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Two or three prominent people have recently announced that "to be fat is a crime!" We assume that they are thin, says the Buffalo Times. Without holding any special brief for fat people, we have never found "human skeletons" enchantingly beautiful. The fat people have apparently one advantage over the thin people—they can reduce, but it has always been a more serious problem for the thin ones to amplify. On the other hand, thin people can keep warm in winter with extra clothing, but fat people cannot keep cool in summer by the opposite process. This is what led Oliver Wendell Holmes to express the wish, on a hot July day, that he might "lay off his flesh and sit in his bones." With the sufficient resources at command there is no reason to be unnecessarily fat or noticeably lean. In either case there may be faulty judgment, inadequate information on the subject of illness, or a manifestation of itself in leanness or obesity. But in no sense is it a "crime." Among the noblest benefactors of mankind have been those who were very fat or very lean.

Incredible as it may seem, the number of men and women who are struck down by accident in American industry every year exceeds the number of casualties of the American army in the entire World War, writes Harold L. Varney in Current History. The United States Department of Labor recently published statistics showing that the number of workers who suffered from industrial accidents in the year 1921 (with eight states not reported) totaled 1,817,000. In the year 1920, when employment conditions were more normal, the number of industrial accident victims was 1,308,516. Insurance experts estimate that the number of public accidents exceed industrial accidents in the ratio of 2 to 1. If that be true, the number of annual disabilities in the United States cannot be less than 4 million.

It is unquestionably an admirable thing that the American Tree association is doing in sending millions of tree seeds to France for replanting those portions of the devastated regions over which American soldiers fought during the war, says the New York Times. We are not yet old enough as a nation to know what it means to feel the pinch of diminution of natural resources; having been so long accustomed to a seemingly inexhaustible supply of wood, we have found little reason to fear a day of reckoning, and until the people at large have realized the absolute necessity for reforestation, it seems hopeless to look for a national movement that will make the future secure in this respect.

A bride says her husband, who is worth \$350,000, has told her he does not love her, and will not support her, and that she was better off when she was working and earning \$2,000 a year. It looks very much as if he may have married her for her money.

Sheriff Chrisman Escapes Death When Auto Skids

Sheriff Hugh Chrisman, of this county, and two companions with whom he was making an early auto drive over the Columbia highway last Friday had a narrow escape from serious injury and possible death when the car skidded on the icy pavement about three miles east of Mosier.

The party left Moro about five o'clock Friday morning in the car owned by J. M. Eddy, who drove, and having as a third passenger Dave McKelvie of Kent. They were expecting to make the round trip that lay to Woodburn, Oregon, where Clarence Gibson had been placed under arrest the day before on complaint of McKelvie that Gibson had stolen twenty head of horses from his pasture.

When the driver felt the skid start he helped maneuver the car into the light bank, just short of a precipitous drop. When the car hit the rocky embankment Chrisman went partly through the wind shield, receiving serious cuts on his face and severing a small artery over the eye. The others in the car were not injured. Both front springs and right headlight were broken and a rock was forced through the radiator.

Chrisman was taken back to The Dalles where his injuries were treated, in time for him and McKelvie to take the eight o'clock stage for Portland.

About ten head of the horses were reported to have been recovered by McKelvie before his return to Moro. Part of the horses claimed by McKelvie were at Woodburn and some at Dallas and at Gervais.

Chrisman arrived home Saturday by train with Gibson, and on Monday brought a second man by name of Willard Quinn from The Dalles to Moro, charged with being an accomplice of Gibson.

The two men had a preliminary hearing on Tuesday before justice of the peace Young at the county courthouse and were bound over to await action by the grand jury in bonds of \$500 each. Quinn's relatives, living at Duror, supplied cash bond for him and a brother of Gibson notified Sheriff Chrisman that he would post a cash bond for his brother.

The world's tallest lighthouse, lantern 385 feet above the water, will be built as a monument to Christopher Columbus on one of the islands near the American continent. That strikes American fancy, for we're animated by a craze to do things big—tallest, largest, heaviest. It's a phase all civilizations go through, like Egyptians building pyramids and the Chinese millions toiling to erect the great wall. The speed craze, however, is eclipsing our craze for size. Our civilization is gaining fast.

One Paris fashion writer says it is but a question of time until female fashions will get their best designs from the plumage of birds. If they go to dressing like birds, we hope they will adopt the general contour of the apparel worn by guinea fow, says the Houston Post. If they dress like peafowl sidewalk traffic will be badly congested.

Island Houses Many Holy Men. On the sacred island of Pootu, China, live more than 1,000 monks.

