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## Champion Cyclist Is Here



Peter Moeskops, bicycle champion of the world, who has arrived in this country, is taking an active part in the races held at the Newark velodrome. Moeskops won the world's championship in Paris August 3. Moeskops is one of the largest bicycle riders in the world, standing six feet one inch and weighing 225 pounds.

## GOSSIP

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK  
Dean of Men, University of Illinois.

THREE women were sitting across the aisle from me in a railway coach, talking. Their voices were pitched high. Their enthusiasm was evident. It was impossible not to hear what they were saying. They were not educated women, and the things they were saying were not pleasant things. They were discussing their friends, in fact, and their acquaintances, ridiculing them, laughing loudly at their frailties, repeating unwholesome and unkind things that rumor had brought to their ears.

Their talk was full of "I understand" and "I have heard" and "You know they say," of "She said to me" and "I told her" and "You must not repeat it to a soul." Their stories were tinged with specific details to make more evident their truthfulness and reality, I presume. They recounted with meticulous accuracy the time and place and accompanying circumstances of the most trivial bits of scandal.

"Let me see, who was it told me; was it Mrs. Brown? No, I think it wasn't her. It was Mrs. Jones. We were standing at the corner of the street, and I think it was Wednesday—I remember now, it was Tuesday." It was, of course, not germane to the facts presented who it was or when, but the accuracy of the details helped to make the facts incontrovertible. They discussed the most private affairs of people; they tore to pieces and besmeared every reputation they touched, and they did it all with an appearance of personal propriety that was maddening. So far as I could make out, they did not say a kind word about any one, and they talked about nothing that was really elevating or any of their business.

It is interesting that a gossip never has anything to say about things or principles. His only topic of conversation is people, and the things he says about them are usually destructive. Gossiping is not confined to women; men are quite commonly addicted to it. It is not confined to men and women of the class I have been describing. Even in an intellectual community it is common, and the wider experience of the educated and their keenness of intellect, and their greater ability to utter sharp and cutting things, to ridicule everything that is good and holy, make them all the more dangerous. The older the person the more damage he can do by peddling vicious, foolish gossip. The character of an individual may be ruined and is being ruined every day by these scandal mongers.

It is a wise custom if you cannot say good about a person to say nothing.

## UMATILLA RAPIDS DAM SITE SATISFACTORY

That the damsite for the Umatilla Rapids project has been officially declared satisfactory and also that no insurmountable engineering difficulties have been encountered in connection with the project is stated in a letter from F. E. Weymouth, chief engineer of the reclamation service, to Congressman N. J. Sinnott. Mr. Weymouth also declares that the funds available are sufficient to complete the investigation and that his office "has no knowledge of any requirement for additional money."

Mr. Sinnott's letter, which was forwarded to the East Oregonian from The Dalles Wednesday, is as follows: Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, Denver, Colorado, September 3, 1924.

Hon. N. J. Sinnott, The Dalles, Oregon. My dear Mr. Sinnott:

Your letter of August 19 addressed to the Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, making inquiry in regard to the status of the Umatilla Rapids work, has been referred to this office for reply.

Since the completion of the field investigations, about April 1, the preparation of estimates and designs and the writing of the report have been in progress in this office. This work is now almost finished and it is expected that the report will be completed in the next few weeks.

The funds available for this work, viz. the \$50,000 appropriated by congress and the \$10,000 appropriated by the state of Oregon, will be sufficient to complete all work proposed for the present investigation, and this office has no knowledge of any requirements for additional money.

With regard to the suitability of the damsite, foundation conditions have been found satisfactory and no insurmountable engineering difficulties have been encountered. However, our estimates are not sufficiently complete to permit an opinion to be ventured as to the commercial feasibility of the proposition.

Very truly yours,  
F. E. WEYMOUTH,

Mr. Sinnott has also communicated the news received to J. N. Teal of Portland, president of the Umatilla Rapids association. "The feasibility of the damsite is the important thing," says Mr. Teal, and he is now preparing to go ahead with the long contemplated meeting at Lewiston for the purpose of explaining the project plan to the people of that section of Idaho. No date has yet been set for the meeting at Lewiston.

