

AVOID WEEDS SAY EXPERTS

PREVENT MATURITY OF SEEDS FIRST NEED

Government Points the Way to Get Rid of Weed Pests

Washington, June 2.—More important than killing weeds, says the Agriculture Department in a recent announcement, is to avoid having weeds to kill. Such evidence is made possible by observing the following important principles: 1. Prevent weeds from going to seed on the farm; 2. Prevent weed seed being brought to the farm; 3. In the case of perennial weeds, prevent them from making top growth and thus finally starve out the underground parts.

Annual weeds live only one year, maturing their seeds and then dying. Biennial weeds live two years during the first year they grow rather slowly, producing usually year they send up flower stems that produce seeds and then die. As the biennial and the annual weeds propagate themselves by seeds alone it is necessary to observe only the first two of the principles stated above in their control.

Perennial weeds, on the other hand, produce each year underground parts, which live over the next year and produce topgrowth. These weeds propagate themselves by their underground parts as well as by their seeds, and even, if prevented from going to seed, keep on growing. In dealing with perennials therefore, it is necessary to observe all three principles.

About \$12,000 worth of farm crops, home grown seeds, farm stocks, etc., were marketed within Fremont county Wyoming, in December and January through the medium of the Farmers' Exchange bulletin of the Agricultural Department.

There seems to be no controverting the fact that a given variety of apple for the most successful growth within its general region, requires a certain kind of condition of soil. A wide range of conditions with attendant results substantiates. It seems to depend on the water holding capacity of the soil. And the capacity of the soil to hold water depends on the soil texture, meaning the size of the grain, the soil structure of the grouping of these tiny grains into clusters, the amount of humus in the soil and the degree of soil tilth, which is the combined effect of the foregoing and tillage.

To gain a useful byproduct of hundreds of thousands of cases of grapefruit which now are wasted the Agriculture Department suggests a simple method of bottling the juice. Investigations undertaken for the benefit of Florida growers who were losing an immense amount of valued fruit were responsible.

All that is necessary, according to the government specialists, is to bring the grapejuice to the boiling point in a porcelain lined or enameled kettle, pour it while it is into bottles, which are then hermetically sealed. Experiments show that it is highly important that the bottles be completely filled so that no layer of air be left between the top of the juice and the cork. Where air touches the juice it changes color.

Virginia man was shot by a personal friend. There is such a thing as becoming too personal in friendship as well as in anything else.



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M. BATLEY IS SENIOR HEAD

LA GRANDE-RAISED BOY IS FORGING AHEAD.

Signal Honors Bestowed Upon Him By Senior Class at Oregon.

University of Oregon, June 31—Another of La Grande's students has brought distinction to himself and lengthened the list of accomplishments of those who hail from Eastern Oregon.

Merlin Batley, L. H. S. '12, has been chosen to wield the gavel for next year's Senior class. In the election held last Thursday, Mr. Batley received 42 of the 72 votes cast, there were two other candidates for the office.

Louise Bailey, of Eugene, was elected Vice-President, Erna Petzold, of Oregon City, Secretary, Roy Stephens, of Eugene, Treasurer, and Joe Tomiyaga, a Japanese student, Sergeant-at-Arms. The newly elected officers will become active next year.

Merlin Batley has always been prominent in college activities and has become well-known through his work on the University Glee club, of which he has been a member and stuntman for the past two years. Mr. Batley is also President of this organization, having been elected this spring, to succeed Henry Heidenrich, also of La Grande. He is a member of the Dramatic Club, and of Friars, the upper classmen's society. He belongs to the Sigma Nu fraternity.

In high-school, Batley acted as Yell-leader, represented La Grande at the Eastern Oregon oratorical contest in Ontario in 1912, and was Editor-in-Chief of the first issue of The Ommanus.

The college paper "The Emerald" had to say of him:

Merlin Batley registered three years ago from La Grande, and from that day to this he has been willing and efficient worker in everything the class has undertaken to do. A class hour committee was not to be thought of without Batley as a member. Every class dance has been replete with evidences of his work. Whenever an artistic touch has been planned, Batley is the man who could be depended, upon to come through with something good. And not only has he been indispensable to his class but to the Student Body as a whole he has been hardly less serviceable.

OREGON NEWS

(L. C. McShane, Editor Hubbard Enterprise)

As a prominent factor of the Great North-West, Oregon is leading the way into fields of industrial development that is sufficient in these times of stress, wars and rumors of wars, to be a solace during the trying circumstances of the past three weeks.

