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Cigarettes and Fire Losses

E. F. ATCHLEY'S extensive figures on fire losses occasioned by the use of cigarettes can now be augmented by the justifiable belief that Seattle's \$1,000,000 dock fire was probably caused by the carelessness of a smoker.

The conclusion reached by Mr. Atchley, active in securing signatures for the anti-cigarette initiative measure, is the one which meets with disapproval. Granting that in many ways cigarettes are harmful, it is quite apparent that a state or federal law prohibiting their manufacture or sale would be heaping impossible duties upon law enforcement officers.

Cigarettes and their users have in no means attained such an unsocial position. Granting that the use of cigarettes is harmful so also are scores of practices in which the American public indulges; over-eating, under-exercising, improper sleep habits; habits which the individual would be better off to discontinue.

There is a fine distinction necessary in the making of laws regarding social practices. Liquor has been deemed not a menace to the individual but to the community in which the individual resides. The drunken driver may take lives; the drunken husband cannot provide for his family; the booze-crazed youth is a potential criminal.

Reasoning to Sound Conclusions

AMERICA has piled up wealth equal to \$400,000,000,000 and an annual income of \$89,000,000,000. Yet in the time this wealth has been accumulating, public charities have increased their expenditures 132 per cent.

Silly socialistic drive. If the national income were divided up equally for one year the next year there would be nothing to divide. The fact that charity expenditures increase shows not increasing poverty but increasing liberality and the means to make liberality real.

Alas for the Spitz!

IT'S NOTHING less than a doggone shame when any well-behaved dog is deprived of his bark. Down in Portland is a little Spitz whose joyous outbursts have provoked the neighbors. Now his owner, to appease their wrath, has hied her pet off to the dog and cat hospital and we are promised by news dispatches that soon the canine yelp will be but a matter of memory.

Of course dog barks in the night make for harsh thoughts as we try in vain to sleep. Of course the yipping yelp of a pup as he makes a great racket as your car rolls down the street is not pleasing. Many a cat, too, will join the neighbors in their pleasure that Spitz' outcries are no more.

But what is a dog without a bark? A rooster without a crow, a hen without a cackle, a parrot without a word, a dog without a bark? All are total misfits. Equally is this true of a Spitz dog; of all the forms of canine existence, this one is needful of his barking powers.

Kaiser Lost the War

THERE may be considerable dispute about who started the war. There is no question about the fact that the Kaiser lost it. Here is another proof. Delegates assembled in Berlin this month to prepare for a great peasants' congress against war which will be held next January.

The peasants are getting tired of paying the price of the mistakes of diplomats.

Chapman's weekly four-page paper concerned with news for the small and large buyer of bonds and stocks is a new publication for the northwest. The first number is creditable and knowing C. C.'s ability to discuss drab figures in entertaining style, succeeding issues will be likewise.

Bad Dreams



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7-19 SUN FALL

BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Silver Creek Falls—

There are 10 of them in all; not 10 falls in one place, but 10 falls in 10 separate places. Nature in its strange handiwork prepared 10 places within a small territory where the water of Silver creek and its tributaries plunges over sheer basaltic rock formations, creating sights that are the wonder of beauty loving visitors who go there in increasing numbers year after year, and will keep on going as long as the race of men continues to admire strange and entrancing spectacles.

The most picturesque and really the most beautiful of the group going under the general name of Silver Creek Falls is what is known as the North falls—and the first one reached from that direction and therefore the most accessible and convenient of them all.

The North falls are within a few feet of what is known as the Twin bridge, as the tourist goes by way of Silverton. The climb down into and under the North falls can be made with less exertion than is the case with any of the other large falls, and for those who enjoy real scenery—and who does not?—the rewards are greater.

The North Falls have a sheer drop of 146 feet of the whole volume of water that flows in Silver creek, breaking through and over massive rocks and then dashing onto a point of jagged basaltic formations below. With thousands of rainbows showing from a point underneath the falls, the scene is surely spectacular. It is worth the sure and comfortable auto ride, to one who first comes to that point of magic; indeed, it is worth repeated trips, and one who goes

will go again and again, if convenient, or if chance opportunity shall offer.

An item of special interest for those who intend to visit this group for a day, or for a few hours, is the fact that they can be reached entirely over smooth paved and fine macadam roads. The route from Salem is to Silverton, 15 miles, over the paved county market road, and then from Silverton 15 miles further over macadam roads. There are good camping facilities at the Twin bridge, within a few feet of the North falls, and for those who have a little more time there is also the Upper North falls, about a half mile from the Twin bridge, and these falls have a drop of 65 feet of the same stream. They present one of the beauty spots of the whole group of 10 falls.

