

LOCAL MAN HEADS SALEM CONCERN

C. A. McLaughlin Is President of Large Cold Storage Plant

Salem—Organization of the Capital Ice & Cold Storage company, to provide Salem and vicinity with a suitable cold storage plant to care for the fruit and berry crops of the district and to carry on a general refrigerating and ice business, was announced here today.

C. A. McLaughlin of Independence is president, Louis Lachmund, vice-president and treasurer, and H. A. Talbot, secretary of the new corporation, which will erect a \$75,000 plant immediately on Trade and Church streets with frontage on both the Southern Pacific and Oregon Electric tracks. The contract for the ice machinery has already been let.

Principal among the activities of the new company will be the establishment of cold storage facilities to handle the perishable orchard, farm and dairy products of the territory tributary to Salem, including practically all of the central Willamette valley. Storage will be provided for 1000 tons of ice in the first unit of the plant, which is to be built in such a manner as to make possible the easy construction of additions as the demands upon the plant warrant.

The first unit will cover a ground space 80 to 127 feet, or half of the plot which the company has secured, and will extend through the block from Trade to Mill street immediately behind the Salem Fruit Union warehouse. Here will be provided individual refrigerating rooms for the various canneries and produce packing plants of the city, insuring the consumption of the entire crop of perishable fruits and berries without loss. Pre-cooling rooms will be available to all shippers of fresh products, and under arrangements already made with both the Oregon Electric and Southern Pacific railways and the express companies handling fruit shipments, refrigerator cars will be used here.

Completely equipped with all of modern ice making and refrigerating machinery, the company will not only produce ice for its own use, but will enter to the ice trade throughout his part of the state. Truck deliveries to Salem homes and business houses will be established and arrangements made to supply the retail trade in Independence, Woodburn, Dallas, Aurora, Hubbard, Gervais, Silverton, Mt. Angel, Turner, Stayton, Sublimity, Jefferson and other towns in the central valley.

Absolutely pure ice is to be the trade slogan. The home of the new plant will be of hollow tile construction and perfect refrigeration of the cooling rooms will be insured by the installation of the latest type of cork insulation. The facilities will be complete for handling butter, eggs, meat vegetables, berries, fruits and other produce.

Operation of the plant is to be under the direct supervision of Mr. Talbot, who has been in charge of the refrigerating plant of the Phez company.

Lack of proper refrigerating facilities have operated in the past to curtail to some extent the operations of the local canneries and packing plants, and have retarded the growth of the fruit and berry industries by limiting the local demand for these products. While losses, both to the growers and canners from spoilage have never been large, the absence of cold storage facilities has always acted as a deterrent influence to any great expansion in the fruit and berry acreage.

Cannery men and prominent growers here agreed today that the establishment of a cold storage plant here would enable the canners and packers to extend their operations extensively and would, in a large way, remove one of the principal obstacles in the way of enlarged production in the central valley. —Capital Journal

Heads "Sized Up."

The size of a man's cranium has nothing to do with the size of his head. Truly big-headed men are usually so modest you have to push them into their honors.

Often big bones are bestowed by a pitying providence to compensate for the lack of gray matter their bigness would suggest.

Napoleon was a small man with a bullet-shaped head. He was dictatorial and imperative. But then you can forgive such a fellow, when he has the goods. It's the would-be's that try men's souls.

Many of the nation's greatest men have very ordinary-sized heads when measured by their hat bands. In fact, they offer no suggestion of the big head when viewed from any angle.—Grit.

REAL "PRESS AGENT STUFF"

Hard to Beat This Yarn Alleged to Have Been Put Out by P. T. Barnum's Expert.

The late Edgar Saltus, at a dinner he once gave in his beautiful New York apartment, talked about the press agent.

"The press agent of today," he said, "has a dull and feeble imagination beside the press agent of the past. How Barnum would have scorned the press agent of today!

"Barnum, you know, had a good press agent. Take his press agent's story of the elephant, Alpha.

"Alpha fell ill—so the story ran—with gastritis. No medicines would relieve her. It was discovered that she had wrenched off an iron bar from her stall, and as the bar could not be found anywhere all saw that she had swallowed it. This bar was the cause of her acute gastric sufferings.

"Well, Mr. Barnum had a small colored lad named Rufe working for him. He sent for Rufe and said:

"Rufe, I want you to take a rubber tube to breathe through, and we'll put a strong rope around your waist, and then you must go down into Alpha's stomach after that iron bar she's swallowed. It's the only way to save her life."

"Little Rufe rolled his eyes in horror, but he knew Mr. Barnum. He knew he must obey.

"So he was well greased, and they gagged Alpha, and then they thrust his head first down the enormous oesophagus into the elephant's stomach.

"He soon found what he sought there; he gave three tugs on the rope, and they drew him out with the indigestible bar of iron clasped in his hand.

