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Medical science has demonstrated during the great war that it can almost renovate the whole human body. Still, it was never called upon to perform the particular task accomplished by Dr. Charles Sweet, of Osnating, recently. A baby was born which had no mouth. There was a formation of skin and membrane where the outer opening of the mouth normally is and there was no roof to the interior. The doctor first made the necessary roof. "I could look through the nose right in the throat," he said. Doctor Sweet raised the flesh and bones and made the roof. He cut a slit in the tender flesh where the mouth is to be. Within a month he will attempt a plastic operation with a view to giving the child a set of lips. The baby is doing well and so is modern surgery.

Honor in the Orient is a serious matter. A lecturer before the Japanese society in London points out that many Asiatics avoid athletic contests because they dislike defeat. The fatalistic and feudalistic East does not accept defeat lightly. It must win or die in the attempt. And, as regards some contests, the East is quite correct, says the Baltimore Sun. The prize winner in the "safety first" contest of the American Railway association submitted a grade crossing sign which bore the words: "Wait! You may lose!" Is it poor sportsmanship to follow that advice?

The business of being king is steadily becoming more precarious. Greece has just voted to become a republic, and King George's exile will be permanent. A round dozen of royalties lost their crowns during and because of the late war. The prospect is that none will remain, unless, as in England, the king is the rallying point of an empire.

Lumber is being used about four times faster than it is being grown, according to United States senators who are studying the situation with a view to corrective legislation. Some timber authorities say that consumption really is five times faster than production.

BILL BARBER SAYS
A COUNCIL BLUFFS BABY WAS BORN IN A WOOD-SHED. IF HE IS TAKEN BACK TO HIS BIRTHPLACE ONCE IN A WHILE HE MAY BECOME PRESIDENT SOMEDAY.

Federation Wheat Seeded in Late Fall Best Crop in Five Counties

D. E. Stephens, superintendent of the Moro experiment station, and Prof. Hyslop, head of the O. A. C. farm crops department, have recently completed a tour of eastern Oregon wheat growing counties. Their observations have led to conclusions that federation wheat has come to stay and will be more generally grown. According to the Condon Globe-Times, Prof. Hyslop believes that most farmers who are planting spring varieties in the fall will do well to standardize on federation and eliminate jenkins and red chaff. He bases his opinion on the present prospects for a crop. The final criterion of judgment is that the yields of the three varieties might change his opinion, he admitted, but on present prospects he strongly advocated the growing of federation.

Some of the characteristics that have caused federation to find a place on eastern Oregon wheat farms are: its high yields, its superior quality, its greater resistance to smut, the shortness and stiffness of its straw and its early maturing habit. Fred Brenon, county agent of Umatilla county, who accompanied the two men on a part of their trip is reported to have said: "A month ago federation looked very 'sick' on account of the late freezes. Its recovery has been one of the remarkable incidents in an exceptional season. It would have made a crop, even without the recent rain. Jenkins matures later than federation, and if we get more rains, there is a possibility that Jenkins may push the new variety for yields."

Much wheat was found to be too thick. Two factors are responsible for this, those who made the tour agree. A great deal of dry treated seed was put into the ground last year, and it goes through the drill much more rapidly than the bluestone or formaldehyde treated grain so that more of it was put on. Last fall the weather was ideal for a high percentage of germination and stooling, so that it was inevitable that the stand should be thick.

The schedule of seeding rates should be 60 pounds of the club variety and 70 pounds of federation where the dry treatment is used, according to the consensus of opinion of the wheat specialists.

It is pointed out that too much copper carbonate should not be used. It is more important that the powder should be well mixed with the seed than that two or three times as much as is necessary be applied they said. The excessive use of the powder is hard on drills, it makes the grain disagreeable to handle, and it represents money thrown away. The wheat experts also declare that true winter wheat should be seeded the latter part of September or early in October, the seeding time that has given best results over a long period of years. The spring wheats that are seeded in the fall should be seeded about ten days later, due to the fact that those varieties grow more rapidly than true winter wheats and may thus make too much growth if seeded too early.

Reading of advertising is worth while

ALONG LIFE'S TRAIL

By THOMAS A. CLARK
Dean of Men, University of Illinois
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YOUTH

MIDDLE age is less optimistic than youth, less courageous, and meets pain and dangers and discomforts with less fortitude. My neighbor, Harris, shuffled into the office a day or two ago when the thermometer was registering 96 in the shade and in the sun had pushed its way through the top of the tube. He was mopping a damp brow, breathing heavily, and presenting a general appearance of ill temper and dissatisfaction.

