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WHERE PREPAREDNESS BEGINS.

Now that the militia has taken the federal oath we may expect to see a wider range of summer training each year. No doubt the present movement toward the border, coming as it does at the time of the summer training, is regarded by military authorities as partly a practice mobilization. It was the only way to discover just what are the lacks of the militia in equipment and efficiency and endurance. As a part of the federal force, the militia may be expected to learn campaigning in every part of the country where they would be needed in time of war. This trip to the border, shorn as it already is of all chances of real military excitement, will be a severe drill in the various occupations which make up the bulk of soldiering.

There is a wide divergence of opinion as to the efficiency of militia displayed in this southward movement. Militia leaders agree that it was well done. Others are not so agreeable. Some states, of course, excelled others. Some regiments in the same states excelled other regiments. That is to say, the difference in degree of "preparedness" was obvious.

This is where "preparedness" ought to begin, unquestionably. The expenditures of the United States for military and naval protection have been very considerable. We speak about the military expenses of European monarchies, but our own are not very far behind. The difference is that we are getting less for our money. We are paying out enough every year to guarantee that a strip of country like the Mexican border be amply protected by our regular troops, without taking citizens away from their necessary labors to perform the job—and that in time of peace. It is like calling citizens out to do police duty because the regular police department is not sufficiently trained.

That class of "preparedness" advocates who have completely overlooked where real preparedness begins. Preparedness is first a matter of quality, not quantity. Preparedness inheres in the system, not in numbers. The

preparedness of the regular army that we already have to do regular work; the preparedness of the militia that we already have to do emergency work—that is where preparedness logically begins. When a factory is inefficient, its manager does not enlarge it; he re-organizes it. When a corps of salesmen is inefficient, its director does not flood it with treble the number of its members; he trains it to alertness and vigor. If, as some day, our navy is inefficient—a statement open to serious question—the remedy is not necessarily to increase it, but to make it efficient. We are already spending enough money; the next duty is to spend enough care and skill to justify the expenditure of money. Money cannot accomplish anything; it is only the tool by which skill can accomplish things.

As a practice mobilization, the calling out of the militia of the nation may justify itself.

TUBERCULOSIS AND HEREDITY.

The statement that tuberculosis is not hereditary may seem superfluous, yet a considerable section of the public probably clings to the notion that a child may be born tubercular.

The theory, long popular, is a natural one. In the first place, it has been established that certain physical types are more liable to tuberculosis than others. The close association of a tuberculous mother or father with the children sows seeds of the disease in especially favorable soil.

The care to be given a child born to a mother suffering from the disease is rather a delicate side problem of tuberculosis. Ideal conditions would insure the birth of children only when there is no such menace awaiting them. The child in a so-called "consumptive family" can be saved through the exercise of unceasing diligence.

What is handed down from generation to generation is the attitude toward disease. Science has not succeeded in dissipating wholly the discredited ideas concerning tuberculosis. It was formerly looked upon with fatalistic resignation. To say of a victim, "it's in the family," disposed of the case. Cures through radical changes of climate were regarded as the only hope. Prevention is an outgrowth of the past decade or so.

The slowness with which the public accepts the truth concerning tuberculosis—that it is curable if discovered in time and that it is as preventable as cholera—will be compensated for by the diligence of succeeding generations in making use of our slowly acquired knowledge. We have ceased to place the blame on heredity; we have not quite reached the point of holding ourselves, and community, culpable.

Fish Planted in Umatilla. Unusually heavy shipments of fish fry are being made to Pendleton for distribution in the streams of the vicinity. A carload was sent to Bingham Springs for planting in the Umatilla river.

COUNTY AGENT NOTES

(PAUL H. SPILLMAN, Cow Testing Associations.)

Some time ago Mr. Kehrli and myself talked over the proposition of forming a cow testing association with some of the representative dairymen of Cove, Union and La Grande. This was to find the sentiment of the dairymen as to such an undertaking and at that time most of them seemed to be favorable to such a movement. Since then we have had numerous inquiries as to when such an association would be formed. It has been this continued interest that is the best indication as to the attitude of progressive dairymen. They realize that the unprofitable cow in a herd is the stumbling block that they must remove if they wish to be successful in their dairy operations. Good care, plenty of hay, right kind of feed etc., are all well and good, but the unprofitable cow is unprofitable still. We must weed out the cow that does not pay for her feed and care, on the other hand we must learn to be liberal feeders if we expect our good cows to do their best.