"It is superfluous to say in conclusion that Alpha's life was saved, and that brave little Rufe was handsomely rewarded by his generous employer."

GEMS TO BE SEEN IN SKY

Many Really Beautiful Things May Be Observed With the Aid of an Opera Glass.

If you use an opera glass on dark nights you can make the stars flash out like gorgeous gems, says London Answers.

All that need be done is to shake the glass ever so little, either sideways or up and down.

You will then find the line of sight made by the star's image will resemble a rich resplendent string of diamonds, rubies and emeralds; nor will the lovely turquoise be absent.

By making the opera glass describe a tiny circle, there will appear a necklace of glittering gems so brilliant as to cause one to wonder how a single star could possibly produce such an exquisite effect.

Bright stars fairly near the horizon should be selected. One of the best for the purpose at this season of the year is Capella, now so conspicuous in the northeast sky.

Capella, apart from its brilliance, is recognizable by the small triangle of faint stars close to it.

Another excellent object for celestial gem-making is the well-known Dog star, the brightest of all the orbs of heaven.

It makes its appearance in early winter, in the southeast.

Gorki and Chaliapin.

Readers of Gorki's "Twenty-six Men and a Girl" will recall the baker's cellar that figures so prominently in the tale. It was a cellar that once really existed in the town of Kazan, and Gorki himself worked there as a baker's apprentice. It is an interesting fact that opposite the baker's was a shoemaker's shop and in it, while Gorki was learning to bake bread, the young Chaliapin was learning to make shoes. Though the future singer must often have eaten bread of the future writer's baking the two did not then become acquainted. But both applied for a vacancy in the chorus of a local theatre, and it was Gorki who was accepted, Chaliapin's voice not having then developed. Later Chaliapin found use for his great physical strength as one of the "bar-laks" or "human horses" who pull the boats on the Volga.—Manchester Guardian.

Fireproof Gas Tanks.

One of our leading rubber companies has developed a fireproof cover for the gasoline tanks of airplanes, which has been accepted by the government for use on combat and mail planes. The cover was designed primarily for protection against incendiary bullets, and is not only fireproof but leakproof and crash-proof as well. The cover consists of a sheet of soft but very tough rubber, one-half inch thick, laid on several plies of high-grade cotton fabric. The rubber is applied next to the tank. In tests it was found that when the gasoline tank is punctured the rubber immediately closed the hole and stopped the leak.

First Woman Reporter in Parliament.

Dora de Lareda, a young Jewish writer of London, has the distinction of being the first woman journalist to attend the opening of the British parliament as a reporter of the proceedings in the house of lords.

Knowledge.

"Son, what did you learn in school today?" "I learned that the arithmetic problems you worked for me last night were wrong."—Farm Life.

CLAY PIPES USED BY ROMANS

Discovery Raises Interesting Question as to What the Rulers of the World Smoked.

About thirty years ago potsherds of pipe bowls as thick as a man's thumb were found in the course of the excavation of a Roman castle in the vicinity of Hannan. The bowls were made of gray clay, and browned by heat. Subsequently, numerous fragments of what were evidently clay pipes were unearthed in the ruins of Roman settlements in Switzerland and at Auguston-Rhine, or Augusta Rauracorum, as it was called by the ancient Romans. Careful examination proved that the potsherds were parts of clay pipes much like the clay pipes of the present-day Dutch fishermen, the only difference being that the stem of the Roman pipe was very short, and probably a thick straw was used as a mouthpiece. Some of the excavated pipe bowls have hinges, indicating that the Romans used pipes with covers. There arises the question, "What did the Romans smoke?" It is possible that inhalation of the smoke of certain plants was as common in the ancient Roman empire as the use of certain medicines is today in this country, and the people, by-and-by, became accustomed to smoking aromatic narcotics, like lavender, to while time away. The fact that smoking pipes were excavated in ancient Roman castles in Switzerland and Germany indicates that barbarian mercenaries in the Roman army adopted their southern masters' custom. During the migration of the nations, smoking, like other customs of civilized ancient times, was lost in Europe, to be revived more than a thousand years later when Spaniards carried tobacco from America to the old continent.

HAVE HIGH REGARD FOR LIFE

Brahmans' Ethics Do Not Allow Them to Destroy Even the Most Annoying Pests.

