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NO OCCASION TO FEAR ARTIFICIAL GOLD

Modern chemistry has shown that at least some of the supposed elemental substances of the chemist, what he calls elements are in fact compounds. In all ordinary chemical processes these compounds behave like elements, but it is nevertheless possible by special chemical operations to show that they are divisible into more simple substances. This discovery has revived to some extent popular belief in alchemy, and there have been of late many suggestions in the press that gold may be made artificially, and become so abundant as to destroy completely such utility as it may have as a measure of value and a basis for currency.

It has even been stated that the late S. F. Emmons, of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, claimed to have made synthetic gold from silver dollars many years ago. Mr. Emmons never made any such claim, and the statement is absurd. No one has yet succeeded in making gold or in obtaining it from any other chemical element. The feat can not be safely called impossible, but it is fairly certain that if any chemist should succeed in transforming into gold some substance that has hitherto been regarded as a simple element, the process would be so difficult and costly as to make the gold far more expensive than the natural metal. The silver-dollar story is probably based on the fact that the silver and copper of which our so-called silver coins are made do contain exceedingly minute quantities of gold—quantities too small to be of any practical importance.

CONSOLIDATE THE SCHOOLS

In one respect and that a most important one, it is a calamity to live in the rural sections of Oregon. Rural Oregon is robbing its children of the best gift in the hand of the state—a good education.

No child ever came out of a one-room rural school with his money's worth or his time's worth of education. And worse than that—he was never given a chance to make good his loss, for the school time comes but once to a child.

In our rural districts the population is almost wholly white American and born, well bent. These children are offered the poorest education in the gift of the state.

In our cities, Japanese, Chinese, Negroes, immigrants from the south and east of Europe are getting an education vastly better than that given our native American country school children.

Is this fair? Is it good sense? Is it necessary?

With a law on our statute books providing for consolidating the little country schools into fully graded schools equal to those in the city, why don't we have consolidated rural grade schools? Can anyone tell?

Why, when every other forward looking state in the Union is sweeping up its one-room schools and molding them into large graded schools, why is not Oregon doing the same thing? Are not our children as valuable as theirs?—Portland Telegram.

Horace Greeley told this story of himself: "Soon after he went to learn the printing trade he went to see a preacher's daughter. The next time he attended meeting he was considerably astonished at hearing the minister announce as his text: 'My daughter is being grievously tormented with a devil.'"

GROWERS' ASSOCIATION IS GROWING RAPIDLY

One hundred and fifty-one fruit growers in the Willamette valley have joined the Oregon Growers' Co-operative Association during the past five weeks. Sixty-five of these are in the Newberg-Springbrook-Dundas-Dayton district, 42 in Hubbard-Donald section, and 40 around Canby and Aurora. Meetings were held in each district followed by membership drives by local committees of growers assisted by representatives of the Field Department of the Association. These additions bring the total membership of the Association to 2042.

More than 700 acres, 450 of which are in full bearing, are owned or operated by these 151 growers. This additional acreage consists mainly of loganberries, strawberries and black-cap raspberries. New receiving stations will be established at Hubbard and Canby and increased facilities provided at Newberg.

The fruit acreage controlled by the Association has steadily grown and now amounts to more than 32,000 of which 23,000 are in bearing. A large percentage of that originally signed as non-bearing will be in bearing this coming season.

A lot of newspapers on hand and for sale at this office. Come in early and get them at five cents a bunch.

Sunny Squibbles

A lot of people who don't advertise think business is dead.

The telephone becomes a household necessity as soon as the young crowd get old enough to make dates.

Good idea for motorists to have non-skid tires, but a lot of them also need non-skid brains.

The hand that used to rock the cradle now seems to be hitting the typewriter.

Not many people nowadays can handle a hammer or a saw, but there are a lot who can pound on jazz instruments very skilfully.

There is a feeling among the children that the movies should be reformed so that it will be safe for their parents to see them.

Foot trouble complained of by many girls may not be due so much to high heels, as to the heavy feet of the men they dance with.

Forest Grove young men are interested in education to the extent of investigating which is the prettiest school teacher.

The United States army is advertising 100,000 cursive for sale. Some men would find them useful in untangling their whiskers.

The use of cosmetics is going a good deal too far, with all these folks putting on coats of tar and feathers.

Those bad noises from your neighbor's house may not be anyone bragging the china, but simply the music pupils playing modernist music.

The howls with which many people receive increases in the tax rates, are only equalled by the loud shouts with which they vote for costly public improvements.

The world has forgotten about the fourteen points, but it is looking forward to next spring with eager anticipation of the nine innings.

"When the swallows homeward fly," was a favorite old song. What some people want to sing now is, "When the swallows downward fly."

Anyway none of the men of Forest Grove has got into trouble at the evening parties lately as the result of stepping on the trailing skirts of the women.

