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CITY CAMPING GROUNDS

During the past few days the Mist has heard considerable discussion as to the city having a free camping ground to accommodate the tourists who pass or will pass through the city, and it understands that a number of people suggest that such a camping site be located near Railroad Addition and on the main highway, where it would be convenient for the tired motorist. The Mist heartily approves of the idea, if a desirable location can be obtained. So far as St. Helens is concerned, it makes no difference in what part of the city a camping ground is selected. Every lot in St. Helens is a part of St. Helens and it is all St. Helens. There are no division lines between sections unless such lines exist in imagination.

It will be only a few months and the highway will be completed. Thousands of tourists will pass through the city, some bound for the seashore and others for Washington and British Columbia points. If they want to stop in St. Helens and rest, let us provide a place for them and welcome them. The little city park we have is not suitable or large enough, and besides, we should beautify the park and use it for ourselves and children for pleasure and recreation.

If we are to have camping grounds, let's have camping grounds for visitors.

A few weeks ago, the editor of the Mist was in The Dalles and talking to a bank cashier. He pointed out of the window to the steady stream of automobiles. Some of them bore Oregon license numbers, but a majority of them had license tags from Washington, Idaho, Montana, California and other western states. A few of them were from New York, Nebraska, and one little creaky Ford had come all the way from Texas. Other states were represented. The cashier said, "That is going to be our largest crop. Very few of these autoists pass through The Dalles without stopping to leave money for provisions, repairs or something that is needed." The tourist dollar is a "cheerful dollar" and the tourist hands out such a dollar in a cheerful manner, when there is something to exchange for the dollar.

St. Helens cannot afford to be behind other little cities. The Mist man has traveled through 20 Oregon cities during the past three months and each one of them is making a bid for the tourist trade, except St. Helens.

The Mist believes that the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce will take up and develop this important matter.

PRICES FORTY YEARS AGO.

Forty years ago, when Portland had the only street railway in the Pacific northwest, a single fare was 10 cents, with four tickets for 25 cents. Now the city council at Seattle, struggling with a growing deficit in its municipal system, has passed an ordinance that hits upon the exact schedule of forty years ago. But there the analogy ends. Forty years ago living was cheap in this region. We had 5-cent bread, 5-cent milk, 25-cent butter, 25-cent eggs, 15-cent loin steaks and everything else in proportion, with occasional years when potatoes and apples could be had almost for the digging and the picking. At the best Portland restaurants 40 years ago they served a breakfast of two eggs, a large dish of potatoes, bread, butter, and coffee, all for 15 cents. A generous portion of ham or bacon cost 10 cents more.

Happy, halcyon days—shall we ever see them again? When taxes were low, living and rents were cheap, and the people, having no automobiles to drain away their substance, managed to live like epicureans and be reasonably happy and contented on incomes that would be sniffed at by the day laborer of today.

CIGARETTE BILL DROPPED

D. E. Frost, of Oregon City, author of the bill to prohibit the sale of cigarettes in Oregon, has stated that he has dropped the bill on account of not having secured sufficient signatures to place the measure on the ballot. Frost said "I was told by my friends that the time was not ripe for such a drastic measure and it may have been that they were correct." The Mist agrees with the "friends" that the time was not ripe for the crazy bill Frost was trying to slip over and if it had been submitted to the people, we are inclined to think that it would have received just as chilly a reception as the name of its author brings to mind.

Frost said "The time may come in Oregon when the people will deny the use of the cigarette, but I am going to let George do it next time."

PROTECT FROM FIRE LOSS

It is the time of year for camping and for dry forests. Likewise it is a time of year for exceeding care as to forest fires. The forests of Columbia are a considerable portion of the county's wealth. The timber industry gives employment to thousands of men and the destruction of forests by fires destroys taxable property and throws men out of employment.

Columbia county has been fortunate for the last several seasons in having no forest fires of magnitude,

and let us hope that by using every precaution, that this season will add to the past good record. We need our timber and our lumber industry. Let us try to conserve both by eliminating the unnecessary forest fires which in a majority of cases can be attributed to carelessness.

