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A POTATO PATCH PILE

The Rural Weekly says: Nowadays we have potato patches; tomorrow we may speak of them as potato piles. A Missourian has been experimenting with potato piles for three years, and asserts that last year he got 42 bushels from a plot of ground only eight feet square, or an equivalent of over 28,000 bushels to the acre of ground space used.

This potato plot was six feet high. It was made by planting seed potatoes a foot apart each way, covering the layer with an inch or two of well rotted manure and six inches of earth; then another layer of potatoes, manure and earth, and so on until the pile was six feet high. Around it was a craterlike affair, allowing two inches of space between narrow boards for the potato vines to come through.

When his crop matured all he had to do was to knock the crater apart, rake out the potatoes and save the earth for the next year's pile.

This new idea potato gardener, R. E. Hendricks, Kansas City, Mo., believes he has solved the garden question for city folks who have little ground, as far as potatoes are concerned. He says that potatoes can be planted much later if done this way than if put in the ground via old fashioned methods. By the Hendricks method no hoeing is necessary. All one has to do after getting his potato pile built up is to give the growing tubers plenty of water.

If Mr. Hendricks experiment can successfully be duplicated in a million backyards this summer he will be entitled to all the honors his food needing country can bestow. There'll be no potato famine then.

Senator Jones protest to the council of national defense and President Wilson against intimations that orchard products would be classed as luxuries and denied transportation facilities, is logical and should be convincing to the government.

The Spokesman Review has pointed out the inconsistency of action that would injure and probably ruin a great productive industry at a time when strenuous endeavor is made to keep up the country to increased production. Senator Jones now well says that "action like this is bound to bring industrial disaster." While our people are being urged on one hand to produce abundant crops, they are, on the other hand, discouraged from doing so by action of this kind. Conservation of the existing food resources of the nation is equally or more important than increased production. Science demonstrates that fruits have not only an indispensable dietetic value, but when dried possess high caloric contents approximating pound for pound, meats and breadstuffs.

One of the greatest lessons that the war is teaching is the power and duty of cooperation; that no one may live for self alone, but each for all and all for each. Wherever you take hold to help in these affairs you will work with some one in a common cause; you will work, not for yourself alone, but for country; not for your country alone, but for France, for England, for Belgium, for Serbia, for Russia, for Poland, for Italy, for Japan, for China, for all the world, to save it from the ruin of misapplied knowledge and selfish counsels. Nothing like this vast cooperation was ever known before. It used to be said that the United States has learned to think in the terms of a continent and that Europe had to learn that lesson. But now people must think in terms of all the continents. The whole world is in the pang of readjustment; of hardly less than the whole world will you be a citizen when this work is finished.

No slackers in Athena. All men between the ages of 21 and 30 registered Tuesday. There are 95 in the class and each stands ready to serve his country.

Athena believes in better roads just to the extent that a majority of four, is a majority of four.

The Red Cross jitney dance "jitteney" the tidy sum of \$16.00 into the treasury Tuesday night.

And the Y. M. C. A. Fund is not being overlooked in Athena.

**THREE WINGED WORDS.**

How the Famous Expression "Swat the Fly!" Originated.

Once upon a time there was a man with a large assortment of ideas, and he went to a baseball game to find someone from whom to steal the crack of the bat and the long hit. Now, the particular idea that had been buzzing the loudest in his head at that time was the common housefly and how to make it uncommon.

He never could look at a fly without feeling a cruel desire to squash it. He was, in fact, about to publish a health bulletin indicting the fly on more counts than the fly has eyes, and it has several thousand and fifty. Well, when he got to the game and had just rid himself of the whole notion for a moment and was eagerly awaiting action on the part of the batsman someone, body—in fact, a lot of them—shouted, "Swat the ball!"

The batsman did. He swatted the prettiest fly any fan would ask to see. And then while the crowd roared the fly later took out a pencil and scribbled on a bit of paper those three winged words that were destined in the months that followed to fly around the world and back again, "Swat the fly."

The man was Dr. S. J. Crumblin of Kansas.—J. Walwright Evans in Nation's Business.

**THE SHORT STORY.**

Its Chief Failing as Seen by a Somewhat Cynical Critic.

The short story, taken in the aggregate, is a collection of 6,000 words that tell how the hero happened to marry the girl. It seldom mentions the enormous number of girls that the hero has kissed prior to the affair in hand, nor does it bear heavily on the previous little love affairs of the heroine. The chief trouble with the short story is that it fills the reading public with the idea that to be happy one needs only to be married.

This idea is erroneous, for the success of a marriage depends not on the marriage, but on the manner in which the contracting parties readjust their ideas and peculiarities in order that there may not be a wholesale interference of ideas and peculiarities and a consequent stripping of mental gears and wrecking of hopes.

