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A tame elephant eats more than one thousand pounds of green fodder and twenty-five pounds of unhusked rice daily.

Quests for the pole began in 1527 when Henry VIII sent Robert Thomas to find the North Pole "where there are odd beasts and great treasure to be had."

The U. S. forest service reports 97 court convictions for causing forest fires in Oregon and Washington up to Aug. 20 this year. Other cases are said to be pending.

Among the rare animals which are in danger of extinction is the gorilla, though between 100 and 200 still remain in the Belgian Big Game Sanctuary in the Congo.

Though he became one of the world's great orators, as a boy Daniel Webster was so shy that he found it impossible to "speak pieces" before his schoolmates.

Special accommodations for tall persons are being made by a New York hotel which is converting part of its twenty-second floor to take care of 50 "oversized" guests.

Judge J. W. Hamilton, former circuit judge for this district, is in a Portland hospital in a critical condition. His home is at Roseburg. Mrs. Hamilton recently went to visit her husband and the sick and is also in the same hospital. Judge Hamilton, who is considered one of the ablest jurists in the state, has served on the bench for 30 years.—News.

President and Mrs. Coolidge finished their summer vacation on the Massachusetts coast early this week and returned to Washington where he held a cabinet meeting yesterday. The writer remembers well how cold he found a two- or three days easterly rainstorm late in August when he was spending a month some years ago at his boyhood home on Long Island to evade the southern Kansas weather of that month.

After being familiar with the map of Chili all my life I would never have imagined that country to be as long as California and Oregon combined. But it is, and enough longer to reach from Sitka Alaska to a point on the west coast of Mexico as far south as the capital of that country. That is, it is 2600 miles long and its average width is about 90 miles. So it is almost five times as large as the state of New York and a little smaller than Texas, or than the combined area of California and Oregon. This writer has always had a desire to see Chili, but hardly expects ever to have it gratified.

At least sixty years ago the old man of the Sentinel was an active member of the Riverhead Town Agricultural Society of Northville, Long Island. Our native place used to be known as "Northville," but could not use that as the name of its postoffice, as it had already been preempted by a location up-state near the Adirondack mountains. For perhaps 25 years the name Northville has been obsolete; and "Success" postoffice ceased to exist even longer ago. As Northville consisted of a road eight or ten miles in length running parallel to Long Island Sound, about a mile from the shore, it is now known as "Sound Avenue," with a rural mail route of that name, out from the postoffice at Riverhead, the county seat. The latter place now has over four thousand population instead of less than half that as it had fifty years ago when the writer was a young man. Real estate prices there, however, have more than kept pace with the growth of population, and the lot on which the old county clerk's office was located about seventy years ago, occupying a corner 80 feet by 50 at one end and 25 at the other, is now held at \$25,000, or can be leased for \$2,000 a year. That is one of the landmarks there that has changed but little dur-

ing our recollection, and we spent some interesting hours there during our last eastern visit four years ago. However, we can recollect when it was occupied by a marble yard. Probably by the time we revisit the scenes of our boyhood again, it will have disappeared in the march of improvement.

TO MAKE COAST ROADS SAFER

The tragedy last Sunday on the Roosevelt highway below Bandon, which cost the lives of two of our prominent citizens, leads us to give space to this story of a movement to make travel on our highways safer.

The national campaign for street and highway safety received its biggest Pacific Coast boost when it was announced that the entire outdoor advertising campaign of the Union Oil Company of California, supplemented by its regular newspaper advertising throughout all territory in which the company operates, costing in excess of half a million dollars, for the fourteen months beginning October 15th, will be devoted to the fostering of safety rules and precautions among motorists. The announcement is signed by L. P. St. Clair, Vice President.

The company will display a total of 20,000 full size posters during the period of the campaign. These posters will appear continuously until December 15th, 1926, on all of the 1,500 board locations which the company has under contract. There will be fourteen separate designs, each covering one of the big phases of the present safety need. The first broadside, a poster showing a group of children and a motorist shopping, is headed "Children Will Play. Be Careful." This poster will be on the boards October 15th, staying up until November 15th, when the second shot will be fired.

Decision of the company to devote over five hundred thousand dollars to the safety cause comes after a lengthy and complete investigation into the accident situation on the Pacific Coast. The investigation convinced the officials that the Pacific Coast is facing a crisis in this respect, and that efforts should be directed toward safe motoring and safe streets before any further attempts to increase automobile usage.

