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Old Mother Nature will take care of her children pretty well if they give her half a chance. At the battle of Vicksburg in 1863 M. V. Meadows of Lanette, Ala., was hit in the right eye with a Union bullet. In a recent fit of coughing, the bullet was expelled. Mother Nature had carried it from his head to his lungs, where it could be discharged. It took 61 years to do the job, but she did it well. This brings to mind the California girl who swallowed the needle. Three years later, then a married woman and a mother, she noticed an inflamed spot on her child's shoulder. Examination revealed the needle she herself had swallowed three years previously. It makes one feel like proclaiming with the bowery girl, "Ain't nature grand."

About 25 old timers and near old timer friends of the family descended upon the W. J. Martin home, east of this city, Wednesday evening where they enjoyed an old time social evening of music and dancing. The party was planned as a surprise, but like most such affairs the secret was out before the guests of the evening arrived. Included in the party were H. U. Martin and wife and E. E. Martin, of The Dalles, brothers of W. J. E. E. Martin is an old time caller of the old time dances and was much in demand by the fun makers as well as his brother Harvey, an old time fiddler. A delicious lunch, brought by the prompt visitors, was served at a late hour.

Steady advertising is a business asset

Local Boy Burglar Shot Friday in Attempt on Trading Co Store

Bill McLaughlin, second eldest boy of Dan McLaughlin, was shot in both legs at about 1:30 a. m. Friday morning, just as he emerged from a window he had broken when entering the building in an unsuccessful attempt to burglarize the Moro Trading Co store.

McLaughlin used an axe with which to break the window glass, the force of the blow sending the glass a distance of more than twenty feet onto the floor of the store. Roy Kusmar was first awakened by the attempted burglary and he in turn woke C. L. Ireland. McLaughlin was shot by Kusman before any others had reached the store. Sheriff Chrisman was then called and a search of the interior of the store and rear premises disclosed young McLaughlin lying on some timbers under the back fence near the coal bin where he had hidden himself after being shot in an effort to avoid being captured and identified.

He was taken to Hotel Moro where Dr. M. F. Floyd was awakened and the boys wounds dressed after which he was placed in the county jail. At a trial in the juvenile court, the next day, he was sentenced to the state training school until he would be about 21 years old. He is a little past 16 years now.

Friday afternoon he was taken to The Dalles where an x-ray examination showed that the shot in his leg would not cause permanent injuries, although it will remain with him for many months to come.

McLaughlin had attempted to open both cash registers, but was not successful. Money was the only thing he had intended to take, he said, and nothing of any sort was found on him that he had taken from the store.

Fate Selects the Worthy

Fate does not fling her great prizes to the idle, the indifferent, but to the determined, the enthusiastic, the man who is bound to win.—Exchange.

Seed Wheat Measure Now Law

The measure authorizing the state of Oregon to supply funds to farmers for the purchase of wheat with which to seed frozen out lands was passed by the Oregon legislature on Monday. The bill provides that the state treasurer be authorized to invest, by and with the approval of the state board of control, not to exceed \$1,500,000 of the soldiers bonus sinking fund, in first mortgages covering crops to be grown in Oregon during 1925 and 1926. It is expressly provided that "this money is to be loaned farmers for the purchase of grain for seeding areas on which the growing crops were frozen out during the winter of 1924 and 1925."

These loans are to bear six per cent interest and are to become due and payable not later than January 1st, 1928. "But in case of emergency," the bill says, "they may be extended by the board of control not to exceed one additional year."

Each mortgage is to be a first lien on any grain crop or crops grown by the borrower "until such mortgage is fully paid and satisfied."

The state board of control is fully authorized to make rules and regulations for carrying out the provisions of the act and it is required that "satisfactory assurances must be given for the payment of expenses of seeding and harvesting said crops."

The bill provides for \$5000 to be expended in carrying out the provisions of the act. The emergency clause is attached to the bill, so that it may become effective as soon as passed by the two houses and signed by the governor.

Ford Industries Fictitiously Described in Booklet by Motor Co

"The Ford Industries" is the title of a new piece of industrial literature brought out by the Ford motor company in the form of a 160 page book devoted entirely to the Ford motor company, its subsidiaries and associated companies. Inasmuch as the book is published by the company itself, the information contained in the volume is absolutely authentic.

