

SOMEbody would like to know something about the county library system. The system as now handled seems to be a mystery to most people. For instance, Gresham citizens raised the money for buying the ground for the library site, and Carnegie Co. furnished the funds for the building. Was that a donation to Gresham or to the county or to the managers of the county libraries? If it was to Gresham the town has little to show for it in the way of good looks and the construction was taken entirely out of local hands and turned to people who have no interest in the town whatever. Gresham is just completing a new town hall. If the style of the town hall does not out class that of the new library, now we are no judge of looks. The library looks old now and there will never be any way to redress it. It's antiquated in a time of up-to-date, modern construction.

If the County was the recipient of the Carnegie donation it appears that under the condition of city use and assistance, the city of Gresham should have had consideration in the selection of the design, for they are the people who are to receive the advantage of the library and profit by its presence as a civic improvement.

If the Donation was to the managers of the library it does look as though they would have had the courtesy to get an expression of the desires of the people of the town in regard to what sort of public building was to be stuck down in their midst. But in this, like other features of library management, the people are only considered as children who take their medicine according to directions, be it welcome or not.

THE movement to have Mr. Teal appointed Secretary of the Interior is gaining some headway. Mr. Teal seems to be a very estimable citizen. He has had a prominent part in the development of Oregon and the Northwest. He no doubt knows the needs and possibilities of the country and he is probably well qualified otherwise to attend to the duties of the office. The question most likely to arise in the minds of fair minded people is, what relation does the Teal support have to big business and corporate interest? Is he a conservationist or is he in favor of indiscriminate exploitation?

Oregon has abundant resources in timber, minerals, and water power and if they are protected properly they will long remain a potential resource to the state. Our forests are now well on the way to ruin. Fully half of the timber that has been removed has been removed in a wasteful or destructive manner and without bringing a cent into the treasury of the state. There has been undue haste in throwing open timber lands, especially to private entry. Had the same land been held in reserve and the timber removed under proper limitations and protection to growing timber the state would have been far wealthier for it now and the future would have had an endless resource in its forests. What comparison is there between a quarter section of good timber and the same area in ordinary farm products. The value of the timber in one acre will exceed the farm income for a year. Removing 1-160 of it annually the primitive maturity would be conserved and the for-

est remain a perpetual resource. Is Mr. Teal favorable to careful protection of the states resources or is he eager to dispose of every acre of uninhabited land and every desirable water or power site?

THE result of the initiative action on road legislation at the November election was anticipated. It is now anticipated that the approaching legislature will have more road legislation placed before it than has ever come before it at once or all together. It is therefore time that we should make further study of road laws. For this purpose we have given a lengthy quotation in this issue of the Michigan road law in reference to local support and supervision, and also the essential part of their reward fund. That is a matter which is bound to have a part in road legislation in this state. The real questions in dispute is as to the manner of raising the state fund and the manner of distribution. The people of the state seem to disapprove of the bonding idea. Why not provide such a fund by a millage tax? To avoid the expenditure of money on mere pleasure drives or state highways, why not apportion this state fund to those counties or road districts which themselves show an interest in improvement by accomplishing a creditable amount of standard road work?

Announcement is made that water rents will come down after January first in the Lents section. That may be news but it is not surprising news at that. There is absolutely no reason why the people in Lents should have to pay about twice for their water that people on the other side of the line have to pay. The city really loses less water in this district than it does in any district of a fractional of the size down in the city. There is less goes to waste. The water board ought to make us reduced rates instead of raising them. Any way it is the opinion of the attorney general that the city has no right to collect higher rates for water in this district than it does within the limits, and further more, that the people who have paid the excessive rates may recover the excess if they care to go to the trouble to look after it. Voting ourselves into the city may not be the cause for this sudden announcement.

#### Sauerkraut.

Sauerkraut is usually made in a barrel. Take firm cabbages, remove the outer leaves and slice into shreds, either by hand or with a machine made for the purpose. In the bottom of the barrel put a layer of coarse salt, then a layer of cabbage and salt again until the desired amount is packed. With each layer of cabbage press down with a heavy pestle until the juice floats on the surface, then a fresh layer can be added. Some flavor sauerkraut with a few grains of coriander, juniper berries, etc.; others do not. When sauerkraut is made place in a dry cellar, cover with a cloth; on top of the sauerkraut a plank should be placed and on this a heavy weight. At the end of a few days it will begin to ferment; then draw off the liquor and replace fresh. Repeat this each day until the liquor becomes clear; then remove cloth, wash, cover again and put the weights back. Let stand a month and it will be ready for use. Sauerkraut can be boiled with spareribs, ham or sausage, or it can be fried. If the sauerkraut is too sour, pour clear water over it and press it out again, then put it in a granite kettle with enough water to partly cover it.

