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Man to be successful and get the best out of life must work, but in learning to work he must not forget how to play. Outdoor recreation is necessary to his physical development. It is stimulating to his mentality and better fits him to undertake those duties which the world calls work, says the San Francisco Chronicle. President Coolidge, in a recent address, urged the people to take more advantage of the joy and gladness that the great outdoors offers. And while we have this American heritage we must not lose sight of the fact that our children deserve better romping places than the alleys and streets and must be led to the spacious areas, where there is good sunlight and plenty of fresh air. The president would have a gymnasium and an athletic field as a part of every industrial plant, so that men earning a livelihood should also be given the opportunity to learn how to participate in the activities of recreation, by which life may not only be more enjoyable, but more rounded out and complete. All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.

While the name of Sir Robert Ho Tung may not strike the ear so familiarly as the names of some other prominent men of today, he is, notwithstanding, a man of no little importance and one who, as a leading Chinese resident of the British colony of Hongkong, has contributed much toward the prosperity of the colony, says the Christian Science Monitor. In view of the outrages and disorders which have been so sorry a spectacle in China for a dozen years or so, he has recently urged that the best way to bring about a reconciliation between the different factions in China would be to call a round-table conference of the leaders. This end he has taken certain steps, with some measure of success, to achieve. On all sides the vision is becoming clearer that the way to get rid of discord is not to add more discord to it, but to "overcome evil with good."

A telephone official remarks that the telephone companies are constantly trying to instruct the people on how to use their instruments. Complaints of unsatisfactory conversations over the wire are largely due to failure of the speaker to articulate clearly. People used to be taught in the schools to speak words clearly, but reading aloud is not so much featured now. This may be one reason why many persons habitually speak in a mumbling way. If the clearly defined tones of the alphabet are merged into a sloppy sound, delivered at a distance from the receiver, they make a mess at the other end. The telephone could be operated with more efficiency and speed if people would talk as if they were reciting a lesson from the old-fashioned school reader.

BILL BARBER SAYS



SCIENTISTS SAY WE ARE WHAT WE EAT. NUTS MUST BE A COMMONER DIET THAN WE HAD THOUGHT.

Barley, Oats, Corn, Field Peas Discussed in Late Station Bulletin

The growing of barley in Oregon should be increased according to Oregon Experiment Station Bulletin No. 204 and corresponding reduction made in the usual acreage sown to spring oats and spring wheat.

On the three branch experiment stations in eastern Oregon spring barley considerably outyielded spring wheat and oats. Statistics collected by the United States department of agriculture also show spring barley to be more productive than either spring wheat or oats in all counties of Oregon.

Live stock men know that barley is a very satisfactory feed and can generally be substituted for oats, with profit, in a ration for dairy cows or horses. Most eastern Oregon farmers are aware of this and are growing much more barley than oats but western Oregon farmers, according to the figures quoted in this bulletin, have apparently not yet realized the fact that barley, if given the same chance, will yield about forty per cent more grain than oats. In fact the actual farm yield of barley in western Oregon has been just forty per cent more than that of oats during the past five years. Barley too has considerably less hull than oats and is higher than oats in digestible nutrients.

Based on pre-war average prices (1906-1914) the acre value of barley in western Oregon was \$4 more than that of oats. Are Oregon farmers losing about a half million dollars annually by not substituting barley for part of the present large acreage in oats and spring wheat?

In station bulletin No. 204 recommendations are made as to the best varieties of spring barley to grow in different sections in eastern Oregon both for dry and irrigated land, as determined by long-time experiments on the three branch stations. Mariott and Peruvian have been the best dry land barleys. Under irrigation Trebi has given highest yields.

Oats is an important crop in Oregon. According to figures presented in Oregon experiment station bulletin No. 204 the average area devoted to this crop is more than 80,000 acres annually, or more than three times the acreage sown to barley. The yield data obtained from farmers and from experiments conducted at the experiment stations indicate that oats is not as productive as barley. Most of the oats in the state is grown in western Oregon. In Oregon counties east of the Cascades considerably more barley is sown than oats. In this section of the state barley largely takes the place of oats as stock feed.

Oats is a favorite crop on irrigated land and results at the Burns branch experiment station show that oats are less injured by summer frosts on the high plateau of central Oregon than barley. A very valuable oat has been produced in the experiments at the Moro branch station. This variety has been named Markon. In addition to being early maturing and a high yielder, it is immune to covered smut and never needs to be treated. It also has proved to be an especially high yielding variety in the Palouse section of Washington.

