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Clark Wood Says—

"The senate's refusal to take gypsum off the free list indicates that while consumers may be mulcted in other ways, it won't be gypsum that gyps 'em."

A half million forest and shade trees are now being grown by Oregon and the federal government for free distribution to Oregon farmers who desire them to establish wood lots, shelter belts, or for landscape purposes, according to a new state pamphlet, "Tree Planting on Oregon Farms," written by George W. Peavy, dean of forestry to Oregon State college. Tree planting in Eastern Oregon is notably on the increase since availability of nursery stocks was announced a couple of years ago, and many farm homes in the Inland Empire which formerly were treeless, will, in the not distant future be bathed in the shadows of shade.

Although many persons still do not believe that spontaneous combustion ever actually takes place, there is definite scientific proof of it, and many a farmer has learned it from the sad experience of watching his barn "go up in smoke." It is estimated, in fact, that farmers of the United States sustain a loss of nearly 30 million dollars annually from this cause. However, even this, says the Oregon Experiment station, is small compared with the loss in values through deteriorated quality and condition of grain or hay, due to spontaneous heating which does not proceed to the ignition stage.

Comparison of the present stocks of potatoes with those of 1929 would indicate that better prices to the grower are in the offing. Oregon potatoes in storage for sale on January 1, 1930 were estimated at 1,558,000 bushels according to a report of the United States Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates re-issued through Oregon's Federal-State Crop Reporting Service. On January 1, a year ago potato stocks in Oregon were almost twice as large, the revised estimate being 2,974,000 bushels.

Chicago business men in addition to offering \$20,000,000 as a fund for financing city government, seem disposed to tackle the crime problem. They offer \$5,000 reward for the apprehension of the killers of a construction superintendent. If they will go a step further and import about 200 Texas rangers, then go fishing and forget about it, when they return they may use that reward money to purchase new uniforms for the police force. It would be all over by then.

The LaGrande District News, a good newspaper as a weekly, is a splendid newspaper when published semi-weekly, as it now is. The District News is filling a real niche in Eastern Oregon newspaperdom in general, for it is a reliable disseminator of information concerning the biggest and best part of the state. And as for Union county and La Grande, now that they have semi-weekly service, the wonder is how did they ever get along without it.

These explorers have nerve and a heap of it. "You may not hear from me for 12 months. If nothing is heard after 12 months you will know I am lost and it will then be too late to send out a rescue party. I have fine fellows with me in whom I have every confidence—good mechanic, good plane," wrote Sir Hubert Wilkins in a note when he started on his recent journey into the Antarctic.

If it was excitement Americans were hunting the other day when they invaded Mexico City to see a new president inaugurated, they found it. Indeed, the new president himself was made the target for the occasion. Mexico is original or nothing, when it comes to furnishing entertainment for guests.

Wild Life Lines says—"One lone wolf will kill half a dozen beef steers on the range in a day, just for exercise and the sport of it. A pack of the vicious killers can do far more damage." That being true, Umatilla county stockmen should feel grateful that their wolves are coyotes.

Al Capone expresses a desire to serve the public—just as though he is not doing that same, right now in a Philadelphia jail. We're in favor of Philadelphia remaining as guardian

of Al. The Quaker city is "handling" this gangster chap. Chicago never did; or wouldn't.

We read that fifty years ago in Portland, lived a printer whose wife had presented him with their fifteenth child. We have been inclined to recognize superiority in Portland members of the craft, but had no idea that it dated back so far.

Oregon has 170 weekly newspapers, 33 dailies, and about 60 magazines, requiring the use each week of probably four million sheets of paper, 5 tons of ink, and the efforts of several thousand persons in their publication.

Will Rogers said the joker of the conference parley is to be found in pride, not power. "More pride is involved in the conference, than ships," is the way William has sized it up. And maybe he is right.

Due to the fact that the republican party in Oregon has a superabundance of gubernatorial candidates, it necessarily follows that some one of them will receive the nomination in the May primaries.

The harnessmaker may keep his "horse," but nowadays he cobbles shoes on it. As Charley Norris used to say to the automobile: "Go on, you put me out of business, darn you."

A Yakima youth's birthday party was halted when he went to jail for stealing an automobile. Surely he didn't get more joy out of his ride than he would have had at the party.

From the report we read of Chicago hunting real wolves with air planes, we conclude that there are two kinds of wolves preying upon the winy city.

There seems to be little danger of depletion in the stock of used cars—not if the industry turns out 5,000,000 new ones in 1930, as promised.

In a week-end raid, Chicago police round up 1000 gangster suspects, but no leaders. What will they do with them? Turn 'em loose.

Weir L. Crawford, Portland youth, stole an automobile. Drove it to San Francisco. Police shot him. A short story.

Britain don't like the submarine nohow; she'll take hers in cruisers.



"The man who is ever seeking to do his best, is the one who is keen, active, wide awake and aggressive. He is ever watchful of himself in trifles. His standard is not 'What will the world say?' but 'What is worthy of me?'"

