

TABBY HAS AT LAST AN ENEMY

Department of Agriculture Says Many Hard Things of House Cats

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28. — "Sleek highwayman," "marauder," and "alleged mouse-killer" are just a few opprobrious epithets which a learned scientific expert is now calling that pet of childhood and solace of the spinster—the cat.

Tabby comes in for an awful muck-taking in the new yearbook of the Department of Agriculture. Prof. A. K. Fisher, of the biological survey is the man who destroys those early idols as to the lovely character of the cat. He says the animal is degenerate, a thief a scoundrel, and oughtn't to be allowed in a respectable household, or at least not allowed the same liberty as at present.

"A well-known naturalist estimates that in the New England states alone 1,500,000 birds are destroyed annually by cats.

"The principal reason given for keeping cats are their attractiveness as house pets, their usefulness as companions to children and their alleged value as rat and mouse killers.

"Alleged mouse killers," think of that insinuation! But the professor does more than just sneer at Tabby's rodent killing proclivities. He says further: "Lovers of the cat should be content with one, or at the most two of these pets, and should see to it that outcasts do not run at large on their premises. Now that cats are known to carry in their fur germs not only of ringworm, but also of the such drearer diseases as tuberculosis, diptheria, scarlet fever and small pox, the presence in the household of Tabby is not without its dangers."

METH. EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Next Sabbath at 11 a. m. the third sermon of the series, "Four Johns." Subject, "John Bunyon, the Great Baptist Allegorist." Sacrament of the Lord's Supper following the sermon. In view of the union temperance meeting to be held at the Baptist church there will be no preaching at night.

Sabbath school at 10 a. m. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. All are invited.

Tea, coffee, beer or claret, with club lunch, 30 cents, at the Emerick Cafe.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Notice is hereby given that the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, will receive sealed proposals for the construction of lateral sewers as follows, to-wit:

A 6-inch lateral sewer along Riverside avenue a distance of 450 feet.

An 8-inch lateral sewer along Rose avenue a distance of 600 feet.

An 8-inch lateral sewer along North Oakdale avenue from Hamilton to Third street.

A 6-inch lateral sewer along Summit avenue a distance of 600 feet.

A 6-inch lateral sewer along West Third street from North Oakdale avenue to Holly street.

A 6-inch lateral sewer along Hamilton street from west end of street to North Oakdale avenue.

A 6-inch lateral sewer along alley through block 25.

A 6-inch lateral sewer along alley between d'Anjou street and Central avenue from Eighth street to Ninth street.

A 6-inch lateral sewer along Orange street between Eighth street and Tenth street.

All bids must be filed with the city recorder on or before 4:30 p. m. September 7, 1909, and accompanied by a certified check payable to the city treasurer of said city equal to five per cent of the contract price; check to be forfeited to the city of Medford in case the successful bidder fails to enter into contract for same. Contractor to furnish all labor and materials necessary to complete said sewers. Plans and specifications may be had for said improvement by calling at or addressing the city engineer's office.

Done by order of the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, this 23d day of August, 1909.

ROBT. W. TELFER, City Recorder.

GREAT PROGRESS MADE ON CANAL

Work Steadily Advancing on Panama Canal Despite the Tariff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.— While the people of the United States have been fussing over the wool schedule or the hide schedule or various kindred things included in the tariff bill, the segregated mite of population down on the Isthmus of Panama has been putting on a new aspect on the building of the canal. It is no longer a matter of building a ditch. Concrete is being laid, villages are being moved, quarries are being opened, locks anchored. Preparations are almost completed for the constructive work on the canal and the whole project is entering on its second phase of accomplishment.

When the record for the month of July was taken it was found that the United States had surpassed the excavation mark set by the French during the years they were at work before abandoning the undertaking. The French excavator 81,548,000 cubic yards. The Americans have taken out 81,697,000 cubic yards. There are still 92,968,617 yards still to be excavated.

From now on it is expected that the excavation records will dwindle as the excavation progresses, the present plan being to bring the excavating and construction work to an end simultaneously.

CURRY COUNTY MAY HAVE SALOONS BACK

MARSHFIELD, Or., Aug. 28.— Curry county is not "dry" territory, according to a decision of Judge John S. Coke, of Marshfield, presiding in the circuit court of Curry county.

John R. Herron, of Marshfield, was arraigned at Gold Beach on the charge of having illegally sold liquor in Curry county. C. F. McKnight, of Marshfield, appeared for Herron, and on the plea he made Judge Coke decided that Curry county, which was supposed to be "dry," is not "dry," but that in reality there is no reason why liquor could not be sold there.

The election declaring the county "dry" was knocked out because there had never been the proper order of the court entered to make the election legal.

Curry county is the only absolutely isolated district of Southern Oregon, and there were times when no small amount of whisky was consumed there. According to the ruling of Judge Coke the saloons of years ago may be opened and liquor selling may run riot without interruption, as would be the case under license.

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