This is the first time the complete story of the Ford industries has ever been told, and the book should be a revelation to many people who have hitherto associated Ford activities only with the Highland park plant and the assembly branches. While the Highland park plant is the largest automobile factory in the world, it is only a link in a world-wide industrial chain which furnishes profitable employment to over 170,000 people.

The average man's idea of the Ford organization is several years behind the times and is based largely on a booklet entitled "Facts from Ford," which the company published in 1920. Since then the company has made its most rapid advancement and has broadened its field enormously.

Few people appreciate the amazing number and variety of industries carried on by the Ford motor company. The production of cars, trucks and tractors has reached such proportions that it is now necessary for the company to control most of its sources of supply in order that uninterrupted production may be maintained. This has led to the acquisition of coal and iron mines, vast forests, the development of great lakes and coastwise shipping, and the construction of a large number of new industrial units such as blast furnaces and coke ovens at River Rouge, the big glass factories and body plants, plants for manufacturing artificial leather, copper wire, roller bearings, generators, batteries, radiators and things the average manufacturer buys from outside sources. The elimination of waste and the recovery of by-products has also built up a large industry within the industry and scrap and other material formerly considered worthless are now converted into valuable by-products, chemicals, power, cement and paper for example. One of these by-products unit—the wood distillation plant at Iron Mountain—is the largest of its kind.

The book is profusely illustrated, there being over 350 pictures, most of which were taken especially for the purpose. This wealth of illustrations brings the size and scope of the organization before the reader with additional force and lends an unmistakable authenticity to the text. The story is written in a very simple straight forward style without any attempt to embellish the facts. While technical terms have been avoided as much as possible, the contents can hardly fail to interest any engineer or industrialist.

The biographical sketch of Henry Ford is, of course included. Other chapters discuss the various plants as units and in their relation to the rest of the organization. Manufacturing methods, waste elimination, industrial relations, water power development, the mines, the forests, the Dearborn laboratories and the merchandising methods are all taken up in more or less detail, giving the reader a complete picture of one of the world's largest industrial enterprises.

An area council of Boy Scouts of America covering the central Oregon district and including the communities of Bend, Redmond, Madras and Prineville, was organized in Bend. Klamath Indians will realize approximately \$1,000,000 during 1925 from receipts received from the cut on reservation timber units. Fred A. Baker, superintendent of the Klamath Indian reservation, has announced.

Sain Hill Donates His Maryland Mansion For Museum Purposes

His dream of years, a museum devoted to the arts of the old world and the new, to the cause of world peace and international amity on the finer things of life is to come true, within perhaps two years, according to Samuel Hill, good roads enthusiast, philanthropist, world traveler and unofficial American minister plenipotentiary to European courts, who spent part of last week in Portland.

Mr. Hill's voting address is Maryland, Washington. There he plans to open as a gift to the people a museum stored with priceless art treasures representative of the finest culture of old-world countries.

Many of these treasures, Mr. Hill said, have already been collected. Some are stored now in Portland. Others Mr. Hill has put away in Paris and elsewhere against the day when he is ready to have them all placed at Maryland as a whole for the edification and education of the people.

Mr. Hill stated that it is his hope and belief that the museum will prove not only of great value to people of the west coast and the Pacific northwest in particular, but that it will as well prove a lure and a magnet for the hundreds of thousands of tourists who annually will visit in Oregon and Washington. Once familiar with what the museum is and what its purposes are, Mr. Hill said, tourists will make it their business to arrange their traveling schedules that they may have ample time to visit it.

Maryhill museum will occupy the mansion built originally by Mr. Hill for the entertainment of King Albert of Belgium, who was planning to visit the United States as Mr. Hill's guest when the world war interfered. It will be on as large a scale of comparative beauty as the beautiful Spreckles palace of the Legion of Honor recently opened in Lincoln park, San Francisco, and has among its patrons the king and queen of the Belgians, the king and queen of Roumania, the king and queen of Greece, the king and queen of Serbia, their royal highnesses the infante Alfonso and Beatrice of Spain; her royal highness the grand duchess Kyril of Russia, and scores of other representatives of the nobility of Europe.

Already, said Mr. Hill, the French colonies, Belgium, Roumania and Serbia have rooms donated to them. Individuals of high rank are also donating rooms of gifts from their mother countries.

Rare and unusual mementoes of world-wide interest and significance have already been pledged, Mr. Hill said, to make the museum a place of great interest from the beginning.