In your quiet hour be thankful you live in America, first, and Oregon next. We have a great present and a tremendous future with all our forces directed towards development and conservation.

Another is the stand the citizens of the state have taken in the affairs of government that have affected them on high plane and among the foremost states of the Union. It is high time to appreciate more than we have been our fortunate circumstances.

Here in Oregon with our last legislation a principal feature of the session was retrenchment and that alone is an added enjoyment to the quiet hour after the day is done, as appropriations come out of the people's pockets in the form of taxes.

No laws aimed at utility or transportation companies were countenanced, radical labor laws were not enacted, no statutes were placed on the books to harass any established industry and no further regulatory powers were established and that's

something else to be thankful for. The people defeated 25 out of 29 measures submitted for referendum and by this same vote served notice that they were weary of political nostrums and interference with industrial and commercial progress.

(From the Dallas Itemizer.)

When one stops and looks about a bit, or reads a little, it does not appear as if it ought to be hard to understand "Why is the high cost of living?" A recent report is to the effect that the public in the United States pays more than \$175,000,000 to see the "movies"—which was \$75,000,000 more than the estimated gains of farmers from the higher prices of grains. Down in Portland a couple of weeks ago we counted forty automobiles in one city block. It is safe to say their average cost was \$1,500 each—a total of \$60,000. Ten machines in one city block would have been a curiosity six years ago.

Coyotes Versus Rabbits The folly of the State spending hundreds of thousands on coyote

bounties is shown by this from the Heppner Herald:

William Kummerland, for over 30 years a resident of this section, told us last Saturday that he was not in favor of maintaining such a high bounty on coyotes. "The coyote is far better to have around than the rabbits. Last year when I planted my potatoes the rabbits got into the patch and dug them up and when I plowed the garden I only found two potatoes. It is almost impossible to raise any garden truck at all at the present time and it will be still harder with the extinction of the coyotes as they kill off the rabbits in large numbers. I say, let the coyotes live."

Military Leaders in Italy



Duke D'Abuzzi



Gen. Cadorna, Chief of Staff

The brother of the King, the Duke D'Abuzzi, leads the fleet, and General Cadorna, chief of staff, leads the army. The duke is well known to Americans because of his attempt to wed the daughter of a millionaire member of the United States Senate. He didn't wed because the royal family would not think of permitting American blood to be mixed with royalty; and he did not make up his mind to defy his royal relatives.

General Cadorna has arrived at Vicenza, near the Austrian frontier, and at once assumed charge of the Italian forces. There he with other officers of the general staff awaited word to begin war on Austria.

WHY SAMPLE SHOES ?

You have heard a great deal about sample shoes. Both from us and our friendly competitor, who would lead you to believe that sample shoes were not worth carrying home. But why should he take this stand and continually knock them if they are so worthless. It is not natural to fear the harmless. All this talk about quality and buying factory outputs is mere wind uttered to raise a cloud of dust to obscure a fancy profit. The output of an ordinary shoe factory, one that is in a position to name prices is from twelve to twenty thousand pairs each working day. How would 83 small stores dispose of that number each day. Sample shoes are the best efforts of any factory as to that there is no question. They are created by the hands of the most skilled mechanics, from selected stocks. They are the face of the factory and upon their construction and appearance the manufacturer must depend for his season's output. Is it likely that he would send out trash. Would you. These shoes are on the road from four to six weeks then returned to the factory, mated up and sold. A good many are sold to some of America's largest retail establishments. We are under contract with two well known high grade shoe companies, The Gotzian and Foot-Schulze, taking all of these samples. Their shoes are bought at an enormous discount. We also get a discount on regular stock equal to that given to any other concern. By mixing our samples with these we are able to quote prices on all shoes that cannot be equaled. No two or three styles pushed out for baits. In our advertising we have made no effort to impose upon you glittering descriptions of what we can do. We have stuck to the truth and we do not believe you can read our ads without forming the conviction that we have not indulged in exaggeration. They are intended to be a plain and simple statement of facts which will appeal to earnest energetic and thoughtful people who will grasp the force of an honest argument and derive the advantages that come from it. These controversies are distasteful at the best but we have not been the aggressor in this issue nor have we ever attempted to belittle or besmirch any mercantile house in this city. That is not our policy. We have asked for a share of your business on business principles only.

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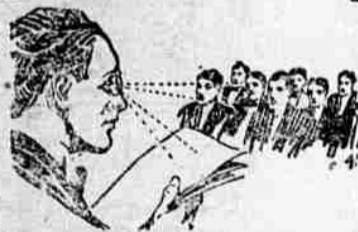
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