E. M. Q.—What causes my ankles to swell?

A—Very often poor circulation will cause this trouble and sometimes a heart or kidney condition is responsible. It might be wise to consult your doctor for an examination in order to determine the exact cause.

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M. S. Q.—If the hair is wet and put up in combs every other night will that cause falling hair?

2—How much should a girl of 17 5 ft. 2 inches tall weigh?

3—How can bow legs be made less noticeable?

A.—No.

2—She should weigh about 155 pounds.

3—Consult an orthopedist.

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BRUNETTE Q.—What should a girl of 13, 5 ft. tall weigh?

2—Is it safe to use ——— for reducing?

A.—She should weigh 105 pounds.

2—Not advisable.

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Editorials on News

(Continued from page 1)

cluded in the first herd, to make the profit made by the ELEVEN good cows, of the type included in the second herd."

WISCONSIN'S first cow testing association was organized in 1906. In 1916, when the experiments resulting in the figures here given were made, there were 52 cow testing associations in the state.

There are now nearly 200 cow testing associations in Wisconsin, and Wisconsin is the LEADING DAIRY STATE IN THE UNION.

OREGON dairymen need to make more money. They MUST make more money if the industry is to survive and prosper.

The first step toward making more money out of dairying in Oregon is organizing cow testing associations and finding out what cows are showing a profit and what cows are showing a loss.

BROKEN THUMB MAY RETIRE SCHMELLING

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 26.—Max Schmeling, the German heavyweight slated to fight the Sharkey-Scott winner for the "world championship" at New York in June, broke his right thumb three weeks ago and may never fight again, a cablegram received from Berlin today by Frank J. Bruen, general manager of Madison Square Garden, said.

GROCERY PURCHASED AT MYRTLE CREEK

C. L. Kusler has taken over the J. D. Lutter grocery store in Myrtle Creek, according to word received here today. Mr. Kusler has been engaged for several years in the grocery business in Myrtle Creek and Glendale. The deal was made through the Bruce Realty company of Myrtle Creek.

Watkins products, 129 W. Lane Phone 177.—Adv.

Advice to Girls

By ANNIE LAURIE

DEAR ANNIE LAURIE:

We are two heart-broken college girls, nineteen years of age. We have been double dating two fraternity brothers who now ignore us. When we are together on the campus and happen to meet the two boys, both speak but always to the one with whom he did not go. The only reason we can figure out for this is that we accepted dates with two other boys one night when they did not ask us for a date. We still like them as much as ever and think that they still like us. How can we make up?

TWO BLUE EYES.

TWO BLUE EYES: I cannot see why the young men should object if you accept dates when you are free, unless, of course, there was a definite understanding between both of you and the young men. You might drop them a cordial little note telling them how much you enjoyed your pleasant times together, and how much you value their friendship. If they don't respond after that, then they are not worth your consideration.

DEAR ANNIE LAURIE:

I am 18 years old, have been going "steady" with a young man one year my senior for a year and a half. My parents have "bawled me out" many times, when I come in late, for going with him. Otherwise nothing much is ever said. I see him almost every night. I love him and do not want to break with him. He wants to get married and leave town but I am afraid my folks would stop us, as he is not of age. He is also of a different religion that mine but I think I can manage that.

I have no one at home to help me with my problem. I cannot talk to my parents because I know they would disapprove as they already do of our friendship. I was told I could pack and leave. I don't want to give up my folks and I don't want to give up my boy friend. Tell me what to do.

LONESOME.

LONESOME: What else can I tell you, my dear, than to have a plain talk with your family. You must find out just what their objections are to the young man. Apparently they do not appear to have strenuous objections to him as a companion for you. I quite understand that you are torn between your family and the man for whom you care, but sooner or later you may be forced to make your choice. But do not marry secretly, you are both very young yet. Wait until the right time and then if things have not altered, make your decision boldly and stand by it.

Maybe I'm Wrong

By J. P. MEDBURY

DON'T worry if your children want to play guessing games all the time. Maybe they'll grow up to be weather forecasters.

Excuse It Please—A plumber was discharged the other day for treason. The boss discovered he was taking a mensery course.

You're Right—Some of the girls who walk off with beauty prizes nowadays should be arrested for embezzlement.

Take It or Leave It—A lot of cashiers figure it isn't gambling as long as they speculate with the firm's money.

Auto-Suggestion — The finance companies are making it easier for us to buy cars, but the city is making it harder for us to park them.