Being informed in the schools of the dangers of lack of nutrition, the children of Forest Grove on arriving home immediately make a grand rush for the doughnut jar.

Formerly Mother used to be anxious about the danger that the kids would get hurt by explosions in the chemistry class, but now she is worrying for fear Dad's home brew will blow up.

INCOME TAX RETURNS MAY BE MADE NOW

Blank forms for filing individual returns of income for the year 1921 of \$5,000 and less are now available at the office of Clyde G. Huntley, Collector of Internal Revenue, in Portland, and at the branch offices at Eugene and Medford.

Income tax returns for the year 1921 must be made not later than March 15, 1922, and the delinquent taxpayer will be liable to heavy penalties provided in the new Revenue Law for failure to file a return and pay the tax on time. Blanks for reporting incomes in excess of \$5,000 are expected within a few days by Collector Huntley.

Blanks are now being mailed to all taxpayers who last year filed a return, so it will not be necessary for those who made returns last year to write for the necessary blanks with which to make their 1921 returns. As with the calendar year income tax for 1921 may be paid in full at the time of filing the return any time prior to March 15, 1922, or if the taxpayer desires, he will be permitted to pay his tax in four equal installments, due on or before March 15, June 15, September 15, and December 15.

S. P. DOCTOR GIVES HINTS ON HEALTH

"Hints on Eating," is the title of an interesting little pamphlet being issued to Southern Pacific employees by Dr. G. B. Carson, of the Company's Hospital Department, at the general offices in San Francisco.

The leaflet which contains many pointed but practical suggestions reads as follows:

No one can have health who eats too much.

No one can have health who eats too often.

No one can have health who eats when tired, hurried, worried, anxious or excited.

No one can have health who rises late, gulps down a hearty breakfast, swallows a sandwich and a glass of milk for lunch, and tops off the whole performance with a late dinner.

When you have eaten, do not wonder if the food will agree with you.

When you begin to wonder, trouble begins.

If you fear it, do not eat it.

Be cheerful at your meals.

A sour countenance will give you a sour stomach.

Always read the ads.

The Story of Our States

By JONATHAN BRACE
XXVI.—MICHIGAN



THE French missionaries and fur traders were the first whites to penetrate into Michigan.

Their first visits to this region date back to 1610. It was not until 1666, however, that the first actual settlement was made. This was the mission at Sault Ste. Marie, founded by Father Marquette. Mackinac was established a few years later, and Detroit's growth was slow.

After the French and Indian wars the English took over this territory, and in 1774 it was formally declared a part of Canada. Detroit rapidly grew in importance and during the Revolution was the base of operations for many raids by the British and Indians against the Americans.

By the terms of the treaty of Paris in 1763 this region became a part of the United States. What is now Michigan, Wisconsin, a part of Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio was known as the Northwest territory. After Ohio was set off as a separate state the Lower Peninsula of Michigan was joined to Indiana territory. In 1800 Michigan became a separate territory with about its present boundaries.

There was, however, a great dispute over a small strip of land in the extreme southern portion which was claimed by Ohio. This almost led to bloodshed, but was finally settled by Michigan releasing her claim to the disputed area and receiving as compensation an addition to the Upper Peninsula. On this basis Michigan was admitted to the Union in 1837, and became the twenty-sixth state.

Michigan has a unique situation, as it is bounded by the three largest of the Great Lakes, and divided into two peninsulas. This gives it a coast line larger in proportion to its area than any of the other states. It is named after Lake Michigan, which is the Algonquin word, "Michi-gan," meaning "great sea." It is entitled to 15 votes in the electoral college.

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NEW SPORT TO BE ADDED TO ATHLETIC LIST

A new sport, wrestling, is being introduced in the Department of physical education and if the turn out of men at present represents the spirit with which the school will back the sport the future will undoubtedly see the art of the mat a feature in school athletics. A meet has been arranged with North Pacific Dental College in the latter part of February and the men are undergoing many hard knocks and bruises in preparation for it.

The team will be made up of five classes 125 lbs., 135 lbs., 145 lbs., 155 lbs. and 175 lbs.

Coach Frank is assisted in training the men by Larry Devlin, an experienced wrestler. Although a championship wrestling team may not be turned out this year many of the men now competing have had experience. Bert Sparks and Howard Reeder both know something of the art. Students may look forward to the time when Pacific will be represented in some big contests as a result of the tutoring of these two men.

Men out at present are Caldwell, Sparks, Roberts, Howell, Vaughn, Anderson, Francis Dwyer, Frank Dwyer, Fred Padilla, Reeder and Branne.

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FORMER BEAVERTON BOY WINS PLACE

By E. V. Wood

Erwin A. Lechner, a graduate of the Beaverton high school in '19, now a junior in mining engineering, at the Oregon Agricultural college, was one of the four high point men scoring for the rifle team against University of Oregon at the first inter-collegiate meet.

