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OREGON WEATHER
Tonight and Wednesday, rain.

ADVERTISING THE CAVES

The forestry service has just issued an excellent road and recreation map of the state of Oregon, showing the various automobile roads by which tourists can reach the points of interest to the seeker after recreation. Distances are marked, and centers of appeal to the outer are marked in red. Brief description is also carried of each of these points, the story of the caves being told in the following words:

"The Oregon Caves National Monument, in the Siskiyou National forest, is reached from Grants Pass by a fair wagon and automobile road running as far as Stephen's ranch on upper Williams creek, 26 miles distant. From this point to the caves the journey must be made on horseback or on foot over a very good forest trail, a distance of 10 miles.

"The Oregon Caves are located in Cave Mountain, a peak of limestone formation 6,000 feet high. The main entrances to the caves are at 4,000 feet elevation, but the entire mountain side for 5 or 6 miles is probably honeycombed in the same way as the portion which has been explored. The caves are more a series of galleries than of room caverns, although many beautiful rooms have been discovered. Miles of galleries have been visited. There are thousands of passageways leading in all directions. The extent of the Oregon Caves can be truly said to be unknown.

"The forest service stations a guide at the caves' entrance to conduct all visitors through the caves and to open up new passageways through these wonderful formations. Many passageways partly closed by stalactites have never been opened. Forest maps and information can be obtained upon application to the forest supervisor, Grants Pass, Ore."

MORE GOLD PRODUCTION

The McFadden bill has for its object the strengthening of the gold reserve of the United States and the buttressing of the gold standard by stimulating the production of that metal says the Manufacturer. It would tend to stimulate an industry which is languishing because its product is kept at a fixed valuation while the cost of production has vastly increased.

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GUINEA PIGS BALK AT HOME BREW TEST

Boston, Mass., Feb. 9.—(A. P.)—Because guinea pigs have been found to accept the Volstead act literally and turn their furry backs to alluring home brew the little animals which are raised here for test purposes are reported to have depreciated in value almost 100 per cent. It was the fond belief of home brew makers some time ago that if they tried their amateur productions on the guinea pig, human life and digestion might be saved. The guinea pig had proven a satisfactory subject for scientific tests and according to their reasoning if the sensitive animal survived their brew it was ripe for human consumption. If the pig died, it was in a good cause, and the brewers tried again to make a liquor fit to drink by man and beast.

"Pigs is pigs" but the guinea variety is more rodent than pig and have been found to value their lives above the convivial compensations of liquor samplers. Those who have tried their brews on the guinea pigs have found that no amount of coaxing can bring the sagacious rodents to the flowing bowl of kitchen-made drugs. They submit to the administration of strange drugs and serums in the interest of science but anything alcoholic is abhorrent to them.

Thousands of purchases were made when it was reported that guinea pigs could test the margin of safety in unsampled contraband concoctions. Now they are a drug on the market, ready to be doled out to hospitals and scientists for use in routine experiments.

Live Electric Plants

There are in all about 50 species of electrical fish, but the electrical properties of only five or six have been studied in detail. The best known are various species of torpedo, belonging to the skate family found in the Mediterranean and Adriatic seas; the gymnotus, an eel found in the region of the Orinoco in South America; the malapterurus, the rash of thunderer fish of the Arabs, a native of the Nile, the Niger, Senegal and other African rivers, and various species of skate found in the seas around Great Britain.

Purported copies of correspondence between Abgar, fourteenth prince of Edessa in Mesopotamia, and Jesus Christ came to light in 1909.

FOR SALE—Hoes, rakes and cultivators. Oak bottom dining chairs, new, \$3.00. 10-lb., all cotton, mattresses, \$11.25. All cotton pads for cots \$8.00. All leather traveling bag \$7.75. Not selling out, but out-selling... PHONE 71.

THE IDEAL AMERICAN HOME IS DESIGNED

Chicago, Feb. 9.—(A. P.)—Out of 1,000 designs of plans for the ideal American small home received from architects throughout the country in the national "Small House Competition" which closed last night, there will be selected 36 prize winning designs and the winners of the \$15,000 in prizes will be announced Thursday, February 10th. The contest has been conducted with the approval of the American Institute of Architects, under the direction of Henry K. Holman, of Chicago.

Five nationally known architects will serve on the jury of award: They are C. H. Hammond, Chicago; Edwin H. Hewitt, Minneapolis; E. J. Russell, St. Louis; Hall F. Helms, Atlanta, and Dwight James Baum, of New York. "Realizing that small homes generally are not planned by the most competent architects and that small house designs are not usually profitable work for established architects," according to Mr. Holman, "the 'Small House Competition' was conducted to enlist the best architectural skill and minds of the nation as a step toward solving the appalling housing shortage."

The prize-winning plans will be made available to home seekers, with the cooperation of the "Own Your Own Home" movement fostered by the National Association of Real Estate Boards, the National Thrift committee, and various building trades organizations. Arrangements are being made to publish the best plans in book form for popular distribution.

CRUDE OIL PRICE DOWN HALF IN SIXTEEN DAYS

Kansas City, Feb. 9.—(A. P.)—Crude oil has been reduced in Kansas and Oklahoma, being dropped to one-half the price quoted 16 days ago.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Portland, Feb. 9.—(A. P.)—Cattle, weak; hogs, steady; sheep, weak; eggs, three cents lower, buying price 25c, selling price nominal, 28c to 30c for candled, 33c to 35c for selecta. Butter steady.