TREES AND ELECTRICITY

In the movements being started to beautify highways by planting trees along the roadside, care should be taken to see that the trees are so planted as not to come in contact with the telephone and power lines.

Interference with these wires by tree branches causes poor service or a complete stoppage of service. In wet weather tree contact with the wires is extremely dangerous as the wet branches are a fine conductor of electric current and have led to many accidents when persons or animals come in contact with such a tree.

Where highways are to be beautified with trees, a variety should be chosen which will not grow to such a height as to interfere with the wires and the trees should be planted as far as possible from the wires.

It is necessary that public utility companies be allowed to string their wires along the highways for the cost of private right of way would be so high that the resulting cost of service to consumers would be prohibitive.

A little co-operation now in regard to this matter will obviate much trouble later.

POISE THE THING

Within the past few months, several fatal and near fatal accidents have occurred to motorists in this community. The surprising fact stands forth that not one of them was caused by excessive speed.

Didn't we used to hear a great hullabaloo about speed being the demon which precipitated accidents. And most of us believed it. Even now many of us drive automobiles slowly, believing that to drive slowly is to drive cautiously.

But slow speed does not insure safety.

Lack of poise on the part of the driver, distracting noises or thoughts, are the causes of most accidents, be the speed slow or rapid.

Given a moment when the mind of the driver of the gasoline vehicle is not on his business of piloting the car and accidents creep on and death and injury result.

A peculiar thing about an automobile is that it won't do any thinking and sometimes when left to its own resources cuts up queer capers such as diving into the ditch and hurtling down embankments.

Whether one drives slow or fast, the element of risk in driving is present because if one becomes for the moment absent minded, is distracted by a sound, day dreams an instant, bang—one is in the ditch and perhaps has to be assembled in a basket. At any rate to prevent accidents one would best look less to speed, if it be in reason, and consider attention to business in hand everlastingly.—EX.

The bank statements of the St. Helens banks is a mighty good business barometer and shows the prosperity of St. Helens and surrounding country.

November 15 has been determined upon as the date for the first meeting of the Assembly of the League of Nations, the state department has made known. Except for some democratic platform planks, we had almost forgotten the league.

The letting of the contract for four miles of new road on the St. Helens-Pittsburg road is one of the most important county matters that has occurred in years, for it means that the fertile Nehalem country will soon be connected with the river front district by a good all the year road and that the farmers of the Nehalem will have the benefit of a short haul over a good road to a good market. The Nehalem country has just started to develop. The opening of the Pittsburg road will be the means of furthering that development which on account of poor transportation facilities, has been retarded for years.

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PUBLIC FORUM
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THE HOME

We believe it was Laurence Sterne who put the building of a house, and the planting of a tree, among the first objects in life, of true manhood. The wretchedness of man, without a home, is emphasized by the greatest moral teacher, of any age, in the declaration that "The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head."

The destruction, and squandering, of homes, among the civilized nations of the world, during the last decade, is appalling. The far-reaching effect is already very noticeable, even to the most casual observer. The bulwark of civilization is assailed.

Home life stimulates the brain and modulates the human heart. In "The Ancient City" De Coulanges places domestic religion at the very foundation of all law. With a view of adding our little mite, on this important subject, we may reserve space for a few lines, under the above head, in future issues of this paper. If ever the expression "Ye are the salt of the earth" conveyed a meaning to the non-Christian world, it is now. The world needs more christian homes.

News to Subscribers Only

The Jackson County Farm Bureau News has changed its former policy of sending free copies to all farm homes in Jackson county, and will hereafter send copies to paid subscribers only. The former practice was designed to acquaint the people generally with the aims and benefits of farm bureau activities. It has been discontinued for financial reasons. Subscription is a dollar a year, and carries with it membership in the farm bureau.

FARM COLUMN

BETTER BUTTER IS CALL

Growth of Substitutes Said to Be Due to Uniform High Quality

Increased use of butter substitutes in the last few years is due to their uniform good flavor, and to lack of this quality in butter, says V. D. Chappell, manager of the O. A. C. Creamery, in a letter to creamerymen of Oregon.