Tourists Thick in Curry County

At the present time Curry is enjoying one of the largest tourists' seasons in its history. Bennett Swanton, Marshfield attorney, tells the News. Automobiles from all the states between Cape Cod and the Golden Gate are seen these days on the Roosevelt highway and many of the tourists are spending several days camping and sight-seeing around Gold Beach and Port Orford.

Rich in historic spots, Curry county is virtually the last frontier of the old west and when this fact becomes more generally known the county will have a real tourists' boom, Swanton believes. Vivid reminders of the days of '49 that are seen in Curry, where placer prospectors with packs on their backs still seek the yellow lucre, are proving particularly intriguing to the easterner.

Fishing for the game and wily chinook salmon in the Rogue river is the most popular pastime with the tourists. Swanton found. The banks of the river are now lined with "tin cans." Isaac Walton and Swanton predicts that all of them will rank with Dr. Cook back in their old home towns when they begin talking about the fish they caught on the Rogue.

Very few tourists came to Curry in the earlier part of the season but the present rush is making up for the early slackness.

\$3,000,000 Timber Deal

Transfer of the Kerry Timber company holdings on the Columbia river to the K-P Timber company is announced by A. S. Kerry of Seattle. The deal is said to involve about \$3,000,000.

Under the terms of the sale of the property of the Columbia and Nehalem river railway company and the timber holdings in the vicinity of Kerry, Ore., will be transferred. The holdings represent more than a billion feet.

The K-P timber company is a newly incorporated concern owned jointly by the Knappton Mills company of Knappton, Wash., and the Peninsula Lumber company of Portland.

Constitution Day Sept. 17

It has been requested by the state chairman of Constitution Day observance that all patriotic and fraternal organizations, churches, schools, clubs, lodges and societies of every kind and nature, devote some time during Constitution week to proper instruction in regard to the Constitution and especially to observe Thursday, the 17th of September, Constitution Day, by some public demonstration. — W. U. Douglas, County Chairman.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

When school opened this week a new law authorizing physical examination of school children is to be enforced for the first time. It was enacted by the 1925 legislature and affects all state schools. It does not apply, however, to high schools; only to the elementary grades.

School authorities, in co-operation with health officers and nurses, have heretofore acquiesced in the examination of school children to some extent in the interest of public health and welfare, but this is the first time physical examination has been specifically authorized by law other than such reasonable examinations as may have been necessary or advisable to guard against the spreading of contagion.

The new law limits the examination to a more or less superficial one. The purpose, as stated in the act, is "of determining defects of vision, hearing, breathing, dentition or other external obvious physical defects which will prevent or interfere with the normal education of the child." It is not to be a medical examination, nor is it to be made by a school nurse or doctor, the act prescribing that the examination shall be made by the "superintendent, principal or teacher" and "made during the first month of the school year." If any defect is observed, the teacher shall report to the parent or guardian, but there is nothing in the act to give grounds for complaint that individual liberty is being interfered with, nor to authorize the suggestion of medical or surgical treatment, or any particular remedy, for the reporting of the defects to the parents "shall, without further direction, simply state that such defects are apparent."

The rights of a parent or guardian who may object to such an examination are simply protected by an exemption clause, and a simply worded statement of one's objection in writing, addressed to and filed with the superintendent, principal or teacher, will exempt the pupil "from any examination or test for or on account of any physical defect or non-contagious disease."

The following is a copy of the new law, which is known as Chapter 27, General Laws of Oregon, 1925:

Section 1—The state superintendent of public instruction shall provide, prepare, or cause to be prepared blanks or other supplies for the examination of all children attending the elementary public schools of the state of Oregon, for the purpose of determining defects of vision, hearing, breathing, dentition or other external obvious physical defects which will prevent or interfere with the normal education of the child. He shall provide, prepare or cause to be prepared necessary instruction for the use of the tests, blanks, records and other supplies and shall furnish same to the elementary schools of the state.

Section 2—The superintendent, principal or teacher in every elementary public school of the state shall, during the first month of the school year make the examinations or tests provided for in section 1 or this act in such manner as shall be required by the state superintendent of public instruction and prepare the same upon the blanks furnished and make a written report thereof to the state superintendent of public instruction.

Section 3—The superintendent, principal or teacher shall report any physical defects of any child under his supervision to the parent or guardian as soon as such defects or defect are apparent to observation or revealed by examination or test; provided, that any blank, record or other form or method employed to communicate knowledge of any defects to any parent or guardian shall, without further direction, simply state that such defects are apparent.

