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L. D. Eaton, writing to the East Oregonian, takes exceptions to the reports made by "crop experts" and places them in the category of pests. Seriously speaking, he says ranchers don't want their crops experted, not by commercial experts anyway, for the very good reason that following the glory reports of the experts, there results noticeable depression in grain prices. All of which is true. But how eliminate the "expert" and his report? He gathers his data from the farmer himself, and together with his personal observation, is woven the story of the crop prospects. To put the kibosh on the expert, the farmer himself should lead the crusade by withholding information. In truth, glowing crop prospects are taken advantage of by the grain gamblers who in a measure have the making and unmaking of grain prices in the same proportion that reports of poor crop conditions are manipulated by them. However, Mr. Eaton's expert is by no means the only source of information available to the manipulators of grain prices. The United States government maintains an information bureau which renders statistical reports on crop prospects and production, which would make it appear that the secret will out, anyway.

Did President Taft and his secretary of the Interior, Ballinger, give to a Morgan combine in which his brother is interested a monopoly of exit to the sea or a railroad connection with rich coal mines in southwestern Alaska? This is reported as the vital question of the "Controller Bay incident," now under investigation by Congress, upon the basis of news disclosures last week. One excellent Washington correspondent thinks that "after the dust has cleared away" the incident will go "down to history as an attempt to make a mountain out of a molehill." But that is about what many excellent Washington correspondents thought of the Glavis disclosures when Mr. Taft and his deft Attorney General were bottling them up. Many mole hills grow as they "go down in history."

Pendleton papers are wrangling over the problem of putting electric light and telephone wires underground on the business streets. One paper is accused by the other of trying to railroad the proposition through the Commercial Association, and it retaliates with the accusation of the other sheet being the organ of the electric and telephone trusts. The city council, a council man and the ladies of the Civic Club have been brought into the newspaper embroglio, and the end is not yet.

There will be three big land shows in the East this fall. New York, Chicago and Omaha are planning to hold exhibits that will let prospective home seekers know what the entire country has to offer. All transcontinental railroads are aiding in these projects, lending their generous financial assistance. The agents of the various shows have been active in the Northwest for some time, lining up the various districts. It is safe to say that Washington and Oregon will be well represented.

Portland has won the 1912 reunion of the Elks, which means that it will be host to one of the largest gatherings in the country next year. The Portland lodge sent a large delegation to Atlantic City several weeks ago, won a lot of prizes in the parade and capped off the annual gathering for 1912. This is the big event and one that will do much to attract attention to the entire Pacific Northwest.

Colonist rates to Oregon will again be in effect this fall, from September 15 to October 15, on a basis of \$25 from St. Paul and the Missouri river to any point in this state, or \$35 from Chicago. Railroad traffic officials expect there will be a heavy movement to the Pacific Slope this fall, for there is a heavy inquiry already about the rates.

The deranged woman of Philadelphia who thought she had been sent by the Lord to find lost sheep, and began her mission in the center aisle of a fashionable church, was not so badly deranged that she didn't know where to look.

PHYSICAL ENDURANCE.

Athletes, as a Rule, Reach the Zenith of Their Powers Early.

In athletic sports physical endurance plays the most important part. This is particularly noticeable in the Marathon races. In boxing, wrestling and rowing ability to stand the tremendous strain on the physical powers is essential.

But every athlete has his physical limitations. He reaches the zenith of his powers early and then gradually declines. A victorious Marathon runner seldom repeats his success, for he has impaired his endurance by his exertions, although he does not think so until he meets with defeat the second time he tries for first prize.

A boxer, as a rule, cannot long remain a champion in any class, although a twelve year record has been made by exceptional men. A prominent wrestler said recently that he hoped to remain in the game five years, but could not exceed that limit and still be a topnotcher.

Oarsmen win their greatest victories in the first few years of their career. The baseball player holds out well because the strain on him is less violent than on most athletes and he gets needful rest. Pitchers, however, are an exception, and some hold out for many years, but most of them do not.—Boston Globe.

LAUGH AND GET FINED.

That Seems to Be a Common Occurrence in Germany.

English law is occasionally subject to criticism, but for real comedy we are a long way behind Germany.

In Berlin recently an ironworker was sent to prison for a week because he laughed. Going along the street he saw a merryman being chased by a particularly stout policeman, and the sight tickled him. He was promptly haled before the court for scandal.

Another man attempted to get into a moving train and fractured his leg. After six months in the hospital he was discharged, cured, when the state railway department at once prosecuted him for breaking their regulations. The law and leg breaker was fined \$125.

Stepping into an omnibus a man trod on the foot of a lady, who was so annoyed that she said he walked like a hen. She was fined \$5 for using this term of reproach.

Claire Waldoff, the Berlin singer, outwitted the police, however. She was warned that if she sang any of her songs on Easter Sunday there would be trouble. But the announcement was made that Claire Waldoff would positively appear. She did. So did the police. And she sang—the German national anthem!

The promised prosecution did not take place.—London Answers.

Curbing the Kickers.

One of the St. Louis country clubs has an unwritten rule that whenever a member kicks for something he thinks the club ought to have it at once put in at his expense. Not long ago a member complained of the cream. "The club ought to have a couple of fine cows of its own," he growled. That ended the incident for the time being, but the first of the month he found the following item on his bill:

Two Jersey cows..... \$150
The result of this policy is one of the most complete country clubs in the Mississippi valley, but the members are growing more and more cautious about kicking, and acquisitions are nothing like so common as they formerly were.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The New York Shave.

