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DEVELOP THE IDEAL LAND.

Widely the Oregon irrigation Congress has broadened the scope of the work which it will offer to the people for adoption. It has immeasurably strengthened the movement in which it is engaged by linking together irrigation, drainage and rural credit.

The work before us in the agricultural development of Oregon as a whole. Hitherto we have gone about it piecemeal. We have talked about putting the poor men on the land, but have offered a man who may have accumulated \$500 a farm which he cannot touch without selling his land and cash.

It is up to us to pick men with the moral stamina to work for and pay the other 75 cents, then give them credit for it. That is what the Canadian Pacific Railroad did.

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where they will work and live, and they lend a ready ear to the doctrine of unrest.

THE STRUGGLE WITH A BEAST.

The community is strangely stirred over the assault upon young Mrs. Myers by the bestial Kemp. There is no woman but sees somehow the horror and agony and fierce disgust that overwhelmed the unfortunate woman when she was forced into a brutal struggle by the lustful brute who was passionately determined to possess her.

We wonder often at the tolerance with which the public too often views the crime of a man who is not an assailant of Mrs. Myers. We wonder that it is willing, if she shall unhappily die, that he shall go to prison for a term of years, and not to the gallows, where he belongs.

When the record of the year's crimes for 1915 is made up in Oregon, we rather think the public will be greatly surprised and shocked at the extraordinary prevalence of murder.

A GREAT DIPLOMATIC TRIUMPH.

Establishment of General Carranza as de facto ruler of Mexico, recognized as such by the United States and by all the other great powers of the world, is a great diplomatic triumph for President Wilson.

When the American troops landed at Vera Cruz Carranza talked of suspending hostilities on Huerta until their combined forces had driven out the gringos.

When the Pan-American conference at Niagara Falls undertook to mediate between Huerta and Carranza and invited Carranza to send a delegate, he rudely declined.

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The cases are distasteful in several respects. The Lusitania was sunk without warning and did not attempt escape; the Ancona was warned and did attempt escape.

The Lusitania negotiations began with brave words and have degenerated into an endless diplomatic jangle. The Ancona negotiations threaten to follow the same course. The President refers Austria to the Lusitania correspondence, and what does she find? A series of finely-phrased documents which begin with thunder, but grow constantly weaker in their protests.

With the last day of the year at hand, it is an opportune moment for the thoughtful citizen to balance his books. Not his register of cash receipts and disbursements, but his personal record of achievements and conduct during the twelve months.

Some philosopher has remarked that it does not matter so much what you are today as what direction you are headed. To know which way you are progressing an occasional taking of stock is necessary.

AS TO THE CONTINENTAL ARMY.

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How to Keep Well

By Dr. W. A. Evans.

Questions pertinent to hygiene, sanitation and prevention of disease, if matters of general interest, will be treated in this column. Where space will permit or the author is personally answered, subject to proper limitations and where a stamped, addressed envelope and return postage will not make a difference, answers for individual diagnoses or prescriptions for such service cannot be given.

Lymph Channels.

The tissues are nourished from the blood stream. In the course of the process fluids and some blood cells find their way out the blood stream and into the tissues. Some provision must be made to get this fluid and these cells back into the blood stream.

The fluid which is to be drained from the tissues into the blood stream is called the lymph, and the drains provided to carry it are the lymph vessels. These lymph vessels start as very minute almost invisible vessels located in the midst of the cells.

The lymph channels have walls that are much thinner than the walls of the blood vessels. Some knowledge of the location of the arteries and veins is common to most of us. It is not so with the lymph channels.

The direction of flow of lymph is from the cells toward the center. Unlike the blood stream, the flow is slow and uneven. The flow is slow and uneven because of the slowness and unevenness of the lymph flow. When a muscle contracts the lymph is forced through and driven toward the lymph vessels.

A mild and uneven force causes the slow and uneven flow of the lymph toward the heart. The flow takes place in very thin walled lymph channels equipped with valves and with filters, the latter called lymph glands.

What You Try It. Anxious Mother writes: "Please tell me will I do injury to my 6-month-old baby by cleaning his nose and ears with a wire hairpin?"

Deaths From Smallpox. D. G. M. of Indiana writes: "In connection with the article on deaths from lockjaw due to vaccination in West Hammond, Ind., it would be interesting to know how many deaths resulted from smallpox."

Secret Fever. M. M. writes: "Dr. L. E. Holt, of New York, in his book on the care of children, says that a child with scarlet fever should be kept from other children at least four weeks. Is this length of time more than is necessary in a very mild case?"

West Umatilla Project. PALOUSE, Wash., Dec. 29.—(To the Editor.)—I saw your article regarding the Umatilla project and I would like to know where I could write to find out about getting hold of some of it.

John Barleycorn's last day.

NO DISTINCTION IS DISCERNED

Writer Thinks Loan to Allies an Criminal as Blowing Up Canal Locks.

RIDGEFIELD, Wash., Dec. 28.—(To the Editor.)—Can you explain where the difference comes in? December 25 you have an article in regard to the men who were arrested for blowing up the United States lock to wreck the Welland Canal, the canal being on British soil or in Canada with whom we are living in peace.

