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IS IT WORTH DOING?

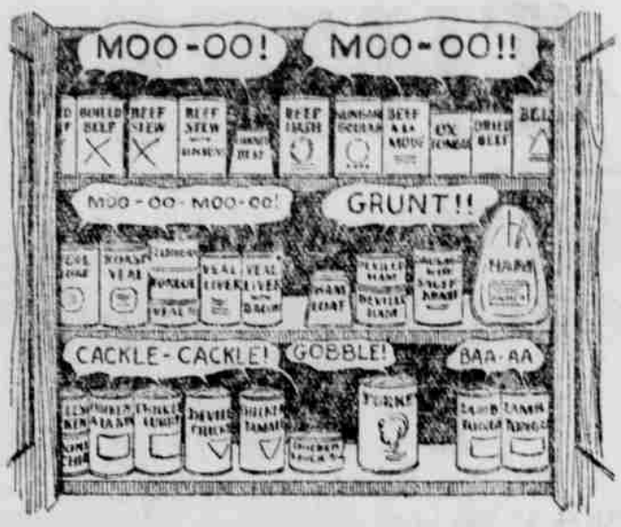
Takng away that life given mankind by a just and all wise creator is a gross violation of the Biblical law, for in that instance something is taken that cannot be restored.

No man in his sober sense will deliberately take away his life. Whenever that occurs we should took into the cause and then determine the state of that man's mind. He may have had provocation, and a diseased mind, caused either by excesses such as drink, ill health or family disturbance. The latter is by far the strongest contributing factor in suicide cases.

Lester Kelly usually showed a mind far above the average. For several years he had abstained from drink. His ill health was not such as to unbalance his mind. There must have been other causes that so preyed upon him as to prompt the deed whereby he took his own life. It is known that all was not serene in his family life. While he uttered no public complaint is was easily seen that he was mentally disorganized. People who seem to know voice the opinion that family troubles were the prime cause of his deed. Be that as it may, the fact remains that he is no longer a resident of this community. His body rests in the spot dedicated to such purposes by his father. It is evident he sought rest and relief from something other than bodily illness.

We sometimes question the wrong in committing suicide. In such cases there is always a reason and when a man, of his own violation, works that act his reason, while oftimes obscure to others, may be justified. Christ said: "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." It may have been that the late lamented realized that invitation and sought the rest denied him on earth. But at that, was the act worth doing?

Sound Meats Canned



SOUND meats, not meat sounds are canned. But if meat sounds could be canned the cans would cackle, grunt, bleat, gobble and moo, for almost every kind of meat may be found in a can.

If all the cans were put together on a shelf, undoubtedly the most noticeable sound would be the bellow, for aside from being the loudest noise of the lot, there would be more cans containing beef. A partial list includes, beef—boiled, corned, dried, roast—beef stew, beef stew with onions, beef hash, Hungarian goulash, ox tongue and beef à la mode.

There would be timid attempts at bellows, too, from the calves, represented by veal loaf, and roast veal, veal tongue and veal liver with bacon and liver with onions.

Grunts from cans of the pork family would come from sliced bacon, deviled ham, ham loaf, and whole hams, pig's feet, sausage in many styles and sausage with sauerkraut.

The King of Them All

Only a few baas would be heard, lamb tongue being the main representatives of the lamb family.

Cackles? Oh, yes, quite a few from boneless chicken, deviled chicken, chicken tamales, chicken curry, chicken à la king and chicken liver sandwich spreads.

And rising above the chorus would come a lordly "Gobble, gobble," from the can wherein reposes the remains of the king of fowls, the turkey.*

MUD AND THE FARMER

A recent editorial in the "Bureau Farmer" says that the barrier of mud which five months out of the year separates five million farm families from the markets where they sell their produce, and likewise buy their supplies, is of supreme importance in the agricultural economic situation.

According to this authority, there are almost two and one-half million miles of unimproved dirt roads in the United States, and nearly five million farmers live on them. Farmers in this country pay seven per cent of the highway tax, yet less than three per cent of them are situated on year-round highways.

Here is room for some "farm relief" activity which will actually relieve. The greatest present need, in the matter of highways, is improved farm-to-market roads. These can be constructed, with a durable waterproof surface, at a low cost and without large maintenance expense.

The five million farmers now living with a barrier of mud between them and their markets, are deserving of immediate consideration. Good roads will probably do more than anything else to advance agricultural progress and prosperity.

