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Clark Wood Says—

"We understand France to favor the reduction of armaments with the exception of fighting craft above, upon and under the sea."

A SANE COURSE

"It is refreshing to see Portland's mayor approach the conditions created by unemployment on a different plane from that used by other mayors," comments the Portland Journal.

"It has been the habit in numerous instances for mayors to describe the unemployed as 'Reds,' to talk of defending their cities against the menace of 'Communism,' and to order police to disperse crowds who were seeking employment."

"Mayor Baker, instead of declaring war on the 'Reds,' has met with Portland employers and business men in an effort to find means of providing more work. He is seeking to get jobs for the jobless. He is trying to relieve a serious situation by providing work instead of calling out police reserves."

"The mayor's plans may or may not provide the necessary jobs, but he is at least meeting the situation by attempting to remove its cause rather than by rattling the sabre and shouting 'Reds!' from the house-tops at men who ask for nothing but a chance to earn a living."

Just listen to this edict, coming from the 'Fish Eater's League of Oregon,' a new organization, apparently boosting for the commercial fishing interests: "If in the event any of the coast streams are closed to commercial fishing, the league will advocate use of state-owned traps in all streams that are closed. These traps will stop all of the fish and 30 per cent will be released for hatchery and sporting purposes, the remaining 70 per cent will be sold to the highest bidder. But this course would deprive thousands of men from their present legitimate employment, and stop a large annual payroll, and is offered by the league only as a remedy of last resort."

Perhaps the most unusual provision ever contained in the last will and testament of a human being has come to light in Boston. It is nothing more or less than a command by the testator that after death a portion of his skin should be removed from his body and used to bind the cover of a book he had written. Whether or not there was sufficient epidemics to bind more than one copy of the author's works is not stated, but the fact that but a single copy is known to be in existence, would indicate that the book is a whale of a big one or the bindery ran out of binding material.

Charles Hall, republican candidate for governor, is making the personal and activities of the public service commission an issue in his campaign. Up to the minute, it appears that Mr. Hall, vibrant and spontaneous as he is, is experiencing no difficulty in acquiring campaign issues—just so it is an issue, seems to be ok with Mr. Hall. Being a promoter of parts, it stands Mr. Hall in hand to be able to promote issues at this time.

Uh-huh! Corvallis Chamber of Commerce is going to stage a cowboy breakfast, giving a bid to neighbors to come to the auto park and join in. There may be a cowboy or two down in the college town who can flap a flapjack in academic form, but if the Chamber knows its pork-and, it will slip Hank Collins and Bill Switzer an S. O. S. With these two Round-up hoppers on the job, things would slide along yip-yip.

Will Rogers believes Hoover should smoke Coolidge out and see whether he has designs on the presidency in the next campaign by offering Cal a job on the supreme court bench. The mayor of Beverley Hills sizes it up this way: If Coolidge accepts he is off the presidential idea; if he refuses he is on again.

John Held, Jr., is out with a somewhat humorous announcement to the effect that the path of the cartobnist

does not always lead through beds of roses nor is their bread always sopped in gravy. Well, after one has inspected John's illustrations in the Old Gold cigarette ads, it is easy to conclude that he knows whereof he speaks.

With few railroads in South America, accidents are rare. But when one does occur it is a real one. The latest is reported from Rio de Janeiro. The brakes let loose on a passenger train coming down a mountain grade. The train bolted the track on a curve and plunged 500 feet into a canyon. Thirty dead and fifteen fatally injured were taken from the wreck.

Speaking in the full knowledge of parenthood, President Hoover told the nation over the radio that the boy—with his sister—is the most precious possession of the American home, and counseled that his leisure time he employed to direct his interests to constructive joy instead of destructive glee.

King George is in the stamp business. He recently gave \$2000 for an Australian collection of rare Commonwealth stamps to put away in his scrap-book. Now that we know the king's hobby, we can feel as though we've sorter got his number.

Recently completing a study of the psychology of clothing, Helen E. Robson, assistant professor of textiles and clothing at Washington State college, declares "man is naturally an unclothed animal." Dog-gone it, we've always thought so, too.

Twenty-five years ago the Japanese war craft under command of Admiral Togo, smashed the Russian Baltic fleet in battle in the Sea of Japan. And the land of cherry blossoms remembers it and is going to hold a national celebration on May 27.

It may be only a bluff, but anyway France is holding up the disarmament parley program—to the disappointment, the discouragement, the dismay, the distrust, the distraction, the disgust, and a few other disses of everybody.

"Doc" Cook is out again. With no more poles to discover, he's headed back to Texas; the place from whence he came to Leavenworth prison.



The KITCHEN CABINET

"It is indeed a divine capacity to be able to take today and tomorrow for granted and let the day after tomorrow be the day that looks after itself."

EARLY SPRING DAINTIES

The fresh pink rhubarb is now at its best, tender, and delicious. Wash and cut into half-inch slices without peeling. Put into a baking dish, add sugar to taste, a bit of cinnamon, lemon peel or nutmeg and a bit of butter, cover and bake until the sauce is a deep red color.

