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It is not so much a question of can it be done, as can they find the man to do it when it comes to enforcing the law.

There is still the question of destroying those weeds. In its presence every political question is lost to the view of the Sherman county farmer, in importance it is equal to the value of the land.

GREAT SAVING IN GAS ENGINE

Experiments Prove this Power to be Cheaper than Steam

From reports submitted by government experts, who have been developing the possibilities of the gas engine, it appears that we are rapidly passing from steam to the era of gas power.

The popular idea of the gas engine is that of an engine whose motive power is obtained from the combustion of gas furnished from an oil product. But the experts have neglected the interests of the Standard Oil in recent investigations and have undoubtedly solved the problem of cheap power for the ages, or at least many to come. The technologic branch of the U. S. geologic survey has been engaged for several years in testing coals for the U. S. Government. In these tests the possibilities of the gas engine or the internal combustion engine have developed to such a marked degree that the entire commercial world is "taking notice." The experts found that in ordinary locomotion only from three to five per cent. of the fuel energy is obtained for locomotion and less than five per cent. for stationary plants. This is about the same as if a housewife took a pound of flour and succeeded in getting therefrom one very small biscuit. Professor Heywood Fernald, professor of mechanical engineering in the Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., and engineer in charge of the government experimental gas tests, submits figures which show a yearly saving of fuel required to run a 6000 horse power gas producer plant to be \$77,580 over the cost of operating a 6000 horse-power plant using steam.

The saving of \$77,580 is the solar plexus blow that will put steam power out of business forever. With the transmission of gas power from cheap coal, coal so poor that it can not be used in a steam plant, into electric power that can be and is transmitted 250 miles by wire, the possibilities seem unlimited.

With a large power plant every 500 miles nearest adjacent to the coal mines, the railroads can run their trains from the Atlantic to the Pacific at a fraction of the former cost, and as the gas engines produce no smoke, the smoke nuisance will also be removed. Our railroad yards, now so dirty and disagreeable, will become as clean and pleasant as paved streets and there will be no soot nor cinders to annoy passengers.

As a much larger per cent. of power is drawn from the fuel and peats and lignites can be used it will place the manufacturers of this nation in a still better condition to lead the world.

As a result of these government tests gas plants of from 6000 to 9,000 horse power have been installed, and one of the officers of the New York Central railway has publicly stated that in his opinion there will be no steam locomotives in operation on their lines in ten years. It goes without saying that the West will not stay far behind the East in this or other enterprises.

With a plant, necessary only, every 500 miles square, the transportation of fuel may be discontinued, as then,

electric power will become so cheap that it can be used universally for light and heat in all walks of life, even to private households. What changes this will work on the economic basis of social conditions and the consequent readjustment necessary, is a story which time only will reveal, but upon which all may speculate.

RAYMOND MOORE DROWNED IN RIVER

Young Son of Hon. C. W. Moore Meets Tragic End in Columbia.

While attending to his duties as register at the land office this morning, a few minutes after 10 o'clock a boy brought the awful news to Mr. C. W. Moore that his young son, Raymond, had been drowned in the river at the Regulator dock. Rushing out of the office he soon reached the scene to find a number already gathered on the dock and a small boy—Harry Anderson, a son of L. Anderson, who is employed in the Burns meat market—standing on the wharfboat as if he had just been in swimming. The little fellow was frightened to death and shaking all over told how Ray was in swimming with him when the accident happened. Between sobs he said that they had been in swimming together for a little while and he got out and was sitting on the dock, when Ray took the "wings" off and threw to him, saying "Guess I don't need them any more." He started to swim further out when Harry told him not to go that the men had told him that it was not safe. Just then Ray seemed to strike a suction from the current around the wharf boat and yelled for help. "He was almost near enough to grab my foot," said Harry, "and I put my leg out so he could grab it, but he sank right away. Then I yelled for the men."

