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The Department of Agriculture

The majority of the inhabitants of the United States do not fully realize the many benefits that they directly and indirectly derive from the branch of the Government, known as the Department of Agriculture. It has many agents in every section of the country, and covers a variety of subjects, in fact it has been said that when there was anything new that came up it was referred to this department to look after. However the following article taken from the Oregonian of a recent date, we believe, will give our readers some conception of the vast amount of work done and the aim for which its energies are directed.

"From small beginnings the Department of Agriculture has grown to be one of the most important in the Government. It has been the chief instrument in making over the farming industry. It has informed farmers by a soil survey of the nature of their soil and of the crops to which it is best adapted. It has guided them to the best rotation of crops, both for preserving and increasing the fertility of the soil and for securing the largest yield. It has applied to plant life the principles of breeding which have long been applied to animal life, for it has taught farmers to sow only the best seed, which yields the largest crops. It has found means of exterminating diseases of animals and plants, thereby reducing by many millions the loss from these causes. This great department warns farmers of the approach of storms, floods and frost, that they may guard themselves against ravages of the elements. It has gone to the remote parts of the earth for new plants adapted to this country.

Having thus cared for the production of commodities from the soil, the Agricultural Department continues its work by supervising the manufacture of these commodities into shape for consumption. It sees that our foods and drugs are pure by analyzing manufactures and inspecting meat, and it sends offenders to jail. It protects us against the importation of adulterated goods or of diseased cattle. It advises farmers and fruit growers on best methods of marketing in co-operation. It shows them by practical demonstration how to make good roads over which to haul their products to market. It protects game and wild birds and sees to the extermination of animal pests. It manages our forests, guards them against fire and insect pests, replants the burned areas, sells the ripe timber, finds new uses for forest products which have hitherto gone to waste and obtains substitutes for species of timber which are becoming exhausted.

It has now entered upon a new, allied field of work by investigating the subject of farmers' loans with a view to establishing co-operative banks which will lend farmers' capital to other farmers at lower rates of interest than now prevail. It has raised the farmer from the position of a human practical joke to that of an envied capitalist, the corner stone of the Nation's prosperity."

Twelve nights from tonight we will hang up our stocking.

"We have had a record breaking crop of wheat, about 67,000,000 bushels," said a leading financier of the Northwest "and it has brought good prices all the way through. The lumber industry is picking up in activity such as it has not known for three years. All the mills in this territory are running night and day and are making good money. I can see no cloud on our horizon for at least six months ahead and farther than that I doubt if anybody is able to make a reliable prediction.

The new year is going to open up with a better outlook for prosperity in practically all lines than any year in our history.

"Beside the crop and the lumber industry, the railroads are going to do a great deal of extension, construction and improvement work next year, and that means bigger payrolls and employment for more labor.

"There is a slight money stringency in the East and considerable flurry in the call money market, but those conditions will not affect us out here. The rate on demand loans is reaching top figures; cause the banks to call the money in and put it out again in legitimate business channels, in industrial and mercantile lines. The result is the speculative rate must go up."

A Human Salamander.

Chabert, the fire king, who was a popular favorite in London eighty years ago, claimed to be able to swallow arsenic and other poisons with impunity. Visitors to his entertainment were requested to come provided with phosphorus, prussic acid, arsenic and oxalic acid, which he proceeded to consume before their eyes, taking an antidote afterward which was supposed to neutralize their effects. Then, to show that he was as impervious to heat as to poison, he would take a raw leg of lamb into an oven heated to 220 degrees and remain inside until the joint was cooked, when it was carved and handed around to the audience. The performance concluded by Chabert rubbing a red hot shovel on his head and face and allowing any one who wished to drop molten sealing wax on his tongue and hands.

Didn't Blame Him.

Pete Daily one time was playing in Chicago at the head of his own company. At another theater there was a German comedian being starred in a musical comedy. One afternoon Daily and the German comedian were walking along State street when the former spoke to a man who passed.

"Who was that?" asked the German comedian.

"He's in my support," replied Daily.

"What?" said the German comedian, showing surprise. "Do you speak to the members of your company on the street?"

"To be sure," replied Daily.

"I don't speak to the members of mine."

"Well," said Pete. "I wouldn't either if I had your company."

Just Had To.

John M. Thomas, president of Middlebury college, says that a year or two ago a certain town employed a trained superintendent, a college man who knew what a school ought to be, to exercise supervision over all the schools of that town. It was the first time some of those schools had ever been visited in an official capacity by a salaried administrative officer. In one school a little toddler was found studying percentage, learning it by heart.

"You should not teach him percentage," the superintendent said. "He does not know how to add and subtract."

"But I've got to," the teacher answered. "The front part of the arithmetic is torn out."

How to Bleach Flannels.

Flannels, after they are laundered for awhile, become yellow. If they are soaked for two or three hours in a lather made of a half cake of white soap, two tablespoonfuls of borax and the same amount of carbonate of ammonia they will get white again.

These ingredients should be dissolved in five gallons of soft water.

Boil the soap in the water until thoroughly dissolved, then add the remainder of the mixture.

Rinse the flannels several times and hang them up to dry. This will not injure the flannels in the least.

Abstract Report

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Bettie Batalgia W 1/2 NW, W 1/2 SW 26 16 13.

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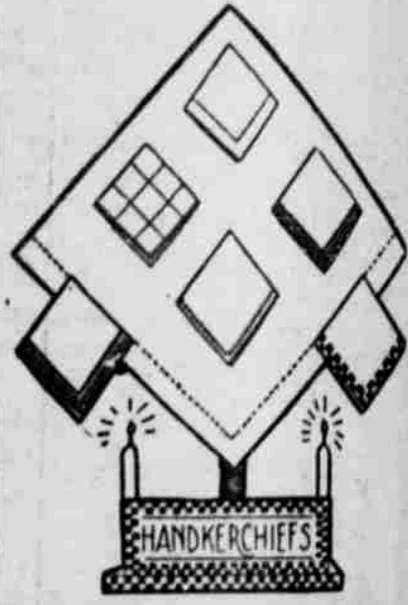
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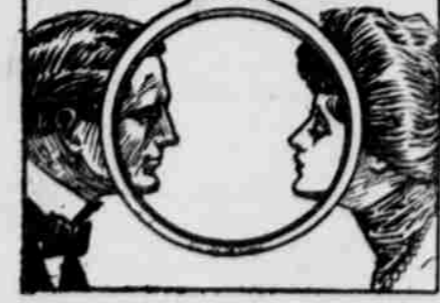


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