THE LATEST WRINKLE

Since the season of good radio reception has again rolled around most anything new about radio is interesting reading. Within the past few weeks one of the best-known makes of automobiles has been exhibited with a complete radio set attached. Together now are two of the world's greatest blessings. Today we can get our ball scores, market quotation, stock reports, weather forecasts or jazz program as we skim along the highway. All that is needed is to operate a switch on the instrument board—and the radio set is in operation. * It tends to show what a fast age we are living in, as well as to make us wonder more than we have wondered if there really is anything impossible outside of finding some way to dispense with death and taxes.

An Atlanta woman says she has lived to be 103 by "minding her own business." Now we know why a lot of citizens around Maupin are apt to die in middle life.

Ninety thousand New Yorkers are making a living through the bootlegging business, it is said. This does not include the undertakers.

Maybe Maupin boys seem more sinful now because they don't take the precaution to sneak out behind the barn to enjoy a quiet smoke.

There are still a few Maupin people who can remember when the shingle was the board of education.

Portland—Plans underway for the contruction of Consolidated Truck line terminal at 21st and Quimby streets.

Here From The Dalles—

Attorney Frank Dick, "Sid" Johnson and Harry Sherwood came over from The Dalles and attended the funeral of Lester Kelly on Tuesday. Dick and Sherwood returned that evening, "Sid" remaining in Maupin and continuing on to Madras yesterday.

Ricardson Cut Ice—

Ben Richardson was in from Pine Grove Tuesday. He related to The Times man that he had put up about 10 tons of ice, cut on the Ed. Davis pond and that the conglealed moisture was eight inches thick. Several others of that locality also put up their summer's supply of ice.

Trout Jumping in River—

John Foley, whose eyes take in everything of note between here and North Junction on the O. W., reported yesterday that trout were jumping in the river. John says that is the first time in the many years he has been track walking on that section that the trout have been seen on the jump in the winter time.

Reduced Tire Prices—

The Maupin garage has a change of advertisement in this issue of The Times. The garage has a large stock of tires on hand and in order to close them out has reduced the prices 20 per cent. The prices apply to tubes as well as tires and at the figures quoted are real bargains.

Installs Big Sewing Machine—

Kelly Cyr at the Maupin Shoe Shop has received a large sewing machine, one designed to sew soles on shoes and do other kinds of heavy leather work. He is now fixed up to do all kinds of shoe repairing as well as fixing leather coats, gloves, etc.

Rain and Sleet—

The weather opened up Tuesday afternoon, first letting down a heavy snow storm, later that night turning to rain, which fell intermittently during the evening and night. Wednesday morning the show was covered with a coating of ice. The road crew went out that morning and cleaned the roads from the snow and ice.

At Kelly Funeral—

Among those who attended the funeral of the late Lester Kelly and who live on Wapinitia Plains, were U. S. Endersby, Ted Enderbsy and wife, Ernest Confer and Wife, Ray Kaylor and wife, W. H. Talcott, Dee Talcott and wife, Raymond Crabtree and wife, Lloyd Woodside and wife.

Chinook Here—

As we go to press a chinook is working on the snow. Last night rain fell at intervals and today the warm wind is dissipating the snow. On the Flat and Criterion high spots the snow is settling. Ranchers are hoping that if the snow does go off that it will be gradual, thus permitting the moisture to sink into the ground.

The M. S. S.—

Is now open for your inspection. Come any time and look it over. We do all kinds of shoe, harness, coat, canvas and glove repairing. Have sewing machine for light leather work such as canvas, coats, gloves, heavy cloth and other light sewing. Have heavy stitcher for shoe soles, heavy harness tugs and other heavy sewing. Can also do hand sewing of all kinds. Ladies shoe heels straightened with top lifts. Men's rubber heels replaced. Half soles, full soles, side patches, toe caps, etc. Prices the same as Portland and The Dalles. We do a cash business. We will pay cash for some womens cast-off shoes.—adv.

OREGON NEWS NOTES

Parkdale—Plans discussed for reconstructing burned Grange hall building.

Medford—Standard Oil company opened district sales agency office here.

Gresham—Post office moved into quarters in Gresham drug store building.

Klamath Falls—Capital stock of American National bank increased from $100,000 to $200,000.

Portland—Plans underway for construction of approach to roadway to Swan Island airport.

Grants Pass—Ore discovered at Queen of Gronze mine, 40 miles west of here.

CLASSIFIED COLUMN

APPLES—Newtowns, Jonathans, Ortleys, Baldwins. Good cookers, good keepers. Now in storage at Dufur, Oregon.
Vanderpool & Stoughton.
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