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WORLD RECORD NOT ACCIDENT

Independence has a Jersey cow which is attracting international attention. She is the property of Harry D. Hiff and is St. Maves' Lad's Lady. She has become the champion butterfat producer of the world for her age and will occupy a prominent niche in the hall of Jersey fame.

This coveted record is not the result of accident or sudden flight. It is rather the outcome of years' of intelligent effort. This cow is of the manor bred so far as blood is concerned. She is of the Jersey aristocracy, following down certain well defined lines of breeding which has produced a cow accomplishing more than any other like animal in the world in her class.

And yet it takes something more than proper breeding to make a cow a world-record breaker in butterfat. It requires consistent, capable direction on the part of somebody and in this case Mr. Hiff was the individual, who very largely made it possible for the accomplishment. During the period of the test, Mr. Hiff milked this cow at every milking, part of the time twice a day, part of the time three times a day and the balance of the time four times a day, and right on the tick each time: 6:20, 12:20, 6:20 and 12:20. It will be noted from this that Mr. Hiff had to get up at midnight and milk the cow, and then do it again at 6:20 in the morning. This is not the most convenient hour for such a service, but Mr. Hiff deemed it necessary in order that the cow be given every chance in the contest. Occasionally, this milking might have been delegated to others, but not so with Mr. Hiff. He was on the job every day and night. And the milking was only a small part of it. The lady had to be fed and fed right. There was no allowance for "off" spells which might be due to under-feeding or indigestion. He was directing a delicately constructed machine, where mistakes would prove costly. He was on the job night and day and his mind had to be working all of the time.

Mr. Hiff is an apt illustration of the oft repeated declaration, "Heights by great men reached and kept were not attained by sudden flight, but they, while their companions slept, were toiling upward through the night."

Oregon is fast becoming the home of notable Jersey cattle. Climatic conditions are the most favorable in the United States. Here there is no contending with extreme hot or extreme cold weather, both being against heavy milk production. And of the Oregon country, Polk county is carrying off a big share of the Jersey honors.

IS PRICE CUTTING THE REMEDY?

In days gone by, when competition became keen between competitive railroads, price cutting in passenger fares was of frequent occurrence. Then came the present period of uniform prices. This latter arrangement appears to have been quite satisfactory to the railroads until the automobile entered into competition to such an extent that railroad passenger traffic dwindled to an alarming extent.

Railroad executives are frank to admit that they are confronted with a very serious problem. Auto passenger lines and auto truck lines have been having rather an easy time of it. Rates are fixed a little lower than the rail charges and a prosperous business has been the result.

Railroad officials have endeavored to point out that patronizing the auto lines will eventually prove expensive to the public, but the public has not fully sensed the gravity of the situation, and railroad passenger traffic continues to dwindle.

Some of the interurban lines are applying the old time price slashing remedy. It is now in vogue on the Portland-Astoria run of the Spokane, Portland and Seattle railway. The fare has been reduced to only a fraction of what it formerly was and the business shows an increase which is really gratifying to the railroad so far as numbers is concerned. The auto lines do not appear to be faring so well, and should the railroad continue its bargain fares for any great length of time, the gasoline conveyances will be forced out of business.

It is likewise intimated that on the Oregon Electric line between Salem and Portland there is going to be a reduction in fares, sufficient to induce the public to more liberally patronize the railroad.

For service, there is nothing equal to good, live competition. The need of prodding is a human characteristic,

and it is possible that the gasoline conveyances are going to be the means of making notable changes in railroad conditions, which will eventually be for the benefit of the railroads as well as the public.

The railroads are almost as essential today as they were before the advent of the automobiles, but they will find that they will have to meet the changed conditions. This means service at a price just as low as the other fellow can furnish it.

The Non-Partisan League of Oregon has come into official existence. The same general principles and plans as the North Dakota organization are to be effective here, and a general state board has been selected, consisting of J. D. Brown of Portland as president, A. J. French of Carlton, Yamhill county, vice president, and C. M. Benedict of Albany, secretary. Oregon will not prove the fertile field of Non-Partisanship that North Dakota has been. The percentage of agricultural population is much smaller here and the North Dakota organization has fallen way short of accomplishing what was claimed for it. There is no doubt that some Oregon farmers are dissatisfied with conditions, but a large majority of these are too level-headed to make a plunge without picking their landing place.

CLINTON W. McLEOD HEAD MARINE OFFICE IN SPOKANE

Lieutenant Clinton W. McLeod, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Job McLeod of Independence, has just been placed in command of the Spokane marine corps recruiting headquarters of the Montana division. The Spokane Daily Chronicle in making the announcement, prints a halftone cut of the young man and says:

"When Second Lieutenant Clinton W. McLeod replaces First Lieutenant Charles D. Baylis, in command of the Spokane marine corps recruiting headquarters of the Montana division on August 23, another marine officer with a brilliant service record will be in charge of the station at 8120 Wall street.

"Lieutenant McLeod worked his way from the ranks to a first lieutenant, temporary appointment, during the World war. Lieutenant Baylis was promoted from quartermaster sergeant to a temporary captaincy while in France.

