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SAGEBRUSH FOR ROADS.

Ranchers of a practical turn of mind in the vicinity of Pasco have discovered a use for the generous growth of sagebrush in that vicinity, says the Spokesman-Review. They are using it to make roads of, and it is proving of great benefit during the season of wheat hauling.

Following a dry, hot summer, the roads were full of dust and the heavy grain-loaded wagons cut deep into the highways and made hauling difficult. The usual remedy, straw, was too scarce to be wasted upon the roads. No other road material appeared at hand, until some bright farmer be thought himself of the despised sagebrush.

The bushes are grubbed up, roots and all, and thrown into the highway—and the road-building is complete. After that it is simply a question of time until the grain wagons grind the sagebrush and dust into a firm, though springy mass, and the road will stay in good condition during the hauling season. Should a spot wear thin, repairs are easy. It is simply a case of pulling up a few bushes and throwing them into the road.

How the sagebrush would work under rainy conditions it is impossible to say, as the fall has been as dry as the summer. The success has been so marked this fall, however, that it is probable the use of straw, in that section of the grain belt at least, is a thing of the past.

THAT PLAGUE, CONSUMPTION.

Starting figures as to the spread of the "White Plague" will be presented at the International Congress on Tuberculosis, which is now in session in Washington, D. C.

"Every 36 minutes there is a death from consumption in the state of New York," is the remarkable statement which will appear on one of the charts to be shown in the New York section of the exhibition, which will be a feature of the congress. For more than 20 years scientists have claimed that tuberculosis is not only hereditary but that it is curable in the early stages, and most important of all, that it is preventable, perhaps more so than any other germ disease.

It is for the purpose of disseminating present day information of the means and methods of combatting this dreaded scourge that the congress has been called.

Each exhibit will be made up of maps, charts, diagrams, models of well-lighted and ventilated factories, together with models of sweatshop workrooms, and dark, poorly ventilated bedrooms, where the consumption germ finds an excellent breeding place. Pictures of dispensaries, hospitals, and sanatoria where consumptives are treated, radiographs and photographs of healthy and diseased lungs will be shown.

PANAMA'S RAINFALL.

Four and one-half inches of rainfall in one hour, and 1.15 inches in only 10 minutes, is going some, but that is what they had down in Panama one day last month. They called it a shower, but admitted that it was the heaviest that has been recorded on the isthmus since the American occupation. It began about noon and lasted until 9:45 p. m., but the heaviest precipitation was between 2:30 and 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon. During those three hours there were 7.62 inches of rain.

A part of the roadbed of the Panama railroad was washed away and the

main of the Union Oil company pipe line was broken. Fortunately the precipitation was greatest at points where little or no excavation is in progress. Except for momentary trouble with sunken tracks and the natural difficulty of handling mud, the work on the canal proceeded as usual the day after the storm.

WHICH?

Representative John Sharp Williams has a new story and this time it is a particularly good one. During the recent Mississippi gubernatorial campaign the Hon. Jeff Truhy was one of the unsuccessful aspirants for the majority suffrage of his fellow citizens. Prohibition doctrines figured in the struggle, and seemed very important to a Methodist minister. The following conversation is related: "Brother Truhy," said the minister, "I want to ask you a question. Did you ever take a drink of whisky?" "Before I answer that," responded the wary Brother Truhy, "I want to know whether it is an inquiry or an invitation."

CARR BEST'S VAN BUREN

J. J. Carr qualified for the finals in the men's singles of the Algonquin Tennis club this morning, when he beat Jay Van Buren, 6-2, 6-0. Though the game was of short duration, Carr was given a lively chase for his honors.

The fast sets were played last night when the set between F. E. Moore and George Abegg was pulled off. Abegg won the first set handily, but lost the second. His endurance gave out in the third set and by pulling himself out of a bad position late in the final set, Dr. Moore was able to win the set and match. He secured the match after some of the fastest playing seen on the courts and when, to all appearances, he was defeated. The score at 2-6, 6-3, 8-6.

Now that the single matches are nearly finished, club members are looking toward the day when the finals will be run off. It will require about a week's time before such is the case, and when the winner has been declared, attention will turn to the doubles. Teams will be selected voluntarily and players who wish to enter should pick their partners and notify the tournament committee that dates for matches can be set in advance.

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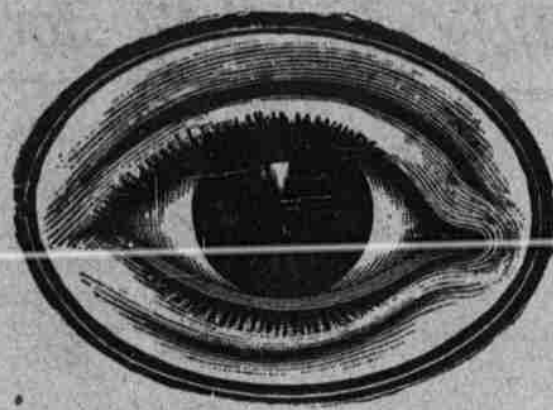
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