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FACT AND COMMENT

Oil does not seem to be the right kind of emollient for the Mexican troubles.

Did you ever notice that those who change their minds often never seem to get a good one in the process?

Who would have supposed that the athletes from little Finland, the most remote and inclement of European countries, would take second place in the Olympic games—second only to the United States? If it is hard to raise other crops in Finland, the crop of hardy, agile human beings seems to be excellent.

A half holiday on the farm seems incredible, but it is true. Middlesex, Ontario, is the place and Wednesday is the day. The United Farmers' organization brought it about by agreement among the members. Every Wednesday afternoon the farmers, their hired men, their sons and daughters and wives take a half day off and spend it as they please—at a picnic, the "movies," in hunting or fishing or a ball game. There is already a base ball league in the organization.

An Australian statesman who knew everything that went on during the fateful July of 1914 has an interesting explanation to offer for the outbreak of the war. "It was the telephone," he says. "Its workings with Berlin and St. Petersburg ruined us. Instead of writing old fashioned notes, which would have given us time to think, we telephoned—and lost our heads." Haste is destructive everywhere. In diplomacy its effects are perhaps more often fatal than anywhere else.

Not only has wise management increased the number of seals on the government property in the Pribilof Islands; it has found uses for what was formerly wasted. The blubber is now tried out, the meat is fed to the silver and black foxes that the government raises for their fur, and the bones and offal are made into fertilizer. There are piles of bones on the islands that are several feet thick, are more than a hundred years old, and extend for a hundred miles. These, too, are now being gathered and made into fertilizer.

On July 1, when the protection of land fur-bearing animals in Alaska passed from control of the Department of Commerce to that of the Biological Survey, new protective laws went into effect, by which certain kinds of traps and the use of dogs and of poison are forbidden, and closed seasons are prescribed to fit the local conditions of the three sections into which, for protective purposes, the territory is divided. The new laws should help to conserve the fur-bearing animals of Alaska, which have been and are still a source of large revenue, but which have been shamefully exploited.

The wide use of finger prints for purposes of identification has raised the question of how to record deeds that are "signed" by finger prints.

Obviously, finger prints are not nearly so likely to be forged as the mark that an illiterate man makes in his signature, and such a deed has already been offered for record in the county clerk's office of Queen's County, New York. For want of particular instructions the clerk recorded it as if it were signed by a mark, for which the law prescribes a definite procedure. It is suggested that the difficulty can be solved in the future by placing with the record a photograph of the finger-print impression.—Youth's Companion.

MEDICAL SOCIETY AGAINST
REPEAL VACCINE LAW

The Polk-Yamhill-Marion Medical society, of which local physicians are members, is opposed to the repeal of the compulsory vaccination law, or rather the adoption of the "Anticompulsory Vaccination Amendment," which will be submitted to the voters at the November election.

It is needless to state that these medical men are actuated in their stand in this matter purely from public welfare, as experience has shown to them that vaccination is a reliable preventative in contagious diseases. While on the other hand, were they after "business" alone, they would be in favor of the adoption of the proposed amendment. By repealing the vaccination law there would be no effective way of checking epidemics of any disease.

The following resolutions were adopted at a recent meeting of the Polk-Yamhill-Marion Medical society:

Whereas, a proposed constitutional amendment known as the "Anticompulsory Vaccination Amendment" is to be submitted to the electorate at the November election, and whereas, this amendment is much more comprehensive in many matters connected with public health than the title would seem to indicate, therefore, be it resolved that we, as citizens of the state and members of the Polk-Yamhill-Marion Medical society, do herewith voice our opposition to this amendment which we regard as a dangerous step backward, rejecting as it does the familiar facts of everyday life, the teachings of scientific medicine and the experiences of a century in the management and control of epidemic diseases.

Our opposition to this amendment is, however, particularly directed to other than the anti-vaccination features. It would open our schools, both public and private, to any child, no matter how grievously afflicted with contagious diseases such as itch, ring worms, infectious sores, purulent eye diseases, as well as those afflicted with scarlet fever, diphtheria or small pox.

We do not believe it possible that the people of this state wish to expose their children promiscuously to these undesirable diseases.

Furthermore, we protest against the possibility of the opening of restaurants, dairies, bakeries and groceries to the unrestricted employment of the diseased, no matter how loathsome and dangerous in the preparing and handling of our foods. Under present laws it is possible to exclude the syphilitic, the leper, the tubercular and the typhoid.

If this amendment is passed, there will be no power anywhere to control any person, no matter how loathsome diseased from going anywhere and doing anything which he may consider to be "exercising any right," or "performing any duty," which pleases him.