Madame Joffre, for instance, is founder of a room dedicated to the maréchaux de France, and is herself sending Mr. Hill a collection of things from Marechal Joffre.

"It is my idea," said Mr. Hill, "to obtain permanent co-operation in the activities of the museum by inviting the different countries to lend a museum director to take temporary charge from three to six months each, so that every country shall eventually become acquainted with the actual possibilities of the work and will give their council and help."

Local interests will be asked to co-operate in furthering the interests and fame of the museum when it is opened.

Paragraphs of State News

The independence branch of the normal training school system has been closed as a precaution against the spread of diphtheria, several cases of which have been reported in Independence.

Deputy sheriffs made a raid upon the Japanese colony at Mabel, a saw mill town 20 miles up the Mohawk valley from Eugene, and arrested three men on a charge of possessing intoxicating liquor.

One hundred million feet of fine timber, mostly white cedar, will be opened by a projected logging road which the Stout Lumber company will construct this spring on South slough in Coos county.

The city of La Grande has sold \$73,160 worth of municipal bonds to the First National bank of Baker at \$103.42 on the basis of \$100 par value the highest price ever received for improvement bonds.

After having spent several months and hundreds of dollars trying to find him, relatives of August Stadt of Emmett, Idaho, an incompetent, found him last week working on the ranch of J. M. Morgan in Jordan valley.

It will require approximately \$1,250,000 to reseed the frozen-out wheat lands in eastern Oregon instead of \$300,000 as originally estimated, according to a committee of farmers and bankers who appeared before the joint ways and means committee of the house and senate.

Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, superintendent of the Oregon state hospital, has returned from the Philippine islands, where he delivered a number of insane patients formerly in the Oregon institution. Mrs. Steiner accompanied her husband on the trip which required more than two months.

Representatives from cherry growers' associations of all parts of the Pacific coast met in Portland Monday to consider plans for appeal to the tariff commission of the recent cut in the import duty on cherries imported in brine from 40 per cent ad valorem to 3 cents a pound.

World Wheat Shortage Imminent

Recent interest in the wheat trade centered largely in the statement issued by Julius Barnes of New York, who declared that as a result of unfavorable harvests there was a shrinkage in the bread grains of the world of some 700,000,000 bushels and in the five grain crops of the world as a whole a shrinkage of 1,200,000 bushels from the figures of the year before. Mr. Barnes looks for a broadening demand for wheat from year to year from the countries of the orient. His statement in part follows: "The foundation for the grain price advances was laid by nature itself last summer. Dry hot weather in Europe reduced the yields of consuming countries. Drought and frost in Canada produced a crop hardly half of the previous year and later in the fall Argentine crops suffered also from drought and frost."

"Meanwhile, the Russian farmer, whose rye crop last year was taken from him by the government monopoly or bought at price as low as 15 cents per bushel gold in the interior of Russia, had neither ambition, capital nor tools for safe farming this last crop. This great agricultural country, with industries directed by a communist government, saw its production of agricultural implements drop since the armistice to as low as six per cent of pre-war production. The farms, scratched with wooden plows three inches deep, collapsed with the first few days of hot weather and a great country, which used to export 250,000,000 bushels of bread grains, has this year joined importing countries of the world and is obliged to pay from the world's scanty surplus of flour to feed its own people."

Eight years of presidential responsibilities killed Woodrow Wilson. Warren Harding's body stood but a little over half of his one term. Papi II. of Egypt, reigned for ninety years—by the way, the longest reign history records. The difference between modern rulers and ancient is not a difference in the capacity of men, but in responsibilities they have to bear. And executive responsibilities in this country are increasing, not diminishing. That's worth serious thought.

A musical treat is in store for the music lovers of Sherman county. We are informed by G. E. Corson, the music man of The Dalles, that he has arranged to have Betsy Lane Shepherd, the American soprano, assisted by Jacques Glockner, cellist, to appear in concert at the civic auditorium in that city the evening of February 21st. All seats for this event will be reserved, but no charge will be made for tickets, which must be secured from the Corson Music Store either in person or by mail or phone. The concert will be an artistic musical triumph, which we urge our readers not to miss attending. Apply early for seat reservation.

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A. H. Barnum, Administrator of the Estate.
W. C. Bryant, attorney.
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