Income Tax Payments Soon Due

The first step in the direction of organizing the state income tax collecting department will be taken in Salem this week. Milton A. Miller, democratic candidate for United States senator and for eight years collector of customs at Portland, rumor says is slated to head the new department. Earl Fisher, state tax commissioner, is authority for the statement that it will be necessary to employ about 60 clerks, stenographers, investigators, and other persons to handle the work of collecting the state income tax. Whether the headquarters will be at Portland or Salem has not been determined, the new law permits its location in any district of the state. Under the state income tax law, the first collection will be made prior to March 15, 1924, based on the incomes for the year 1923.

Similar to a few other notable election results in Oregon, the fate of the state income tax was in doubt for several days after election. The first returns seemed to show a heavy adverse vote of the measure, but when all the small precincts in the outlying counties had made their return it was found that the measure had carried in the state by about 500 votes. An average of about two-thirds of the voters of each county were indifferent about the new method of raising taxes and did not vote. A large number of these stay-at-homes now sincerely wish that they had exercised their franchise.

There is now the usual opinion voiced by members of the legal fraternity that the new income tax will be carried into court for decisions upon various clauses said to be unconstitutional. The wish is father to the thought. Oregon has voted a new system of collecting state taxes and it will be thoroughly tried out before being placed in the discard—if ever.

Several cities in Norway have solved their motion-picture problems in a way that seems satisfactory to them, for the method has been on trial for a number of years, and no suggestion of a change is heard, says the Christian Science Monitor. These towns own and operate their film theaters and devote the net profits to various cultural enterprises. In Christiania, with a population of 290,000, the net profit in 1921 was \$350,000, and this sum has been allotted for 1922 to a studio building of a noted sculptor, to a people's theater, to a concert hall, to advancement of natural sciences, and to a music pavilion. In Trondhjem, well up toward the Arctic circle, the motion picture profits of \$90,000 were distributed in a similar manner. There is a fine appropriateness in using the popular desire for a possibly lower form of art to promote higher artistic expression for the people's enjoyment and benefit.

Strangest item in recent news comes from the Yukon of the Far North. In Dawson, king city of the Klondike gold boom, the thermometer registers 91 in the shade and 120 in the sun. This doesn't line up with the popular notion of the Far North. But, at that, it coincides with the actual fact about as closely as in our conceptions of life in general. If you penetrate to the interior of Luxon, you'll find the head hunters selling picture post-cards, while the old men sit around in the council chamber and lament the passing of the good old days when every respectable citizen carried an enemy's head on a pole—those good old "normalcy" days before the progressives changed the order of things. By the way, do you know that the finest wheat in the world is grown in the Yukon? Winters, of course, hit 60 below zero.

A man shows good taste in his clothes. He doesn't spend much money for them, but he buys clothes that fit. He avoids striking or broadly contrasting colors and any feature of dress calculated to attract attention. The man exercises the same taste in the selection of whatever he buys, whether it be stationary or a motor car. He carries the idea further into his home, says the Kansas City Times. About his place there is no appearance of lavish expense; but there is a quiet dignity. The lawn is well kept; trees, flowers and shrubs well placed. The furnishings of the house are simple, but of good quality. There are few pictures on the walls and they are arranged in keeping with the rooms and other parts of the furnishings. Here is art, whether one knows it or not; art applied to the common things of every-day life, just where it may perform its most useful service.

The American ate 150 pounds last year, including babies in striking the average. This seems a lot, remarks Capper's Weekly. And it is. Beef totaled sixty-one pounds for each of us. And yet here comes J. C. Mohler of the Kansas state board of agriculture, with a warning that extinction of the beef industry is threatened by decline in meat consumption. He says we're eating twenty-six pounds of beef a year less than we ate in 1901 apiece. There's a reason, as usual. You used to be able to get a steak—yes, a whole meal—for a quarter. High prices become prohibitive—a boomerang.

A college girl has broken the record for a 440-yard dash. If she can use the same speed in getting ready for a dance or the theater she should be very popular with the young men.

Woman's Life Saved by Two Canine Ranch Pets

Two pet shepherd dogs, her constant companions on her farm near Shearer Bridge, saved the life of Mrs. Ruby Pettys Armistice Day by super-canine intelligence and devotion.

Mrs. Pettys was driving a heavily loaded back down a sharp grade leading to her home Sunday evening when the bolt connecting the double trees to the tongue became loose, freeing the team except for the neck yoke wired on the tip of the tongue.

The rig upset on a sharp turn, throwing Mrs. Pettys under the load where she was pinned until 11 o'clock Monday morning when a neighbor found her and the overturned back. A lariat was fastened to the back and she was released and taken to a hospital in The Dalles. No injuries resulted aside from bruises and exposure to an all-night heavy rain storm.

