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The Play of the Little Child

In the little child the division of sex interest has not yet come, and the same "play" things appeal to both the boy and the girl. After the child is old enough to be allowed to go around by himself, the first thing one ought to have is a sand-bin. The instinct to play in the earth is predominant in every child, and sand and water are very much easier to clean than the dirt and mud of the yard. If possible, a small wading pool which could contain running water, would be an ideal thing to have for the children. All children love to wade, and it is best to know when and where they do it. A low swing is good for the little tots, and also a small slide. This can be built of smooth boards with side pieces, elevated at one end and with steps leading to the top. You will find that this will afford endless pleasure to the small children and perhaps some dark night you yourself will go out and steal a slide and forget that now you have children of your own.

The farm wife is perhaps the busiest woman in the country. Yet she could find the time to tell her babies a good-night-story or play some game with them in the evenings. It only takes perhaps fifteen minutes, and surely that is due you and your children. Nothing is of more importance than the souls of your children, and if you deny that daily pleasure to them and to yourself, you not only warp your own soul, but you take away from your children the things that will teach them how to get the greatest joy out of living. Living is hard at best, but if we can learn a little of the joy of life each day, we have gained the "great secret." Sit down on the floor and play with your children--be a child with them--and they in turn will carry that to their children and life

Contest Closes

The date for the closing of the subscription contest running for the Herald was Wednesday evening. Owing to difficulties that arose from time to time, only two of the contestants made such a showing as would entitle them to prizes, but by an agreement between the management and the contestants who were attempting to do anything, made some time ago, every contestant that had turned in a subscription would receive a cash prize. Of those who thus will be entitled to cash prizes we give the standing according to the latest figures:

Miss Lenna Johnson, 28,200; Miss Fay Klineman, 26,500; Miss Hilda McTaggart, 53,700; Clara Clark, 47,000; Irma Fish, 11,100; Stella Wilson, 61,200; Lois Burch, 55,300. According to the best information at hand all persons concerned are satisfied with results. They found mid-summer rather a difficult time to hold up an interest in a contest and they are to be commended for the work they did.

Mrs. T. M. Walsh has been quite ill this week.

Mrs. White of Madison, Wis., formerly of Lents, is visiting Mrs. Lock, and other local acquaintances.

Mrs. Lelia Johnson-Elliott, well known around Lents, and who has been living with her husband in Alaska, is visiting at the home of L. D. Elliott on the Section Line and 823 street. She will be here for some time.

will grow richer and happier all down the line because you know how, and did play with your children.--Edwina Mary Layman.

ONE WHO IS NOT WORRYING.



OREGON NEWS NOTES

The Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Company of Minneapolis will erect a saw-mill on the Des Chutes river near Bend which will employ 300 men.

The Gaston \$10,000 school contract has been let to J. W. Loynes of Forest Grove.

Oregon papers are asking why the policy holders and not officials of busted insurance companies are prosecuted.

Clackamas County has abandoned macadam roads and will build hard-surface hereafter.

T. B. Wilcox of Portland will expend between \$100,000 to \$150,000 on a country home.

Tillamook new city hall will be built of Oregon faced pressed brick.

Ontario wants a state highway via Canyon City to The Dalles.

A 30-ton stamp mill has been ordered for Greenhorn mine near Baker.

Mormon Basin, Baker County, will erect a fine new school house.

A franchise has been granted the United Railways over the Linnton-Portland road.

Nehalem is constructing a 200,000 gallon reservoir for water supply.

Portland public works department has dropped 14 men--economy.

The Albany Lumber Company mill started with a crew of 20 men last week.

Milwaukie has carried a \$25,000 bond issue to extend the city water system.

Toledo is planning to buy out the local water company.

Ione is to get a new warehouse.

Heppner has a new creamery project afoot.

The Hood River Oregon Lumber Company has completed a 2200 foot highline to move logs to its mill and has 175 men in the woods. The lumber cut is used to build the Ogden and Idaho electric.

