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**AVERT CARELESSNESS**

C. C. Crow, writing in Crow's Pacific Coast Lumber Digest, says that if all the citizens of Oregon and Washington could be sufficiently impressed with the fact that the northwest woods are at this time of the year a veritable tinder box of highly inflammable material, many of the disastrous fires that occur as the result of carelessness could be averted. Lumbermen and loggers use every precaution through July, August and September to guard against fire, which costs the industry hundreds of thousands of dollars annually. In many camps the sale and use of the so-called "tailor-made" cigarettes is prohibited through the dry months and it has been proven beyond any question that such a policy is well justified. Factory-made cigarettes, when carelessly tossed aside, frequently smolder until a breeze fans up sufficient heat to ignite inflammable dry grass or sticks upon which the stub has fallen and within a few minutes a conflagration is started that moves along at appalling speed, entirely beyond control of any kind of fire-fighting apparatus which can be brought into the isolated places where such fires usually occur. If an epidemic of some kind was to visit the northwest it would take but a limited amount of effort to get everyone interested in doing his part toward precautionary measures, principally because the threat of sickness is a menace which paints a mental picture easily visualized as meaning at least loss of time, unproductive expense and suffering. Forest fires carry the same threat, with the exception that the loss is not felt directly by many and the suffering is confined to those who work in the front ranks of our basic industry and therefore must pay the biggest part of the penalty for the thoughtlessness of people less conscious of the importance of this great danger. Forest fires destroy everything in their paths, game, fish and vegetation. Without our timbered mountains the northwest would not be the summer paradise that it is. Tourists marvel at our trees. Timber is the backbone of the commercial existence of Oregon and Washington. Fire destroys it. During the next 60 to 90 days it is incumbent upon every intelligent resident of these states to do his utmost to prevent forest fires.

**THE RACES**

The Magazine Time notes that after the Civil War, several Negroes were elected from Southern States to take seats in the House of Representatives. Soon those Negroes nominated youths of their own race for the U. S. service academies at Annapolis and West Point. In 1873 two young Negroes passed the Annapolis entrance examinations and were admitted. Within the year both resigned, because of "deficiencies in their studies." The next year, another Negro went to study at the Naval Academy. Before his plebe (first) term was out he was dismissed, for using "profane and vile" language to a classmate. So fared the only Negroes ever admitted to Annapolis. At West Point, Negroes fared better. Of twelve who were sent to West Point, three were graduated. The bones of one of them, Col. Charles Young, today rest in sacred Arlington as recognition of work well done in far-off Liberia. Last week, some 50 years after the Reconstruction Period began three new chapters in the history of Negroes at U. S. training schools. Dignified, grey-wooled Oscar de Priest, the Negro who has succeeded the late Martin Barnaby Madden as Representative of Chicago's black-belt 1st District, sent up the names of two young Negroes for admission to Annapolis. A third he nominated for West Point. All were boys from his District. All are high-school graduates with reputations for studious application, fine character. Laurence A. Whitfield and Claude Henson Burns are the Annapolis nominees. Alonzo Souleigh Parham, cadet major in his school's R. O. T. C., an expert with the rifle, is the West Point candidate. Last week Negro boy Burns failed his mental examination. Negro boy Whitfield failed to appear, but an alternate, Negro boy Charles Edward Weir, passed.

Three girls forced to cling on Tillamook head all night, when the tide prevented their return to Seaside, did not cry according to their statement, but they prayed all night as the spray from the breakers drenched them. Brave girls, they, but hereafter they will take time and tide into consideration when they start out on a beach hike.

The Germans have struck high "C" again by clipping eight hours from the Atlantic crossing record, formerly held by the Mauretania. The new Bremen on her maiden trip smashed through the waves at a 28.2 knot per hour clip, making the trip across in four days, 18 hours and 17 minutes. Mauretania had made it in five days, two hours and 34 minutes. The German beat her by eight hours and 17 minutes.

A woman driving a car on the Columbia Highway fell asleep at the wheel. When she awakened her car was smashed up against another in a major collision. Strange to relate, both cars were wrecked, but occupants escaped with minor injuries. The unexpected happens when you least expect it.