WINTER DAINTIES

During the winter when the citrus fruits are the most plentiful and cheapest, is the time to preserve, candy and dry them for use in various ways. Sections of orange are glazed in a heavy fruit sirup, making a most attractive and delightful treatable attraction.

Candied Orange Peel.—Cover the peel of four oranges with two quarts of water, bring slowly to the boiling point and simmer until the peel is tender. Drain and let stand until cool, then remove all the inner white skin and cut the peel into strips. Boil two cupsful of sugar with one-half cupful of water until it spins a thread. Put in part of the peel and boil for five minutes; remove with a fork and roll in granulated sugar. Grapefruit or lemon may be treated in the same way. A mixture of the three, tinting with green, yellow or pink, any one or all of them, makes a very attractive confection to serve with a cup of tea.

Fruit and Nut Paste.—Put through the food chopper two cupsful of dates, after stoning them. Mix with one cupful of peanut butter and one teaspoonful of salt. Take spoonfuls of the mixture and form into small apples. Place a clove for the blossom end and a bit of orange peel for a stem.

Filling for a Layer Cake.—Boil two cupsful of sugar until it threads, then pour slowly over three stiffly-beaten egg whites; add one-half cupful of citron finely shredded, one cupful of raisins, one-half cupful of dates or figs, and one pound of blanched and chopped almonds. Spread between the layers of any delicate white cake.

Baked Bananas.—Cook one-half cupful of seedless raisins in one and one-half cupful of boiling water for half an hour, thicken with flour and butter cooked together, add a tablespoonful of lemon juice and pour over the baked bananas. A grating of lemon peel is an addition, or a bit of vanilla

THE LEADER AND FOLLOWER

(By E. E. Coad, Supt.)

How many people assemble facts and then make up their minds? I do not know. We belong to the same church our parents belonged to; we join the same lodge or the same political party our fathers belonged to; and so on down the line.

Still that is not such an unmixed calamity after all. If all had the qualities of leadership what would they do for a following. Organization depends upon a following. There must be a group to be led. But to be a follower does not signify that one should be a deaf, dumb and blind partisan. He at least should have enough sense to not tie to a basso profundo voice and elemental gall and nothing else.

It requires good judgment and common sense and great deal of wisdom to be a good follower. It takes more than elementary knowledge to pick a good leader. One cannot be actuated by proximity, or by friendship, or by the influence of others who "have an axe to grind."

It requires just as wise training to make a good follower as to make a good leader. As a matter of fact the qualities of leadership are magnetic and appeal to the mass emotions of people. The real leader is the man who does the thinking and planning for the nominal leader. Often he is but a nominal follower.

Then there are people who would take over a job of leadership with no visible qualification for it. They place too much credence in the Providence that looks after the welfare of the mentally incompetent.

The follower at least should know enough to know who and what he is following. Usually where there is some loyal and self sacrificing soul shouting himself black in the face in his enthusiasm for the dear people, there is someone in the background pulling the strings that make him dance his tune.

The gist of all this is that the followers are responsible for their leaders. They pick 'em.

Big Demand for Stone From Historic Quarry

Called upon to design a marble structure, the architects of a half century or more ago, demanded a pure white stone and one of the few quarries of this country which deliver the desired article was that at Beaver Dam, Md. The stone for the very first Washington monument in Baltimore was made from stone from this quarry, and from the same source was obtained, in the early "fifties," the stone for the beautiful, fluted, monolithic columns that adorn the wings of the National Capitol itself. There are 108 of these columns and each is 28 feet in length. The handsome senate office building in Washington has its facade finished with Beaver Dam marble; and the spires of St. Patrick's cathedral, in New York city, likewise are built of this effective and enduring material.

In order to get the pure white stone which was demanded it was necessary to remove an overlying stratum, which had some color in it and therefore this material was scrapped. Now, however, the stone with a little color in it is highly regarded by architects and the big waste pile at the Beaver Dam quarry was used in the construction of a gigantic building in Detroit, Mich.

How Napoleon Got Start

Napoleon Bonaparte's father had recently laid the foundation for the family fortunes when on a visit to Paris he succeeded in getting free admission into the military school of Brienne for his son. The elder Bonaparte was a lawyer in Corsica and although he had taken a vigorous part in defending the island against the French, when resistance had become useless he found himself not averse to joining their interest. Napoleon was only sixteen when his father died.—Detroit News

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SCARLET FEVER IS MENACE TO CHILDREN.

(Oregon State Board of Health)

In 1929, 1249 cases of scarlet fever were reported in the state of Oregon. Last month there was an increase in the number of cases, reports the Oregon State Board of Health. Fortunately, the average case of scarlet fever is light, nevertheless, seventeen children died last year of this disease. Scarlet fever is known as one of the most dangerous of the children's diseases. The after effects, though often remote, are frequent and severe, and they include not only rheumatism, but heart disease and diseases of the kidneys. The most common complication of scarlet fever is running ears, and the inflammation that is set up is the outstanding cause of deafness and deafmutism in children previously normal.