Therefore, be it resolved that in

the interests of cleanliness and health and the safety of us all, we ask that this amendment be defeated by voting "NO" at the polls.

Be it further resolved that we furnish a copy of these resolutions to the public press of our territory with a hope that they give it the publicity which we believe the subject merits.

Polk-Yamhill-Marion Medical Society.

By

H. L. Clements

L. R. Griffith

C. H. Robertson

Committee.

Salem, Oregon, Oct. 5, 1920.

PORT BILL ATTRACTS
ATTENTION IN STATE

Considerable interest is being aroused in all sections of the state over the initiative measure to be voted on November second, known as the "Port of Portland Dock Commission Consolidation Bill."

A determined effort is being put forth in Portland to thoroughly acquaint the people throughout the state with the importance of adopting this bill in November.

The measure provides for the consolidation of the Port of Portland and the Dock Commission of that city and gives to the consolidated body sufficient funds to dredge and maintain a 30 foot channel in the Willamette and Columbia rivers from Portland to the sea. It also provides for the enlargement and betterment of the port facilities in the harbor at Portland.

The cost of this work will fall only upon the property within the Port of Portland, which is practically Multnomah county, but under the constitution of this state this taxing and bonding power cannot be granted to the Port of Portland except by the people of the state.

Sponsors for the bill point to the fact that if Portland ever becomes a great port of entry the entire state will greatly profit as a result. Oregon producers must have access to the sea and the only way to get the grain, wool, livestock products, lumber and other products of this state to the markets of the world is through the port of Portland, which means cheaper freight and a greater return to the producer, which is the one thing that the whole state is interested in.

YOUNG FARMER NEAR
DALLAS DIES SUDDENLY

Aaron H. (Hal) Alsip, a prominent young farmer living on a farm about three miles southeast of Dallas, died last Friday morning in the Dallas hospital. Upon examination it was learned that a clot of blood circulating in the system lodged in either the heart or brain. Mr. Alsip was in Dallas last week to have some dental work done and returned Thursday feeling quite ill. Dr. Bollman took him to the hospital and death came the following day.

Mr. Alsip was well known in Dallas and Monmouth. He was 25 years of age and had a wife and small child. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Alsip who live in the same community. He is survived by his wife and baby, parents and several brothers.

Political Announcement

To the voters of Polk county: As candidate of the republican party for representative for Polk county I respectfully solicit your support for the office at the coming election Nov. 2nd. I have lived for the greater part of my life in the county and have been identified with its varied interests as a booster for all public welfare movements. I believe I am qualified by my experience in educational, business and agricultural work to represent the varied interests of the county. P. O. Powell. 15-3t

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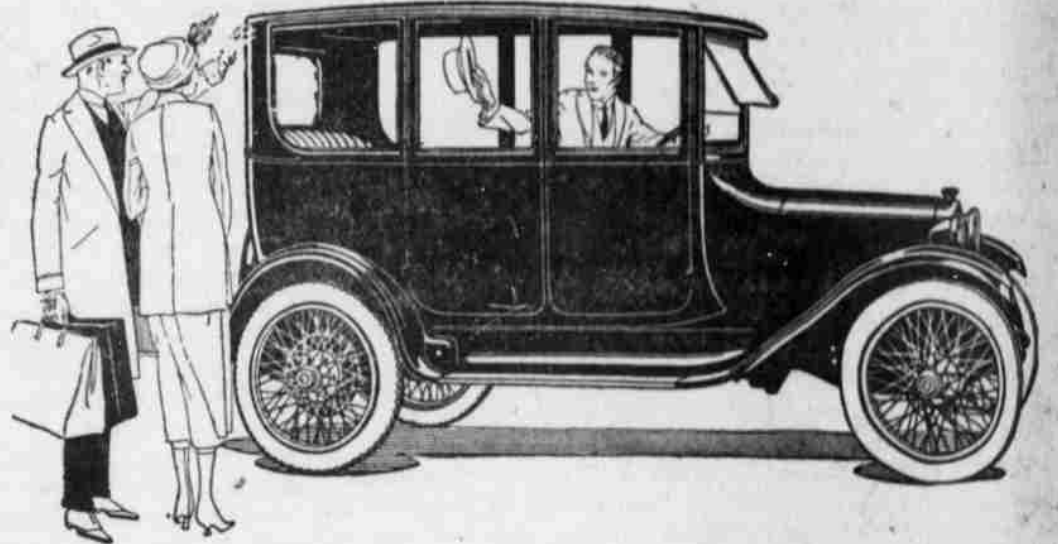
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