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The State Market Agent says before the day of potato grading and inspection in Oregon, a buyer in San Francisco would write that he wanted a car of good potatoes and he would describe as best he could the variety and quality, and the shipper would have to use his judgement as to what the San Francisco man really wanted. The judgement of the two might differ as to appearance, size and other features of the stock, and when the car arrived it would be rejected as not coming up to the stock ordered. Such rejections were all too frequent especially when the market price was falling. But under the grading, stenciling and inspection laws we now have, such rejections will not stand. Now the San Francisco buyer simply writes for a car of spuds of the official grade wanted, and he gets that grade. For illustration he wires for a car of U. S. No. 1 and the shipper sends him that grade, with an official certificate attached, which guarantees that the car complies with the grade ordered in the contract of sale. And that certificate stands good in court.

Sweden's waterfalls will supply the country's households with fresh vegetables in winter under a plan submitted to the government by the Royal Academy of Agriculture, asking for an appropriation to finance further experiments with electrically heated and lighted hot houses and hot beds. So far nearly one half of the farm area in Sweden has been electrified, the "white coal" of the waterfall driving farm and dairy machinery, but in winter fresh vegetables are usually imported from the south of Europe. Now the academy of agriculture, which does the advance thinking for the Swedish farmers, believes that fresh strawberries, cucumbers and cauliflowers may as well be raised inside the country by means of electric heat and light. In general Sweden is one of the most highly electrified countries in the world, having no coal of its own but plenty of hydro-electric energy.

The locomotive, guided by a human hand at the throttle, is now termed a safety device in comparison to its speed competitor the automobile. The primary reason is that the engineer is not permitted to run the locomotive until he has mastered its operation. The automobile driver buys his car, throws 'er in high and practices for experience on the highway. And that's the reason why you are eternally depending on "what the other fellow will do" in a hurry-up emergency when to think is to act, and when on the floating part of a second the right thing to do may depend on the lives of yourself and these riding with you. Yes, it's "what will the other fellow do," and part of the time it's what are you going to do, that makes or unmakes scores of fatal automobile accidents.

An exchange finds that a new type automobile headlight, radically different from any now in use, which will give long range without glare and illuminate the ditches along the side of the road by a wide side beam, has been developed by the General Electric laboratory after three years of experimenting. With upwards of 20,000 people killed each year and hundreds of thousands injured in automobile accidents, many of them occurring at night, any invention which tends to remove hazards from night driving, is a public benefaction. A safe automobile headlight is as much of a public necessity today as are suitable electric lights for the home.

From a statistical source we learn that the increase in eggs and poultry in this country is amazing, compared with other animals and population. Population has a little more than doubled since 1880, during which time sheep have declined in number, hogs have remained about the same, milk cows have increased about 25 per cent, while poultry and eggs have increased more than four times.

And now they tell us that the game of bridge works wonders in mental discipline. All of which possibly explains why a good bridge player is a personage of cool, calm temperament, and seldom if ever explains an intricate play until after he has played it.

Many a farmer has sold his hogs for ten or twelve cents a pound and then bought them back in the form of bacon, hams and lard at thirty cents plus.

Bulldozing steers must have been a tame affair at Oak Grove amuse-

ment park, else those stranded Warm Springs Indians would have had their "cats." Its a slow rodeo that can't maim steers enough to furnish provender for its Indian performers.

Oregon shepherders are drawing down \$100 and board per month, and some of them have saved nearly enough money to take a trip to Paris.

A refund of county taxes to the city of Salem, makes it possible for the city to carry on for a year without a tax assessment. Happy Salem.

Out of a total of thirty-seven deaths in Multnomah county for the month of June, eighteen are ascribed to natural causes—which is not so bad when we come to think of it.

While milady's skirts remain the same, sleeves have been lengthened perceptibly, and costs of dressmaking have increased accordingly.

The Umatilla county apple crop is estimated at about 1150 carloads and the Milton-Freewater prune crop for 1926, may reach 1200 carloads.

Has breadbaking in the home become a lost art?

DISTRICT CONTROLS
Operation of the works of the Hermiton Irrigation district carried on for many years by the government, passed to the control of the district. The relinquishment by the government of the works was the result of an agreement recently arrived at between the district and the government whereby the district agreed to operate during the remaining six months of 1926 on consideration that the delinquent 1923 charges be funded.