## NOTES OF THE W. G. T. U.

France, one of the foremost nations of the world, has discovered an actual falling off of one hundred thousand in the birth rate of that country. This alarming condition, it is stated by the Minister of Finance who placed the matter before the Commission on Depopulation in session at Paris last week, is due to a number of different causes,—including the evil effects of alcohol. The relation of drunkenness to infant mortality, declared this high official, would in the future be studied in every part of France.

When a great nation stands aghast at a condition existing within itself, when it sees its strength oozing away, its individual units decreasing in number and solemnly states a contributing cause thereto, it is worth while for busy housewives and mothers to pause long enough to think understandingly about the matter.

We may know very little about France and care nothing at all about its strength or weakness as a nation, but all Mt. Scott district is vitally awake to the subject of infants. At the baby show in Salem this fall one of its own infants was pronounced by the eugenics committee to be a perfect baby. Every child of the future ought to be given the parental conditions which will produce the perfect infant.

It is then of special interest to our own people to know something about the effects of alcohol.

Can the protest of a young wife against drunkenness on the part of her husband be anything other than a foolish, silly feminine notion?

The government of France says "yes" "The diminution of the power of France in the world will sooner or later be the inevitable consequence of the sterility of our nation" says the Minister of Finance, at the same time announcing that the great scientific mind of that great scientific nation will study the relation of drunkenness to infant mortality.

Well, now, suppose we do a little studying ourselves. Those French babies are as nothing compared to our own little people. There is no reason why we should wait until the French government makes a report, and thereby allow another nation to advance while we remain dormant. Fortunately it is not necessary for us to begin at the foundations of experimental inquiry, for scientists have already done that for us. All we need to do is to inform ourselves as to what has already been laboriously worked out.

It is but two hundred and fifty odd years since the death of William Harvey the English anatomist who just traced the circulation of the blood and gave to the world knowledge of the wonderful rivers of life coursing through the human body. Think of the ages upon ages of existence before the world produced a man with sufficient inquiry of mind and grasp of intellect to enrich the world with knowledge upon so vital a matter.

It is a little more than a score of years since the Russian scientist, Prof. Metchnikoff, made a study of the white corpuscles of the blood, which he tells us are the fighters or policemen of the body with the power to destroy disease microbes or chemical irritants.

What destroys these white corpuscles? Are they abundant in the circulatory system of your children? If not, why not? A study of the red and white discs that float in the blood plasma is one of great interest.

By invitation the Mt. Scott W. G. T. U. will meet with the Harmony Club at Mrs. Bundy's, Dec. 11. It is hoped that a good number can attend. The members are requested to meet at Mrs. Miller's at 11 A. M. All wear their badges.

The next regular meeting of the Mt. Scott W. G. T. U. will be held at the home of Mrs. Everett Miller, South main street. This is a Red Letter day, crusade birthday tea. A special program will be provided. Everyone invited, this means you.

#### Plant Lice.

Boil one pound of tobacco stems or dust, or other cheap or refuse tobacco, in a gallon of water for about an hour. Strain and add water to make two gallons of spray for each pound of tobacco used. Spray the infested vines with this decoction. Many seedsmen can furnish the refuse tobacco stems or powder. Do not use tobacco that has been doped up for chewing.

Another one is: Whale oil soap ten pounds, quassia chips five pounds, water one hundred gallons.

Put the quassia chips in a sack, cover with eight to ten gallons of water and soak twelve to twenty-four hours; bring to a boil, remove the chips, add the soap and boil until it is dissolved. Add water to make one hundred gallons. Common soap may be used instead of the oil soap, it is said.

#### Tender Bread Crust.

Bread may be brushed over with melted butter three minutes before removing from the oven if a tender crust is desired.

## THE PRETTIEST OF ALL COUNTRIES

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designate anything I didn't know the nature of, and she brought me in a goodly portion. But I guess I must have pointed to the soup twice as she brought me in a great bowl containing at least a quart, and I noticed on the bill that I was charged 50 pfennig for it. Well, I have had a round with French, Belgian, and German so far, and as Elmer would say, "though slightly disfigured, I'm still in the ring" and as I have only Italian left to wrestle with from this on, I ought to be on top part of the time any how.