Every short story should have footnotes attached explaining the status quo of the hero and heroine at the end of five years, together with the condensed but honest reason for the unsatisfactory or satisfactory results—luck.

Spiking the Guns.

The expression "spiking guns" is a survival from the day when all that was necessary to put a gun out of action (provided, of course, that you had access to it) was a large nail or spike and a hammer. You simply drove the nail into the touch hole at the breech. If the nail was long enough to turn round at the end on the bottom of the bore so much the better. It is just as simple, perhaps simpler, to put a modern gun out of action. All you want is a hammer. The breech block of the modern gun is held closed by screw threads. After the breech block is shut on the shell a turn of two or three inches engages the threads. By knocking a bur on these threads you prevent them engaging. Any attempt to fire the gun without the breech block being perfectly closed would, of course, be of material assistance to the enemy.

An Ancient Infernal Machine.

In the Diary of Samuel Pepys, under date of March 14, 1692, he says: "Home to dinner. In the afternoon came the German Dr. Knuffler, to discourse with us about his engine to blow up ships. We doubted not the matter of fact, it being tried in Cromwell's time, but the safety of carrying them in ships; but he do tell us that when he comes to tell the king his secret, for none but the kings, successively, and their heirs must know it, it will appear to be of no danger at all. We concluded nothing, but shall discourse with the Duke of York tomorrow about it."

Ananias.

The name Ananias is in dispute because of the liar of that name mentioned in the fifth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. Two others of the name are mentioned in the Scriptures. One of these was a high priest in A. D. 48 who was afterward assassinated; the other was a Jewish diabolist at Damascus. Tradition makes him to have been bishop of Damascus and to have died by martyrdom.

Marriage in Argentina.

In the Argentine republic if a man engaged to marry hesitates beyond a reasonable time in leading his fiancée to the altar he is heavily fined, and if a resident of the republic should fail to marry he is taxed until he reaches the age of eighty.

The Giraffe's Neck.

"Why does the giraffe have such a long neck?" asks the teacher. "Because its head is so far away from its body," hopefully answers the boy.

Splash.

Maiden—What's that "trough of the sea" we read about? Corney—Oh, that is what the ocean greyhounds drink out of.—Cassell's Journal.

Might Have Been Worse.

"Did the play have a happy ending?" "It might have been worse. My wife only forgot her handkerchief and one glove."

When you have an elephant on hand and he wants to run away, better let him run.—Lincoln.

"How's your wife's cold this morning?" asked a neighbor. "Much better, thank you. There's a dance tomorrow evening that she wants to go to."

A Feint and a Faint.

Battle—Did you ever faint? Susie—Once. But I bumped my head so hard that I fainted really and truly, and I've never tried it again.

The First Clock.

The earliest complete clock was made by a Saracen metal worker in the thirteenth century.

**The Churches.**

Free Methodist Church Services.

Free Methodist church services for Sunday, June 10th: Preaching at the Union school house by Rev. Mrs. Geo. T. Klein at 11:00 a. m. Preaching at Weston Mt. at 11:00 a. m. and Waterman school house at 8:00 p. m. by the pastor. You are welcome to attend these services. Geo. T. Klein, pastor.

The Christian Church.

Sunday at the Christian church will begin with Mrs. W. R. Scott and her Junior Choir. They will also sing at the evening service. Bible school at 9:00 a. m. Geo. R. Gerking, Director. Classes for all grades. Communion and preaching at 11:00 a. m. Evening service at 8:00 o'clock. Morning subject, "What About Our Nation?" Evening subject, "The Mission of Christ to the World." Special music at both services. D. Errett, Minister.

At the Baptist Church.

The Umatilla Baptist Association has come and gone and it was one of the best conventions, so all said, they had attended for a long time. There were more in attendance this time than any other year in the history of the Association.

Regular preaching services both morning and evening. Bible school at 10: a. m. All have a cordial welcome to attend these services. E. L. Mills, Minister.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

The pastor of the Methodist church is leading in the attempt to make that church a community war time forum as well as a religious center. At the church the benevolent claims of our country have a ready hearing—the Liberty Loan, the Y. M. C. A., the Red Cross. In addition it is desired that the people discuss among themselves the needs of the hour as they apply to us.

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. W. C. Emmel, Supt. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Morning topic: "How to Make Men Like Christ."

Evening topic: "The End of the Age-Long Battle Between Science and Religion." Special music has been prepared for these services with a community song service at the beginning of each. German war time economy already says: "Sunday you may rest from eating. The markets closed, so go to meeting."

A MOTHER TO HER SON.

Do you know that your soul is of my soul, such part, That you seem to be fibre and core of my heart? None other can pain me as you, dear, can do; None other can please me or praise me as you. Remember the world will be quick with its blame, If shadow or strain ever darken your name.

"Like mother like son" is a saying so true.