The St. Helens shipbuilding company has contracts reaching far into next year.

Clatskanie will pave three blocks for a starter.

Halfway has carried \$20,000 bonds for a water system.

The present prospects indicate a record breaking crowd at the Pendleton roundup, with a large number of easterners.

Bishop & Son of Pendleton have purchased the Washougal woolen mill.

A stringent ordinance for the regulation of jitneys is to be passed in Salem.

The disclosures of the enterprising "New York World" has brought to light the fact that the "Fatherland," a rabid pro-German weekly established in New York at the beginning of the war is run by the German Government, and not by the German sympathisers as was supposed. This paper is edited by George Sylvester Veirick, a hyphenated American and the foul slanders it has heaped upon President Wilson and the government of the United States has rendered it a treasonable sheet and as such, the said Veirick should be dealt with as a traitor.

Swat The Rooster

Do you know that fertile eggs become unfit for human food almost as quickly as milk when subjected to the same temperature? It is a mistaken idea that eggs have to be put in an incubator before the germ starts to grow. The fact is that eggs begin to incubate just as soon as they are subjected to a temperature of 90, or above, whether this be behind the kitchen stove, or a hot country road enroute to market, on the platform at the depot awaiting shipment, in the country store waiting for the usual twenty or thirty cases before sending out, in the pantry waiting until the case is filled, or when you have a chance to go to town, or in the hen-house under broody hens, when they are not gathered at least once a day.

Why produce such a perishable article, when it is so easy to get around it just by "swatting the rooster?" An infertile egg will keep so much better than a fertile one that there is hardly any comparison between them. For instance eggs that were infertile were placed in an incubator for twenty-one days. These same eggs were then used in baking some cakes which were pronounced fine by the poultry association members who ate them.--J. A. Helmrich.

Jay Bundy spent several days this week in Lents looking after business matters.

CANNING VEGETABLES

IN THE HOUSE

It will soon be the time of year when our gardens will be in their prime. The question which will confront the housewife is "Will we can vegetables in the home?" thereby saving the garden products, or "Will we waste this material that might be canned to such good advantage?"

Many people have trouble in canning peas, beans and corn. This trouble may be overcome by thorough cooking. One very satisfactory way is as follows:

Select young and tender vegetables, pack firmly in the jar, cover with cold water, and add a teaspoon of salt to each quart. Put on the rubber and top and steam for five or six hours in a boiler or steamer. A boiler may be used in place of a steamer if a false bottom or rack is used to keep the jars from the bottom of the boiler.

In the high altitudes about one-fourth more time must be added to the time given in low altitude recipes.

Green peppers are canned very well by the cold water method.

Select the green peppers, cut off the stem end and remove seeds. Parboil peppers for about fifteen minutes or until the peppers are tender. They should not be cooked long enough to cause them to lose their shape. Pack them in jars, pour cold water over the peppers and seal. They are ready for use any time during the winter. These peppers may be filled with cold slaw, left over meats or other suitable fillings.

If care is taken in cooking the vegetables a sufficient length of time and if the vegetables selected are fresh the trouble in canning vegetables will be overcome.--Maryetta Wilson.

Certain rumors have been circulated in reference to the standing of the Western Co-operative Rural Credit Union of Portland, of which Vern Irish is the local representative, which were not advantageous to the company and reflecting on its standing with the State Bank examiner. Mr. Irish received on Tuesday an affidavit from the Bank examiner, Mr. Sargeant, as to the satisfactory standing of the company and its organization in compliance with the laws passed at the last legislature. Mr. Irish has already contracted with several Lents people who want to take advantage of the plan offered by the company.

Rev. W. Boyd Moore has been farming this week on a place he has bought near Oregon City.

Daily Mails

Mails at the Lents postoffice arrive and depart daily, except Sunday, as follows:

Arrive 6:00 A. M. 12:30 P. M. 3:30 P. M. Depart 7:15 A. M. 12:30 P. M. 5:30 P. M.