I came to Lucerne Nov. 8. This beautiful place is a general starting point for all tourists visiting the Alps. Left Bern on the 5th. It is surely an interesting place on a fairly level plateau, a peninsula formed by a great curve of the Aar, which is crossed by several bridges.

Strange what erroneous notions one will form of a place. I always supposed it was surrounded by mountain peaks and that one would have to look straight up to see out. But the only show capped mountains was a range far to the south. At Bern I had a fine room for 2 f, the same at Interlocken, but 2½ here. I spent two days at Interlocken, a wonderfully grand and beautiful place, more charming if possible than it is here. It is situated in a little valley as level has a floor, at the junction of two lakes connected by the Aar of which the lakes are merely an expansion but on all sides are mountain peaks and mighty canons that are surely awe inspiring. This is another favorite rendezvous for tourists. On my way from Bern to Interlocken I had a lone companion but his English was worse than my German so we didn't fraternize to any perceptible extent. For the last 20 miles we followed the shores of lake Thun. Wasn't the scenery delightful though! After leaving Bern I had my first ride on a genuine Swiss R. R. They are surely up to the standard. I like their style of car windows, they drop from the top and will stay wherever you put them. I put in two wonderful days at Interlocken (between the lakes). Climbed far above the snow line, visited a Swiss village high up on the mountain side, inspected the Swiss cottages, watched the children at play, snow balled some of them, gazed far down into those abysmal canons, got back home after dark and was happy. In fact the view, as I gazed down some 3000 ft. with those two beautiful lakes and the town spread out before me and the wonderful Jungfrau as a back ground was a sight the equal of which I never expect to see again.

This morning I left for Brienz by boat, stopped a couple of hours; there then took the train for this place. It was surely a wonderful ride. In places the grade was so steep that they had to use a cogged track and then we would sweep down and skirt the shores of a beautiful lake, then over another ridge and down again, traversing the shores of six lakes all told. Lucerne is a city of about 37000 population, modern, and up to date in every respect, although a couple of quaint old bridges still cross the Reuss which issues from lake Vierwaldstatter at this point, Lake Lucerne (or Vierwaldstatter four forest Cantons) is a glorious sheet of water with a wonderfully irregular outline which adds greatly to its picturesque quality, having seven distinct arms radiating in all directions. I can go to the opposite end of the lake (23 miles) by boat if I wish but think I shall take the train as I believe it will be more picturesque. The weather is the coldest here that I have experienced yet, but I shall soon be in sunny Italy, sipping the perspiration from my brow. I suppose, while devouring my macaroni. I don't suppose there is another city in the world that has as many hotels for its size as this place has, and magnificent ones too. Most of them are six stories high, and often covering a whole block and they tell me that during the height of the season they are every one filled. I dug out enough from a German paper this evening to learn that Wilson had a walkover. I also find that the allies are about to besiege Constantinople.

#### TESTED RECIPES.

Celery and Cabbage Salad—One medium head cabbage and three bunches celery chopped fine. Have ready a dressing made as follows: One teacup vinegar, not too strong, lump butter size of an egg, yolks of two eggs, one teaspoon mustard, one of salt, pinch of cayenne pepper, two tablespoons sugar. Mix the dry ingredients together and beat with the egg. Heat half the vinegar with the butter and mix other half with the mixed egg yolks. When butter is melted stir in other ingredients and cook, stirring constantly, until it thickens. When cold add two tablespoons thick cream. If too thick, thin with either milk or vinegar according to taste. Garnish with strips of canned, red sweet peppers when serving.

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### Caramels.

Boil together two cups of granulated sugar, one cup of brown sugar, one cup cream, and butter the size of a walnut till it forms into soft ball in cold water. Take from the stove and beat till stiff enough to spread; cut in squares and set away to cool. The addition of chocolate makes a very fine dark candy.

### How to Can Kraut.

This is the way I can kraut and never spoils: Put it into granite kettle with plenty of the brine. To every four quarts add two tablespoons of meat fryings or lard, and to every quart add six fenies. Be sure that all is cooked well together, then can in jars, same as fruit.—H. C., Sutherland, Ia.

Another: Put the kraut in cans just as you take it from the jar, adding enough of the brine to cover it well. Should there not be enough of the brine to cover the kraut well in the cans, make a weak brine and pour it over the kraut. Use glass cans and it will keep all summer put in this way.—Mrs. J. W. A., Cheyenne Wells, Col.

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