Asparagus is another early spring vegetable which is so well liked. Cooked, served with butter or cream well seasoned, on toast, there is no more appetizing dish. With a golden sauce, adding the beaten yolks of eggs to a lightly thickened white sauce, it may be served with the stalks uncut and a spoonful of the rich sauce over three or four for each serving. The liquor in which the asparagus is cooked should be used in the sauce, as much of the valuable mineral content is dissolved in it from the vegetable while cooking.

Another more elaborate way of serving the cooked stalks: cover with butter and sprinkle with grated cheese. Put under the gas flame to melt the cheese and serve hot.

Spinach is so good, so wholesome and essential for growing children, that if it is served, well seasoned, there will be no reason for their not liking it, or refusing to eat it. We have all had spinach, served as a vegetable, improperly drained and with absolutely no seasoning except perhaps a bit of salt, that it is small wonder that we cannot train the youngsters to enjoy it.

Chard, cowslip greens, dandelion, and many of the weeds that come in our gardens, like rag weed and mustard, which if cooked with salt pork or simply cooked until tender and seasoned with plenty of butter or buttered crumbs and pepper and salt, make appetizing food.

Salmon is at its best in May. Where it is obtained fresh from the water it is very popular. Broil or boil it and serve with mayonnaise and horseradish. To two tablespoonfuls of the horseradish str in one cupful of mayonnaise dressing.

Nellie Maxwell

Remodeling the House

(By Tum-A-Lum Service)

Old homes have for many persons a charm wholly lacking in a new dwelling. It is the quality found only in the dwelling through which the breath of life has passed, one which has sheltered a generation or more of people and been an intimate part of their joys and sorrows.

For this reason many persons are reluctant to give up the old home for a new one. Modern home designers, though, appreciative of this indefinable appeal that clings to old homes, have devised ways of transforming old homes into beautiful modern dwellings and yet retaining in them that which is an essential part of their treasured charm.

These old homes can be given a new roof, new siding, additional rooms, an attractive porch and other features which improve their appearance and value without detracting from the qualities which may endear them to the owners. Extensive improvements can be made inside and out without loss of the lived-in feeling of the old home.

This is true especially if the old home is of wood. Because of the flexibility of this kind of construction any desired change in various parts of the house may be made without disturbing other parts. And the new may be joined to the old so smoothly that when the whole is painted there will be no indication of where the change was made.

The exterior appearance of the man's home conveys as much of his pride, personality and prosperity as do the hats, clothing and shoes he wears and the car he drives.

Many persons who give close attention to their clothes, and would not consider for a minute dressing after the mode of 20 years ago, live in homes built even more than a score of years ago. This is not by preference, doubtless, but rather because they feel unable to go to the expense of building a new home and do not realize that for a comparatively small expenditure they can have their homes completely modernized and beautified.

Most of the lumber in old houses is as sound as the day it was installed. Much of it, in fact, will be found to be a better construction material than when it was first used. This is because of its years of seasoning. Many architects and builders prefer this old lumber to new unseasoned material and use it for the most exacting purposes in apartments and other buildings.

Owners of old homes, therefore, have an assured value in their homes which it will pay them to make the most of. Homes of this type demand only the assistance of competent designers and mechanics to alter them and transform them into modern, livable homes, and this can be accomplished at a cost that will more than repay the investment made.

Space now occupied by large open porches, which are little used in this day, could well be torn away or transformed into sun parlors, dens, libraries, nooks or other rooms.

Interior partitions can be arranged to permit of greater conveniences, ceilings lowered, windows changed, and the unfinished attic transformed into rooms. Many large old fashioned kitchens have ample room for a breakfast nook or dining alcove.

There are numerous minor changes that skilled architects and builders can suggest in both exterior and interior that will add to the attractiveness and convenience of the home. Home owners are fortunate in that modernizing can become so advantageously here. Most of the old homes are of wood construction, which responds to the carpenter's tools and the painter's brush so readily that practically any desired change can be made. Furthermore, they have close at hand a wealth of fine building woods. No better woods for home building purposes can be found anywhere than the four principal commercial woods of the Northwest—Douglas fir, West Coast hemlock, Western red cedar and Sitka spruce, which are used extensively in all parts of the country for homes of all classes.

INSURANCE PLUS

Every motor vehicle should be protected by Public Liability and Property Damage insurance. Cost very little and is worth many times the cost. Every owner should carry Landlords, Owners and Tenants Liability insurance, only \$7.50 and may save your home. This is an age of ambulance chasers and damage suits. You owe it to yourself and to society. Neglect may wreck your fortune; it is waiting at the bung hole and eaving at the spigot. Liability protects you, life insurance protects your family. We write it and service our policies throughout the policy year. Insurance plus service.

B. B. RICHARDS

Foley's Honey and Tar wares cures, prevents pneumonia

SCHOOL TOPICS

(By Supt. E. E. Cozd)

The valuation of tangible property is often a difficult problem. The valuation of an intangible is a matter for experts only. Yet the average person seems to feel himself competent to pass judgment upon matters that would cause the most expert to pause and take the matter under advisement until he could have studied the details involved. In fact the more involved such matters of judgment may be the more emphatic is the decision of the incompetent critic. Suppose we apply the matter to something definite. Just what do you expect of a good school?

