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FOR DEFENSE AND CRIME PREVENTION

Ever so often we read of what a penance it would be in crime suppression if the sale of firearms were prohibited. Loosing sight of the fact that a 12-inch piece of gaspipe covered with a rag could easily be replaced as a weapon by the thug in place of the revolver and could be used by him with almost the same effectiveness, the plea for sales restriction on firearms is still raised regardless of consequences. On the other hand the method of perfecting men and boys of the nation in the art of marksmanship with rifle and revolver for national defense goes on, and in the perfection of the art of handling firearms, to a great extent is served protection of the individual. In this connection, the Manufacturer observes that the annual National Matches, for small arms and rifle practice, to be held this year at Camp Perry, Ohio, between August 26 and September 16, in which army, navy and marine and police members and civilians will compete for many trophies, are outstanding agencies in preparing American citizens for national defense and for combating crime. Each year approximately 1200 men go through the school of instruction at the National Matches, which teaches them not only how to shoot, but how to teach others to shoot, with the result that by the end of the following year a minimum of 150,000 men throughout the entire country, receive great benefit from this instruction. Sanctioned as the Matches are by the Congress of the United States and the War Department, as well as important patriotic associations, they are of paramount value in giving citizens active competition against the very best shots in the nation and mark the great event of the year for small arms enthusiasts. The importance of the National Matches in preparing citizens for national defense cannot be over-estimated. It is well known that the remarkable effectiveness of American troops in all wars has resulted from familiarity with small arms.

The National Matches contribute largely toward meeting a still greater contingency—that of crime. Wars, fortunately, occur but seldom but we are never safe from the ravages of the criminal class. It is easily seen how law-abiding citizens, who possess and can use small arms, present one of the most effective possible means for discouraging law breakers. The thug, the sneak thief, the second-story man and the highway robber are a great deal less active if they know they are in danger of receiving lead from a well aimed pistol while carrying on their professions. The National Matches is supported by American citizens.

GETTING OUT THE VOTE

It is computed that if every American citizen, twenty-one years old and over and not disqualified from voting, should go to the polls next November a total of 53,000,000 ballots would be cast. Against this, says the Morning Oregonian, we have 29,091,417 as the precise number who availed themselves of the franchise in 1924. In other words, a little less than 52 per cent.

No reasonably careful observer of events can have failed to be impressed by the reception accorded to Herbert Hoover's address of acceptance, as broadcast by radio to whatever point the observer might have happened to be. Listeners were everywhere. There were receiving facilities at the pleasure resorts, in hotel lobbies, in distant ranger stations, in remote mining camps, in farm and city homes. Without regard to the political predilections of owners, it is probable with few exceptions they were put to use. Later, when Governor Smith also lets it be formally known that he will run for president, and as the issues of the campaign are developed, we shall note similar phenomena.

It is therefore conceivable that Mark Sullivan was right when he predicted that the vote in November will be "sensationally large." It would not be surprising if the 40,000,000 predicted by enthusiasts would be exceeded. Radio furnishes the means of contact and promises to contribute largely toward solution of the problem of the stay-at-home vote.

We are all pretty well read up on the value of vitamin A, but "A" is not in it with vitamin D. "D" will make bow legs and knock knees shapely, say Chiropractors. If that's so, what will happen when the discovery of vitamin G is made?

A two year old Maine child was rescued from the talons of a monster eagle by the child's brother. After the rescue the eagle soared to a nearby tree and remained there all day. Apparently shooting is a lost art in Maine, or maybe the family was away from home.

The biggest yield of wheat per acre that we have heard of this season, comes from Toppenish, Washington, where a farmer took 848 bushels from eight acres of land. That would be 106 bushels per acre; if the acres were correctly measured acres.

With 80 head of mules, harvesting machinery and crews to run them, an Athena man will furnish the backbone of the motion picture, "Our Daily Bread," which is to be filmed in a wheat field south of Athena, by a Fox company of screen stars.

A Hoquiam, Washington, man has a bunch of snow worms pickled in a bottle of alcohol, and is endeavoring to prove that the snow worm is a step-sister to the glow worm.

A ten-cent street car fare is in effect in 219 cities of this country, and it goes without saying that the automobile and gas business is increasing in those cities also.

Millions listened to Hoover speak over the radio, and in October the same millions—and many more—will listen in when the World's series comes to bat.

Wheat has touched the lowest level on the Chicago market since 1921. Kansas' 179,044,000 crop furnished the last straw in sending the price down.

Two circuses over the week-end furnished ample excuse for dad to get a whiff of the sawdust, along with the youthful members of the family.

It isn't necessary to suppose that the mayor of Lewiston, who shot an elephant at that place last week, is a democrat.

The Perringer ranch claims a record in harvesting 82,000 bushels of wheat from 2,000 acres in 17 days. Next!

The fame of the Golden Bear rowing crew has invaded Europe, where it won the Olympic classic at Amsterdam.

Fire follows blow-up.—Headline. However, there are fires without blowups and blow-ups with no fires.

22 Years Ago

August 17, 1906
Attorney Peterson was in Pendleton Wednesday on professional business.

Porter Graham, the well known Weston farmer, was in the city yesterday.

Charles Marsh and family arrived in the city yesterday from their home at Twin Falls, Idaho.

In the question of saloons or no saloons, Freewater went "wet" in the special election by a vote of 52 to 11. Byron Hawks returned yesterday from Moro, Sherman county, where he resigned his position in a drug-store.

Ed Barrett, the contractor, has returned from Waitsburg, where he built a 200-foot flume for the Preston-Parton Milling company.

Mrs. M. L. Watts and little daughter Vernita, are expected tomorrow from Lehman Springs where they have been stopping for several weeks.

Mrs. Will Campbell, who has been ill with typhoid fever at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Ogle in this city, has regained her health.

Charles Betts, of the Mosgrove Mercantile company, who is ill at his home in this city with fever, is getting along as well as could be expected.

John Peebler was taken seriously ill Saturday with muscular cramps, and Saturday night was in a critical condition. He is much better now, though he is still very weak.

A new 20-horse power J. I. Case engine, purchased from Peebler & Chamberlain by Joseph Ringle, arrived on the freight last night and was unloaded from the car this morning.

Louis Keen despairing of getting a threshing machine to his grain for some time, and rather than take the chance of having his wheat shatter out came to town yesterday and purchased a new header. He will stack his grain at once.

Miss Carrie Sharp arrived home Tuesday from Monmouth, after a continuous year in school. After the close of the Normal school in June Miss Sharp entered a summer school and is now thoroughly equipped for her duties as teacher in the Athena school.

Myrick postoffice, which was discontinued by the department some months ago, has been re-established. Postmaster Love is in charge and with the re-establishment of the office the people of that vicinity are brought into closer relationship with other communities.

Fifty bushels per acre was all that Charles Brotherton was able to save from a 300 acre crop. He will turn his hogs in the field to fatten on the down grain. Brotherton was after a big yield this year, but his wheat fell to a great extent, so he is trying to be satisfied with what he has

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