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OUR LORD'S COMPASSION—But when Jesus saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.—Matthew 9:36.

Sometimes a man finds that he cannot make ends meet because they are loose ends.

Owen Johnson, novelist, says, "Second marriages are happier than first marriages." Since he is experimenting with his fifth, we understand this approval of his second.

A year ago the country was in a turmoil over the choice between Herb and Al. Followers of each were convinced that the country would go to the dogs if the other were elected. Now the country has forgotten about the election and few people can relate many of the issues that appeared so vital twelve months ago.

Baker is properly proud of her new community hotel, opened to the public Saturday. Both the Democrat-Herald and the Baker County Record appeared last week with special editions commemorating the event—each most creditable and giving a host of interesting information about the new institution and other encouraging developments in the Baker community.

Speaking of municipal parks, some day La Grande will build a gravel road to the Rooster Peak ridge and secure property there for a picnic ground and view point. To none of the surrounding heights is there a suitable road by which local citizens and visitors can get the gorgeous view of city and valley that is available from them. Such a park would not only provide recreational but inspirational benefits. It would be worth the cost in renewed public enthusiasm for this beautiful valley.

RETURNING PUBLIC LANDS

President Hoover's proposal that public lands be turned over to the states in which they are located for sale and rental to the benefit of school funds is a policy that will meet with general approval in Oregon. That it is the only fair solution for the public land problem is obvious and it would mean the possession of lands within the borders of western states from which small benefit has been realized in the past.

Public lands, with the government retaining control over those having national forest or oil resources, have been almost a dead loss to Oregon under the present policy. Because of comparative scarcity of population to profitably occupy a great area, a large portion of the state has actually not been a part of the state. It has been federal property, giving Oregon negligible revenue and preventing an increase in taxable property that would result if sales to private individuals were possible.

Other states in the middlewest and east have practically public land within their borders. Practically all of their territory is in private lands and taxable. The burden of state government, of schools and counties, therefore, is not borne alone by just one portion of the area within the state, but by all of it. This would be corrected under the Hoover proposal. The federal government would lose nothing of value as far as income is concerned. The states would gain much potential wealth and educational funds would receive a much needed stimulus.

This statement on federal policy toward public lands is typical of the practical Hoover attitude in running federal business. He proposes to do the thing best for the states concerned, allowing deserved benefits to each, nothing more and nothing less. The possibility of more rapid development of irrigated lands under this new policy is another step of importance. The federal government would give aid in dams and reservoirs while the states provided ditches, handled actual reclamation. The only defect in the possible narrow vision of state governments, their failure to take proper advantage of the opportunities thus afforded.

Health Talks

Ring Worm of the Feet, Common Skin Disease Not Serious If Treated Promptly

By Charles T. Chamberlain, M. D., Natchez, Mississippi

Among the common diseases of the skin, especially during the summer months when so many people are swimming both in pools and natural bodies of water, is one known as ring worm of the feet. This is an infectious disease of the skin caused by small organisms similar to the yeast fungus. While not a severe infection, it is very troublesome, and at times becomes severe enough to confine one to bed. The economic side has, therefore, to be taken into consideration.

The disease begins usually on the plantar surface of the feet or between the toes. It is characterized usually by vesicles or blisters varying in size from pin points to vesicles an inch in diameter. They rupture and exude a sticky fluid which is irritating to the surrounding skin. If not properly attended to, the feet may, and do become extremely tender and sometimes painful. If some bluish gray crusts on the already existing infection, considerable inflammation and pain may be present.

During the summer months when promiscuous crowds are using summer swimming pools, one possibility of this infection may cause considerable new ones. The transmission of the infection usually takes place from the floors surrounding the pool, and is caused by walking in the bare feet on the floor. The high alkalinity of the water of the pool would prevent infection most likely.

In our schools and colleges where indoor swimming pools are used during the winter, the incidence of this infection has become very high. A recent report from some of our Eastern Universities showed a 75 per cent infection among the male students. The prevalence was much lower among the female students. The report goes on to say that the greater cleanliness of the female students is the cause of the smaller per cent of infection. As a result of these surveys in our colleges, attention is being given to this skin trouble and steps being taken to prevent its spread among public and semi-public bathhouses.

Prevention of infection is, of course, our chief aim. This can be done first, by proper inspection of bathers, and second, allowing no one to walk bare-foot over the floors surrounding the pool, or in the rooms adjoining.

The treatment of the condition is simple but requires daily attention, and has to be persisted in for long periods. In the presence of the slightest evidence of infection the treatment must be kept up. The first essential of treatment is protection. The affected parts must be kept bandaged. The feet should be bathed each night and morning in a weak solution of iodine using one teaspoonful of iodine to one

quart of water. After drying the feet an ointment of 2 per cent salicylic acid and 4 per cent benzoic acid, made up in lanolin-cold cream as a base, is applied. After applying the ointment, the feet are bandaged. This treatment has to be persisted in until all vestiges of the disease have disappeared. If improperly treated, or untreated, this affection can give a great deal of trouble. The feet will become so painful and tender that one is compelled to go to bed. Even if no loss of time is sustained, we are all well repaid in preventing it, if for no other reason than being able to do away with the troublesome daily treatment.