English bread prices are mounting in sympathy with Canada's short wheat crop. A four pound loaf of bread sells in London for twenty-one cents. It's a hard blow to the bread lines of the unemployed.

Senator LaFollette has asked President Hoover for his opinion on tariff revision. Our guess is that the president will not hesitate to inform the senator where he stands on revision of the tariff.

China maintains a strangle hold on the Chinese Eastern railway, and will rely on the League of Nations and the Kellogg pact to prevent Russia from taking it away from her through armed force.

While it is pointed out there is no provision in Canadian laws prohibiting airplanes from transporting booze, the dominion government will endeavor to stop the traffic, just the same.

Twenty-seven banking institutions in Florida have closed their doors since July 4th. Down in California they declare the Florida bubble has burst, in a sort of "I-told-you-so" way.

Russia in declining offers of mediation, may be inviting spice into the Harbin war game, should Japan become involved.

Two hundred Chinese business men are coming to the United States to see our big industrial plants, and how.

The French have adopted the Mellon-Berenger debt settlement, but they insist in talking about it.

With beans and peas flourishing on summer fallow ground, this begins to look like a two-crop country.

London has cut out the jazz and reverted to the waltz. Sensible old London!

**21 Years Ago**

Friday, July 31, 1908

The nine McRea combined harvesters which are being operated in Umatilla county wheat fields this season are said to be giving satisfaction, and Alex's friends are congratulating him on the success of his invention.

As the harvest season progresses the more it is proved that the crop this year is far below par in yield. Thirty to 35 bushels per acre, with one or two 40 bushel yields is this year's record of Athena wheat fields. And smut is to be reckoned with, also. But the market is strong and prices are good. The prices realized on a strong market will go a long way toward making up the deficiency in yield. Only a few sales are reported in Athena to date, but the wheat sold, brought 75 to 78 cents per bushel.

The elevator building, purchased from the Pacific Coast Elevator company by the Preston Parton Milling company, is now nearing its new site at the mill. The big building was successfully moved from its location in the north part of town, and arrived at its destination in good condition.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Sanders fell from a horse Saturday, with the result that her right arm was fractured near her wrist. Dr. Sharp reduced the fracture and the little girl is doing as well as could be expected.

The funeral of T. W. Brotherton took place Sunday afternoon from the residence of Charles Brotherton, the services being conducted by Rev. Blood. Undertaker Miller accompanied the remains from Salem.

Editor Bert Huffman is sojourning among the pines and huckleberry bushes at Kamela.

A marriage license has been issued to Henry Thompson and Martha Beck, both of this county.

Mrs. Frank Coolidge returned Saturday from an extended visit to relatives and friends in Moro and Hood River.

James Mosgrove returned to his home near Nanton, Alberta, yesterday. Mr. Mosgrove came down from Alberta a couple of weeks ago.

Wm. Winship and Agent Smith, of the O. R. & N., drove to the mountains Sunday, prospecting for huckleberries. They report the crop in Cold Spring vicinity to be a flat failure.

An explosion, caused by smut resulted in total destruction by fire of the McGuire threshing outfit, together with about 1400 sacks of wheat, on the Raymond ranch, near Walla Walla.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Tharp, Frank Tharp and children went to Pendleton by auto. On the return trip, weak batteries caused the machine to stop working and the party returned home by team.

As a result of smutty wheat, three threshing machine fires have occurred in Umatilla county, this season. Machines belonging to Isaac Christopher, Frank Brotherton and J. H. Huddleman have been destroyed.



**The KITCHEN CABINET**  
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My son, often times a man vehemently struggles for something he desireth, and when he hath arrived at it, he beginneth to be of another mind, for man's affections do not long continue fixed on one object, but rather do urge him from one thing to another.—Thomas a Kempis.

**SUMMER FOODS**

There is no fruit more appetizing than fresh ripe currants. Sugar them well and serve as a cocktail, as a breakfast dish or as dessert.

**Currants With Ice Cream.**—Sugar the ripe fruit, let stand a half hour then crush them through a ricer. Put a tablespoonful of currants into a sherbet glass, add a layer of ice cream and finish with more currants.