"Well, who's sold you a gold brick this time?" I asked him.

"I'm all knocked out today," he replied. "It was so blasted hot last night that I couldn't sleep a wink, and I'll be no good all day."

"The trouble with you, Harris," I said, "is that you're growing old." I've known Harris since he was a boy of ten on the farm. He slept then in the unplastered attic just under the roof. The roof had but one little window in it, and this window gave no ventilation to the room but served only as a means of entrance of the sun's pitiless rays that beat on the roof throughout the long August days and rendered the room a veritable furnace at night. And yet Harris scarcely noticed the heat then. He had youth; he was tired and groggy with sleep when he mounted to his bed in the attic, and he dropped off almost the moment he touched the hot sheets and slept until he was awakened in the morning by his mother's voice.

Now he has a cold shower before going to his pleasant bed in his sleeping porch. He lives under the most favorable conditions, but a little rise in the thermometer puts him out of sorts for an entire day.

I visited Crane in the hospital the other day. He is middle aged. He has had some minor surgery done on him—an ingrowing toe nail taken off or a boil lanced or something of that sort. He is as gloomy as a grave yard, and as irritable as a teething child. All his plans for the summer have been upset, and the little pain and discomfort he has suffered has put him on "flow." It was depressing to talk to him.

And then I remembered the letter I had from Blum. Blum was at the front at the beginning of the German drive. He met rain and mud and vermin with a cheerful laugh; he faced a storm of bullets and blood, and when he wrote the letter he was lying in a hospital severely wounded.

"Here I am 'sitting on the world,' as the boys put it," he wrote. "Nice white enameled bed, clean white sheets, white blankets and all. Good food; nothing to do but eat and sleep. Pretty soft."

"Don't have any worry about me. I'm in clover and having a good rest. I'm all right; I'm eating like a horse and kicking because they don't give me enough."

"Love and good luck to everybody. Oh, youth, youth!"

A supply of few maps of the state of Washington giving road and recreation information has been received at the Portland office of the United States forest service and are being distributed to those who desire them. The map contains the latest road and camp ground data and other useful information. All paved and gravelled roads, as well as trunk highways and other auto roads, are shown in color.

Other information includes directory of forest supervisors, national forest boundaries, forest service recreation areas and national parks. There is a complete list and tabulated description of the 110 municipal camp grounds of the state and a complete list of the Washington state parks.

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Land Seekers Return From Auto Trip to the Quinn River Valley

A party of four returned Tuesday from a land seeking trip into the Quinn river valley at Orvado, Nevada, where each member of the party filed on a 160-acre desert land claim. Three in the party were J. F. Noonan, W. A. Raymond and W. C. Miller of this city and E. L. Bogart of Shaniko. They left by auto last Thursday, going by way of Bend, Burns, Crane and McDermott; the last named town being squarely divided by the state line between Oregon and Nevada. Distance going was an even 500 miles returning about 470 miles. The entire expense for the four for the trip, including hotel, gasoline and incidentals, was \$53.10.

Craving the so-called Oregon desert was an unusual experience to some in the party. Jack Noonan said that at one time a car about a mile ahead of them appeared to be suspended in the air about forty feet over a large lake bordered with large green trees and luxuriant grass. At another time, W. C. Miller was exceptionally dry and saw a large lake ahead where he fondly anticipated drinking a great big sample of cool water. These mirages appeared to the party in many different forms as they drove over the desert. Part of this desert the road was a dry lake bed of several miles length where the wheels made a very faint track in the pure white glistening alkali.

Arriving at their destination, they found the Quinn river valley country to be about seventy miles long and from ten to twenty-five miles wide with an average slope of a foot to the mile. Sage brush from six to eight feet high showed the fertility of the land. A railroad survey has been made through the length of the valley, connecting with a railroad at Winnemucca, Nevada, about fifty miles distant.

Government filing fees upon a desert claim is 25 cents an acre and an additional \$1 to be paid at the time of proving up. Either 160 acres or 320 acres can be taken, but the claim must be in one compact body of land. An additional \$1 an acre each year for four years must be spent in improving the claim, mainly in securing water and installing an irrigation system. This amount can be spent in one year if desired. Residence upon the land is not necessary. Members of the party all say that abundant water can be secured through wells at an average depth of 24 feet, several wells having no greater depth than 20 feet and plenty of water scattered over the valley.