Wonders of Nature—You can't blame a woman for losing her sunny disposition when her husband keeps her in the dark so much of the time.

Ode to a Father—Just because your son runs around a lot at college, it doesn't necessarily mean he's on the track team.

Social Accomplishments—Having two bathtubs. One for bathing and one for singing.

Null and Void—The man who says he sleeps until noon because he hates to be idle all day.

Our Own Vaudeville — Satan: Who's the new arrival? Devil: A salesman. Satan: What does he sell? Devil: Fire escapes.

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A taxpayer possessing stock of a corporation can not deduct from gross income any amount claimed as a loss thereby on account of shrinkage in value of such stock on account of fluctuations of the market or otherwise. The loss allowable in such case is that actually suffered when the stock is disposed of.

A taxpayer, other than a dealer in securities, can not deduct any loss claimed to have been sustained from the sale of stock or securities, if within 30 days before or after such sale he has acquired (other than by bequest or inheritance) substantially indentical property. This provision is designed to prevent a taxpayer, in computing net income, from claiming as a deduction a so-called "loss" sustained from a sale of securities, which is immediately followed or immediately preceded by a purchase of substantially identical securities.

Gain or loss, however, is realized in the case of a "short sale." A taxpayer owning 100 shares of the X corporation, who purchases another 100 shares and within 30 days thereafter sells the first purchased stock can not deduct any loss claimed to have been sustained from the transaction; if he sells the entire 200 shares, a gain or loss from both transactions is thereby realized at that time; and if he sells the stock included within the second purchase a gain or loss is realized.

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GOOD-NIGHT STORIES

By Max Trell

Knarf's Shadow-Rope Cures Master Frank of Mouth-Breathing.

Of course if little Frank had slept with his mouth closed as all children properly should, nothing would have happened either to him or to Knarf, his shadow.

Mij, Flor, Hanid, Yam and Knarf—the shadow-children with the turned-about names—didn't like the way Frank breathed while he

Knarf Tied the Rope.

slept. Instead of drawing in the air through the nose, which is the healthy way, he drew it in through his wide-open mouth, which is not a healthy way at all, since it causes coughs, colds and a hundred or more complaints for which there are black and bitter medicines in every drug store.

The shadows, however, weren't concerned so much about that as about the odd sound that the little boy made while he slept. It resembled the creaking of a door with a distinct whistle at the end of it. It was—to be perfectly exact— a snore.

Now when little boys snore, shadows can't sleep. For that reason they decided that since he couldn't keep his mouth closed by himself they would keep it closed for him. As soon he he fell asleep they crept into his bedroom.

"S-s-snor-r-re . . . s-s-snor-r-r-re!" he went.

Then they put their shoulders under his chin (for during the night they were no larger than cotton-pins) and pushed up until his mouth was closed, whereupon the noise instantly stopped. Now as it was no use for all of them to remain awake the entire night they decided to take turns holding his mouth closed. Hanid would take the first turn, then Yam, Mij, Flor and finally Knarf.

All went well. Hanid, Yam, Mij and Flor all kept his mouth tightly closed, even though they had a great deal of trouble keeping their own eyes open. At last it came Knarf's turn.

Knarf was a cleaver little shadow. He wasn't going to stay awake just to keep his master's mouth closed. He hit on a plan. He would tie up his mouth. With what? With shadow-rope. The bedroom was black with shadows: shadows of chairs, lamps, curtains, walls. Quickly he tore off several long strips of shadow, then braided them together until he had a stout shadow-rope. This he deftly tied around his master's head making a tight knot under his chin.

"Now," said this clever shadow, chuckling to himself, "I can go to sleep."

But in the morning—what a thing happened! Knarf woke up to hear his master's mother enter the room. He sprang up in a flash. The shadow-rope was still around his head. He would have to take it off before mother came in.

Consternation! His master had turned over and was now sleeping squarely on the knot!

He tugged and he tugged. "Turn over!" he cried. His master didn't hear. Then mother entered. She tapped Frank on the shoulder. "Time to get up," she said cheerfully.

"All right, mother. I'll get up in a moment," Frank wanted to say. But he couldn't. He felt something keeping his mouth closed.

"Mij, Flor, Hanid, Yam!" Knarf cried. "Help me! Quickly!"

They all hastened to his side. In an instant they saw what was wrong and with all their strength they turned Frank over. Presto off came the shadow-rope and Frank could speak——!

Knarf uttered a sigh of relief. It certainly was a close fix.

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