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MAN'S WORST CURSE

The worst thing that can befall anyone is to have nothing to do. From that moment life is an aimless, aching void, and time a cruel torture.

The above is dedicated to the Legislature, with an additional reminder that the present administration is anxious to eliminate idleness at the Oregon penitentiary.

Absolutely. And that this can be done, and the institution soon taken off the backs of the taxpayers.

With the appropriation of only the amount of money for the current two years that was expended in the two years before—\$420,000.

Then, soon, the Oregon penitentiary will stand along with the Stillwater, Minnesota, penitentiary, among the model prisons of the world; to which visitors will come for pointers from every part of the world.

"Orchard Dope" is the name of a new publication in Salem, calculated to do a great deal of good. It is issued by Percy Bros., and is free to fruit growers and others interested.

The love of oil is the root of some of the evil in the world. It used to be the love of money. But possibly oil and money are the same thing.

Archaeological experts are exhuming from the ruins of Pompeii and Herculaneum ancient manuscripts that go back to several years before Bryan began to run for the presidency.

It has been estimated that the monetary loss on letters sent to the dead letter office in Washington is in the neighborhood of \$3,000,000.

the dead letter office in Washington is in the neighborhood of \$3,000,000, for they numbered 16,586,419 letters in 1922.

Governor Davis of Kansas is urging upon his legislature the repeal of the industrial court law, and at the same time Governor Morgan is asking the legislature

of West Virginia to pass an anti-strike measure. This measures the gap between purpose and performance in the matter of industrial legislation.

The Oregon legislature is putting teeth in the dry laws of this state. The moonshiner is likely to find himself in the penitentiary, instead of merely paying a fine out of part of his profits.

The penitentiary plant is taking on all comers with flax to treat in any way—to thresh out the seed or make the straw into tow and fiber.

Every flax grower in the Salem district is up on his toes, ready to counteract the poison propaganda about flax ruining the land.

ALL UP IN THE AIR

From "La Boheme" to American jazz-ganza is the swift descent in a few days of the once-famous temple of classic music.

the last sad rites. But if grand opera died at Covent Garden theater, it received a joyous resurrection by radio.

Our flax farmers are going to show the legislature and the new administration that they are ready to go down the line and help put the industry over at the penitentiary.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS

Among our distinguished visitors in this country is Prince Valdemar of Denmark, who is also eminent for his royal connections.

FAT POETS

Styles in poetic figures have changed greatly in this country lately, according to a speaker at the Ethel club, in New York city.

The speaker went on to point out that Amy Lowell, the "high priestess of vers libre," always has to take a loge when she goes to the theater and needs a chaise-longue all to herself when she tumbles out in society.

It is true that modern poets are fat, but it is not New York which deserves credit. Walt Mason, one of the most popular poets in the world, now living in La Jolla, Cal., and never a resident of New York, is the man who started the fashion and also the man who started the poetry renaisance we hear so much about.

thinking masses but with quite a percentage of the feather-headed classes. He is the man who put the pep in poetry, and proved that the great general public will read poetry eagerly if assured that it will find humor, geniality and good, hard common sense along with its rhythm, philosophy and sentiment.

Could there be any stronger proof of the deep-seated prosperity, the fundamental soundness of our times? Who can believe that America really has much to worry about, or that any man who really tries can't make a living, or that there's any doubt that day by day, in every way, times are going to get better and better, when our poets—even our poets—yes, even our vers libre poets—are fat and growing fatter?

LOST ART OF WALKING

Modern conveniences are in some cases displacing old time recreations. Once in a while the old pleasure comes back in a new form as a sort of relief from too much modern convenience.

But in spite of hiking and old and parking restrictions the old pleasure of the walk for its own sake—objectless, indolent, voluntary—is almost extinct.

Of course, on the paved highways around Salem or almost any other up to date American city, walking is no longer to be had for love or money.

EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

PROGRESS AT THE ST. PAUL OIL WELL

Another visit to the oil field north of Salem by several interested parties on Wednesday of this week revealed the fact that as the drilling progresses the indication for oil does not diminish, but is becoming better as the drill goes deeper.

At the depth of 1045 feet a change is noticeable in the characteristics of the shale through which the drill is passing; finer grained, darker color with globules of indigo blue sediment dispersed throughout; good indications of proximity of oil near by.

The necessity for heavier machinery to successfully prosecute Willamette Valley Oil & Gas Co. the work was apparent to all. The Willamette Valley Oil & Gas Co. are making arrangements to procure the necessary machinery and as soon as it can be obtained the work will progress much faster than at present.

See Mr. L. H. Roberts of 331 1/2 State street for detailed information in regard to the plans of the company for completion of the work at the well.

ALBERT COPLEY, Salem, Oregon.

