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OREGON WEATHER

Weather for the Week + ly fair except probably showers + + Monday west of Cascades; nor- + mal temperatures.

+ storms in the mountains. Mo- + + derate westerly winds.

CIVIC PRIDE AND VEGETATION

The spirit of progressiveness is in the air in the Grants Pass district. The old ramshackle buildings that have been a blot upon beauty and a constant source of irrigation to civic pride are giving way to modern structures. Individual property owners feel the impulse of the times, and residence premises are spruced up and made presentable. One of the most potent influences at work has been the growth of the idea of irrigation, and a knowledge of the need of water in making the Rogue valley acre produce abundantly and profit-The influence of this has not only left its impression upon the acreage property included within the irrigation district that has been organized, but is seen reflected in the city property through a more general upkeep of lawns and parking of water from available sources. Plots advantages over an old one. Still, that are large enough and adjacent a large part of this national healthto the ditches of the irrigation project are supplied with water from ligent effort and expenditure. A this source, but the city lot owner comparison of city and country is making use of the local water com- proves this. Teeming cities like New pany which has made a most reasonable rate for lawn sprinkling and city result of great effort to make them lot irrigation. As a result the streets, so. Rural districts in this country, are becoming lined with verdant lawns and sweet scented flowers, and the aspect of the city is changed from the parched appearance that was simply because they do not make the in the throes of a railroad strike and present when water cost too much. Water is going to transform the Grants Pass district and the city of Grants Pass with it. Civic pride grows because effort now produces results, and there is no excuse behind effort than ever before, not only to which the property owner can hide neglect of his premises. Below we print an editorial from another news- view. paper which shows the connection which municipal cleanliness has with the physical welfare of the people.

CLEAN CITIES

Health Commissioner Copeland, of New York City, returns from a foreign tour, devoted to investigating health conditions, with the conviction that New York is "physically and morally cleaner than any European city." Physical and moral cleanli-

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ness, be it noted generally go together. He condemns London especially for its failure to safeguard its food Wonderful Human Organ Capable of Pacific Coast States: General- + supply and to supervise distribution of milk, and finds it remarkable that any London child should survive, in + view of its contaminated milk sup-Tonight and Friday fair in + ply. He finds many European cities tivity. + the west portion. Unsettled east + with an insufficient or vitiated water be slow, but after five minutes the inprobably thunder + supply, and almost everywhere conditions favorable to the spread of health problem in the United States at the present time, he says, is protecting this country against the invasion of deadly diseases from abroad. The commissioner is doubtless right about it. New York, with its teeming | than it was at the beginning. and smelling East Side, and its noise. rush, crowdedness and general air of artificiality, seldom impresses an outlander as particularly healthful. It is doubtless so, however, compared with big cities in other lands, and American cities in general are in the same situation, with a health status far better than can be found in corresponding communities of any country of the old world. This is not a thing to gloat over. Most of our preeminence in health is probably due to causes for which we deserve no special credit. The war has hit Europe hard, and before the war its health problem was far harder than ours. A new country, given a tolerable climate, always has big hygienic

York are fit to live in only as the which naturally ought to be more of losing .- Philadelphia Public Ledger. healthful than cities, generally show a higher disease and mortality rate. effort to safeguard their health. At a time when European disease has risen to flood proportions, every community in America, whether urban or rural, should make a greater bar disease from without but to keep down disease within .- Roseburg Re-

Wood Fibers.

The common ideas concerning woo fibers are not justified by the extende ests of the United States forest products laboratory. Each species of woo es not have its characteristic fiber igth, but a greater difference min found between the fibers of an ind fual tree than between the average gths in different species. The length fiber does not seen to affect the rength of the wood, as the longes rs often belong to the weakest ma-

EYE HAS GREAT SENSITIVITY

Adapting Itself to Any Possible Circumstances.

On entering a dark room after a stay in the outside daylight the eye at once begins to increase in sensi-At first this increase appears to crease is quite rapid, the eye acquiring a sensitivity several hundred times its initial value. After 30 mincommunicable diseases. The chief utes' sojourn in the dark the sensitivity still increases, but more slowly than before, and after 45 minutes or an hour the maximum sensitivity is reached. The final sensitivity varies slightly with different people, but in fully adapted condition the eye is easfly 5,000 or 10,000 times more sensitive

These facts are obtained from a study of the sensitiveness of the eye in the dark made by Sellg Hecht of Creighton university. Omaha, and published in the Journal of General Physiology. Mr. Hecht's study goes to show that the increased sensitiveness is due to a reversible photochemical reaction within the retina, involving a photosensitive substance and its two products of decomposition.

No Time for Interruption.

"However deplorable the fact may be, playing two-handed pinochle at 25 cents a hand is one of the favorite diversions of commuters between this city, New York, Atlantic City, Cape May and other commercial outports of Philadelphia. One man, who carries his pleasures as well as his worries home from work, was playing pinochle in his library the other evening with a crony, when the butler entered and handed him a telegram. He returned it unopened. "I'll look at

"But the messenger is waiting, sir. The financier read the telegram. It said: "Struck 8.000-barrel gusher today. Everything fine."