The world will judge largely of "Mother" by you.

Be yours when the task, if task it shall be, To force the proud world to do homage to me.

Be sure it will say when the verdict you've won, "She reaped as she sowed," "Lo! this is her son."

—The New Northwest.

**BARBED WIRE IN WAR.**

Putting Up and Cutting Down Barriers is Perilous Work.

The erection of war entanglements, even when the trenches are some distance apart, is at all times dangerous. The men slip over the parapet and in the first place pound in the supports with mallets, the heads of which are carefully wrapped in cloth in order to deaden the sound. Two other men carry the wire drum—a wooden cylinder round which the wire is rolled—by means of a long pole through the center, and a comrade attaches the wires to the supports.

The work is slow and nerve straining, says a writer in the London Graphic, for star shells burst often and compel the men to crouch low and remain motionless until the flare burns out.

To each soldier who takes part in modern warfare thick gloves for gripping wire and strong pliers for cutting it are as essential as the rifle and bayonet.

Before an assault by his own regiment the soldier cuts his own wire, and he must then endeavor as best he may to cut and back his way through the enemy's, pulling down a support here, cutting the wires while the machine gun latters rap out their message of death toward him.

Thus barbed wire, so simple in itself, so deadly when used in the ways described, enters into every phase of operation in the fighting zone.

**Before the Public Service Commission of Oregon.**

In the matter of prescribing and fixing standards for grain, hay and other agricultural products and the promulgation of rules and regulations concerning the handling, weighing, inspecting and storage of grain, hay and other agricultural products and the management of public and terminal warehouses.

NOTICE.

To all Interested Parties: Please take notice that, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 333 of the General Laws of Oregon for the year 1917, public hearings will be held for the purpose of establishing standard grades for grain, hay and other agricultural products and the promulgation of rules and regulations concerning the handling, weighing, inspecting and storage thereof at the following times and places, to wit:

June 18, 1917, at 253 Court House, Portland, Oregon, at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

June 19, 1917 Tacoma, Washington. June 20, 1917 Spokane, Washington. June 21, 1917 at the County Court House at Pendleton, Oregon, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m.

These public hearings will be conducted jointly by the Public Service Commission of Washington and the Public Service Commission of Oregon, and all interested parties are urged to

be present and give such testimony or advance such information as may be deemed pertinent to the inquiry. 6th Dated at Salem, Oregon this day of June, 1917.

By order of the Commission, L. D. Leedy, Assistant Secretary.

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**Notice to Creditors.**

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of Myrtle S. Scott, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern that Will M. Peterson has been appointed administrator of the estate of Myrtle S. Scott, deceased. All persons having claims against her estate are required to present them with proper vouchers as required by law to the said administrator at his law office in the Smith Crawford Building in Pendleton, Oregon, within six months from date hereof.

Dated at Pendleton, Oregon, on this 25th day of May, 1917.

Will M. Peterson, Administrator of the Estate of Myrtle S. Scott, deceased. Post office address: Pendleton, Oregon.

**SUMMONS.**

In the Justice Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County, Pendleton District.

William Roesch and William Bogert, partners, doing business under the name of William Roesch Bottling Co., Plaintiffs,

vs. J. F. Prince, Defendant.

In the Name of the State of Oregon, Greetings:

You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action within six weeks of the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit: by June 23, 1917, and you will take notice that if you fail to appear and answer or plead within said time, the plaintiffs for want thereof will apply to the above entitled Court, for the relief prayed for in the complaint, viz: for judgment against you in the sum of \$10.41.

This summons is published by the order of the Hon. Joe. H. Parkes, Judge of the above entitled Court, said order being dated May 7, 1917, and the first publication of this summons is dated May 11, 1917.

Frederick Steiwer, Attorney for Plaintiffs.

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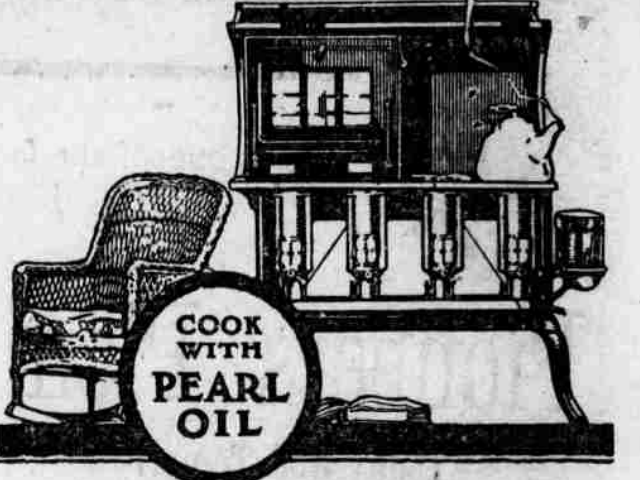
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