A few days ago I asked a school man how things were educationally in his home town. "Fine," he replied. "We had a winning football team; and we have won the most of the basketball games we were expected to win. We have had a fine year!"

Knowing his home town as I do and how the athletic tail wags the whole dog there, I was not overly surprised. Of course this sounds much cruder than it was intended, for my school friend was just being a bit sarcastic at the expense of the "sporting element" in his town that tries to run the school through the medium of athletic interest. He knows good school work as well as I do. But some people are inclined to value athletics merely from the winning side. The intangible values of good sportsmanship, of physical fitness derived from coordinated exercise, of emotional control in the midst of mob excitement, of games played because of interest in the games themselves with winning a mere incident of the game itself—these are the things the average person fails to see or understand. Yet they are the vital elements one must stress when arriving at an estimate of the value of school sports to the particular school.

Ask the average school patron what he thinks of the school and his mind reverts to the marks his own children have received on their report cards, to the accounts the children have brought home as to what they think of this teacher or that one, to the gossip he has heard here and there. He may not know one of the teachers by sight. He may never have talked with the school head and never have visited a class room session. But he feels that he is thoroughly competent and qualified to pass judgment upon the school and the proper rating of the teachers upon the basis of such data. Where one, who has spent a lifetime dealing with educational matters and with the human qualities of efficient teaching, often feels incompetent to pass judgment, the school critic passes out abstract judgment without batting an eye. It is not much wonder that so many of the red-blooded merely made teaching a stepping-stone to something else and than advised their sons to shun teaching as they would the plague.

No matter what it is that one passes opinion about, he needs to have all the facts in his possession before he is competent to pass worthwhile

23 Years Ago

Friday, March 15, 1907

John McQuary came down from his home near Delight, Washington, and spent several days last week at Milton.

Mrs. D. A. Richards writes friends in this city that she is now residing in Pasadena, California, and is enjoying fairly good health. Glen Saling has purchased a team and is getting ready to raise a large crop of potatoes. He has leased mountain land on which to plant the crop.

"Jack" Parker took time to steal away Tuesday and went down to Pendleton where he spent the day. The friends of Kyle McDaniel will be sorry to learn that in addition to his recent misfortunes, his only remaining child is seriously ill with typhoid fever, at Pendleton.

Ernest Zerba arrived home Sunday from a two weeks' stay at Myrtle, Idaho, where he visited his brother and uncles. He has again resumed his studies in the Normal at Weston.

Mrs. Jackson Nelson returned home Saturday from a week's visit with her daughter at Dixie, Wash. She reports her daughter and also her granddaughter as ill, and may return there tomorrow.

Sheldon Taylor and Arnold Wood went down to the county seat Saturday on the hurricane deck of their respective cayuses. Sheldon brought home a fine bay horse, the present of his father, Sheriff T. D. Taylor.

Last evening Miss Ada Ely entertained her friends in honor of St. Patrick's day in the evening. Appropriately, 17 was the number invited. Favors were dispensed, in the shape of bright green shamrock leaves. Games were played and cake and coffee served.

The fire ladders had splendid success with their annual ball, which was given Friday night under the auspices of the Athena Fire Department. Kershaw's orchestra rendered delightful music, the attendance was all that could be wished for and the net proceeds amounted to \$43.50.

Many friends in the city of Mr. Ora Rhodes and Miss Lucy Jenkins now of Hood River, have received cards announcing their wedding, which is to take place in Valley Christian Chapel near their home in Hood River valley on Wednesday, March twenty-seventh. The young couple will reside at that place.

Grocy and Scott have exchanged their grocery stock with Thomas Taggart of Vale, Oregon, for an 80 acre tract of land, located near that place. The consideration involved, amounts to \$3,600. Mr. Taggart is now in possession of the store. Mr. Scott will devote his entire attention to farming and Mr. Ely has not yet given out just what he will do.

"Judge" Richards was at his office bright and early this morning. He is now Justice of the Peace of Athena district, and last night qualified as city recorder. Mr. Richards has purchased the insurance business of O. G. Chamberlain, and from now will fill that gentleman's shoes in the capacity of general utility man for Athena.

judgment. Straws may indicate the direction of the wind without conveying any idea of value of the crop the stubble bore.

Tum-A-Lum Tickler

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Editorials: Never hesitate to ask for advice—everybody likes to give it. Fix up the fence. Puzzle Section: How many times can 11 be subtracted from 99? A blind man saw it, a legless man ran after it, a man with no arms shot it, a deaf man eulogized it. What is it? See answer at bottom of last column. Roses are red, Pears are not plums, When you think of building, See the Tum-A-Lum. Sport News: The baseball game between the boys of the Calf Ribs and Musket Ridge neighborhoods came to a sudden end yesterday, in the cow lot when Sile Kildew slid into what he thought was second base.

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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. Excess over 2000...3c per KWH

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