FRENCH HURRYING TROOPS TO RUHR

failed to meet their January 31 payment of 500,000,000 gold marks. Germany must submit to the ultimatum which will then be sent them or further military operations, the nature of which have not yet been announced, will begin.

The economic side of the occupation of the Ruhr apparently has proved a failure and the belief prevails that it is not likely the situation will improve with the increasing difficulties of working the industries, due to the spreading of strikes. It is understood, however, that France has decided upon a further use of force to bring Germany to terms. It is known that some of the engineers who came into the Ruhr with the mission of M. Coste, head of the French industrial delegation, are returning to France. The mission is marking time until the reparations commission renders its decision at the end of the month.

Additional Troops Arrive

Two additional French army corps are arriving in the Ruhr, and it is reported that the military operation projected is of such magnitude that the mobilization of several of the French classes will be requested for its execution. The French here are hopeful that a further show of force on the part of France will cause the Germans to give up their present plan of non-cooperation.

The arrests made during the course of Thursday's demonstration tend to show that labor refrained from participating in the disorders. Out of the 19 persons taken into custody there were 17 state functionaries and shopkeepers. The other two were newspapermen. The labor newspapers, especially those of communist and socialist leanings, today openly denounced the manifestation.

The train for Paris by way of Cologne left on schedule time today, manned by a French crew. The French are insuring their lines of communication for service supplies by way of Neuss Junction a few miles southwest of Dusseldorf, eliminating passage through the Cologne bridgehead where the British are. They have been unable to handle trains bringing food into the Ruhr for the civilian population and have so informed the reich president. They are placing the responsibility on the German railway men should a famine ensue.

Dr. Greutzner, president of Rhenish Prussia, was arrested today by the French.

He was released, however, after a three-hour conference with General Simon but notified that he would be taken into custody again unless he complied with certain demands made by the French general.

ESSEN, Jan. 26.—(By The Associated Press) — The customs barrier with which the French are threatening to encircle the occupied Ruhr region was expected to become effective at midnight tonight. The occupation declines to reveal their intended plan or divulge methods they will take for enforcement.

"Marshal Foch," was the uniform reply to the newspaper correspondents today when they asked for information.

Foch in Essen

This interpreted as indicating that Marshal Foch will have headquarters in Essen and be in charge of the customs embargo which it is presumed will permit of exports and imports to and from occupied Germany only with the consent of the French authorities.

The mine situation was reported normal today although Germans say the traffic situation was less favorable than on previous days. The French will attempt to operate the railway lines. Already they control the stretch between Cologne and Ailtessen and announce that 3500 French railway workers are due to arrive in the occupied area tomorrow. The post and telegraph authorities have issued an ultimatum to the French demanding the evacuation of telephone, post and telegraph quarters, abolition of mail censorship, removal of military patrols from governmental premises and non-interference with the government administration. No mail has been sent out of Essen for two days.

HOUSE BILLS

H. B. 163, Carkin—Amending section 42, chapter 371, laws of 1921, providing for disposition of fine and penalties resulting from violation of traffic laws.

H. B. 164, Fletcher—Amending section 19, chapter 371, laws of Oregon for 1921, permitting children over 14 years to drive motor vehicles under certain conditions.

H. B. 165, Kay—Amending section 5734, Oregon laws, relating to employment agents.

H. B. 166, Senator Hall and Representative Pierce — To provide for support of public service commission by tax on utilities.

H. B. 167, joint committee on assessment and taxation—Granting a state finance commission.

H. B. 168, Randall—Providing for cut of 20 per cent in salaries of all state officials.

H. B. 169, Graham—Amending section 5945, Oregon laws, extending power to the state land settlement commission to borrow money.

H. B. 170, Cowgill—Abolishing state water board and state water superintendent and imposing such duties in state engineer.

H. B. 171, Hunter, Pierce, Hammond, Bailey, Cowgill, Shelton and Cramer—To simplify methods of procedure of the soldiers' bonus commission.

H. B. 172, Mott—To aid the city of Astoria in rebuilding public property destroyed by fire by remitting state taxes for period of seven years.

H. B. 173, Hammond—Amending section 13, chapter 105, laws

of 1921, to open Willamette river above bridge at Oregon City to Commercial fishing.

H. B. 174, Hammond—(by request), Amending section 12, chapter 102, laws of 1921, providing for disposition of funds received by embalmer's board.

H. B. 175, Kirkwood—Amending section 6371, Oregon laws, relating to authorizing investments in insurance companies.

H. B. 176, Hammond—To provide for retirement of judges of supreme court and for their salaries after such retirement.

H. B. 177, Hurlburt—Amending sections 948-1, 948-2 and 951-1, Oregon laws, relating to terms of district courts, salaries of judges and jurisdiction thereof.

H. B. 178, Graham—(substitute for H. B. 5), amending sections 5063 and 5069, providing for reuniting of school district boards.

