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UNBALANCED EDUCATION.

Malheur county, the greatest county in Oregon from a production per acre standpoint, is suffering from unbalanced education. Not on the part of its people, who are working to tame sagebrush land and bring it under water, but from a lot of government and state experts who found the Malheur alfalfa had weevil and immediately threw a quarantine around parts of the county, refusing to permit shipment of hay.

It now develops that all alfalfa countries have weevil, off and on, a good deal like children used to have head lice in the old days when many youngsters were crowded into one little school room. Weevil is an event in alfalfa growing, according to old practical heads, just as the chinch bug infests the wheat section occasionally.

But the over-educated chap with government authority, saw the weevil, and the quarantine followed. As a result, Malheur county is suffering from a business depression, when she has worlds of commodities to sell.

Recently when a shipment of hay was to be sent to the Willamette valley, the over-educated boys down in the mildewed country decided there was some danger of the Malheur alfalfa giving the Willamette valley vetch some disease, if it was permitted to be transported. Immediately the order went out to stop all shipments of Malheur hay.

Say, but this thing is going too far. We have got to let up on a lot of this foolishness, or we may expect to fight the habits of the south invoked in the northwest, and the Ku Klux Klan may be established.

When men work and put their all into the best land in the universe, such as Malheur county men have done, they do not feel very kindly to the over-education which prevents their crops from being sold, and as a matter of just honest-to-goodness reasoning, if you will put yourself in their same places, you would not feel very good either.

Again the Observer good-naturedly suggests that the way to build roads and improve the city, is to get at it with all the energy the people possess.

The Mexican who ran amuck in Twin Falls and stabbed to death a traveling man well known in La Grande, is further evidence of what we get when we let in the foreigners.

We are ready to assist in writing the name of Eugene Meyer Jr. on the scroll of fame if he will put his war corporation to working and give business the needed relief. The one hundred per cent American is looking for relief and is willing to leave details to anyone to work out.

THE BOY MURDERER.

A case which is puzzling the officials of a Michigan town is that of a boy who killed his brother. The boys found a revolver. Often, with an air-gun, or throwing a ball or pebbles, the two had tried to see how close they could come to each other without hitting. The game was like the William Tell and the apple stunt which every boy who ever read the poem has tried, often with disaster.

In this case, however, the weapon was dangerous. Warren hit Clair. In a moment the younger brother was writhing in agony. Then Warren did the thing which seems so mysterious to the grown-ups. He fired a second shot to put him out of his misery. At least, this is what he says.

Warren has been examined by a psychiatrist and found normal. He will not be twelve years old until April 8, and is being held until that time, so that he may be amenable to the Michigan laws regarding juvenile offenders.

Says the dispatch: "The majority of boys, seeing a beloved younger brother accidentally stricken, would probably have run for help, or would have besought Clair to get up and quit moaning. They would have become hysterical, perhaps."

Isn't that last the explanation? A boy accustomed to trapping and farming had doubtless often seen trapped animals or wounded pets shot for that reason. The shock of the accident and his brother's pain unnerved him. The accustomed picture jumped to the top of his mind and he executed the fatal, what seemed the merciful, shot.

It would seem a pity to put the boy into a reform school for such a deed. His punishment throughout the years will be as great as he can bear. As he grows in knowledge and experience he will realize what his hasty impulse did.

The lesson of the occurrence is the old one of keeping dangerous weapons out of reach of irresponsible people, especially children, teaching every child that even with a play weapon he must not point it at a playmate. Soldiers and experienced hunters always carry weapons in such a way that they cannot injure comrades. Holding them otherwise is not a sporting thing to do. Teaching that fact would prevent many of these unhappy affairs.

KNIVES AND SPOONS.

Jersey City authorities have issued a decree stating that hereafter no one may use knives, spoons, or any other sharp objects in any public place. It is a good idea in any place where there are a lot of people, as in a restaurant, to have a rule that no one may use knives or spoons in any public place. It is a good idea in any place where there are a lot of people, as in a restaurant, to have a rule that no one may use knives or spoons in any public place.

THE OFFICE CAT



The Ford Handshake.

Some of our readers may never have heard of the Ford handshake. This is how it is done: Grasp firmly the hand of the person you are greeting; place feet flat and close on the floor; assume an earnest look, then vigorously "spin" the arm of your victim until he fires up. He is then ready to go.

H-e-l-p.

W. V. Connor avers that the following conversation took place recently in Perry:

"Sister," said the deacon, severely, "you should avoid the very appearance of evil."

"Why, deacon, what do you mean?" asked the sister.

"I observe that on your sideboard you have several cut glass decanters, and that each of them is half filled with what appears to be ardent spirits."

"Now, deacon, it isn't anything of the kind. The bottles look so pretty on the sideboard that I filled them half way with floor stain and furniture polish just for the sake of appearance."