Mr. C. E. Tyndale Biscoe, in his book, "Kashmir in Sunlight and Shade," gives the following entertaining account of the Brahmans' peculiarities: "It's very difficult to understand the Brahmans' ethics. Often in the summer time, when one is teaching a class, it happens that a mosquito or a fly settles on one's hand. By force of habit I end his life with a slap. At this the Brahmans jump and cry out, 'Oh, oh! you have taken a life! You have taken a life!' and suck their fingers hard and crack their knuckles, which is a sign of distress and horror. They have of late given up this custom of showing horror at the death of a fly or mosquito, for they hate the rector, 'Don't you eat mutton?' They will not kill insects, and I have seen a boy pick a flea off of himself and then quickly put it in a place of safety down the neck of the boy next to him, for if he had put it on the floor it might have been trodden upon, or perhaps have returned to his own person. This belief of theirs in the preservation of pests is very unfortunate. It is the same with rats and mice, which abound. The furthest they will go in the matter is to catch them in traps and then carry them to the opposite side of the river and there release them. But as people on both sides of the river play the same game, the rats do not decrease greatly."

Mice Phenomenal Jumpers.

Mice can make people jump. Can they jump themselves? The answer is in the affirmative, and, according to an incident related by F. C. (Hallifax), they are real dabs at it. The other day he came upon a mouse on a 6-foot wall. The mouse ran away, and, finding no means of gradual descent, took its life in its hands, and jumped to the ground. The ground was a hard-beaten foot path, and, to the astonishment of my correspondent, the little creature alighted without injury, and scuttled away for all it was worth.

"A mouse's leg will be barely one-eighth of an inch thick," concludes F. C., "and if we work the incident out proportionately, we find the little creature's jump equivalent to that of a man at over 131 feet. Imagine a man taking a sheer downward leap 131 feet alighting on a hard surface, and running off unhurt!"

I am not sure whether F. C.'s formula is correct, but I agree with him that his little mouse certainly was some jumper!—London Answers.

Meaning of Clergy.

The word clergy, like the word clerk, which is the Latin clericus in Anglicized form, does not refer exclusively to churchmen, but includes all who have any pretension toward learning.

William Rufus, the second of the Norman kings of England, enacted an ordinance in 1087 known by the title "Benefit of Clergy." In accordance with which an accused man could save his life on proving that he was not entirely ignorant of letters.

The statute in favor of those who constituted the clergy in this sense continued nominally in force until Queen Anne's reign, when in 1700 it was repealed, although long before that it had become a dead letter.

Inconsiderate Man.

She—Yes, I've broken our engagement. Just think, last night he takes me to a show and tells me it's a tragedy. For two whole acts he lets me sit there and weep and finally, in the third act, he tells me the whole thing is a farce. I'm through with him.

SIDELIGHT ON SYRIAN LIFE

Writer Gives an Insight Into His Life as a Small Boy in That Little Known Country.

The roads were open. Travelers came into our village. Scarcely a night was the guest house in our courtyard unoccupied. I liked to sit with my father and his guests in this room, built after European style with four large windows over which in winter oiled paper was passed to keep the cold out. The walls of the guest room were white and on them were hung the choicest rugs brought back from Kurdistan by my Grandfather Mirza.

There were chairs in this room. I was very proud that we should own chairs, but I found them most uncomfortable to sit on. After a few moments my legs began to ache and I slipped down on the cushions. In the alcove of the guest chamber were some old manuscripts bound in course leather. They were holy books with illuminated margins. Among them was a Bible in Syriac. I carefully refrained from touching it. It was too holy. I might perhaps be struck dead for my temerity.

Among the travelers that came along the road was Hady, the singer. He was the ugliest man that I had ever seen, sore-eyed, pock-marked and dirty. But he was very wise. His ivory handled dagger in its silver sheath was so long that it reached from his chest to his hips. My playmates and I would have laughed and jeered at him, perhaps, if he had not carried this dagger.—Yousef B. Mirza in Asia Magazine.

BARGAIN AT \$30 A MONTH

Chinese Boy With "Exceptional Knowledge of English" Should Have Been Snapped Up Quickly.

The following application for employment was received by a Shanghai hong from a student in the Shanghai college:

"Nothing is of less importance than the age of a person; nevertheless, it is proper to begin that I am in my twenty-first year. Having a firm ambition to do some service in the business world, I grasp this opportunity to insert myself into the sphere. It is true that many are now wandering idly in the market awaiting employment. But it is true to the same extent that many of these, if not all, are good for nothing. To take notice upon them, or to put some duty upon them is to give gun powder to children as a plaything. The danger can be imagined.

"I am now going to give some account of my personal abilities. It is not too much to say that my knowledge of English can hardly be represented to the full color by such a little adjective as 'thorough.' It is exceptionally excellent, to be outspoken. As to the art of typewriting, my hands go on as smoothly as to skate on an icy river. With such intellectual weapons any hard duties can be as easily conquered as an egg shell by a wave. The salary I look for would be \$30 a month.

"Awaiting your answer earnestly, I am, Sir, —"North China Gazette.

Robin Is Inventor.

The robin lives in trees and partly on the ground, so that it sometimes hops, like birds that live in trees, and sometimes walks or runs, like birds that live on the ground.

The robin is a plucky little fellow. He will stand up for himself, and refuses to let other birds put upon him. Generally he lives alone—sometimes with a mate, but never do you find robins in flocks.