Arrests are made for violation of specific law. It is unlawful for persons in this country to conspire to destroy property in another country. Existence of a war involving that country does not suspend criminal law in the United States.

Perhaps the writer believes negotiations for a loan by a belligerent should be made illegal. But indirect rendering of aid to a belligerent is not conspired to, inasmuch as it is not disclosed by his letterhead, is a farmer. He cannot sell a single unperishable product of his farm today without aiding directly or indirectly the allies, for if it goes for home consumption it relieves that much of other farmers' products for foreign shipment.

HORSE-DRAWN VEHICLES' LIGHTS. General's Laws of Oregon Require Red to Show From Rear. HILLSBORO, Or., Dec. 29.—(To the Editor.)—Please answer through the Oregonian: (1) Is there any law compelling horse-drawn vehicles to carry a red light on the rear end of the vehicle, after dark? (2) Is it a city ordinance or a state law? (3) What is the minimum and maximum fine for not having a red light after dark?

Policemen's Residence. PORTLAND, Dec. 28.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly inform me if policemen of this city are permitted to reside outside the city limits. I have heard it said here and there that they are, but that the Mayor, nevertheless, allows it.

Division of Property. PORTLAND, Dec. 28.—(To the Editor.)—WALLA, couple have been divorced in Oregon and own property here, and a settlement of same has been made outside of Oregon. If the parties have signed, can either party dispose of said property without the other's signature.

Advice Is Remembered. Boston Transcript. "Willie, you have got whether you thanked Mr. Carr for taking you out for the auto ride." "Yes, mother, I thanked him, but I didn't tell you, because he said, 'Don't mention it!'"

Machinery and Mill Life. "Mill life is hard, isn't it?" "Well, in its nature it is a life of grinding toil."

Ring It Out! Old 1915 has seen history made and empire clash. It has brought a flood of troubles, yet without it goes out leaving a feeling of hope.

Market for Service. Washington (D. C.) Star. "I hope your constituents appreciate the value of your public service," said the prominent citizen. "I don't know that I care to make it a question of actual values," replied Senator Borah. "The value of your public service is terribly fluctuating."

Business has brightened. Demand is beginning to knock at the door of supply. You see this tendency reflected in the increased and still increasing volume of advertising in the newspapers.

In Other Days

Twenty-five Years Ago.

From The Oregonian of December 31, 1890. Chicago, Dec. 30.—Miss Helen Newall, daughter of President Newell, of the Lake Shore Railroad, and James H. Garfield, son of the late President Garfield, were married tonight.

The big issue of The Morning Oregonian, to be published tomorrow morning, will be the greatest medium for advertising Portland's interests in the world at large that was ever before issued from this office.

Proposals for furnishing the United States with 150,000 tons of rock for the jetty at the mouth of the Columbia were opened at the office of Major T. H. Hand, United States Engineer, yesterday. Three proposals were submitted. Perry Hinkle offered to furnish the rock for 75 cents per ton, N. J. Hanson for 65 cents and Joseph Smith 61 cents, at the quarry near Milwaukee.

The death of Josiah T. Brown, past grand master workman, Ancient Order United Workmen, Oregon province, known throughout Oregon and Washington, occurred at San Francisco yesterday morning. The remains will be interred at Salem.

The matinee announced at the Marquam Grand of "Little Lord Fauntleroy" by the Oregonian has been received with great favor and a large number of seats is progressing splendidly.

Those Whose Faith in Darwinism Wanes Advised to Read Further. PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—(To the Editor.)—Replying to Mr. Cline's letter in The Oregonian on the inadequacy of the doctrine of evolution I wish to submit a few lines.

During recent years I, too, have studied the doctrine of evolution with "evolutionary" Darwinism. I find a difference in the study of 40 years ago and the study of today is contained in the word "creative." The idea of creative evolution is quite new, I believe. Professor Bergson's "Creative Impulse" taking its place along with ideas such as "Natural Selection," "Acquired Characteristics," etc.

Bergson's contention is that in organic evolution there is a "vital impetus." This living reality has had to split up as it grew. On divergent lines of evolution, however, it retains its distinctness. In the case of a human (important book) evolution, as is evidenced by what is positive in the evolution of life on our planet.

These represent two ways of knowledge, intellect and instinct. For a discussion of this difference I refer you to the second chapter of "Creative Evolution" of which there are at least 15 copies in the Public Library. This chapter is the most original in the book and most easily read and there is a "vital impetus" which has split up into various forms of activity, and that the positive directions of a human life are those of man and insect, we should surely go beyond the comparison of vertebrates—and possibly beyond the study of the organism.

It is the opinion of the City Attorney's office that it is not lawful for policemen to reside outside of the city limits. Section 85 of the revised charter, among other things, provides: "All municipal officials, except wardens, shall be registered voters of the city of Portland." The word "official" is synonymous with the word "officer," and the Supreme Court has held in the case of Reising vs. Portland, 57 Or. 235, that a policeman is an officer.

Consult the attorney who represented you in the settlement outside of court. At the granting of the divorce there should have been an equitable division of property. Possibly the papers have not been turned over to you.