"That's why I am cautioning you, sister," replied the deacon. "Feeling a little faint, I helped myself to a dose from that big bottle in the middle."

All in Favor—The Ayes Have It! There was an old burglar who said: "I'll reform now and hold up my head."

He's a landlord today, And his tenants all say "Put him back in the jail till he's dead!"

A woman and her daughter were at sea during a terrific storm. After a silence of some time the mother said: "Are you seasick, dear?" "No, I think not, mother," replied the girl. "But I'd hate to yawn."

"On what salary should a man marry?" asks a morning paper. On his wife's, of course.

Wars may come and wars may go, but war taxes go on forever.

Some people get into the gallery of immortals on passes.

Case Continued.

Miss Curves sued an old man named Drury. And she made an appeal to the jury: She said that one limb Had been injured by him; But the jurymen were from Missouri.

Near Murphy's Place.

(Ashland, Va., Herald Progress.) That might have been a serious accident in Richmond the other day when an auto skidded and struck a lady in the safety zone.

Fashion Notes

(By Uncle Jarve.)

Sister Mary lost her skirt the other day and found it in brother John's reader—he was using it for a book-mark.

One thing can be said in defense of the latest fashion—no man can disguise as a woman and get away with it, if he wears the up-to-date skirt and waist.

A curious old bachelor, after working for over 25 years, has at last invented x-ray goggles—but they are absolutely useless now, for the girls have "beat him to it."

Chris says that he is going to Alaska, where the girls will have to wear clothes or freeze to death. He says that this is no place for a decent married man, and besides he has a weak heart and can't stand much of a shock.

Your Uncle Jarve asked a lady friend if the scar showing above her bodice was from the effect of an operation for diphtheria, when she got mad and said, "No! You old fool, that's where I was operated on for appendicitis."

A shrewd speculator in California, who is watching closely the trend of the market, has seeded a large plantation to fig trees and he has a student of Burbank's working on a plan to transform the leaves to suit any complexion, age or size.

The old "rakes" hanging out in front of the music store and the bank must be going in the garden business this summer, as they are putting in all their time looking for hose. One old guy said that he wished that he was a potato, because they have so many eyes.

The Aztecs were the first people to prepare cocoa as a beverage and to make chocolate from cocoa beans.

Afghanistan has a traditional law that no man with any physical affliction may hold a public office of honor or profit.

Thirty-two per cent of the farm houses in the United States have running water in the house.

The rootstock of the tree, known as "elephant's ear," produces one of the staple foods of the Pacific Islands.

LITTLE TIME NEEDED TO KEEP LABOR DATA

Records Often Are Means of Saving Working Costs.

Farmer Enabled to Determine Number of Days of Man and Horse Power Necessary to Produce an Acre of Any Crop.

A record kept of farm labor does not require much time, yet it is often the means of saving labor costs. The labor records show just how much labor and team work is required on each crop and the time in the season when it is used. They should show what proportion of the labor is devoted to work that produces an income and the amount that is consumed on odd jobs of unproductive tasks. This will enable the farmer to determine the number of days of man and horse labor necessary to produce an acre of any crop, or the care of any class of animals for a year says the United States Department of Agriculture. Thus he may be able to re-arrange his system of management so that he can get along with less labor and at the same time maintain production.

A year's labor records show also just how much man power and horse power is necessary to run the entire farm at different seasons, and point out accurately just when the rush seasons occur. With such records before him, the farmer knows approximately what his labor requirements will be in advance of the rush season. He is able to increase or decrease the different farm enterprises and fit them together until he has outlined a complete year's work with an even load of labor for the entire season.

GIVE GAS ENGINE ATTENTION

Vibration Tends to Loosen Bolts, Nuts and Various Connections Which Need Tightening.

All screws and nuts on gas engines should be kept tight. The engine should be gone over every day or so when it is used, and all connections tightened and all oil and dirt wiped off. Such practice will go far toward preventing operating troubles. Since all gas engines vibrate to some extent and this vibration tends to loosen bolts, nuts and other parts.

Progress in Wrong Direction.

Jud Tunkins says if he had his life to live over he'd probably make the same mistakes, only owing to improved modern facilities he'd make them faster and more numerous.



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THE PNEUMONIA MONTH.

March is a typical pneumonia month and usually gives a high rate of mortality for the disease. After a long and hard winter, the system loses much of its resistance and people grow careless. When every cold, no matter how slight, is given

prompt and intelligent attention, there is much less danger of pneumonia. It should be borne in mind that pneumonia is a germ disease and breeds in the throat. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is an expectorant and cleans out the germ laden mucus and not only cures a cold but prevents its resulting in pneumonia. It is pleasant to take. Children take it willingly—adv.

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