

# VENUS DATED TO PASS OLD SOL ON SUNDAY

Unless some one does something about it in the meantime, Venus, the earth's next door neighbor, will meet the face of Old Sol, as the sun is sometimes familiarly called, like an adolescent couple, just at sunset Sunday evening.

This astronomical phenomenon will take place rain or shine, but in case of anything but shine the lark or hot pallor will have to take the word of the initiated for it.

In case of sunsets one should lean the smoked glass just as the sun sinks to rest behind the roller coaster on Council Street.

According to Miss Jennie Short, mathematics instructor at Reed

and student of astronomy, Venus will reach her nearest approach to the earth just as she passes before the sun.

She will be 25,000,000 miles away, but 25,000,000 miles are nothing at all put in the great open space where stars are suns and slight blurs may be entire solar systems.

Venus has been an evening star of great brilliance for two months or more. Often she has been visible in daytime, but better pictures of her the sun she will drop below the horizon and, for a time there will be no evening star at all.

# SWEDEN LIQUOR CZAR LIKED AT END FIRST YEAR

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 9.—(U.P.)—Wet sentiment in Sweden has completely changed with regard to Dr. Ivar Bratt, the country's liquor czar, since his system of individual rations first went into effect ten years ago.

At first he was the butt of most vaudeville jokes and the favorite subject for ridicule in the comic press, including the daily paper "colyma." Today the same elements treat him almost with veneration, considering him to be their savior from prohibition. Among the total abstinence advocates the situation is, naturally, the reverse. In a country-wide plebiscite on prohibition three years ago, the wets won by two per cent after their main plea had been to maintain the Bratt system.

By strictly limiting all private profits in the liquor traffic to a low percentage on the capital invested, the Bratt system not only restricts the purchases of each family to a definite amount, never more than a quart a week, but also collects for the government purse about \$25,000,000 in liquor taxes each year. The maximum reached in 1921 was \$27,781,000. Since then the amount has decreased somewhat but still constitutes an important item on the credit side of the state budget. At the same time arrests for drunkenness have decreased since 1913 by 49 per cent and the amount of liquor consumed by 27 per cent.

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## WEED SUFFERS SECOND RAID WITHIN A WEEK

WEED, Calif., Feb. 9.—For the second time within a week, Shastina, Weed's noted suburb, was raided Saturday night by 18 federal prohibition agents from San Francisco and three men and a woman fell into the net.

With the same secrecy and quietness that marked the preceding raid of January 24, the agents slipped into Shastina in automobiles as night fell and, at a given signal, they entered the soft drink parlors and questionable resorts that were under surveillance.

Frank Speelman and A. J. Royer, owners of the Tin Can Cafe; Fred Thomas, proprietor of the Busy Bee Cafe, and Flora Baisren, who conducts a questionable rooming house, were arrested and several gallons of moonshine whiskey were taken as evidence.

Following the raid, W. R. Page, director of the federal agents, Judge J. P. Bradley, justice of the peace at Weed, held a conference at which several issues that have caused friction between Siskiyou authorities and the federal prohibition office at San Francisco were cleared away, according to an announcement made later.

It was said that the federal authorities had been given the impression that Siskiyou officials stood in with what the agents, informants had described as a bootlegging ring in northern California and that, if cases were submitted to the local courts, the defendants would escape with small or suspended sentences. Judge Bradley declared at the close of the con-

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## COTTON INDUSTRY GROWS IN BRAZIL

(U.P.) Press Staff Correspondent  
RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 9.—The Brazilian cotton industry is expanding very rapidly according to figures made public by the Cotton Bureau of the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture. These figures show that cotton is produced in 17 of the 20 states of Brazil, only Rio Grande do Sul, Matto Grosso, and Santa Catharina not being producers.

The cotton area planted increased from 1,198,400 acres in 1921-22 to 1,592,920 acres in 1924-25 giving a total acreage under cultivation in 1924-25 of 3,932,288 acres.

The number of bales of 220 kilos each produced in 1924 was 583,132, an increase of 97,380 bales over 1921.

Oregon pruned shipments for 1925 totaled 14,929 tons.

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## PORCUPINES ARE DECLARED MENACE

DURANGO, Colo., Feb. 9.—(U.P.)—Quills are not the only mean features about a porcupine, according to G. M. Hunter, federal forest supervisor who makes his headquarters here.

Hunter has concluded that the spike-covered animals, thought to be guilty of but one major fault, are a dangerous enemy to trees and livestock.

The forester points out in a recent report that a 20 acre forest of Engelmann spruce, on Soda Creek in Colorado, was partially destroyed by the "porcupines." Tallies made on lodgepole pine, spruce and fir on Elk river and Mill

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