Mr. Lechner and 11 other Aggie men defeated the University team by a score of 1150 to 1100. The match was run off according to national regulations.

Only four men of the Oregon Agricultural college team shot lower than the high man of the Oregon team. Twelve men on each team shot, the ten highest scores of each college being taken.

Lechner is now living at Cathlamet, Washington.

BOXER'S AGE TOLD BY MISSIONARY

Boxer, the college spirit, which has been the center of so many class fights, is at least three hundred forty years old. So asserts Dr. J. E. Walker of Shaowu, China, in reply to a request concerning Boxer's origin and history. Dr. Walker, who is a graduate of the class of 1897, presented Boxer to the college.

"Boxer" is of course a name which was given to the unicorn by the students after he came to Pacific. He is a bronze casting peculiar to a certain period of Chinese history, and it

is from this fact that Dr. Walker fixes his age. He says, "Bronze castings of this kind were a product of the Ming Dynasty which came to a close in 1644. For the last twenty years of this time things were in a very unsettled state. This dynasty lasted from A. D. to 1644. These bronzes were manufactured at Peking and the most likely time for them to find their way to this Shaowu region would be about the middle of the reign of Wanli who reigned from A. D. 1573 to 1620. Nourhachu, the father of the man who became the first Tartar emperor in 1644, began to trouble the Chinese in 1583. The most probable time for the image to have reached Shaowu would be about A. D. 1580, and we may call 1580 Boxer's birth year. He is about 340 years old."

Boxer Not Idol

Contrary to the common belief that Boxer was an idol Dr. Walker says that he was a druggist's sign, and belonged to a family of doctors. "He was the property of a family by the surname of Liang; and we may interpret his surname to be Mr. Probitry. The Probitry family were by profession physicians and kept their own drug store. Upper class druggists have some such figure for their signs. We have a firm of Christian druggists of high standing in the church; and their sign is a crane. The word for crane has the same sound as that for happiness. If that elephant (referring to Hathi) is Chinese, and especially bronze, it must be of about the same age as Boxer. The elephant is a symbol of longevity, and hence would be appropriate for a high class drug store."

Sold for \$5.00

For several generations Boxer remained in the hand of the Liang family, and came from them direct to Dr. Walker, who relates how he came to get Boxer thus: "Boxer was a heirloom in the Liang family and when his owner had to flee from the long haired rebels, he took Boxer along as one of the especially valuable possessions of the family. He afterwards became the brother-in-law of our leading Shaowu Christian, and being much reduced in fortune he came to be my teacher about 1879. When we were coming home in 1881 he wished to make me some present, but was very hard up; at the suggestion of his brother-in-law he sold Boxer to me for about \$5.00. I would not undertake to replace it for many times this amount. No doubt there are collectors who would pay \$100 or more for it."

Advice Given

Dr. Walker concluded his story of Boxer's history with the following friendly advice, "Take good care of him; for folk of his tribe are very rare. I have never seen another bronze unicorn of his size."

FOREST GROVE BRICK TO BUILD JAMES-JOHN SCHOOL

The Forest Grove Clay Products Company on Monday of this week signed a contract for one of the biggest orders in the history of the town for clay products, when negotiations were completed with the Portland contractor who will build the James-John High school.

Mr. Randles informs the News-Times that the Forest Grove Clay Products Company will furnish 700,000 brick for this job alone, 170,000 of these brick are beautiful face brick and brought a fancy price in competition with all outside manufacturers. The common brick order will total 530,000 and the local firm received for them a better price than other brick could demand because of the fact that the product made here is of superior quality and larger in size. Inferior brick were offered in competition with that manufactured here but the specifications of the James-John school required a high standard which the local brick met without question.

Mr. Randles says that there is prospect that every brick now in the yards will be sold within a very short time as bids are already in for two lots of fifty and one hundred thousand each.

The delivery of brick will commence to the James-John school in Portland this week and something like \$500 worth will go out daily until the order is filled. (The present order will foot up to about \$20,000.)

—Forest Grove News-Times

UNEASY CONSCIENCES "BOOST" S. P. FUND

Contributions to the "conscience fund" of the Southern Pacific Company ranging in amounts from \$2 to \$75, during the period from 1907 to 1921, inclusive, amount to \$1,164.07.

The contributions came from both patrons and employees of the Company. A Bakersfield, Calif., resident sent \$1.83 to cover additional amount due the railroad as the result of his 28 year old boy riding from Fresno to Bakersfield on a half fare ticket. An employee in Los Angeles refunded \$5.13 he received as a result of overcharges on his expense account.

Three one-cent stamps were received from a man who unknowingly rode free from Melrose to Havenscourt on the Southern Pacific line. A woman sent \$50 because her conscience troubled her after she had allowed her six-and-one-half-year-old child ride free from Missoula, Mont., to San Diego, Cal., and return.

