

CHILDREN'S FARM HOME IS TO HAVE NEW BUILDINGS

The mid-year meeting of the board of directors of the Children's Farm Home was held July 7th, and was a very interesting one. A tour of inspection of the grounds and buildings was made and every thing was found in excellent condition, the gardens thrifty and poultry and dairy herd on a paying basis. The repainting of the cottages and landscaping the grounds has given the Home a much more attractive appearance.

It was decided to proceed with the erection of the girls' cottage, to be named in honor of Mrs. Ada Uarub, and plans will be carried forward at once so as to complete it this fall. This will make the seventh cottage of the group and will permit the care for twenty-three more girls.

During the past year the major improvements have been the new Utility building, made possible by Matheson legacy, the construction of poultry houses and an adequate brooder house to care for about 3000 little chicks; 120 acres of the farm are under cultivation, with such crops as alfalfa, corn, oats, barley, with 3½ acres in strawberries and more than ten acres in garden.

The dairy herd consists of 20 cows, providing an abundance of good, fresh milk for the children, 11 heifers and five heifer calves. There are 27 pigs and over 1400 chickens, which will help to solve the food problem.

The Matheson endowment fund has been established from a part of the legacy left to the Home by Mrs. Rachel Matheson of Salem. This will be increased as other funds come in thus providing for a future maintenance fund.

The bazaar will be held as usual at the state fair this fall and contributions for this will be gratefully received. All such articles are to be sent to Mrs. Jennie Nunn care W. C. T. U. headquarters, 201 South Commercial St., Salem.

Spoon River Sparks

(Enterprise Correspondence)

The VanNice combine is working at the A. H. Quimby farm this week.

Mildred Cook of Salem has been the house guest of Roberta VanNice the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Rike and Harlie and James Rike were Sun-

day afternoon visitors at the John Sayer home.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Rankin and Mrs. Grace VanNice and Betty Jean and Jimmy were Sunday afternoon callers at the W. R. Kirk home.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Christensen and children of Harrisburg and Edward McElvoy of Portland were visitors at the L. R. Falk home Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Bierly and Mr. and Mrs. William Pence and sons Lyman and Richard of near Rowland were visitors at the R. E. Bierly home Sunday.

H. J. Falk and family, Kenneth VanNice, Chris Falk and Charles Bierly enjoyed a picnic dinner on the banks of the Calapooia Sunday with swimming as the chief pastime of the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Straley and son Leroy and Charley Straley and family drove to Salem Friday evening and while there attended the Capital theater where they witnessed the new vitaphone pictures. They report a pleasant time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. VanNice and daughters, Ellen, Roberta and Edna, drove to Cottage Grove Sunday to attend the camp meeting being held there. Mrs. VanNice and Ellen remained there for the week while the others returned home that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Falk and son Rawleigh spent Sunday at the D. F. Burdge home near Dever. While shoeing a horse recently Mr. Burdge was crowded against a manger and his arm was broken. The injured member is reported to be getting along as well as can be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Templeton drove to Corvallis Sunday to visit the former's sister, Mrs. Enoch Thompson of Brownsville who was at the General hospital in that city following an operation for an inward goiter. They however were disappointed as the invalid, although reported to be getting along nicely, was not allowed to see visitors. On the way they stopped at the Albany hospital to visit Mrs. Rupert Leonard and infant son. Mrs. Leonard was Bessie Templeton before her marriage, a daughter of Robert Templeton of Brownsville. This is the first child in the Leonard home and also Mr. Templeton's first grandchild. Mrs. Leonard and little son were dismissed from the hospital Tuesday and are now at their home.

Odorous Onion Liked by All World Races

Onions seem to be almost as old as the hills. They are mentioned in the Bible as one of the things longed for by the Israelites in the wilderness and complained about to Moses. Herodotus says that in his time there was an inscription on the Great Pyramid stating the sum expended for onions, radishes, and garlic, which had been consumed by the laborers during its erection, as 1,900 talents. Ancient pictures show priests holding onions in their hands at the altar.

Early explorers, including Columbus, brought onion seed to the New world. New Englanders were raising them as early as 1634, and General Sullivan, in 1779, in his raid against the Indians in central New York, destroyed many onion fields belonging to the savages. Nineteen states now produce large commercial crops of onions. Texas scents up the whole Gulf of Mexico and the eastern side of the Atlantic with her onion-laden vessels bound for New York.—Peter H. Sterling in National Republic Magazine.

Weather Has Little Influence on Tides

Contrary to popular belief, especially that long cherished by many seamen, tides do not exert any influence on the weather, according to meteorologists of the weather bureau, United States Department of Agriculture.

As a matter of fact, close observers have discovered that certain extreme weather conditions affect the tides to some extent. Tides ebb and flow at every point on the coast with clocklike regularity. Nevertheless, the weather continues to be fair or foul, irrespective of those tides. On the other hand, conditions of very low barometric pressure and very strong winds from favorable directions cause either unusually low or unusually high tides, as the case may be. This is the influence of the weather on the tides, and the weather is not the result of any tidal influence.

Even when there is, as meteorologists understand, a very insignificant outflow of air from a region into which the tide is rising, or a corresponding inflow of air as the tide subsides, this does not constitute a significant feature of the weather.

In Bad Company

When a vote is to be taken on some important measure a congressman who cannot be present "pairs" himself with some representative who would vote "aye" to the congressman's "nay," or vice versa.