## COCKLEBURS FOUND POISONOUS TO LIVE STOCK AND POULTRY

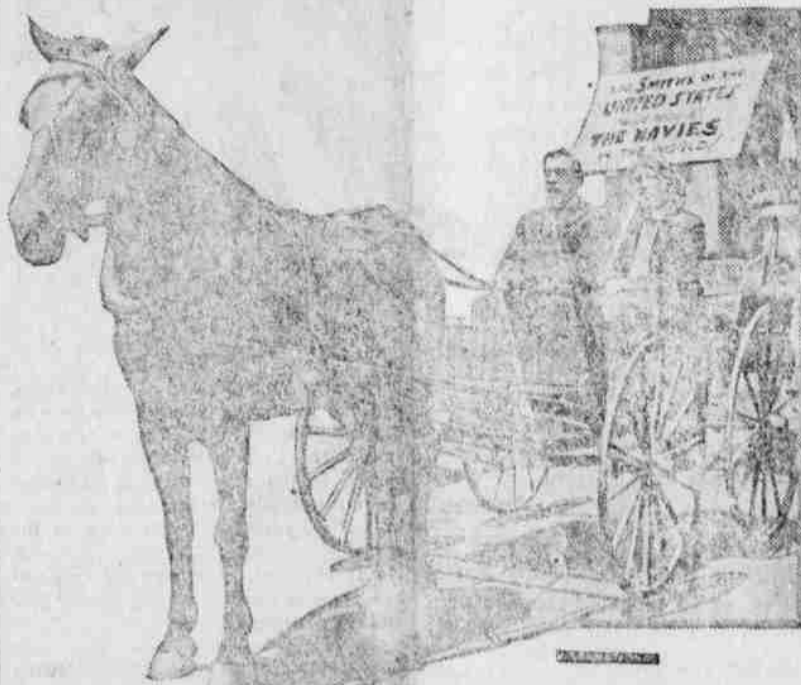
Cocklebur plants are poisonous to swine, cattle, sheep and chickens, according to the United States Department of Agriculture. This weed has long been suspected, but many persons thought that deaths reported from this cause were produced by the mechanical action of the burrs rather than by the toxic effect of the plant. While the burrs may produce some mechanical injury, and while the seeds are very poisonous, stock poisoning, the department says, is caused by feeding on the very young plants before the development of true leaves.

To avoid losses from this cause the most important thing is to prevent the animals from eating the weeds if there is a shortage of good forage, they may eat enough of the young cocklebur to cause serious results. Feeding milk to pigs immediately after they have eaten the weed has proved beneficial, probably because of the fat content. Good results also may be expected by feeding them bacon grease, lard, or linseed oil.

An extensive and expensive exhibit will be that which will be shown at the Pacific International at Portland this fall by the extension department of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This year it will illustrate graphically by pictures and charts, elaborately prepared, the cost of the production of meat animals, particularly beef. It will show the cost of production including range, feeding, shipping, stockyards, expense, butchering and marketing. This should be of great interest and importance to everyone.

O. A. C. vs. Whitman at Pendleton, Oct. 3. The only collegiate game in Eastern Oregon this year.

## They Are Organizing Smith Clubs



The Smith brothers, (not trade and mark) who have started from Culver City, Cal., on a transcontinental buggy trip to organize Smith clubs.

## IMPORTANCE OF VACCINATION STRESSED

By FREDERICK D. STRICKEL, M. D. of State Board of Health

The neglect of vaccination in many districts of certain sections of the U. S. has led to a recrudescence of smallpox with the corresponding suffering experienced by its victims and a wholly unnecessary sacrifice of human lives in the years 1922-1923, amounting to 967 known deaths from smallpox, and possibly a number of others which were not reported. During the first six months of 1924, an additional toll of at least 200 human lives has been taken, every one of which deaths could have been prevented by vaccination and revaccination.

The increasing number of cases of smallpox, the continued spread of this disease from city to city, and from state to state, will, if not checked, not only augment the number of victims, but may bring about a condition which will seriously interfere with the movements of passengers on trains, steamers, automobiles, and other carriers. It is conceivable that this interference might be of a degree that would involve the expenditure of hundreds of thousands of dollars in quarantine, a contingency which might easily be avoided provided our people can be induced to protect themselves by vaccination and revaccination.

The United States Public Health Service is being importuned at the present time to exercise its authority in enforcing interstate quarantine to prevent the migration of the unvaccinated when there is danger that there may have been exposure to smallpox. It is particularly desirable that

the Federal Government may not be forced to interfere in interstate travel, and it is earnestly hoped that the authorities of all states, counties, municipalities, or other units of Government will immediately begin campaigns to secure the vaccination or revaccination of all persons who have not been recently successfully vaccinated, particularly in those states where smallpox is prevalent.

Vaccination and revaccination being a perfect protection against the disease is smallpox, it might be argued that protection against the disease is a matter which should be left to the discretion of the individual, but there is no more reason for leaving the defense against an enemy of the state, such as smallpox, to the discretion of the individual, than there would be leaving the defense of the state against an armed invading force, to the individual. These enemies are equally dangerous. Furthermore, there are a large number of persons who are otherwise good citizens, who, because of indifference, carelessness, and lack of information, and often times because of having been deceived by false propaganda and deliberate misinformation either fail or refuse to protect themselves and their trusting or helpless children until it is too late. These same children of misinformed or irresponsible parents, being too young to judge for themselves, are entitled to the protection of the state, and certainly the state is derelict in its duties if it allows such unprotected to be exposed to smallpox.