"Creamerymen do not realize the seriousness of the proposition confronting them," Professor Chappell declares. "Quality, regardless of cost, is the deciding factor these days, especially the last nine months. If you expect to keep your nose above water in the butter game you will have to get down to business and make better butter by using uniform methods."

A card has been sent to the creamerymen of the state, with a request that it be filled out and returned. The card calls for information on acidity of cream, temperature at churning, churning time, temperature of wash water, number of revolutions butter is worked in water, percent of moisture and salt, and some other vital factors.

All information called for can be found in rightly kept churn records, which Professor Chappell says are essential to uniformity of methods, upon which uniform good quality depends.

Information in the reports will be used in conducting experiments at the college, which is doing everything possible to improve the grade of butter in Oregon.

STERILITY IN CATTLE

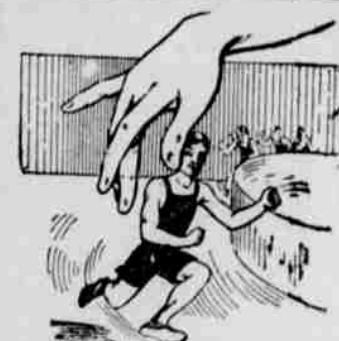
It is pitiful to see the many fine, productive cows being driven to the slaughter house day after day as the result of sterility or barrenness. A milch cow is of value only as long as she will continue to breed.

This condition is largely preventable. It is to a great extent the result of infection. It is not the purpose of this article to go into the various specific infections or other causes of sterility or into a detailed explanation of the anatomy of the parts concerned. This is simply a plea for cleanliness and the saving of valuable cows that are being needlessly sacrificed.

For those wishing a rather detailed description of the disease, its causes and treatment, the readers are referred to the second biennial report of the Oregon Livestock Sanitary board for the period ending June 31, 1916. This report covers this condition and many others in a very able manner.

When a cow has a retained afterbirth or a discharge after calving, then is the time to work for cleanliness. This condition should be remedied. A clean uterus is a necessity for the successful carrying out of conception and reproduction. Clean up this condition and you will be amply rewarded.

Use judgement. Do not allow a retained afterbirth to remain and become infected. This infects the womb and extends frequently to the fallopian tubes and ovaries. By all means get a veterinarian or a man competent to remove the menace. Cleanse the vagina daily with mild antiseptics until all discharge has



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ceased. Caution. Do not use too strong an antiseptic or inject large amounts of fluid into a dilated uterus. This treatment will save many a valuable cow from becoming sterile. Sterility is curable in a large percentage of cases, but the cost of treatment is much more than the prevention. Treatment requires expert training and special instruments in the hands of a veterinarian.

More Commercial Fertilizer Used.

Increase in the use of commercial fertilizers in specialized and intensified farming is noted by the department of agricultural chemistry, O. A. C. experiment station. "Their agricultural value from an economic standpoint is not yet sufficiently recognized," says R. H. Robinson, research specialist. "The belief that commercial fertilizers are as yet unnecessary in this state is gradually changing." A list of every brand that can be sold in Oregon this year has been prepared for farmers by the station, and published in a bulletin for free distribution. The list gives the fertility content of every brand.

While the Mosier cherry crop will be only half as large as last year, it is stated that the fruit will be of excellent quality.

Lane county post of the American legion will make an effort at the state convention of the legion at Astoria to elect Eugene as the meeting place for next year.

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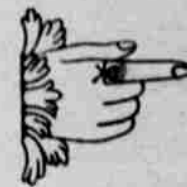
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A FACT ABOUT COFFEE PRICES

A salesman for a coffee house told us a few days ago that the reason coffee had advanced in price was on account of the cost of the tin can. The average price of the tin coffee can is 8 1/2 cents. Then comes the packing, labeling, etc., etc., so you can see that you are paying from 12 to 15 cents per pound on coffee for the tin can and the fancy work and you don't use either. You will get just as good coffee when you buy our

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