Do you know which cow pays you a profit, or are you just making a long guess at it? Are you raising that heifer calf because she is from your best cow or because you like her looks? Better consider what a cow testing association could do for you, as you may have an opportunity to join such an association some time in the near future.

Union County Silos.

The dairymen of Union county made a start with silos last year by erecting one at Alicel one at the Cove three at Union. Naturally they have been watched quite closely by those interested in this new feeding proposition. You have read or probably heard that the men that built last year were well pleased, that they reduced the amount of hay feed out of a "tight hole" because of a shortage of hay, caused by the long feeding period of last winter.

But then would those men build again if they had it to do over? Were they praising the merits of the silo because they had one or because they really believed it?

As stated above three silos were erected by as many different parties at Union last year. This year these same three are either going to add to or build another silo, as they can use more silage to advantage than they had last winter. One of the silos at Union was filled with red clover to feed out this summer. The one at the Cove was filled with Forty-Fold wheat for the same purpose, and the one at Alicel was filled with oats and peas, all of them to be filled again this fall with corn.

Then there are four parties at Union, Leon Levy, W. J. Townley, J. Baxter and Theo. Kabritz who have built or will build their first silo this year. L. R. Conklin of the Cove will also build this summer. It looks as though the silo had come to stay in Union county.

STATE NEWS BREVITIES.

Trout Sent to Deschutes. The third carload of Rainbow trout to be sent to Maupin to be dumped in the Deschutes river arrived in The Dalles yesterday.

Runaway Proves Fatal. John Ptacek, 74, a retired farmer living near Estacada, was killed Monday afternoon following a runaway, when two mules became frightened at a motorcycle. Soon after the mules started on their mad career the vehicle struck a rock, and overturning it threw him and the other occupants several feet.

Milwaukee Has Tennis Club. The Milwaukee Tennis club, a new organization, has been conducting an elimination tournament for the past two weeks. The Milwaukee Fire Department band rendered a concert on the tennis grounds recently, spectators being admitted free to the grounds.

Paving Plant Shipped Out. The Warren Construction company, which has been operating in Marshfield for the past two years, has dismantled its plant and will ship it to Walla Walla where it has a large amount of work to do.

Sax Goes to Pendleton High. Pendleton High School Football stock was boosted several notches Saturday when Mose Sax, ex-captain and stellar player of the Jefferson High school at Portland, dropped in to Pendleton and announced he would register in that High school this fall. He will be a most welcome addition to the Pendleton squad.

High Water Cuts Rafting Cost. The cost of getting several million feet of logs to the rafting grounds, on the Coweeman river near Kelso, Washington, was considerably less this year on account of the high stage of the water. A big jam of logs was broken up the past week and will soon be placed in rafts at the driving grounds.

Bus Runs on Tracks. The Great Southern railroad is

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about to introduce a new phase in its rolling stock in the shape of an auto bus passenger service on its line between Freind and The Dalles. The bus is a five seated, 20 passenger car, with a 60-horsepower, four-cylinder engine.

Water Meter Does Not Register. The big water meter through which Milwaukee purchases Bull Run water from Portland is failing to do its duty and another must be installed. Last month it is reported the meter did not register anything.

Charles Johnson Passes. Charles Johnson, aged 71, pioneer Umatilla county farmer passed away at his home yesterday 6 miles west of Adams. He came to Oregon in 1878, settling on his present farm in Umatilla county. He is survived by a wife, three sons and a daughter.

District Shivers in Cold. Two nights last week the frost was so heavy in the Long creek district of Grant county that every bit of unprotected vegetation was damaged. There will be very little corn and it is feared the potato crop will be short.

Two Claim Bruin's Hide. Who shot the 200-pound cinnamon bear on Black Butte, in Grant county, is an argument between G. G. Carson and Harry Halstead of Beech creek.

Both saw the bear at the same time, aimed at the same time, fired at the same time, and both bullets were later found to have been fatal.

Reds Start Pilgrimage. A party of Indians passed through Hood River recently on their way to Lost lake where they make an annual pilgrimage, the bucks to hunt the plentiful game and the squaws to pick huckleberries. Only a small number of Indians, as compared to former years, now visit the lake. Four years ago an old squaw was killed by lightning and the tragedy was taken as an ill omen from the Great Spirit.