Colonel Roosevelt Liked "Penrod"

YOU WILL ENJOY THE STORY TOO



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"Penrod," Booth Tarkington's Fascinating Story, So Enthralled Colonel Roosevelt While En Route to Lecture Before the National Geographical Society That He Neglected Science and Politics.

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LENTS ARSON FIEND'S FIELD

Many Fires of Past Three Years Explained in Confession of S. W. Curry, Now in Jail Awaiting Indictment.

With the arrest of Sanford W. Currier at the home of D. B. Gillette, at 82d and Stark street Friday morning the county officials think they have discovered the cause of most of the fires that have disturbed Lents within the past two years. Gillette and his wife have lived together until about two weeks ago when she got a divorce. It is not known that Mrs. Gillette told the secrets of the arson bunch. She denies knowing anything about it, but she discovered her husband was under suspicion about the time her divorce was granted. Currier had been living at the Gillette home since his divorce.

Just how the officials got wind of Gillette's part of the combination is not explained. After he was arrested he was given frequent grillings and after one of these his ex-wife was allowed to talk with him. After a lot of persuasion he finally yielded. He had stoutly denied any knowledge of the various fires attributed to him, saying he never touched a match to a building in his life. As a matter of fact he was probably telling the truth but nevertheless his method of disposing of property was almost as sure as touching a match to it. By experience as contractor, and picking up information from the outside, Currier had learned some ten years ago how to set fire to a house and get not be within miles of it. He combined some oils, poured them on a pile of kindling, went off about his business, or pleasure, and natural forces did the rest. The fires usually, if not always, occurred at night so we conclude he had his system down to a science and was able to time the fires according to his advantage. But with all that he was never so rash as to set fire to a building before he had it insured. He usually built some sort of a trap of a building which could be burned at a good profit. He then insured it, sold it and took a mortgage, with insurance clause, set fire to the building and collected his insurance. Or, in some instances the sale was fake. The supposed buyer moved in with some furniture, and household effects, groceries, etc., lived there a week or so, went away for the evening and returned to find the house burned to the ground. That was all a frame up, of course. A house at Third avenue and Beach street was occupied just one day. The occupant disappeared and was never seen out in this section again.

During the day, Sunday, Currier decided the case was too clear and he signified his willingness to confess. It took a stenographer, the Deputy, and fire Marshall Stevens two hours to get all his information. This included a residence at Fifth avenue and Maybee street, burned Nov. 13, 1913; a residence in McKinley Park, Jan. 31, 1913; house in Mentone, Oct. 27, 1912; house at 89th and Burnside, Feb. 5, 1913; his own residence, 808 east 65th street north; and the house at Third and Beach street, Lents, which was burned as stated, Aug. 30, 1914. Most of these are near Lents and they explain why the work of the volunteer fireman of this place were so busy about that time. But Currier admits burning houses for the past ten years. He was living in California when the idea of burning houses to get the insurance became known to him. There are a number of people connected with the affairs who have not been disclosed as yet. They will all be brought to justice if they can be found.

One of the singular things connected with the arrest of Currier is the attitude of the insurance companies. They do not seem to be taking any particular interest in pushing the cases and it is a puzzle to know why they assume this attitude. Perhaps as has been suggested in some past instances, the insurance companies knew of the source of the troubles all the time, but permitted it for the purpose of intimidating other people into taking out insurance.

Advertised Letters

Advertised letters for week ending August 28, 1915: Donaldson, Janet; Darnelle, Maude (2); Foster, Mrs. C. E.; Hall, Pearl; Laken, Mrs. Irena; Lee, Henry; Meburn, Mrs. S. L.; Oldboith, J.; Warrington, F. M.; Geo. W. Spring, Postmaster.

It is reported that the Corvallis & Eastern will electrify from Albany to Corvallis.