Oregon experiment station Bulletin No. 204 gives information of interest to all farmers in Oregon on corn growing. According to this bulletin there is room for considerable expansion in the corn acreage in this area especially in the warmer irrigated sections of Morrow and Umatilla counties. Federal inspection records show that annually more than 2,000 car loads of corn with value of approximately a million and a half dollars have been shipped into the northwest from eastern states. It is believed that eastern Oregon farmers can well afford to grow enough corn not only to supply this local demand

ALONG LIFE'S TRAIL

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THE DEAD ONES

I RODE, not long ago, through the village near which I lived when I was a boy, and interested myself in seeing how much was yet familiar to me. As I came into the town it was easy still to decipher the old familiar legends—the last word in advertising in the early days—painted crudely upon the fences bordering the highway. "Snyder Sells Shoes," "Visit Owen's Store for Bargains in Dry Goods," "Sale Pays Highest Prices for Country Products."

The signs, too, which still hung over the entrances to the business houses recalled old names and old memories: "C. L. Boon, Farm Loans and Insurance," "Sally Shepard, Millinery," and so on as I went slowly down the street. But they were names only. Not one of the men or women had for years had any part in the business or social life of the town. Charlie Boon had been dead for twenty years, Sally Shepard had married and moved to Kansas long ago. They were all dead ones so far as the life of the town was concerned. No one had the energy or the interest to paint out the legends or take down the signs.

But this carrying along of useless or dead members is not confined to my native town. I read the obituary notice last week of a man in middle life and, among other things mentioned, was the fact that he was a member of the Presbyterian church, though he probably had not attended a church service for ten years. So far as the church was concerned, he had been a dead one for a decade.

It is true of all organizations and communities. In church, social, civic and business organizations there are names carried on the rolls that are nothing more than names. The men bearing them have had nothing to do for years with the progress and development and life of the organization; they are as dead as if they were lying under the ground in the cemetery.

No community or organization is free from these handicaps. Only a small percentage of men is alive to the responsibilities of the group or the organization to which they are allied. Their influence is seldom if ever vital in any way. Their absence would not be noticed. They are simply dead ones.

but also to furnish necessary silage for the steadily increasing number of dairy cows. Minnesota 13 has been found to be the most satisfactory variety to grow in the experiments on the branch experiment stations. If some day eastern Oregon wheat land will need to grow a leguminous crop to aid in restoring soil fertility, field peas will likely be the crop grown. Data on the production of field peas presented in Bulletin No. 204 of the Oregon experiment station show that this crop has given very satisfactory results at the three branch experiment stations in eastern Oregon located at Moro, Union and Burns. At Moro where the average rainfall is less than 12 inches the crop is grown in cultivated rows. At Union under favorable conditions the peas are sown in drills like wheat. At Burns on dry land the field pea crop has not proved very successful because of injury by red spiders. Under irrigation at Burns, however, field peas produce profitable yields.

Experiments to determine the value of this crop for pasture for hogs and sheep have been carried on at the stations with very satisfactory results. Feeding experiments at the Union station show that peas have a higher feed value than the grains. In the experiments at Moro the best varieties have been O'Rourke, Lima and White Canada. At Union, White Canada has given the best results. At Burns, under irrigation the Kaiser variety has proved to be the highest yielder.

C. E. Jones Dies From Injuries Received in Automobile Accident

To have suffered a broken back, yet live to take care of her two small sons, may be the happy aftermath of Mrs. Elizabeth Marquis of Centerville, Washington, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident east of the tunnel on the Columbia river highway near the Deschutes river last Thursday.

Charles E. Jones, well known Sherman county farmer and business man formerly living in and near Wasco, who was driving the car which upset at the bottom of a 20-foot grade pinning himself and three others beneath it, died Saturday as the result of internal injuries caused when his chest was crushed.

Both of the two little sons of Mrs. Marquis will recover from their injuries; one having suffered a broken collar bone.

Mrs. Marquis suffered a complete break in the back bone which made a slight pressure upon the spinal cord, enough to cause a state of paralysis. Other injuries were not of sufficient extent to cause alarm.