The two dogs first dug away the earth under the back so that Mrs. Pettys could breathe; then they kept the team from moving during the 16 hours that Mrs. Pettys is said to have been under the back. They kept a loose band of hogs from molesting her and also kept the water from collecting in a depression where her head rested on the ground.

The accident is most unusual in its varied details and probably is not equalled in the history of eastern Oregon.

Robert's Candies, at Moro Trading Co.

Paragraphs of State News

Sufficient digging of the main crop of Oregon potatoes had been done by November 1 to indicate that the average size of the tubers will be much below normal, which will reduce both yield per acre and percentage of marketable tubers. In some fields the potatoes are so small that the crop will probably not be dug.

Work on the two new bridges to be constructed at Harrisburg and Albany, in Linn county, probably will be started early next spring, according to announcement made by C. B. McCullough, bridge engineer for the state highway department. Mr. McCullough gave out this information after he had received word from Linn county to the effect that the bridge bond issue had carried.

Grappling with a supposedly rabid coyote which had attacked him, Kenneth Edwards of Fort Rock, 14 years old, held the animal until his father, William Edwards, killed it with a club. The boy was badly bitten and was brought to Bend to take the pasteur treatment. Deschutes national forest men believe there is danger of a serious outbreak of rabies in central Oregon.

Miss Bernice Cameron, manager of the Medford office of the Postal Telegraph Cable company, has received word from the executive offices in New York that she won in the semi-annual banner contest which the company offers to its successful managers in each district. The territory included in the district in which Miss Cameron competed includes Oregon, Washington and Montana.

Preliminary hearings were held at Bend before State Engineer Luper in the adjudication of the water rights of the Deschutes river and its tributaries. The adjudication will make water rights in central Oregon a matter of definite, permanent record, and will prove of great value in the development of this region, as it will assure for all times just how large a water supply users can depend on for the future.

The Thanksgiving turkey market opened at Roseburg when a buyer purchased a carload of prime birds at 35 cents a pound. The turkeys were shipped to Hartford, Conn. The birds making up this carload were obtained in the vicinity of Yoncalla and Oakland and were choice fowls. It is anticipated that the price this year will be 35 to 37 cents. Douglas county's crop will be about 10 per cent greater than last year, it is estimated.

Laxity in business methods, illegal transfer of Yamhill county general funds to three road funds and dissension between county officials were found in the administration of Yamhill county finances, in a report returned by the grand jury at McMinnville. No criminal charges were made. Findings of the special grand jury indicate Yamhill county is in desperate financial straits. The findings disclose the fact that the county has a net deficit of outstanding warrants of \$48,771.84, which is declared to be more than \$41,000 allowed by law. The total liabilities of the county are \$154,322.63, with the assets totaling \$105,660.69.

New England pioneers, in the midst of warring Indians, were in less danger than the law-abiding pedestrians or auto driver of today, says the assistant district attorney of Boston. He places most of the blame for traffic accidents on drunken drivers. The more congested our civilization becomes the more dangerous. We of the cities go about our daily business in almost as much peril as the average soldier who marches off to war, says the Washington Times. If you dodge the autos, a brick may fall off a tall building. Soon airplanes will be dropping wrenches and the like—no longer safe from above. The safest place to be is in a dynamite mill, where they realize their danger and exercise the greatest safety first device—personal caution.

Moro City Water Reported Pure

A state law that applies to all city owned water systems: compel those in authority to forward to the state health board samples of water going through the service pipes on an average of about once a month. This was done by Mayor Thompson about the first of October and the first unfavorable report that has been received since he was mayor, resulted. An examination of the water supply showed that at that time about half the city supply was being pumped from the shallow wells. This supply was shut off and only the deep wells used, which is being done at this time.

Then a second sample was forwarded to the state health board, which reported it well above the average for cities in Oregon. Because of the continued dry season, the shallow wells were drained too closely and their supply was too much drainage from the surface without any purer supply through rain.

Mayor Thompson said that the shallow wells would not be used again this fall and probably not at all until they were "washed" clean next spring.

St. Augustine, Fla. St. Augustine, Fla., was settled September 8, 1565, by Spaniards under Pedro Menendez de Aviles; but the place had been visited as early as 1512 by Ponce de Leon.

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NOTICE to whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that my wife, Elizabeth Montgomery, having left my room and board I will not be responsible from and after this date for any bills contracted by her from and after the date of this notice. Dated at Moro, Oregon, November 5th, 1923. (Signed) C. L. Montgomery.

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