**Banana Date and Nut Salad.**—Cut six balls from ripe but firm bananas for each salad, roll in chopped nuts. Stuff dates (using three or four) with the pieces left after making the balls. Arrange on lettuce and serve with

**Maple Sirup Dressing.**—Heat one-fourth cupful of sirup to the boiling point, pour over three egg yolks, beating all the time, cook one minute; add one-half teaspoonful of lemon juice, one-fourth teaspoonful of salt, and just before serving add one-half cupful of cream, beaten stiff.

**Icebox Pudding.**—Take one pound of vanilla wafers, one large can of pineapple, one cupful of nut meats, one-half pound of butter and four eggs. Cream the butter with one-half cupful of sugar, then add the eggs one at a time and beat twenty minutes. Put the nut meats and the wafers through a meat grinder and make alternate layers of crumbs with the pineapple and the creamed filling until all is used. Place in the ice box twelve hours before using. Serve with whipped cream.

**Orange Souffle.**—Cover one-half cup of gelatin with one-half cupful of cold water; after ten minutes add one-half cupful of boiling water and stir until dissolved. Mix two cupfuls of orange juice, two cupfuls of sugar, and stir until the sugar is dissolved. Beat six egg yolks to a cream and add with the gelatin mixture to the sirup. Put into a basin, stand in ice water and stir until it thickens. The juice of two lemons improves the dish; add one quart of cream and freeze.

**Swedish Vikings Not Only Great Fighters**  
The Swedish Viking was not merely a feared raider. He was also a businesslike trader. This fact has been demonstrated by archeological discoveries, and Swedish scientists have concluded that while the written sagas lay greater emphasis on the warlike exploits, the unwritten record dug up from beneath the ground presents a better-balanced picture. In other words, the Viking has been a victim of contemporary yellow journalism on the part of the "skalds" or minstrels. The more sober modern scientists have set out to right the balance.

Even in the Bronze age, long before the Viking era, Sweden had an active foreign trade, the archeological finds disclose, so that the traditions of regular Swedish imports and exports are at least 3,500 years old. Ancient implements, weapons, coins and pottery found in Sweden prove that the inhabitants entertained trade relations with their neighbors on the European continent as early as 6,000 years ago.

These relations attained their heyday about 1500 to 1300 B. C. The art, ornaments, designs and habits of the Mediterranean people strongly influenced the Swedes, through the latter developed them into an independent and national Swedish culture.—Exchange.

**How Great Men Died**  
When Napoleon felt that his last hour was approaching he did not put on the imperial robe and crown, but asked to be dressed in his field marshal's uniform, even to the boots.

Augustus Caesar arose from his couch, carefully adjusted his toga and met death standing. Julius Caesar, when slain, drew the folds of his toga over his face that his enemies might not see his death agony. Sward, earl of Northumberland, left his bed and put on his armor, saying: "A man should not die like a beast." Lord Nelson, while being carried below with the fatal bullet in his back, took out a silk handkerchief and covered his face to conceal it from the crew.

**Federal Constitution**  
The states in existence at the time of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States had constitutions of their own and it was upon these that the federal one was patterned. The states developed their documents from Colonial charters, which in turn were modeled upon the careers of mercantile companies of the Fifteenth and Sixteenth centuries. Massachusetts is the only state which retains the constitution framed at that period, but it has been revised and amended. All the states, however, in their modern constitutions retain many of the principles and much of the framework of the older documents.

**Who Wants an Imitation?**  
WOULD you call on your local merchant and ask him for "imitation" sugar, or raisins, or coffee? Would you ask him to sell you a pair of shoes made of something "just as good" as leather? Or a suit of clothes "made for" a man, whether or not it fits you?

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Excess over 30 KWH used, per month.....3c per KWH  
The above rates apply when bills are paid in full within 10 days from date of bill. Otherwise, the rate will be increased by 10 per cent on each item.  
**Commercial Rates**  
First 100 KWH used per month.....10c per KWH  
Next 200.....7c per KWH  
Next 300.....6c per KWH  
Next 400.....5c per KWH  
Next 1000.....4c per KWH  
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