Wild Blackberries Plentiful. Wild blackberries are very plentiful this year near Gaston and are unusually sweet and juicy. In the woods they grow to the size of loganberries and are easy picking.

Hood River to Send Four. Four Hood River men have signed for service at the American lake training camp and it is likely several others will sign later.

Judge Hughes' Oregon Visit. Chairman McNary of the Republican state central committee announces that Charles E. Hughes, Republican candidate for president, will speak in Portland and Salem between August 15 and 20. Exact dates and

other appointments will be made soon.

Apple Butter Shipped to Alaska. A Hood River concern has shipped a half carload of apple butter to Seattle for the Alaskan trade.

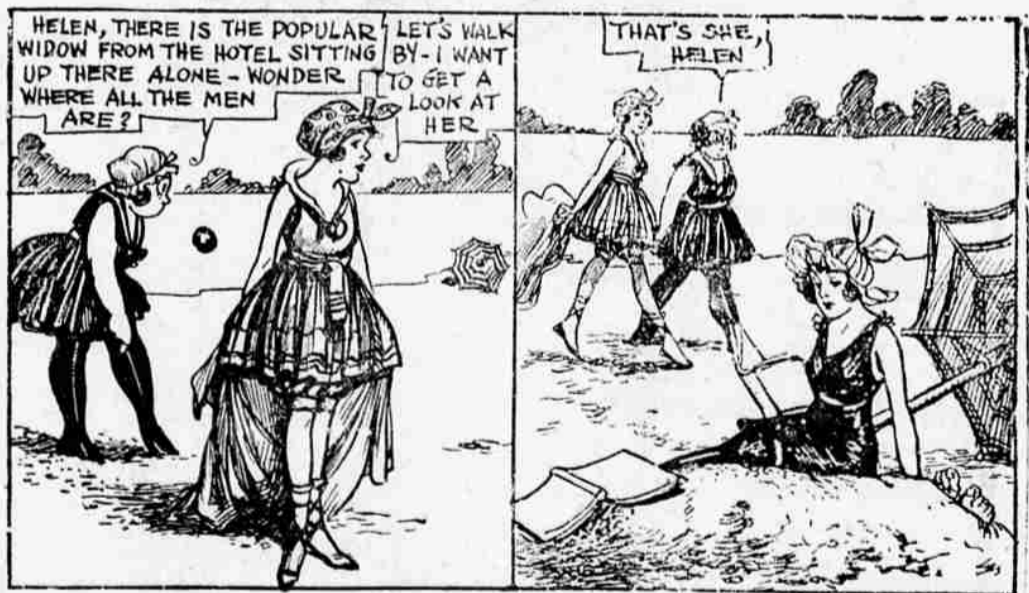
Bend Will Have Exhibit. The Commercial club of Bend has pledged \$100 to be used in conjunction with other localities of the county for an exhibit at the state fair.

Rattlesnakes Numerous. Several rattlesnakes have been killed on the streets of Canyon City this summer. While not large they are becoming too numerous for comfort.

Forest Phones Installed. Government employes have just completed the work of installing telephone service into Lake Merrill near Woodland, Washington. Before the summer is over it is planned to have it to the top of Mt. St. Helens, where a forest ranger station will be erected and maintained.

Eaglewood Joins With Marshfield. The joining of the Eaglewood school district with the Marshfield district brings into the Marshfield district several square miles of territory, the community of Eaglewood and the mining town of Libby.

DOINGS OF THE DUFFS



The Careful Man and his wife. put their money in the bank where it is safe from fire, burglars and their own temptation to spend it.

HUSBAND AND WIFE BOTH SHOULD SAVE MONEY. WHAT'S THE GOOD FOR ONE TO SAVE AND THE OTHER TO SPEND. JUST ASK YOURSELF TODAY: "WHO GETS THE MONEY I EARN?" DO I GET IT OR DOES SOMEBODY ELSE GET IT? IF SOMEBODY ELSE IS GETTING IT CUT HIM OFF. YOU EARNED YOUR MONEY; IT BELONGS TO YOU. KEEP IT. BE A CAREFUL MAN AND BANK YOUR MONEY.

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