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OREGON WEATHER
Tonight and Friday, rain in west, fair in east portion.
Warmer tonight, moderate southerly winds.

LENDING TO CHILDREN

Banks in many parts of the country have been lending a good deal of money to boys and girls in the last two or three years. It is reported that Mississippi banks lent \$40,000 to these youthful borrowers in 1918. Kansas banks lent \$75,000 to children in that state.

This financial role is a new one for the children. But according to all records the youngsters are prompt in meeting payments, fulfilling their obligations with a keen sense of honor. One banker said that out of 1000 such loans there had not been a single piece of bad paper.

What do the children do with all that money? They buy seed corn, pure-bred pigs, calves and other livestock. By this time it is easy to guess that these boys and girls are members of farm clubs and that they will not always be borrowing. Once their way is well launched, their club activities soon become self-supporting, then paying businesses.

Many of those children, members of the farm clubs organized and directed by the United States department of agriculture, are raising better live stock and farm products than their parents did. They are "making good" with modern farming methods and doing something really worth while which, almost any boy or girl will tell you, is lots more fun than getting into mischief or destroying things.

MUNICIPAL PORK

Pork and municipal water systems have not always been strangers in the past. But there is a new connection between the two in San Diego, Cal.

San Diego is constructing a huge dam which is to be the basis of its future water supply. There is of course a large corps of workers. This construction gang eats 19,500 meals a month. That necessitates a good sized mess house and results in a large amount of garbage.

It occurred to an engineer interested in the work that the garbage pile at the dam held possibilities for good for the city, so he went about securing a lot of young pigs in behalf of the municipality. These shoats have now become regular porkers. A number of them have even been converted into bacon. In one year the sale of pork products has paid the entire cost of running the mess house at the construction camp and has netted the city a profit of \$1,177.98 besides. Says the proud engineer who suggested the scheme, "Give those porkers time, and we'll pay for the whole water system, dam and all."

THUMBLESS SOUP

"Take back the soup that thou broughtest" is to be a popular melody from now on whenever the waiter approaches the table with the egg of his thumb plunged into the soup. Who knows what germs lurk in that

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thumb? And "hand contamination" is one of the things which the wise will avoid.

Thumbless soup and clean bills of health for all waiters are to be among the things demanded by municipal health administrations, and in many places stringent laws are being drafted to cover such matters.

NATURE TELLS US WHEN TO PLANT CROPS

Washington, Oct. 8.—The problem of making agricultural superstitions into scientific data is being studied by experts of the department of agriculture, who declare that many old maxims handed down from father to son for generations are not really superstitions at all, but helpful information discovered by keenly observant persons.

Everybody has heard some of the old maxims. They deal with every variety of agricultural operation. Bean planting, for instance, never was done by the forefathers of the present generation except at the time of the blossoming of the blackberry bushes. When the catkins had formed on the maple trees, it was a sign from nature that early gardening might commence. And toward the close of the season, warning of frost was given by the maturing of cockle-burs.

Now, the department of agriculture declares that there is a best time for every farm and garden operation and that some tree or shrub or plant indicates that time more accurately than all the scientific instruments can register it.

URGES BRITAIN TO BUY FOOD OF AUSTRALIA

London, Oct. 8.—Instead of buying food from the United States and South America, Britons are urged by Sir Charles G. Wade, agent general for New South Wales, to buy food from the British Dominions.

"However great may be the disarming power of the league of nations I cannot close my eyes to the possibility of another world wide conflagration and the risk of our supplies being cut off," said Sir Charles. "In our own interests and for the purpose of national defense this country must be self-supporting. What we cannot produce within this island must be imported, and self-interest demands that we shall insure a constant supply of raw materials from our own kith and kin on whose cooperation we can rely, rather than be at the mercy of the changeable good will of a foreign nation."