From Portland, Oregon, 80 cents was contributed by a man who said he had thrown two barrel covers owned by the Company into the Mary's River.

"When I was a boy," wrote a Klamath Falls, Ore., man, "I took a free ride from Galleto to Montague, Cal. I enclose 20 cents to cover the fare." A number of men who had stolen rides on freight trains reimbursed the Company. Many contributors to the "conscience fund" said they were settling the accounts with the Company because they had been converted through the efforts of religious workers.

WONDERS OF AMERICA

By T. T. MAXLEY

THE SHOSHONE DAM

AMONG the great irrigation dams erected under the supervision of the reclamation service of the Department of the Interior, the Shoshone has a distinct individuality. It is located nine miles west of Cody, Wyoming, on the road to Yellowstone park.

If you can conceive of a triangular-shaped wedge of concrete 328 feet high, 200 feet wide at the top, 108 feet thick at the base, tapering to 10 feet at the crest, placed between two mountains so as to close the canyon of a river, you can gain some idea of this mammoth structure.

Now, imagine a lake of stored-up water, 10 miles long, with a maximum width of four miles and a maximum depth of 235 feet behind this dam; then, in front of it a split-way bearing a strong resemblance to a section of Niagara falls, and stretching away in the distance hundreds of thousands of acres of land covered with an abundance of crops, peopled with happy inhabitants and here and there a bustling village. There you have a picture of one of Uncle Sam's great irrigation projects.

Remember that before the water was brought to this thirsting land, sage brush and prairie dogs were among the principal crops, theopropio "The desert blossomed as the rose," and you'll understand why your government expended \$1,350,000 on the dam alone.

THE OLD, OLD HOME—FROM LANDS AFAR

"There is no place like the old place!"
Though ne'er so plain to be;
That home by the hill 'neath the shadowy hill
Has a charm we fain would see.

Let others pass it with a thoughtless gaze,
Let the house be left to decay,
There are memories still in the old haunts
That never can pass away.

The hill with its trees 'neath which we've played,
And the garden with fruit trees around
Call back other days when we in our glens
Made all those recesses resound.

The dancing of the brook on its way
Mid the stones,
Given music and a charm we remember;
We angle for its fish, take a plunge
In its waters—
Hardly ceasing till the days of December.

Then the old sawmill, O what could it tell
Of lumber oft sent to the town
To prepare new homes for the wealthy and great,
For 'tis thus the homes have grown.

The old mill wheel fluttering day and night
Keeps busy the relay of the men;
But gone now the mill—decayed in its place,
And who will restore it again?

Down there the old Home—the cloth on the door
Calls us for the meal ready there
Is a welcome sight for the hungry boys,
And prepared with a mother's care.
But changed is the place, dear ones have all gone,
And strangers in those haunts hold sway.

But the mountains and brook are watching as before
For the boys who may return some day.

Then gather as you may in the old, old way,
Gather flowers in those haunts as of old,
Let all hope and pray for that brighter or dewy day,
When, meeting, new scenes we'll behold.

ABSENTEE, R. M. C.

THATCHER MEETINGS BY DR. LAKE VERY SUCCESSFUL

The remarkable healing of Mrs. Robert Simmons, of Portland, was a feature of Dr. Lake's divine healing meeting at Thatcher's community church. Three years ago Mrs. Simmons, the wife of Robt. Simmons, a manager of the Moline Plow Company, of Portland, was stricken with flu, rendering the left ear totally deaf. Mrs. Simmons testified: "As I sat listening to Dr. Lake's address on Friday night, the spirit of the Lord began working in my ear. At first I did not pay special attention to it, but later in the evening while conversing with a friend I discovered my deaf ear was healed and I was hearing, and continue to hear perfectly."

This demonstrates the powerful action of the Spirit of God in the meetings; no special prayer was offered for me, no one prayed with or laid hands on me, as is Dr. Lake's practice. My ear opened as I sat listening to the sermon.

The meetings at Thatcher will continue throughout the coming week in charge of Dr. Edward Webber. Dr. Webber is a powerful preacher and teacher of the Word of God, and will minister to the sick at 3 p. m. Divine Healing service every afternoon.

The Thatcher church has been crowded beyond capacity, many being compelled to stand during the service.

A large number of persons at Thatcher testify they have accepted Christ as their Saviour, and have also been healed of diseases.

The people at Thatcher report Mr. Lake's meetings as the most remarkable in spiritual power and in practical results that they have ever known. Services will continue every day at 3 and 8 p. m.

Dr. John G. Lake will give an address in Forest Grove, Sunday at 8 p. m. at the Knights of Pythias hall, and announces that he will minister to the sick who present themselves at the close of the address.

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