And there are no charges for visiting and enjoying either the North or the Upper North falls. No fences or obstructions surround either of these beauty spots. Through the generosity of the owners of the land, both are open to the public, and there is no charge for campers.

On the Fourth of July tourists visited the North falls from California, Idaho, Utah, Montana, Washington, and other outside states, as well as hundreds from many points in Oregon, including Portland and the other valley cities. The story of the wonderful beauty of the two falls near the Twin bridge is already known throughout the coast, and it is spreading and will spread with the increasing stream of visitors. That unique district is a great asset to Marion county and the whole state and coast.

ing spaces, there would be room for 50 or more additional cars each time, this lady says.

Thoughtlessness is the mother of most of the selfishness of the world. Will all the people who know better please be thoughtful in parking their cars for the concerts.

The same lady says there are also many disgusting scenes in Willson park at each band concert. Love making is commendable, in the right surroundings. But its unblushing, unbridled, offensive and suggestive public display is not American, or even civilized. It belongs only to the lower animals, and the uncivilized peoples.

They Say ...

Expressions of Opinion from Statesman Readers are Welcomed for Use in this column. All Letters Must Bear Writer's Name, Though This Need Not be Printed.

Salem, July 17.

Editor Statesman: In regard to wormy cherries. People do not know that the robin or "robber" is to blame for the worms. Those who protect their trees from these birds have no worms in their fruit. There should be a bounty on the robin; if he ever eats any worm only the fish worm. If you will examine the bill of the robin with a magnifying glass you will learn why diseases are spread through fruit. One robin will destroy more than four gray digger squirrels. People are beginning to learn how dangerous the robin is and are using them for fertilizer when they are caught in his trees. If you will keep the robin out of your cherry trees you will have no wormy cherries. A robin's bill is as dangerous as a rattlesnake if you eat the fruit it has pecked in. Cats will not eat a robin. If they do they become sick and in most cases die.

W. G. BAKER.

Editors Say:

THE MASQUERADE

In its weekly letter, issued in the interest of the physical well being of the state of Oregon, the state board of health warns vacationists, campers, and hikers through the Oregon woods of the danger that lurks in the poison oak.

The warning is of no significance to those who frequent the Central Oregon forests, and for this our visitors may give thanks. For the poison oak is a tempting plant with its glossy, varicolored leaves, and those who know not its true character are not to be ridiculed for believing that it is an oak. Of course it is not; it is an outlaw of the plant world, masquerading in the guise of another growth, the true oak, which we have learned to trust and to have faith and confidence in. Those who do not know this, to repeat, are not to be ridiculed; rather, they merit our sympathy. We are happy for our summer

visitors that they will not find rhus rubicundus or rhus diversiloba in the Central Oregon forests. For if they did, it is almost certain that some of them might be tempted to pick the pretty leaves, as we have known new arrivals in certain of the western Oregon communities to do. And afterward they would be nearly as certain to suffer from itching and redness and swelling of the affected parts, perhaps to peer forth disillusionedly between lids puffed to an outrageous size.

They would scratch themselves to sleep at night, they would be ever aware of their affliction by day, and they would find this affliction one by no means easy to be rid of. And some unfortunate souls might find that they so much as approached the shrub they would come under its evil influence.

Those who wander in this part of the state will not see it, but those who travel in infested localities should know the poison oak and then take care that the acquaintance does not become too intimate.—Bend Bulletin.

Two Movie Men Killed in Plane

METROPOLITAN AIRPORT, Los Angeles, July 18.—(AP)—Wyn Knott, cameraman and Wynham Hauber "stunt man" of a motion picture outfit, were killed today at Reseda, two miles west of this port, when their plane went into a spin and fell to the ground.

Snook's Attorneys Aver He's Insane

COLUMBUS, Ohio, July 18.—(AP)—Attorneys for Dr. James H. Snook, confessed slayer of Theodore K. H., his co-ed paragon, demanded a sanity hearing at a conference with Common Pleas Judge Henry Scarlett today and immediately named the superintendents of three state hospitals

as alienists to examine Snook. They will confer with state and defense alienists tomorrow. As a result a sanity hearing probably will start next Monday instead of the scheduled first degree murder trial.

BEND MINISTER TO HEAD CHURCH BODY

ALBANY, Ore., July 18.—(AP)—Dr. A. W. Lewis, pastor of the Bend Presbyterian church, was elected moderator of the thirty-ninth annual session of the synod of Oregon which opened an eight day convention here today. Rev. F. Thomas of Halfway is the retiring president.

Other officers elected at today's session are: Stated clerk, Rev. D. A. Thompson, Portland; permanent clerk, Rev. W. H. Lee, Albany; temporary clerk, Rev. J. Y. Stewart, Albany; and treasurer, Rev. W. U. Large, Eugene. Ninety ministers and elders are attending the session.

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