I think that the New Yorker's shave is symptomatic of the whole rate of life in New York. It is, if you will, luxurious, but you have to allow twenty minutes out of your day for it. In London I never allow more than five minutes. Here I lie down in a chair and say: "I'm in a hurry. Be as quick as you can, please." My barber surveys me with no look of interest and goes to talk for five minutes to the lady manicurist. When he returns I say from my recumbent position, "I'm in a great hurry!" He says, "Yep?" interrogatorily as if I had given him a piece of quite uninteresting and dispassionate information. He goes to a mirror and for some moments examines a wart upon his cheek. Eventually he shaves me.—Atlantic.

True Eloquence.

True eloquence, indeed, does not consist in speech. It cannot be brought from far. Labor and learning may toll for it, but they will toll in vain. Words and phrases may be marshaled in every way, but they cannot compass it. It must consist in the man, in the subject and in the occasion. Affected passion, intense expression, the pomp of declamation, all may inspire to it. They cannot reach it. It comes, if it comes at all, like the outbreaking of a fountain from the earth or the bursting forth of volcanic fires with spontaneous, original, native force.—Webster.

Just Once.

"But Griggs thinks you are his best friend. If you lure him into making this hopeless investment he surely will never have anything more to do with you."

"That's all right. I've never expected to use him more than once."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Relief.

Gabber—You ought to meet Smith. Awfully clever imitator! He can take off anybody. (Tortle (sweatily))—I wish he were here now.—Variety Life.

RADIUM SAFES.

Lead Cases Used to Protect the Rays of the Strange Substance.

Radium is such a strange substance that but few persons in all the world are perfectly familiar with it and its peculiar properties.

It throws off a peculiar ray of light and if not protected it will in time exhaust itself, going no one knows exactly where.

Its emanations are such that there is but one known substance through which it cannot pass, and that is pure lead.

For some time the problem of complete protection against its own loss through emanations and the possible loss by burglars was a puzzle to scientists and mechanics, but finally a safe was constructed in London with an inner cell of lead about three inches in thickness, surrounded by a specially prepared outer safe, which is said to be a perfect safe for radium.

The strange stuff is stored in those safes and guarded with extreme care, as it is of great value.

The safe door is round and so adjusted as to make it possible to disclose any slight defect that might be caused by the use of the opening, and in the inner portion of the door are openings through which tubes containing mercury can be placed to collect any emanations resulting on the interior during the confinement of the curious substance. Mercury collects the emanations and prevents loss in that direction.—Los Angeles Times.

PROGRESS AND MISERY.

The Progress Must Go on, and the Misery May Be Modified.

Many of the inventions of civilization have their unhygienic side. The invention of houses has enabled mankind to dwell in all parts of the world, but it is responsible for tuberculosis, especially after glass was devised, which, while letting in the light, keeps out the air. The invention of the alphabet and printing has made possible the accumulation of knowledge, but it has produced eye strain, with all its attendant evils.

The invention of chairs has added to human convenience, but it has led to spinal curvature and abdominal congestion. The device of a division of labor has added to wealth, but has destroyed the normal balance of mental and physical work, recreation and rest. Similar fault may be found with clothing, especially corsets, shoes and hats, and with numerous other contrivances.

Yet it would be foolish, even if it were possible to attempt to "return to nature" in the sense of abolishing civilization. We must not go backward, but forward. The cure for eye strain is not in disregarding the invention of reading, but introducing the invention of glasses. The cure of tuberculosis is not in the destruction of houses, but in devices for ventilation.—Dr. Irving Fisher in New York Christian Advocate.

Scottish Pearls.

A number of people in Scotland make a livelihood by searching for the precious stones which are occasionally to be found encased in the interior of fresh water mussels. To a lesser extent it is also carried out on some English and Welsh streams, but none of these is so prolific in pearl bearing as the northern rivers. There are authentic records of Scottish pearls being found which rivaled any the orient has produced so far as translucency and flawlessness are concerned. A writer of the eighteenth century states that £20,000 was a moderate estimate of the value of pearls then fished annually from Scottish rivers, while it is a matter of history that a German who formed a syndicate of fishers in 1865 acquired stones to the value of £12,000 in that year alone. But the industry is not so remunerative nowadays.—London Standard.

Fearful Burial Alive.

The dread of premature burial haunted Harriet Martineau, who would certainly not be classed as a fanciful person, and she bequeathed £10 to her doctor to see that her body was decapitated before burial. Edmund Yates in his will stipulated that his jugular vein should be severed and left £20 to pay for the operation. Lady Burton took even stronger precautions. She enjoined that her heart should be pierced with a needle before any steps were taken to certify her death and that her body should afterward be submitted to a post-mortem examination.—London Chronicle.

Lucky or Not.

"Eve was really a very lucky woman," remarked Mr. Heuquepe. "She didn't have any woman to criticize her clothes."
Mrs. Heuquepe's eyes snapped.
"On the other hand," she retorted, "she didn't have any woman around to envy the first gowns a woman ever had."—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Life.

Life is the finest of the fine arts. It has to be learned with lifelong patience, and the years of our pilgrim ages are all too short to master it triumphantly.—Drummond.

Her Sacred Word.

"Not going to Albe's luncheon? But you gave your sacred word."
"So I did, and I'd go in a minute if my dress had come home."—Harper's Bazar.

We must laugh before we are happy or else we may die before we ever laugh at all.—La Bruyere.

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