"Our export trade again is seriously menaced alike by enemy and allies. Already the United States and Japan have made heavy inroads into British supremacy in the East. Both of these nations are already equipped and ready for keen competition in commerce with the United Kingdom, while this country is suffering from an epidemic of increasing cost and diminishing output. "To recover or maintain British markets a friendly field in the Dominions will be a great help, and a preferential tariff may stave off the danger of under-cutting by foreign competitors."

WAGES HIGH IN GERMANY

Berlin, Oct. 9.—The average daily wage of men has increased 241 per cent and of women 253 per cent since 1914, according to the Imperial Workers Gazette. The greatest increase was in the electrical industry.

GREAT SHORTAGE OF CARS IN LONDON

Remove Restrictions on Importation of American Autos; U. S. Cars Win Favor With English

London, Oct. 9.—Premier Lloyd George's announcement of the suspension of the board of trade licensing restrictions on the importation of American automobiles was the result of an increasing preference on the part of English motorists for the American cars quite as much as the urgency of increased motor transport to supplement other means of conveyance.

Formerly in England there was considerable prejudice against American made motor cars. This prejudice is now ascribed either to ignorance of their true worth or to snobbery. One contributor to a British motor trade journal declares:

"Quite honestly, there is no better value for money in the motor world than the average American car. The point at the moment, however, is not exactly one of sheer value, but whether, in our own best interests in the long run, we should admit the vehicles freely, ration their import, or bar them altogether."

"At the present time there is a desperate shortage of motors in this country. Our own manufacturers, owing chiefly to circumstances over which they have no control, are unable to meet the demand and so, to some extent, we benefit immediately by importing motor vehicles from the United States."

"At the same time, the fact remains that the American factories cannot, for a considerable time, meet even their own demands, yet they are willing to keep their own market short in their attempt to consolidate and increase foreign markets. There is ample food for thought in this fact."

When questioned by a deputation of British automobile manufacturers on September 22, Sir Auckland Geddes, minister for national service and reconstruction, gave them no hope that a tariff would be imposed on American motor cars.

HAVE TO SEARCH FOR POET

Great Mind by No Means Easy to Find, and Some Can Never Discover Him.

There was once a small but mighty nation, now numerous as the sands of the seashore, and no longer so interesting. To this nation was born a poet, and they made him the poet of all time. They took him and taught him all they knew—and they had great things to teach; and when, at their command, he made great dramas, they stood at his elbow; and everything they gave him he gave back to them tenfold.

England was then Shakespeare's land.

The poet is always amongst us; the difficulty is how to find him; he is like the proverbial needle in a bundle of hay.

But one thing is certain—logicians without love will not find him; they leave a desolation, and call it peace—nay, they call it culture. Critics of this sort will allow nothing to exist except themselves. No; I am wrong. There is one thing they admire more even than themselves—the fait accompli a mundane success.—John Butler Yeats.

Did Not Answer Question.

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AUTOMOBILE BUSINESS FLOURISHES IN OREGON

Salem, Ore., Oct. 9.—September records in the motor vehicle registration department of the secretary of state's office show that 2956 automobiles, 87 motorcycles and 163 chauffeurs were licensed during the month, and 16 dealers took out licenses to sell motor vehicles. In September, 1918, there were 1275 automobiles, 91 motorcycles and 201 chauffeurs licensed, and two dealers. Fees received during September totaled \$19,151.50, against \$6052 for the same month of last year.

During the whole of the present year up to and including September 30 there have been 89,354 motor vehicles, 3497 motorcycles, 566 dealers and 2948 chauffeurs registered, with a total in fees of \$587,596. For the entire 12 months of 1918 there were 63,325 motor vehicles, 3501 motorcycles, 451 dealers and 2131 chauffeurs licensed, the total in fees being \$461,422.

Sam A. Koser, deputy secretary of state, estimates that if registrations continue at the present rate for the remainder of the year the total will reach nearly 82,000 and the fees about \$600,000.

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