

“HONESTY” TOO FAR

Dick Rather Overdid It, and Lost the Confidence of His Employer. registers became an institution...

AWARDED GODLIKE RANK

Worshiped in China and Elaborate Temples Erected at the Birthplace of One. worship is still practiced in...

Sharing Your Books.

The world is full of shut-ins, and those who are starving for books...

Birds That Burrow.

Animals are not accustomed to think of burrowing animals, but the answers to that description...

Spiders as Companions.

All creatures to choose as pets seem to be the strangest. Yet numerous men have formed real friendships with spiders...

HELPED OUT REIGNING BULL

Kindly Act of New Member of Herd Something the Keepers Had Never Seen Before.

Usually when a new bull is taken into the buffalo herd at Golden Gate park in San Francisco his standing is promptly decided by a challenge from the head of the herd...

FIRST UNITED STATES COINS

“Fugios,” Made of Copper, Were the Earliest Issued by Direct Authority of Congress.

The “fugios” were the earliest coins issued by the authority of the United States, and were of copper. It was in April, 1787, that the congress of the United States authorized the board of treasury to contract for 300 tons of copper coin...

Autograph Hunter's Coup.

Autograph hunting sometimes proves a most profitable pursuit. Ludovic Picard, a French Bohemian of the '50s, made a steady income out of it for several years.

Englishman on Papal Throne.

Pope Adrian IV was by birth an Englishman, and the only one of that nation who ever occupied the papal chair. He was a native of Langley, near St. Albans, in Hertfordshire.

Alarm Clock for the Deaf.

An alarm clock which will prove useful to the deaf and also to those whom the ordinary alarm clock fails to arouse has recently been patented.

TOWN DIED CENTURIES AGO

Segovia, in Spain, Has Signs of Life Only Part of One Day of Each Week.

Segovia is a dead city of Spain. There are dead towns in this country which both lived and died within half a century, and few that are much more than a century old. But Segovia died centuries ago, and it is as old as civilization in Europe.

EASY WAY TO CLEAN CLOCK

Small Piece of Kerosene-Soaked Wool Placed in Case Will Gather Dust Particles.

When a clock stops it is a mistake to suppose that it must at once be taken to the workshop for repairs. In most cases clocks cease running because of the accumulation of dust particles which clog the bearings.

Learn the Art of Life.

Life is so full of beautiful stories that it is inconceivable that there should be any need of fiction or any other form of art.

Grateful Carlo.

In Kentucky three men were shot to death in a fight about a dog which one of them had killed. Some men never live long enough to learn that when a dog becomes personal property the tie of pride and affection makes the animal a serious proposition to be trifled with.

Not a Fixed Opinion.

Lawyer (examining prospective juror in criminal case)—Mr. Juror, have you any fixed opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the accused? Juror (emphatically)—Now, I ain't got no doubt but the guy's guilty, but they ain't nobody fixed me.

PECULIAR KIND OF UMBRELLA

African “Bishop” Made Use of Prince Albert Coat When Rain Threatened Precious Loincloth.

“The Bishop” is like no other African. He has acquired the graces of the court of St. James and a surprising gift of repartee, using smiles and grunts chiefly. He is taller and older than any native in the neighborhood...

ANCIENT AND MODERN NAMES

Writer Contends That Present-Day Appellations Lack the Euphony of the Olden Times.

Speaking of New England names, the genealogical columns of the Transcript are indeed a standing proof that the seventeenth and eighteenth century names possessed much more of snap, flavor and euphony than our twentieth century names possess.

Sand—\$6,000 a Ton.

Wilmington, Del., has a dozen of the most expensive sand piles in the world. It costs \$6,000 a ton, says the Portland Oregonian.

Origin of Surnames.

No one can say with any certainty when the practice of taking a surname became general. The Greeks, Assyrians, Egyptians and other ancient peoples had no surnames; the later Romans had each one real personal name, to which they sometimes added a clan name or women, a family name or cognomen and a nickname or agnomen.

Fish and the Ancients.

The ancient Romans thought very highly of fish, and at big banquets brilliant fish were shown to the guests, alive, as a relish, then were served cooked after the soup. Apicius offered a prize to any culinary artist who would invent a new marinade compounded of livers of the red mullet.