Cove Planning Sunday School Picnic At Park

By Mrs. A. G. Conklin (Observer Correspondent)

COVE. (Special)—The Sunday school of the Methodist Episcopal church will hold its annual picnic at Riverside park near La Grande Tuesday. Cars will be provided for all who wish to go. They will leave Cove at ten o'clock. A picnic dinner will be spread at noon and after dinner a program of sports, with many contests of both skill and chance will be offered. Mrs. T. H. Conklin and Mrs. E. J. Chadwick will have charge of the sports.

The women's club met at the library Thursday afternoon in regular session. Leslie regular business the program committee presented the program for the year that was read and accepted. Program committee consists of Mrs. T. C. Holly, Mrs. Albert Becker and Mrs. L. J. Chadwick.

The Ladies' Guild will have an afternoon meeting at the Ascension Grove Thursday afternoon. This will be a no-hostess meeting. Mrs. L. M. Laird and Mrs. J. E. Fletcher are the committee in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Price and daughter, Lona Nelda, will leave Cove Monday, Sept. 1, for their new home in Coos, where Mr. Price will be superintendent of the schools. Mr. and Mrs. Price have been "Cove folks" for many years. Several times they have gone away for a year or two but they have always come back to make Cove their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Baker who have been spending the summer at the Cove and in the Mission country left last week for Hermiston where they teach.

Mrs. H. E. Becker, who is at St. Elizabeth's hospital in Baker, is now convalescing and will soon be able to return to her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Chamberlain entertained informally at dinner Sunday, their guests being Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Holly, Charles and Berold Holly, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mills, Harold, Allen, Loyd and Gail Mills and Miss Lucy Hanson.

Miss Lucy Hanson, of Walls, Walla, Walla, is the houseguest of Mrs. Dorothy Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Krause, of Walla Walla, and Arthur Krause,

of Minnesota, visited at the J. E. Mills home last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allen and family of Portland, are guests of Mr. Allen's father, John Allen. They are old residents of Cove and are visiting among old friends. Mr. and Mrs. H. Muir, of Medford, are visiting their son, Henry Muir, here. They brought with them Rosemary, small daughter of Mr. Muir who makes her home with an aunt at Hood River.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mills entertained at a small dinner Monday evening when the Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Sturges and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Price and Lona Nelda Price were guests.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stearns of La Grande were guests at the home of Mrs. A. G. Conklin Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Conklin and daughter, Joan Frances, who have been visiting Mr. Conklin's mother, Mrs. A. G. Conklin, and other friends for the past three weeks will leave Tuesday for their home in Santa Barbara, Cal.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Howe and family who have been spending the summer at their home in Cove left a Sunday ago for Colfax, Idaho near Walla Walla where they will live this winter.

Mrs. Valma Van Granda and daughters, Thelma, Jean and Barbara Japke are visiting Mrs. Van Granda's mother, Mrs. Minnie Senter at the swimming pool. Marjorie Goyette who has been spending the summer with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Goyette, left Saturday for her home in California.

WILDCAT CARTER BEATEN SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 28 (AP).—Leslie "Wildcat" Carter, Seattle negro boxer, was knocked out in the second round of a scheduled six round battle with Billy Towns, Vancouver, B. C., here last night, feeling before a hall of well-aimed punches.

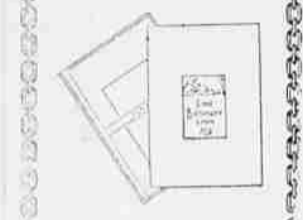
The arctic province of the west in his division with, offering little defense for the storm of blows Townsend drove his way.

Lightning Traveler One of the fastest creatures on earth is the charging Bob. According to Martin Johnson, famous explorer, he covers the last 100 yards of his charge in less than three seconds.

PLANE UP TWO DAYS

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Aug. 28 (AP).—With continued fair weather the Empire State standard circled over the New York state fair ground here today billing up additional hours in the pursuit of a new endurance record. At 11:42:57, a clock E.S.T. today, the flier, Clyde K. Pangborn and Carl A. Dixon, will have completed two full days in the air. Contact with the refuel plane was made this morning.

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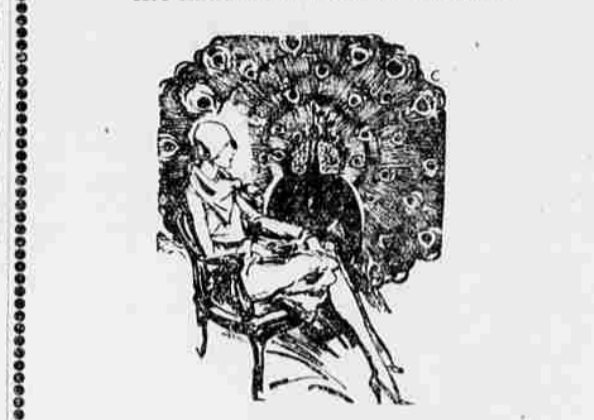
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