County Fair Board Busy at Work

The board of directors for the Sherman county fair has now been fully organized and are busy working out plans to make the 1924 county fair the best ever held here, even though former county fairs have been praised worthy.

Secretary C. C. Richmond informs us that the premium books for the 1924 fair will be received from the printers next week and undoubtedly will be mailed out the same week. All who are planning on making an exhibit and who do not receive a copy of the premium book are requested to notify Secretary Richmond and a copy of the book will be sent them.

The people of Sherman county have always worked in conjunction with the county fair directors and to this spirit of co-operation is due no small part of the success of past county fairs. The same spirit of co-operation this year will be a wonderful aid to a successful fair this fall.

Reports coming from the secretary and members of the county fair board from various parts of the county indicate great interest in the fair to be held this coming fall. In spite of the dry season there is every prospect that farm, garden, horticultural and floricultural exhibits will be good and well above the average in number of exhibitors.

At the present time, the directors are giving considerable time to securing a local speed program, put on by county owned horses, that will be even better than that of last year and which was such a pronounced success at that time.

The dates for the Sherman County Fair for the year 1924 have been fixed for September 11th, 12th, and 13th. The county fair management feel certain that the daily speed program by county owned horses, the varied exhibits of county products, and the amusements to be provided, will make those dates the county's holidays. Everybody residing in Sherman county is invited to join in making the effort a reality.

Lynching is on the decline in the United States. The sign is reassuring. For years the country has been going through a black period of contempt for law. It is to be hoped that the news from the lynching districts shows the beginning of the swing toward a renewed respect for order and its expression in the laws of the land.

After all the troubles the radio fellows have with static, there is now talk about instruments that have a limited capacity for listening in. The first thing somebody knows, the stay-at-home will be going back to checkers for the evening's entertainment.

Now the French are laying the fall of the franc to Germany. If the French had taken the same trouble to defend the franc as they took to defend Verdun perhaps the franc wouldn't have fallen.

NOTICE
To whom it may concern:
Whereas, The State Game Commission of the State of Oregon is authorized under section 8, Chapter 66, General Laws of Oregon, 1921, to open any closed season or close any open season in any county or district of the State of Oregon for the hunting, shooting, killing, taking or having in possession, alive or dead, in whole or in part, of game animals or game birds; therefore,
Notice is hereby given, That the State Game Commission of the State of Oregon has made and entered of record and does hereby issue the following

ORDER
That for the purpose of protecting certain species of the wild game life of the state from extermination, and for the purpose of propagating and increasing such species of wild game as hereinafter mentioned, the State Game Commission of the State of Oregon hereby gives notice that the open season for hunting, shooting, killing, taking or having in possession, alive or dead, male deer with horns throughout the entire State of Oregon, as defined in Section 10, Chapter 158, General Laws of Oregon, 1921, shall be and is hereby declared to be closed for the year 1924.

Notice is also given that the State Game Commission of the State of Oregon hereby declares an open season for the hunting, killing and taking of male deer with horns throughout the entire State of Oregon. Said open season shall be and is hereby declared to be from the 10th day of September, 1924, to the 31st day of October, 1924, both dates inclusive.

Notice is also hereby given that the change in the open season made by this order in nowise affects the bag limit or other regulations provided by law respecting the hunting, shooting, killing, taking, or having in possession alive or dead, in whole or in part, such game animals, namely: Deer.

Any and all persons hunting for, shooting, killing, taking, or having in possession, alive or dead, in whole or in part, any deer in violation of his Order shall be prosecuted as by law provided.

Dated at Portland, Oregon, this 14th day of April, 1924.

OREGON STATE GAME COMMISSION.

By I. N. Fleischer, Chairman.
By J. W. Maloney, Commissioner.
By Ben F. Dorris, Commissioner.
By Harold H. Cliford, Commissioner.
By R. W. Price, Commissioner.

Diphtheria has been conquered. A new vaccine called "T plus A" is superior in many respects to the antitoxin treatment, according to Paris physicians. The list is growing. Smallpox has almost disappeared from the earth, scarlet fever can be controlled and diabetes need not kill anyone. A young German doctor arrived in the United States recently who claims invention of a serum that will cure cancer in certain instances. The march goes onward. Science is conquering disease. Nietzsche said: "From the future I hear good things. Men shall be like eagles."

In view of what Germany has paid in the way of damage since the war, the decision of the mixed claims commission that the Germans do not have to pay for ships operated by the United States in furtherance of military operations at the time of their destruction, may not be as important as it would at first appear.

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