WHY GOVERNMENT PRICE FIXING WON'T WORK

One of the most persistent fallacies is government price-fixing on competitive commodities. There is already government price-fixing in commodities and services where competition plays no part in price determination. These are railway transportation, electricity, gas, telephone and telegraph, and so on. Here government price-fixing is solely to protect the consumer. There are two fatal objections to government price-fixing for agricultural products, which represent the most competitive business in the world. These are, first, that it will not work; second, that it is always done for the consumer as against the producer.

Government price-fixing for agricultural products would work if at the same time the government regulated wages, profits, middlemen's margins, the production of all commodities and the rationing of all consumers. In short, if the population were enlisted in one vast army, directed and rationed, price-fixing would work, but otherwise not. If the price is fixed on the wheat the farmer sells, then he cannot keep on producing wheat if wages or the cost of harvesting machinery rise, or if the cost of other material he buys rises. So the next step would be the fixation of other prices, and yet other prices.

The United States government fixed the price of wheat but once in our history, and then it was to benefit consumers, not producers. The government might, in an emergency, fix some agricultural prices for the purpose of elevating such prices. Such action would inevitably and speedily lead to outcry from city consumers and a consequent reversal of policy. Indeed, the consumers, not the producers, are most likely to demand and secure food price regulation by government authorities. The farmer, therefore, who favors any form of governmental price-fixing is working against his own interests. He is putting his head into a noose.—James E. Boyle, Professor of Rural Economics, Cornell University, in the Banker-Farmer.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of Maty E. Schrimpf, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have filed their final account and report in the above entitled matter and that the above entitled Court has fixed Saturday, the 17th day of July 1926, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day as the time and the County Court room of the County Court house of Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon, as the place for hearing said account and report. Objections to said final account and report should be filed on or before said date.
Dated at Athena, Oregon, this 12th day of June, 1926.

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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

At an informal bridge party last evening at the home of Mrs. J. M. Eubanks, Walla Walla, announcement was made of the engagement of Miss Helen Eubanks of Walla Walla to Mr. Verne Dudley of Athena. The announcement was made by means of cards hidden in dainty center pieces made up of Cecil Brunner roses. Twenty-four guests were present, including Mrs. R. B. McEwen and Mrs. A. L. McEwen of Athena. The wedding will be an event of the summer.

NEW GAME PRESERVE

Fred Moes cashier of the Bank of Helix and assistant to Edgar Averill, State Game Warden, was here in the interests of establishing a game preserve. Watts Brothers ranch will be used as a preserve and the territory from the Henry Koepke ranch along the Wild Horse and including the Louis Ringel, Lucien Gagnon and Harry McBride ranches will be utilized as soon as several game preserves are established. Several hundred young Chinese Pheasants will be liberated.

PHEASANTS TURNED LOOSE

Pheasants from the state game farm, were liberated in this vicinity this week. Pheasants are reported plentiful in this section, the season having been most favorable for hatching. The policy of the game and fish commission is to replenish the pheasant stock with new breeding fowls each year, and large numbers have been distributed from the Pendleton farm this season.

COLLEGE LISTS FILLING

Young men are registering so rapidly at Whitman college that it is probable a waiting list will be established after August 1, says Dean Walter A. Bratton of the college. Selective admission is already in effect for girls, because registration for all students has been limited to 500.

A REAL HEROINE



Edith May Adams of Barrington, N. J., the first American School girl to be entered as a candidate for the American Youth Award. The American Youth and Teacher Award was established by the Board of Directors of the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition in Philadelphia as a tribute to the youth and teachers of the nation. Miss Adams is a candidate for the Golden Eaglette, the highest gift in the hands of the Girl Scouts. She was cited recently for exceptional bravery for remaining inside a blazing building helping physicians to give first aid treatment to injured firemen.

CHAMBERLAIN MARRIED

George E. Chamberlain, ex-United States senator and governor of Oregon, and his secretary, Mrs. Shelton, were united in marriage at Norfolk, Virginia, Tuesday. They will reside at Washington, D. C.

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