"The new Spokane marine chief is a man of long service in the corps. He served in the Philippines, Hawaii, Mexico, Cuba, Santo Domingo and Haiti before the war and was in action several times. He was discharged from a first lieutenantcy after the war.

"Lieutenant McLeod reenlisted in September 1919, and was immediately made sergeant, then promoted to first sergeant and later to marine gunner. His excellent record in the corps won him the rank of second lieutenant. He is qualified as an excellent rifleman and pistol shot and was a member of the marine corps rifle team in 1912-13 which was conceded to be one of the finest in the world.

"Shortly after he assumes command of the local office Lieutenant McLeod plans to make an inspection tour of his district, including Montana, northern Idaho and eastern Washington. As active recruiting will be resumed on September 1, he plans to look for suitable towns in which to open up new substations in the district.

"Lieutenant Baylis will go to the marine barracks at the Puget sound navy yard, Bremerton, on August 23. He has not been informed where he will be stationed.

One of Ocean's Biggest Fishes.

"The turbot is one of the largest of the flat fishes, and one of the species that is of most value commercially. It is seldom over two feet long, and weighs about 18 pounds, although 90-pound turbot have been caught. Its body is very flat and wide, with a long fin on the top and bottom ridges. Its upper surface is brown, and covered with hard, round knobs.

The turbot is a sea fish, and its eggs—five or 10,000,000 to a fish—float on the ocean surface, but the full-grown turbot prefers a sea bank, where it lies on its lighter side. Both the eyes are on the upper side of the body. The turbot abounds off the western coast of Europe, where it is caught for export.

Mazarin's Great Library.

At the beginning of the Fronde intrigues in Paris in 1648, when Anne of Austria, mother of Louis XIV, was queen regent of France, Cardinal Mazarin's library held 40,000 books, and was the most important collection of books then existing. Mazarin was compelled to retire from court, and the French parliament voted the confiscation and sale of his library. Louis sent Fouquet with unlimited power to bid it in, but the parliament, comprehending that it would in this way be returned to Mazarin, ordered its complete dispersion, by selling it in small lots. The librarian was so affected that he died of a broken heart. The sale of Mazarin's paintings was to have followed, but they were saved.

WOOD MEASURE TABLED

House Committee Sees Dangerous Precedent.

Washington, D. C.—The administration bill designed to permit Major-General Leonard Wood to become governor-general of the Philippines, without retiring as an active officer of the army was laid on the table by the house military committee without a record vote. Committeemen were said to have held that it would be a dangerous precedent to establish.

Practically all committee members were reported to have favored tabling the measure, which makes it certain that the bill will not come to a vote in the house.

No criticism of General Wood was expressed at the committee session. General Wood, it was argued, should retire from the army if he wished to accept the island post.

J. S. Landers Elected Head of School.

Salem, Or.—J. S. Landers, at present at the head of the training department of the Las Vegas, N. M., Normal school, was elected president of the Oregon State Normal school to succeed the late J. H. Ackerman. The presidency of the normal school previously was offered to Dr. Fred C. Ayer, of the University of Washington, but he declined to accept. Mr. Landers served as city superintendent of the public schools at The Dalles for about ten years, and later served in a similar capacity at Pendleton for several years.

Hearing Waived By Dr. Brumfield.

Roseburg, Or.—Dr. R. M. Brumfield was formally arraigned before Justice Jones here Saturday afternoon on the charge of murdering Dennis Russell Brumfield waived examination and was ordered held without bail. This means that he will await action of the grand jury, scheduled to sit August 29.

Idaho Tax Levy Reduced.

Boise, Idaho.—Following the policy established two years ago the state board of equalization again reduced the tax levy for state purposes, fixing it at 5.57 mills as against 7.50 for 1919, and 6.50 for 1920.

Electric cables which send up signals into the air are suggested as a means of guiding airmen during foggy weather.

One out of every 25 farms in the United States is operated by a woman.

In The Churches

M. E. Church
Services next Sunday will be as follows:

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Epworth League at 7 p. m. You are most cordially invited to these services. Good singing, live subjects at all services. Come! Prayer meeting and Bible study Wednesday evening at 7:30. Ladies' Aid meets every Thursday afternoon in the church parlors.

Christian Church.
Victor P. Morris of Eugene will preach both morning and evening in the Christian church. Bible school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. The public is cordially invited.

Card of Thanks

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to our friends, members of the Knights of Pythias lodge and members of the American Legion for the sympathy shown, and the beautiful floral offerings received in our recent sad bereavement, the death of our son and brother, Herbert Hoyer. We wish also to thank Dr. Dunsmore for his kind words of sympathy. Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Hoyer and family.

A FORD STORY THAT'S WARRANTED TO BE NEW

Elkins, W. V.—Here's a new Henry Ford story. It is told by Judge William E. Baker, of federal district court, and it is a new one, for it happened when Mr. Ford, H. S. Firestone and Thomas Edison were in Elkins the other day on their mountain camping expedition.

Two negroes were playing dice—that is, "shooting craps"—in the street, and one had taken about all the money the other had. The winner played slowly and took plenty of time with the dice before he would "roll" them. The loser was impatient.

"Nigger," he said, "Ford them bones."

"What yo' all means, Ford them bones?"

"I means shake, rattle and roll dat's what I means."

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