H. B. 179, Lee—Amending section 5299, Oregon laws, relating to consolidation of continuous school district for high school purposes.

H. B. 180, Umattila county delegation—Providing for licensing of bee keepers.

H. B. 181, Kuehn—Amending section 3889, Oregon laws, relating to election precincts.

H. B. 182, Kuehn—Amending section 4058, Oregon laws, relating to registration of electors.

H. B. 183, Kuehn—Amending section 2897, Oregon laws, relating to judges and clerks of election in counties of more than 100,000.

H. B. 184, Kuehn—Amending section 3890, Oregon laws, relating to election of judges and clerks.

H. B. 185, Miller—(by request), Amending section 1, chapter 413, laws of 1921, to prohibit livestock from running at large in Umattila county.

H. B. 185, Gordon—Amending chapter 208, laws of 1921, giving majority control of tax supervision and conservation commission in Multnomah county.

H. B. 187, Meihel and Klepper—Amending section 4, chapter 418, laws of 1921, levying 4 cents a gallon tax on gasoline.

H. B. 189, Mann—Amending section 6145, Oregon laws, relating to bond of warehouseman.

H. B. 189, Meihel and Klepper—Amending sections 3 and 4 of chapter 8, laws of special session of 1921, relating to motor vehicle licenses.

H. B. 190, Gordon—Providing aid for children's farm home of the WCTU.

H. B. 191, Mrs. Simmons—Amending section 9811 relating to delinquent children in the juvenile court.

SEVERE COUGH AFTER INFLUENZA

"After an attack of the 'Flu' which left me with a severe cough nothing seemed to relieve me until I used Foley's Honey and Tar," writes Mrs. K. D. Drake, Childs, Maryland. Coughs resulting from influenza, Whooping Cough, Asthma, Croup, La Grippe and Bronchitis are quickly relieved with Foley's Honey and Tar. Contains no opiates—ingredients printed on the wrapper. Largest selling cough medicine in the world. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

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For Boys and Girls



Basketball Lessons No. 9. Play of the Center (This is the ninth of 12 lessons in basketball by William C. Grav of the University of Pennsylvania, Intercollegiate High scorer for 1921. Mr. Grav was captain of his team in 1921, and was named as All-Collegiate center in 1918, 1920, and 1921. He holds the record of having played 90 basketball games and losing only five.)

The center should be the tallest man on the team, for an important point in winning basketball games is to be able to secure the tap all the time. As you see in the picture, the taller man is getting the tap; that is, batting the ball to his team.

The center should be strong and very fast. He must be a bulwark on the defense, taking the ball off the backboard because of his advantage in height. He must also be the cog around which the offense is built. He must feed the ball to the forwards when they are cutting for the basket, and he must cut himself when the forwards are stopped.

just dropping off to sleep when the loud clanging of the fire bell aroused him. Sitting up in bed, Dan counted the taps. "Thirty-six!" he gasped. "Why, that's the University!"

In a second Dan was out of bed and groping for the electric light. He dressed as quickly and quietly as possible and was just slipping out into the hall when he bumped against a chair and knocked it over. "Dan, where are you going?" called out his mother, echoed by his father and sisters.

"I'm going to the fire," muttered Dan, rubbing his bruised shin. "Fire! Oh, we want to go, too," cried his sisters, jumping out of bed and making frantic efforts to get dressed in half a second.

"Fire! What fire?" asked his father. "Thirty-six! The University!" explained Dan, excitedly. "Oh, do I have to wait for those girls? I'll be too late."

"Oh, yes, Mother, make him wait. We'll be ready in half a minute," they cried. "Say, I guess I'll go, too," Mr. Garver said. "They may need my help. A fire at the University is bound to be serious at this time of night."

"Well, I'm not going to stay here alone," declared Mrs. Garver. "Dan, you get the car out, and we'll all be down in a minute." In an incredibly short time the whole sleepy family had piled into the car and it was racing through the dark towards the university.

"It must be the dormitory," said Mr. Garver, as he rolled up his sleeves to be all ready to go to work when they got there. "Gee, that's serious," gasped Dan. "See that smoke?" "Oh, look how red the sky is," called Mrs. Garver from the back seat. "Oh dear, I almost wish I hadn't come."



Mr. Garver stopped a student sauntering slowly along. "Where's the fire?" he gasped.

"Fire! What fire?" asked the student. "Oh," he laughed, "we were having a bonfire celebration and somebody turned in the alarm. Want to see the bonfire? It's back of the gym on the old athletic field. It's about over now, though."

"Thank you," said Mr. Garver, "then they won't need our help to put it out." Slowly he turned around and went home, followed by his silent, sleepy family.



PICTURE PUZZLE



Answer to yesterday's: April, August, March, July.

SALEM WINS

Salem high school won from Medford last night by a score of 27 to 13 according to a dispatch received late last night.