This little bird can claim to be the inventor of pottery.

Look at a robin's nest and you will see that it is a clay pot, set into a pile of straw. When a robin has finished with a nest, take it and put it on the fire, having first thoroughly dried it. Leave it on the fire until all the straws have been burnt, and if it has not broken, you will find that you have a perfectly good earthen pot.—Pearson's Weekly.

Peculiar Manx Cats.

The origin of Manx cats is now attributed to the arrival of these cats on the Isle of Man from ships belonging to the Spanish armada that were wrecked there. They were probably brought from Japan or eastern Asia. They are a distinct species with short forelegs, and elevated hindquarters, and differ from other cats somewhat in call, ways, and character. They vary in color. People who have owned them for long periods say they are not good mousers or hunters. In character they are rather similar to a dog, being highly companionable and having some of the qualities of a guardian, but they are not considered hunters in any sense of the word.

Sense of Obligation.

"What a wonderful thing it would be if Shakespeare were alive today!" "I wish he were," said Mr. Stormington Barnes, earnestly. "I should like to meet him. I'm sure he would be very grateful to me for the manner in which I have interpreted his poetry."

Her Present Occupation.

"You say that your wife went to college before you married her?" "Yes, she did." "And she thought of taking up law, you said?" "Yes; but now she's satisfied to lay it down."



Lincoln's Birthday

As we celebrate the anniversary of the birth of our martyred president, let us consider his good traits of character and wisdom.

He advised young men to economize and save. An account with the Farmers State Bank will be the right incentive for success.

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TESTING CATTLE RESULTS IN QUICKLY ERADICATING TB

That testing cattle for tuberculosis and the cleaning up of infected herds are having a permanent effect in reducing the extent of the disease is shown conclusively by figures recently collected by the United States Department of Agriculture from inspectors in charge of the eradication work in various parts of the country. The inspectors were asked to supply figures on the results of three or more tests on badly diseased herds, those that had not less than 10 percent of reactors on the first test. The first test on more than 58,000 cattle in these bad herds showed that 26 percent had tuberculosis. Another test six months later on the same herds, from which the reactors had been removed, showed only 6.9 percent of the disease. Another six months the percentage had gone down to 2.8. A fourth test on more than 25,000 of these cattle showed only 1.8 percent of tuberculosis.

The reports from which these figures were taken show that under normal conditions herds very badly diseased may be established as relatively free in a short time. They also show that eradication work can be carried on without destroying the cattle industry as is sometimes thought. Erratic results were obtained on a very few of the 1882 herds tested, the list of this class containing less than 100. Out of the 126,668 herds under observation December 1, 1921, there were only a very few that had not shown satisfactory improvement as a result of testing.

Japanese Shrines.

More than 70,000 Japanese residents of Tokyo called at the shrine of Ebisu, god of wealth, on the outskirts of Osaka, before noon on the Japanese New Year's day. They knocked on the walls of the shrine with wooden mallets and called upon the god to bring them riches during the coming year. All the gods of Japan probably receive more homage January 10 than any other day of the year, that being the first special god's day of the calendar. Ebisu is very popular in the Osaka district, the rice producing section of the empire. In Tokyo, although he has several shrines, the Japanese place more faith in the power of Otoribushi to bring them fortune.

Polk County

Miss Noma Hesse, who has been visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. H. Craven, in Monmouth, has returned to Bandon.

Frank Loughary has been re-elected president of the Monmouth Cooperative creamery; A. J. Haley is secretary, and the other members of the board of directors are: John Loy and E. A. Tedrow. During the year, just closed, 288,501 pounds of butter were manufactured.

At the annual meeting of the Polk County Farmers' Cooperative Warehouse company, held in Dallas, C. C. Gardner was elected president; C. I. Ballard, director and secretary; L. H. McBee and T. J. Alsip, directors.

Activities at the high and grade schools in this city have been at a high pitch lately, and many interesting events are being planned for the future. According to R. R. Turner, city superintendent of schools, the high school has an enrollment of 130 pupils, an increase of 11 over the last semester, and an enrollment of 580 pupils in the grade schools, an increase of about 20 over the last term. The grade schools' increase necessitated the employment of an additional teacher, Miss Helen Fletcher. Miss Fletcher is a graduate of the 1918 class in the Dallas high school. After her graduation she attended Willamette university one year and was also for one year at state normal school.—Dallas Observer.

Leland R. Erickson and Miss Margaret Sprinsteen, both of Dallas, were married at the Dallas Methodist parsonage January 30th. Mr. Erickson is a barber and Mrs. Erickson was formerly employed in the Dallas telephone exchange.

Mrs. Sigler has been nursing for several years and has physician's references. She is located in second house west of Christian church. Phone M6912. o28tf

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