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### UNCLE SAM WOULD EAT SPARROWS

(National Republic)  
Uncle Sam, through his Department of Agriculture, urges the people of the United States to get rid of sparrows by eating them.

Officials of the department claim that "sparrows may be cooked by any of the methods employed for either reed-birds or quail. When boned, broiled, buttered and served on toast, they are particularly good and compare favorably with the best kind of small game."

The same officials assert that inasmuch as the English sparrow is a pest in most localities of the United States, there is therefore no reason why these birds should not be utilized for food purposes in America just as they have been in the Old World for centuries.

One of the greatest objections to the English sparrow is its meanness towards our small native birds, especially those familiar species which, like itself build their nests in cavities. Nest boxes that are provided for wrens, bluebirds or martins—birds both useful and pleasing—too often fall into the possession of this bird pest. The way to keep sparrows out of wren boxes is to make the hole only an inch in diameter; the wren can easily enter, but the sparrow cannot.

The sparrow is not only an enemy to our worthwhile native birds, but it is an economic nuisance. It not only destroys fruit of various kinds, such as cherries, grapes, pears and peaches, but it also destroys buds and vines. In gardens it eats seeds as they ripen, and nips off tender young vegetables, especially peas and lettuce, as they appear above ground. It damages wheat and other grains, whether newly sown, ripening or in shocks. A flock of fifty sparrows requires daily the equivalent of a quart of wheat. The annual loss caused by these birds throughout the country is something enormous. In return for what they devour they give neither song nor service. Therefore, why not get rid of them by serving them piping hot for dinner?

This alien bird was introduced into the United States in 1851. It was brought to this country through an ill-advised endeavor to populate a few city parks with non-migratory birds.

Negotiations are pending by which if successful, the First National Bank of Athena will take over the assets of the Farmers' Bank of Weston, pay off the depositors in full and thus liquidate the Weston institution. The transfer is in line with a general move throughout the country where banks that are not returning dividends to their stockholders are being absorbed by stronger financial institutions, their depositors protected, and in many cases salvaged without loss to their stockholders. The local transaction comes through the determination of the board of directors of the Weston bank to close its affairs after years of operation without satisfactory returns. In no way whatever has the First National aspired to gain control of the Weston bank, aside from entering negotiations after the Weston bank officials had offered the institution for sale and other banks had been importuned to take it over. Quite to the contrary, officials of the First National look upon the Weston and Athena communities in the accepted neighborly sense that their interests are to a large degree identical, and due to the fact that the Weston bank was to liquidate and cease business, and feeling that Athena being the neighbor town would better facilitate Weston's future banking, they entered an open market as it were, and their offer, better than any other has been accepted by the Weston bank's directors, subject to confirmation by the stockholders of that bank.

Once in a while we read an Oregonian editorial that smells of fishing trips, hunting hikes, next to nature slants and free out-door whiffs. Wonder if it drips from the pen of a feller named Lampman, who as a kid ran wild over in the Gold Beach country? Anyway, after reading it a sort of half-baked resolution to dash the dingbasted typewriter on the floor and go out and dig a quart of angleworms asserts itself.

With the understanding that sociologists are supposed to know what they are talking about, we will offer no objection to the plan of Professor Gillette of the University of North Dakota to have all farmers reside in towns; but we live in a section of the country where it will

require a helluva lot of carpenters to build the towns.

In the first presidential year for a long time, Oregon republicans are having easy going. They have but one candidate to look after in the primaries, while the democrats are running their circus in two rings.

A Japanese newspaper has two globe trotters out going and coming, to beat the round-the-world record. The race is from east to west and west to east; can't figure it any other way.

The mid-West is not alone with her mid-winter conditions existing in April; Canadian prairie provinces are digging their way out.

When the wrong man gets the right check, it usually finds its way back to the right man, who pays the difference.

Colonel Lindbergh is pretty much of an air flea; now you see him, now you don't. Here today, there tomorrow.

Can it be that the Crane American man takes spuds on subscription; he writes kinda starchy at times.

Ford saw parliament 'and parliament saw Ford. Wonder what the difference of opinion was.

"Actions speak louder than words"—when words are heard in a whisper.

Was Trotsky shot? Ask the Soviet government.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

In the Matter of the Estate of A. A. Mayberry, deceased.  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by order of the above entitled court, executrix of the last will and testament of A. A. Mayberry, deceased, and that she has qualified as the law directs. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present them to me, with proper vouchers, at my store in Adams, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof. Dated April 16, 1928.