The decline in egg prices today brought the best quotations to country shippers to 25c, retailing at 40c.

MONTANA SHEEPMEN ARE NOW SELLING CLIP

Dillon, Mont., Feb. 9.—(A. P.)—Reports have been received here that a number of Beaverhead county wool clips of 1920 sold on a 25 cent consignment last summer have started to move and that there is a possibility of a large portion of the wool being sold at prices ranging from 27 to 32 cents a pound. Flockmasters here who have large clips stored in Boston and other central wool house points declare that such prices will allow a small margin of profit to the sheepmen of this section who did not sustain heavy losses in the winter of 1919.

Cranton, Wis., Feb. 9.—After a night in trees to escape a snarling pack of timber wolves, Matt Willis and Paul Joeger, woodsmen, were brought here today for treatment for exposure.

Chinese Medical Practices. In 793 the Chinese began to vaccinate. There were three vaccination stations in which the concoction was poured into the mouth. Stone needles were used to puncture swellings and the idea was not introduced into Europe until centuries later. Cauterization was practiced by burning the rolled leaves of a small plant. It was held to be good for rheumatism and anesthetic effects were produced by certain mushrooms and the root of aconite. Cases of skin grafting are early recorded.

LAI BIBLE SCENES IN CHINA

Native Artist Had No Conception of Any Other Land Outside of His Own.

In north Fukien province there dwelt an artist who painted pictures on silk for the gentry of his little village. The people in this secluded hamlet nestled amid the hills, had never seen automobiles or airplanes, nor did they take the long journey to Shanghai to watch the great steamers come in laden with merchandise and messages from the ports of the world. But they knew the words of Confucius and Lao-tse and they lived and died with simple dignity as their fathers had done before them. One evening the artist, who had been working all day on a memorial portrait, strolled out into the dark, cool street to refresh his tired soul, writes Elsie F. Weil in Asia Magazine. The tiny white church of the foreign god beyond the tea shop was brilliantly lighted. The artist stood a moment in the open door. The young missionary was talking most eloquently; he was not preaching, but he seemed to be telling stories that were as fascinating as those recited in the bazaars. Almost in spite of himself the artist sank unobtrusively into an empty seat. For the first time he heard some of the beautiful old stories of the Bible, which have held the people of the West enthralled for 2,000 years. And the artist returned to his home and made pictures of the story of Noah and the flood, and of the parables of the lost sheep and of the prodigal son and of many others that were in the book of the western missionary. But he had never heard of the Palestine. To him Noah was Chinese, and the lost sheep belonged to a farmer of his province and the prodigal son might well have been a dissolute youth of his own village.

TWO IDEAS OF CIVIL LIBERTY

Difference Between Governments of Greece and Rome and Those of the Gothic Tribes.

There was this radical difference between the governments of Greece and Rome and those of the Gothic tribes. In the former the state was everything, the individual nothing; the state was thought to have a perfect right to the property, liberty, and even life, of its citizens. In the latter the individual was everything and the state comparatively nothing; all rights were thought to exist, to inhere by nature in the individual; and the state could demand nothing from him for public use without giving him an equivalent. Here we find the fundamental principle of civil liberty; that principle which has been so carefully guarded in the English and in all the Anglo-American constitutions, and which was so happily and tersely expressed by Jefferson in the Declaration of Independence. Our rude Saxon ancestors, though under a kingly government, had more real liberty, and a more just appreciation of the true dignity of man, than had the polished citizens of the republics of the Mediterranean. The legislative authority was vested in the witenage-mote, or assembly of wise men.—Dexter A. Hawkins.

Remorseful Ghost.

A pathetic story is told of the ghost of Isham abbey. It is said that the wife of Sir Thomas Hobby was un-naturally severe with her son, who, it seems, had a peculiar aversion to writing, and in his obstinacy would wilfully blot his copybooks. One day his mother, enraged at his perverseness, lost her self-control and beat the poor boy so unmercifully that he died from his injuries. Since then one of the bedrooms in the abbey has been haunted by the specter of the cruel woman, who glides through the chamber in the act of washing the bloodstains from her hands.

It is stated that some years ago, when an old window shutter of the sixteenth century was removed, "a packet of antique copybooks of that period was discovered pushed into the wall between the joists of the skirting, and several of these books, on which young Hobby's name was written, were covered with blots."

Movie Theaters in Rio.

It is at the cinema theaters that the Cariocas (citizens of Rio de Janeiro) know real comfort; for, unlike our moving-picture houses those in Rio have spacious waiting rooms, where you sit, listening to excellent music, until the hour for the first reel comes round. The pioneer house of the kind inaugurated this custom, and now the people refuse to stand outside waiting for the even hour to arrive or to enter after the film has started. With so much profitable space taken from the auditorium, the movies in Rio Janeiro are not as great money-makers as with us. The American favorites are popular, quite outclassing Italian and Brazilian film stars.—Harriet Chalmers Adams in National Geographic Magazine.

Inspect Moths by Machine.

An elaborate machine called the chosokki is used by the Japanese in the inspection of silkworms for disease. The machine in the inspection house of Nagano prefecture requires 2,000 microscopes and a large corps of workers.

Moths are made to lay their eggs each on one square of sheets of cardboard bearing 28 numbered squares. They then are killed, their bodies pulverized and examined. If the bacilli are found, the square containing the eggs laid by the diseased moths is cut out and burned.—Japan Advertiser.

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