Section 4—Any parent or guardian may object in writing to the superintendent, principal or teacher against the examination of his or her child, or ward and such pupil shall be exempt from any examination or test for or on account of any physical defect or noncontagious disease.

Oregon is in the vanguard of states in the safeguarding of the rights of the individual, as well as in public health activities. There is no form of treatment, medical or otherwise, compulsory in this state. The rights of the individual to employ the physician or mode of treatment of his choice is fully recognized in the revised code passed in 1919.

Surgical operations, such as the removal of adenoids or tonsils, are not compulsory, neither is vaccination or other inoculation of vaccines and serums in cases of smallpox, diphtheria or scarlet fever. Some medical authorities approve and urge the so-called "Schick" and "Dick" tests for the purpose of immunizing children against diphtheria and scarlet fever, but no such tests are compulsory. The laws of Oregon leave the in-

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dividual free to make use of such tests or not, as personal preferences may dictate, Section 8518 of Oregon laws read as follows:

Section 8518 Oregon laws. Nothing in this act shall be construed to empower or authorize the state board of health or its representatives, or any county board of health or its representatives, or any city board of health or its representatives, to interfere in any manner with the individual's right to select the physician or mode of treatment of his choice, nor interfere with the practice of any person whose religion treats or administers to the sick or suffering by purely spiritual means; providing, however, that sanitary laws, rules and regulations are complied with.

W. C. T. U. Convention

The Coos County W. C. T. U. district convention met on Friday, Sept. 4th, at the M. E. Church of Bandon, with delegates present from North Bend, Marshfield, Powers, Myrtle Point and Bandon. The church was beautifully decorated with yellow, pink and lavender dahlias grown by Mrs. John Neilson, of Bandon.

The convention opened with Mrs. Flora Williams in the chair, and after the devotional exercises led by Mrs. Glenn, of Bandon, and the address of welcome by Mrs. Buck, of Bandon, and response by Mrs. Harrington, of Marshfield, the rest of the morning was given up to reports of county officers and local unions. At noon a bountiful lunch was served in the dining room of the church.

After the devotional exercises, the Loyal Temperance Legion of Myrtle Point, the only junior temperance society in Coos county, took charge of the program and entertained those present with songs and readings.

A paper was read by Mrs. Phillips, of Marshfield, on Child Welfare and one by Mrs. Covalt, of North Bend, on the W. C. T. U. Farm Home. Rev. Frank L. Young gave a talk on law observance.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. Flora Williams, Myrtle Point, chairman; Mrs. Laura Hosman, vice chairman; Belle Hosking, rec. secretary; Lella Fish, cor. secretary; and Mrs. Phillip, treasurer. Mrs. E. B. Fish was elected delegate to the state convention to be held at Hood River Oct. 20 to 25.

The convention adjourned to meet at Coquille next March.

Mrs. E. B. Fish, Press Cor.

Zane Grey in Curry County

Last Thursday Claude Barden informed the Gold Beach Reporter that he would leave Gold Beach the following day for a trip with a flotilla of seven boats and had in his party Zane Grey, the well-known novelist and writer, together with a moving picture outfit under the direction of an Oregon State guide.

Mr. Barden, who was a fisherman at Gold Beach for a time this season, left last week for Grants Pass to get his boat outfit ready for this trip, which it is estimated will take nearly a month, since Mr. Grey desires to gather material for stories, and the movie outfit will take pictures of scenes never shown on the screen—those of Rogue river. This will be the first time that Mr. Grey has ever visited this section of the Rogue river, as well.

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Given Special Powers

Special power of attorney has been granted to Emil P. Slovark, vice consul of Norway at Portland, by Barbro Skalohe, of Tinn, Norway, administrator of the estate of Gus Austin.

Austin, Skalohe's uncle, died in Marshfield last February leaving quite a large estate consisting of lands and cash in the bank. The appointment of the vice-consul to administer the estate, subject to court approval, eliminates the necessity of a trip to the United States by the administrator in fact.

Still Going Strong

J. M. Adams, of Bandon, who was in Coquille Wednesday has earned \$60 picking svaargreen blackberries in the North Fork country. Mr. Adams is 71 years of age. He reports nearly 50 pickers are working picking berries which are sent to the Holt-Chase Cannery at Myrtle Point.

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