"Confound you, Thomas, He didn't care nearly so much about the fortune he had made, as about the 25 cents he was in danger

Found "News" Exaggerated.

Believing that the United States was not a wheel was turning. Frederick R. Bartlett, wealthy sugar dealer and engineer, of Easton, Md., arrived a New York on the steamship Maracaibo from Venezuela with a power boat and enough gasoline to run to his home town. Reports received in the South American republic, he said, had indicated that he would have to make his way home without the aid of railroads of even automobiles, because of the gasoline shortage.

When Mr. Bartlett found railroad were operating he decided neverthe less to make a water trip to Easton So the boat was slung overboard and with his wife and daughter he chag ged away for home.

Historic House a Factory.

Apparatus for the manufacture insecticide soon will be installed in the old Billop house at Tottenville, head quarters of General Howe during the British occupation of Staten Island in for surgical treatment here. 1776 and since then a place of history interest. Announcement of the salof the property was made yestering and with it came the news that the old iouse will be converted into a fac-

All efforts to have the state pur hase the house and preserve it and its dungeon and secret underground passageway as rolles of the War for Independence were unsuccessful,-New York Times.

Marry in Haste.

At a tea a number of ladies were dis cussing the best age at which to marry Some championed thirty years, so: wenty-eight, some twenty-seven. That Miss Elsle De Wolfe, who has so britliantly succeeded in so many fields laughed and said:

"The best age to marry is white you're still too young to know better

"Can any boy tell me the three foods required to keep the body inhealth?" There was a silence in the dinner and your supper!"

IS CAPTIVE 71 DAYS IN CHINA

Tells of His Experiences With the Outlaw Gang.

SUFFERED AWFUL HARDSHIPS

Dr. Shelton, Medical Missionary, Stationed for 17 Years in China, Is Captured by Chinese Bandits and Held for Ransom-Finally Escapes and for 40 Days Underwent Most Terrible Travels-Tortured by Tumor.

Dr. A. L. Shelton, a medical misionary stationed for seventeen years at Batang, China, on the Thibetan border, arrived in New York recently after undergoing surgical treatment at the Mayo hospital, Rochester, Minn., made necessary by his sufferogs while held captive for ransom by the bandit, Yang Tien Fu.

"We left Batang in November, and was bringing my wife and daughters to the coast on their way home. said Dr. Shelton, telling his story. " was going back to the interior. We had been coming toward the coast for 47 days, when all of a sudder bandits began firing at us from a cliff. Soon they swooped down and took everything we had, including myself.

"They asked me to go up the road and see their chief. merely wanted to talk to me. I went They tried to take my wife and children, but soldiers came from the town and saved them.

"The bandits kept me seventy-one days. We are greatly indebted to Father Bailly, a, French Catholic mis sionary, who has lived in Yunnan thirty years, and who took Mrs. Shelton and the girls to Yunnanfu while I was carried off through the country constantly on the move, until I es

Ransom Demanded.

"The bandits wanted to get the governor of the province into trouble There were grudges and political rea-They knew I was coming through and waited for me. They demanded \$50,000 worth of arms and ammunition in exchange for me, but I talked the chief, Yang Tien Fu out of this, saying I would not be ransomed, because it would get every nissionary in the district into danzer. Then be demanded a blanket pardon for himself and 800 followers.

I was in favor of this, for in his were many good fellows who onesty. Everything was ready to be igned up on this plan when the gov mor tried to surround then light to put them to death. This was n the first month of our wanderings. "They escaped with me and for orty days thereafter, I underwent the nost terrible travels, with soldiers ifter us, sleeping out on the moun ins, forced marches, and all the time ndergoing torture from a tumor that end of the second month I was so yeak that I rolled off my mule unless jed and held on. Then they carried nother five days on two the end of which I was so nearly dead. they left me in an old hav been with four guards and instructions that if fled my body was to be secreted. If t got better, they werd to be notified

nd would come back after me. "For five days I lay in a hole in the ice straw and rested. Then came a eport that soldiers were coming, and he whole village fled except an old nan who brought me rice.

His Escape.

"The soldiers did not come, but a mall official went through, and in the excitement I got out of the barn and made my way to the nearest Christian village, where I got a small pony, and the church elders held me on him for twenty hours until, the middle of the next afternoon. I reached a place where there was a magistrate and sol-

"Three days later, with an escort, I was met by Dr. E. P. Osgood of Chuchow, sent by gur mission, and J. P. Thornton of the Standard Off company, who had been appointed special representative of the United States to negotiate with the bandits for my release."

Dr. Shelton was operated on at the French hospital at Yunnanfu, united with his family and sent to America

MEMORIAL FOR OFFICERS

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Prefers Electric Chair to Life Term. Preference for death in the electric

chair over life imprisonment has been expressed by John Egan, sentenced, to the for the murder of Louis Klein, class till one youth held up fils hand Figure has a wooden leg and, he said, and replied: "Your breakfast, your life in prison would be torture on account of the infirmity,

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