## O.A.C.-WHITMAN FOOT BALL IN PENDLETON

Two weeks after Pendleton's annual classic of the west, the Round-Up, has again become history. Round Up park with its spacious grandstand and bleachers will echo and reecho to the shrill, staccato bark of football signals as two weeks before it had echoed and reechoed to the scream of wild horses, the bawling of Texas steers and crack of the starter's pistols. Then, too, there will be the organized yelling that only a real college football game can produce with real cheer leaders to lead the partisans in their rooting. It has become this annual football game in Pendleton, something of a classic itself and this year, with Whitman and the Oregon Aggies scheduled to tangle in a battle for gridiron supremacy October 3, will be no exception to the rule.

The game is of special interest for several reasons, in the first place it is Paul J. Schissler's debut as a Coast Conference coach and Schissler should be a wonder in this or any other conference. While at Lombard college Schissler established himself as one of the coming coaches of the country. His light team, drawn from a student body having but 143 men enrolled, was known as the "Redornado," and it blew over some of the strongest elevens in the middle west.

Another that makes the O. A. C.-Whitman game particularly interesting is the fact that this is the first Aggie appearance in Pendleton since just before the war when the O. A. C. machine joined battle with Tom Kelly's Idaho juggernaut.

The game promises to be a real one, that Whitman-O. A. C. tilt here Oct. 3, for little Whitman is always well up in the running in the early season games and can give any western school a real battle at that time of the year. Of course it is impossible to say what O. A. C. will do but one thing is certain, and that is that the Oregon Aggies will have a real attack this year. Even though it is an early season tilt, fans who journey to Pendleton will see Schissler unfold an attack that will threaten and pierce the Whitman line, for "offense" is one of the main words in the Aggie coach's vocabulary.

Schissler plays Notre Dame football, which means a lot of snappy end runs mixed in with sparkling passes and totally unexpected line bucks. It is a surprise attack and one that keeps the spectators at attention, for the unexpected is always happening wherever Notre Dame football is played. Schissler has a splendid nucleus of former football stars from which to form his team, while "Nig" Borleske has five veterans of his famous '22 team back and will have a real eleven, it looks like the best in years, on the field for Whitman.

## COUNTRY MAKES HEADWAY AGAINST ANIMAL T. B.

The work of eradicating tuberculosis from the cattle herds of the country has been going forward so satisfactorily in recent years that it is predicted by those in charge of the work for the United States Department of Agriculture that within eight years it is probable that as many as 30 states may be free of the plague. This will permit of the consolidation of the veterinary forces so that work may be carried on more rapidly in the remaining states where the extent of infection is greater. The systematic plan of eradication has been going on in earnest since 1917.

According to figures compiled from reports received by the department from field forces in the various states about 3-13 per cent of the cattle in the country are tuberculous. In many of the states, of course, the infection is much more extensive.

The progress made in the work during the fiscal year terminating June 30, 1924, was greater than in any previous year. The accredited herds increased from 28,526 to 48,273. A better indication of progress however, was the extension of the plan whereby areas, such as counties, have been cleaned up in one whirlwind campaign. In the past year the number of counties adopting this plan increased from 193 to 317.

During the fiscal year 1924 more than 5,000,000 cattle were tested. The prospects are, from present indications, that this record will be exceeded by more than a million during the current fiscal year.

## David C. Stephenson



David C. Stephenson of Evansville and Indianapolis, Ind., is said to be responsible for the vast network system of the Klan in the United States. He is thirty-two years old, financially independent and unmarried.

## \*\*\*\*\* Your Conversation \*\*\*\*\* "MILLINER"

A man who lived in Milan, Italy, was the first to import into Italy the finery which made it necessary for husbands and fathers to work overtime. Consequently the "Milliner" was not at all popular with the married men. Eventually this gentleman began to specialize on ladies' headgear. "Milliner" came to be spelled "milliner" and eventually was applied to any dealer in women's hats.

## Pretty Caps to Aid the Cause of Beauty



The evening faces and our morning faces are not always equally "easy to look at." Evening faces usually have such the advantage because of pretty trimming in careful hairdressing and suitable ornaments. But the morning face may rival it. There are many pretty breakfast caps whose only mission is to help the cause of beauty in the morning. Two of them, shown here, have lately arrived in the bright company of boudoir headwear. The cap at the top, of dotted net, lace ribbon and chiffon plating, covers the surface (or lack of one) completely, with lace about the face and frills of plaited chiffon falling over the ears. The other cap is called a "wave retainer" and is made of narrow ribbon tied in lattice work pattern. This makes one of the most adorable of night caps as well as a cheerful affair for the breakfast table, and is much appreciated by the bobbed-haired.

## Father Sage Says:

The poorly-paid train announcer is now making good money announcing for th' radio.

## Reveille



DEFENSE DAY

## SUCH IS LIFE

By Van Zelm

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