Scarlet fever like measles begins with symptoms of a cold in the nose and throat. Like measles it is spread by personal contact with cases of the disease. It is spread by so-called droplets—thousands of moisture particles sprayed into the air from the throat and nose when the patient talks, coughs or sneezes.

While it is no easy matter to control the spread of scarlet fever, every effort should be made to prevent its spread. Not only should the actual and suspected cases be isolated but also the children who have been exposed. This applies to all children who have not previously had the disease and who have played or worked with a scarlet fever patient within three days before the rash appeared.

We are too careless in taking chances of spreading unrecognized infections. The present problem of scarlet fever should teach parents to have a keen sense of personal and family responsibility in matters of disease. The habit of taking precautions should be formed. The prevention of scarlet fever and all children's diseases is to a great extent a question of conscience. It is not honorable to allow a sick child to attend school and endanger the entire school.

Scarlet fever is spread by contact with discharges from the mouth and nose, by carriers, by milk and possibly by domestic pets. We have a test for scarlet fever susceptibility, a diagnostic test for the disease itself, two methods of immunization and a specific serum treatment. Methods of preventing complications are well developed, as are methods of isolation and quarantine. Scarlet fever is a highly preventable disease which may be almost or possibly entirely eradicated.

"Blue Devils" Win Again

For the second time this season the Wa-Hi blue devils defeated Mac-Hi at basketball, score 25-21. Mac-Hi has been defeated but twice this season, and each time Wa-Hi turned the trick.

Tum-A-Lum Tickler

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Editorial
We found out that a woman's intuition is what tells her she is right when she is wrong.
(A. M. Johnson, Editor)

"Tommy, can you tell me one of the uses of cowhide?"
"Er, yessir. It keeps the cows together."

Husbands—Ask your wife where she would like to have another shelf or cupboard.
Wives—Tell your husband about those little things that need fixing around the house. Head him toward our hangout and we will give him the necessary lumber and other items. (P. S. The charge for same will be small.)

Pomes:
Spring has come
Winter has went
It was not done
By an accident.

The snow has gone
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A scientist has discovered that the weather can not be controlled but then neither can weather prophets.

LOST—A fountain pen by a young man, full of ink. Return to this office.

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Lum: If a burglar should break into the coal cellar would the coal chute?

Ber: No, but the kindling wood.

"Dear Editor: I went out with a young man a

few nights ago and drank two gin fizzes, five glasses of red wine, a taste of moonshine and two coffee royals. Did I do anything wrong?"

Answer: "You probably did."

This age isn't more wicked than the age of our fathers—it just fails to pull down the shades.

"Why do married men live longer than single men?"

"Oh, they don't. It just seems longer."

Hubby (on phone)—
"Lo, honey, I'll be awfully busy at the office and won't be home 'til late."

Wife—"Can I depend on that?"

Though it is not generally known, snails never use asbestos brake linings.

23 Years Ago

Friday, February 15, 1907

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Thomas have moved to the house opposite the Northern Pacific elevator in the northwest part of town.

Miss Fannie Tharp, one of the efficient operators at the local telephone office, has resigned. It is understood that the position has been offered Miss Eva Rider.

A team from Milton came over Sunday, bringing the first mail from the north to arrive here in several days. Milton and Freewater mail from Portland and the east was taken from here on the return trip.

There is 14 inches of water in the basement of N. A. Miller's furniture store, and it continues to rise at the rate of two inches per day. Mr. Miller will probably install a large pump to keep the water down.

W. R. Taylor, who is serving on the jury, drove up from Pendleton Sunday. He found traveling at its worst the roads being in a deplorable condition. Mr. Taylor returned to Pendleton yesterday morning.

By letter it is learned that the condition of Rev. Geo. T. Ellis, who is in California, has turned for the worse. An incipient fire at the home of Mr. T. J. Kirk, some time ago, where Mr. Ellis was stopping at the time, caused him to become very much excited, since which time he has become much enfeebled in health. He and Mrs. Ellis are at present in Los Angeles.

The Athena fire department now has an all night electric light service at the three fire stations. The Preston-Parton Milling company furnishes power for the service gratis, the city paying for the wiring and installation only. The department stations of Hose company No. 1, Hose company No. 2 and the Hook and Ladder company are each lighted with a 32 candle power incandescent light, which is sufficient for all purposes.

The ditches holding the pipe line at the head of the city water works system have been washed out by high water. Water Superintendent Gholson and men with teams have been making repairs during the past few days. The ditches are being refilled with dirt in as substantial a manner as possible.

The bad condition of the roads northwest of town was the cause of at least two upsets in that neighborhood last week. John Walker overturned a hack containing his family in about four foot of water, and Mr. LaHue, while driving with his wife and children and Mrs. James Woodruff and little daughter, had his hack turned upside down in the mud. Fortunately no one was hurt in either accident.

Representative C. A. Barrett is confined to his bed in Salem with a pronounced attack of pneumonia and is under the care of Senator Cole, of Pendleton. Mr. Barrett was compelled to leave his seat in the legislature Wednesday afternoon and go to his bed. He had been ailing for several days. Mrs. Barrett is in attendance at his bedside.

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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.

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