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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 William H. Bishop, deceased.  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the above entitled court executrix of the last will and testament of William H. Bishop, deceased, and she has qualified as the law directs. All

persons having claims against the estate are hereby notified to present the same with proper vouchers, within six months from the date hereof, to me at my home at the Umatilla Indian Agency, or at the office of my attorney, Stephen A. Lowell in Despain Block, Pendleton, Oregon.

Dated this 16th day of April, 1928.  
LOUISA S. BISHOP, Executrix.  
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### NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

In the Matter of the Estate of O. W. B. Zerba, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his final account and report in the above entitled matter and that the above entitled Court has fixed Saturday, the 28th day of April, 1928, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A. M. of said day, as the time, and the County Court room in the County Court house at Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon, as the place, for hearing of said final account and report. Objections to said final account and report should be filed on or before that date.

Dated at Athena, Oregon, this 20th day of March, 1928.

Ernest A. Zerba, Administrator of the Estate of O. W. B. Zerba, Deceased.  
Watts & Prestbye, Athena, Oregon, Attorneys for Estate. M30A27

### SUMMONS

(Equity No. 4529)  
In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

Catherine Foster, Plaintiff, vs. Charles Foster, Defendant.  
To Charles Foster, Defendant above named:

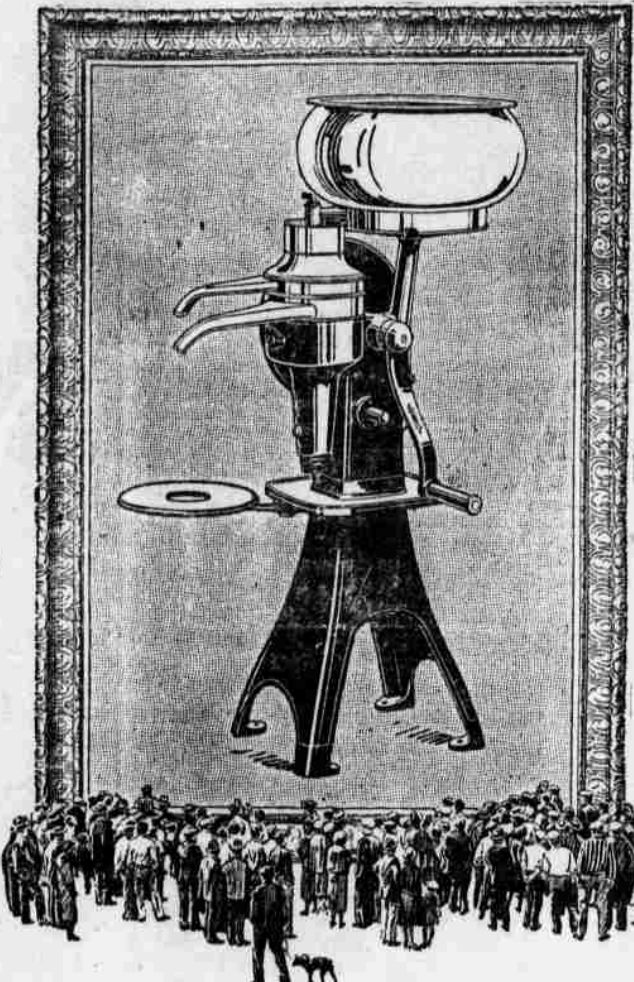
In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of the plaintiff filed against you in the above entitled suit, within four weeks of the date of the first publication of this summons to-wit: on or before Friday, the 20th day of April, 1928; and you will take notice that if you fail to appear and answer the said complaint or otherwise plead thereto within said time, the plaintiff for want thereof will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for and demanded in plaintiff's said complaint, namely, for a decree of the Court forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony now and heretofore existing between plaintiff and defendant, for the care and custody of their minor child, Vida Foster, and for other equitable relief.

This summons is published pursuant to an order made in this cause by Honorable James Alger Fee, Circuit Judge of the above entitled Court, dated March 21st, 1928. The first publication of this summons will be made in the Athena Press on Friday the 23rd day of March, 1928, and the last publication will be made on Friday the 20th day of April, 1928.

Dated at Freewater, Oregon, this 21st day of March, 1928.

G. H. Bishop, Attorney for Plaintiff. Post office address: Freewater, Oregon. M23A20

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