The accident was caused when the wind blew Mr. Jones' hat from his head, and for which he made an impulsive grab, losing control of the steering wheel. The car turned sharply to the right and went off the grade, tipping end over end and landing at the foot of the embankment up side down. The boys crawled from beneath the wreckage and passing tourists lifted the prostrate forms of Mrs. Marquis and Mr. Jones, who were later taken to the hospital in an ambulance.

Device Registers Telephone Users

An extremely ingenious device for feeling the pulse of a city by telephone has recently been placed on exhibition in a show window in Portland, Oregon.

A sign reading "The Pulse of the City" arrests the attention of the passer-by. Beneath this sign is a sensitive instrument in which an arrow quivers along the scale; and the onlooker is informed by another sign that "the arrow indicates the number of people in this city using the telephone this hour." Back and forth the arrow moves, showing now 60,000 people at the telephones in that particular city, now 70,000 now 55,000—reflecting the variations in telephone traffic from hour to hour.

The device consists of an ammeter connected in such a way as to measure the total talking current supplied to the switch boards in the city's telephone exchanges. As this current fluctuates nearly in proportion to the number of telephone calls being put through, the variations in the number of persons using the telephone are indicated by the position of the ammeter needle. The special scale on the instrument is marked off in divisions representing 10,000 people each, and the needle moves across it as the number of persons using the telephone decreases or increases with the ebb and flow of the city's business and social activities throughout the day.

Items of Interest From Every where

Klamath Falls will have the annual meeting of the Oregon Irrigation congress September 7, 8 and 9, it is announced by James M. Kyle of Stanfield, president, and W. E. Meacham of Baker, secretary of the organization.

Portland's harbor was entered by 195 vessels in the foreign trade during the first six months of the present year, according to figures given out by the Merchants' Exchange. The vessels represented an aggregate tonnage of 729,296.

Burton Kloockars, a North Bend high school student, was recipient of the Fellows scholarship award, which is made annually by the Marshfield lodge of Elks, No. 1160. Young Kloockars led in scholarship through Coos county and received \$1000.

Resources of the 278 banks operating in Oregon at the close of business June 30, 1924, aggregated \$318,991,712.97 as against \$314,406,130.97 a year ago, according to a statement issued by Frank E. Bramwell, state superintendent of banks.

The republican state executive committee organized at a meeting in Portland and laid plans for an intensive campaign to start on September 1. The committee elected John W. Cochran secretary for the campaign and Phil Metschan treasurer.

Sheep purchased in the central Oregon country by G. M. Blakely, representing a group of Portland buyers, will be shipped to the Aleutian islands, off the coast of Alaska. Blakely plans to ship 10,000 sheep and 300 head of cattle to the islands this summer.

The wheat crop of Umatilla county that last year approximated 7,000,000 bushels will be but half that, declares Henry W. Collins, grain dealer, miller and farmer. The estimate is based on warehouse receipts and on estimated yields reported from the various sections.

One of the largest cash land deals in Wasco county in a number of years was consummated last week in the sale of the J. E. Kennedy stock ranch, near Wamie, to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Johnson and J. R. Johnson Jr. for \$85,000. The Kennedy ranch comprises several thousand acres at Wamie and at Smoak.

Oregon News in Brief

By the time snow flies some 55 miles of the new Klamath Falls-Eugene line of the Southern Pacific will be laid from Kirk north, and from six to ten miles from Oakridge south.

C. F. Hein was elected president of the Willamette Valley Flax Growers' association at Salem. Other officers are W. McKee, vice-president, and J. W. Denham, secretary and treasurer.

The state board of forestry, at an executive session endorsed the so-called McNary-Clark bill, which provides for a federal appropriation of \$2,500,000 for reforestation in co-operation with the states.

Suit in circuit court at Pendleton has been brought by Umatilla county against O. P. Bowman and wife to secure the condemnation of 14.10 acres of land near ~~Emigrant~~ springs for use as a public park.

The public service commission granted a permit to the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad company to operate eight automobile stages between Portland and Rainier on the Columbia River highway.

With crews of men working night and day, the deep cut on the east side of the McKenna pass lava flow will be virtually completed by August 25 and the pass highway can be crossed with out difficulty, it is announced.

A group of expert merchandise thieves entered the establishment of the Eastern Outfitting company at Astoria and made away with between \$5000 and \$7000 worth of the choicest garments, wraps and coats in the store.

Since the government agents took a hand in affairs, the rabies situation, which had become alarming in the Klamath Indian reservation, is reported to have improved. In June 27 head of cattle had died of the disease.

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