Once a Democratic member of the house received a letter from an active politician of that party in his district, calling attention to the fact that he was reported in the Congressional Record almost every day as being "paired" with a Republican.

"I don't doubt your loyalty to the party," read the letter, "but I think the boys would like it a good deal better if you paired with Democrats instead of Republicans."—Harper's Magazine.

Pressing Business

"I want to speak to Mr. Jones," said the voice over the wire. "I'm sorry, sir, but Mr. Jones is in conference," the private secretary replied sweetly.

And at the same moment Mr. Jones was in deep conference with a friend at Merchant and Bishop streets. He declared, very confidentially and not for publication:

"Yeah, it's sure wonderful how quick they can dig a big hole in the ground like that. I see they're putting in the foundation already. Wonder how they are going to get rid of that water, though?"—Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Lacquered Silver

The bureau of standards says that the lacquer on sterling silver, when it is wearing off, should be removed by a solvent, such as a lacquer thinner or butyl acetate. If the objects are discolored, they should be cleaned with a silver cleaner and washed and dried carefully, avoiding finger marks on the surface. The silver may then be relacquered with a clear lacquer for silverware sold by most lacquer manufacturers. After relacquering the objects should be dried at 100 to 120 degrees Fahrenheit for 30-45 minutes. Time and money might be saved by taking the articles to an electroplating plant or to a jeweler.

Quaint Nicknames

That schoolboys—and schoolgirls—are so addicted to the bestowal of nicknames is in accordance with race development. Backward races bestowed nicknames to the exclusion of patronymics. When I lived in Madeira, says a correspondent to an English paper, I knew peasants who had forgotten what their real names were—if they had ever known them! There were among my acquaintances, Cabbage Soup, Five Farthings, Mrs. Blackbird and Hot Water Jug, besides Miss Codfish and Sweet Potato. The reasons why these names were given were unknown, yet somehow they all undoubtedly fitted!

The Muse

"Going into commerce, eh?" "Yes," responded the poet. "I'd rather celebrate good beans than a bum spring."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Bad Handwriting and Genius Often Linked

Are great writers necessarily afflicted with bad handwriting? A French paper puts the question. But there seems to be no hard and fast rule.

The writing of Victor Hugo, one of his publishers said once, "resembled a battlefield on a piece of paper." The typesetters who succeeded in deciphering Balzac were often desperate, and one is said to have gone crazy after hours of vain effort.

Robert Louis Stevenson was even worse. No printer ever could make out what he had written. Stevenson had to assist in copying what he had put down in the first place. Sydney Smith could not decipher his own handwriting after twenty-four hours.

On the other hand certain English writers like Arnold Bennett, Thomas Hardy and H. G. Wells, write legibly and even elegantly. But it should not be forgotten either that none of these three started out on a writing career in youth. Arnold Bennett was destined for the bar and served his time in a lawyer's office. Thomas Hardy began as an architect, and H. G. Wells started out in life as a dry goods clerk.

Drab Colorings Not Popular With Romans

The old Roman conquerors of Britain had a keen eye for colors, according to analysis of excavations of the Latin settlement at Colchester, Eng., made by the Essex Archeological society.

No unornamented walls for the Romans, but brilliant colors of green, red, yellow and blue. Their wall plaster was colored and highly tinted. Even the floors were colored, for one room has been found with a red paved floor. Mosaic floors have been discovered which are done in black, red, yellow and white "tesserae," or small cubes of clay and stone. The smallness of the tesserae and the fine workmanship of the pavement, according to experts, indicate that the work was done in the early period of the Roman occupation of England.

A Roman rubbish pit was one of the finds of the excavation. Among the debris were found hundreds of whole or nearly whole pottery vessels. Experts say they date to the time of the Emperor Trajan, A. D. 98-117.

Old, but Green

Chauncey M. Depew, at a reception in his New York home, criticized a June-December marriage after his usual crisp fashion.

"Old John Bullion is a healthy chap," a banker had observed. "He'll live to a green old age, old John will." "Humph, he's reached it already," said Mr. Depew. "I met him downtown last week, and he told me he just married a chorus girl forty-two years his junior who loved him for himself alone."—Pittsburgh Sun.

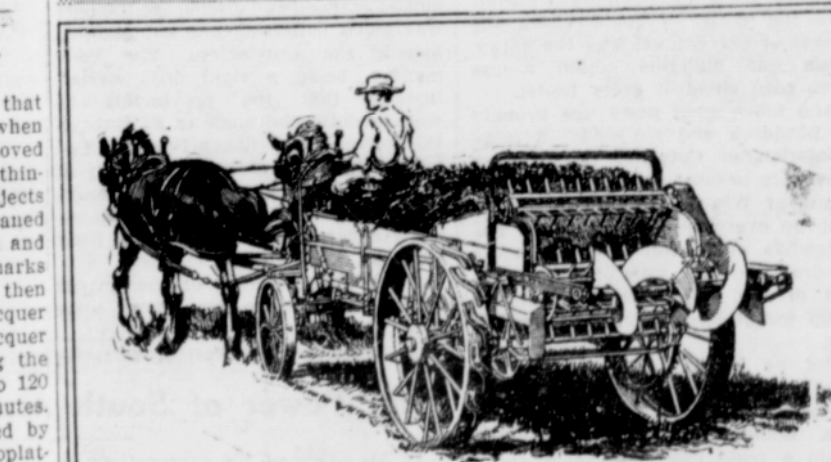
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