IMPROVEMENT IN PRINCIPAL CROPS

WHEAT, OATS, CORN, POTATOES, HOPS, IN OREGON BETTER THAN LAST YEAR

Improvement in the condition of all the principal crops during the month of July, in the state of Oregon, is indicated from the compilation of reports received by F. L. Kent, agricultural statistician for the bureau of crop estimates United States Department of Agriculture.

Winter Wheat—Comparatively little threshing was done during July, hence actual yield per acre reports are not available for the heavier producing sections.

BETTER HORSES ARE SENT FOR ARMY USE AT O. A. C.

Twenty-six horses have been sent to the O. A. C. military department by the United States war department in exchange for a like number of outlaws that refused to do duty in the artillery service.

Oregon Boys Win

First place in horsemanship and in firing of the big guns at Camp Knox, Ky., was won by Oregon boys from the State Agricultural College in the R. O. T. C. work there this summer.

Much Tailoring Done

More tailor work than is usually done in the average tailor shop in six months was done by the 55 members of the class in ladies' tailoring at the O. A. C. summer session.

Corn—The condition of the corn crop in Oregon on August 1 was placed at 95 per cent, a gain of two points over the July condition figure.

The United States oat crop for 1920 is now estimated at 1,402,000,000 bushels as compared with the 1919 estimate of 1,322,000,000 bushels.

Potatoes—Condition of the potato crop in the state improved during the month of July and was reported as 100 per cent of normal on August 1.

The United States potato crop for 1920 is now estimated at 402,000,000 bushels, compared with an estimate of 388,000,000 bushels on July 1, 1920, and 358,000,000 bushels for the crop of 1919.

Hay—Reports indicate that the state acreage devoted to hay crops is about 3.0 per cent larger than last year or about 880,000 acres of tame hay.

The United States tame hay crop for 1920 is estimated at 107,260,000 tons, compared with the 1919 production of 91,326,000 tons.

Apples—The Oregon total apple crop is estimated for 1920 at about 3,425,000 bushels, about 60 per cent of which will probably be of commercial quality.

The United States apple crop for 1920 (agricultural crop) is estimated at 213,187,000 bushels, compared with 147,457,000 bushels for 1919.

Hops—The Oregon hop acreage for 1920 is estimated at 9,000 acres mature hops and 3,000 acres of “baby” hops.

The United States hop crop is estimated at 37,696,000 pounds, compared with the 1919 production of 29,346,000 pounds.

The condition of other Oregon crops on August 1, 1920, is estimated as follows: Barley, 93 per cent; timothy, 97 per cent; alfalfa, 97 per cent; pasture, 94 per cent; field peas, 96 per cent; field beans, 95 per cent; tomatoes, 95 per cent; cabbage, 94 per cent; onions, 94 per cent; peaches, 25 per cent; grapes, 70 per cent; pears, 65 per cent; rye, yield per acre, 15.0 bushels, quality, 95 per cent.

Spring Wheat—Favorable growing conditions during the month of July improved the condition of the spring sown wheat, the August 1 condition figure for the state as a whole being placed at 93 per cent, indicating a probable per acre yield of about 19.0 bushels.

The United States crop on August 1, 1920, is estimated at 532,641,000 bushels, which is an increase of about 15,000,000 bushels over the July estimate. The final estimate for 1919 was 732,000,000.

Unfavorable growing conditions in the heavier spring wheat producing states have reduced the 1920 crop prospect from 291,355,000 bushels on July 1, to 261,506,000 bushels on August 1, with the probability of a still further reduction before harvest.

The total United States wheat crop for 1920, based on August 1 condition, is estimated at 209,351,000 bushels, compared with the final 1919 estimate of 941,000,000.

Oats—July weather conditions were very favorable for the development of the oat crop, and the August 1 condition figure as reported by field aids (96 per cent) indicates an average per acre yield for the state of about 41.0 bushels.

The 1920 crop should amount to about 14,350,000 bushels. While very little threshing has so far been done, the heads are well formed and well filled and the prospect is very promising.

The 1919 Oregon oat crop was estimated at 11,104,000 bushels. The United States oat crop for 1920 is now estimated at 1,402,000,000 bushels as compared with the 1919 estimate of 1,322,000,000 bushels.

Corn—The condition of the corn crop in Oregon on August 1 was placed at 95 per cent, a gain of two points over the July condition figure.

The transition in ten years of the United States from an exporter of newsprint to a importer, securing two-thirds of its supply abroad subject to any restrictions which may be to the interest of the exporter to impose, will make it to the interest of paper users to patronize the manufacturers of Alaskan pulpwood.