In a short space of time a large crowd had gathered on the dock, and with wonderful control, but face-blanching, the brave father stayed on the wharfboat as they moved it out and assisted while they prepared to drag the river. All sorts of grappling contrivances were used, but in vain. And at the noon hour he had not been found. Then C. J. Billedeu, who has had some experience along that line, rigged up a grappling hook and when the steamer Simons had pulled the wharf boat further out continued to drag the water between the dock and the boat. At about 1:30 when the hook was twenty-five feet out in water about twelve feet deep, he felt it catch on something and in a moment brought the body to the surface. The hooks had caught in the trunk Ray wore and the body was not bruised, says The Dalles Chronicle of July 26.

Raymond Moore was born at Grass Valley in the year 1802 and was 15 years of age. Owing to his excellent home surroundings and training he was growing up to be a gentlemanly little man, loved and admired by all who knew him and the excellent family to which he belonged.

The funeral services were held at The Dalles Sunday afternoon the 28th. More than a hundred Sherman county people were present, returning by special train Sunday evening.

A lease to run 93 years on the Pittock property in Portland has been signed in that city. When this lease expires in 2006, scarcely a child now living in Portland will be alive. While the prices for the entire term of the lease have been fixed, yet it is possible that the economic and industrial conditions will have completely changed during that time as to render the lease null or impossible. One hundred years in this virile, developing country will bring many startling revelation and may change the entire social system of the country. The next 100 years will mean more in industrial development and changed conditions than any 500 years in the past. The country is just at a point where it can develop rapidly and the people are in a mode for change—East Oregonian.

WEEDS TAKE CROPS

Many Fertile Fields Overrun by that Pest

The Wise Farmer Will Do all that is Possible to Save His Land From That Which has Sapped Fertility From Many Fields

The destruction of weeds is of great importance of every farming communities. In any variety or quantity they are a nuisance, sapping the moisture and fertility from the soil, spreading their seeds over the land, and at times even interfering with the harvest. If allowed to go unchecked they always detract materially from the value of the land. Cultivation for the destruction of weeds is, therefore, a question not to be neglected. The white mustard is apparently the most dangerous weed which has yet made its appearance in Sherman county. It has not, as yet done irreparable damage here, but in other places and in parts of Eastern Washington the pest has been allowed to spread unchecked, until it has actually robbed the farmer it is claimed, of his land. The same is also true in parts of Eastern Canada and elsewhere. It is better to acknowledge the damage and meet it at once. Such a thing is possible that the fertile and far famed fields of Sherman county could be overgrown with mustard and China lettuce. There are numerous difficulties in the way of destroying weeds, but they can always be overcome. The summer-fallow often needs cultivation just at harvest-time when it seems impossible to do the work. But if the danger can be realized the farmer will find time to kill the weeds. Another great question is the proper machine to do the work, and the expense of purchasing the desired make. But this feature must be overcome in the best possible way by the judgement of the farmer. If it requires a 10 per cent. of the crop to save the other part it is better than losing it all, including the land. By studying the destruction of the most dangerous weeds, Prof. R. A. Moore, of the College of Agriculture, of the University of Wisconsin, has proved, by a long series of experiments, that a 10 per cent solution of sulphate of iron, applied at the right time and under proper conditions, will kill the wild mustard in a field of grain without injuring a stalk of grain. Let us allow no obstacle to protect the weeds and ruin our fields. Resolve to keep the summer-fallow clean, at whatever cost. As long as summer-fallow will pay at all it will pay most abundantly to keep it clear of weeds.

ROAD TO BE BUILT UP DESCHUTES

Troubles of Oregon Trunk Line May Be at End

Construction is soon to be recommended on the survey of the Oregon Trunk Line R. R. up the Deschutes river into Central Oregon. It will be remembered how the survey was completed to Madras more than a year ago, how work was actually commenced by the independent company, how it was later stopped by the reclamation service, and how the objection raised by them was finally removed. This was all followed by final investigation which may result in a railroad. Each of the several railroad interests are anxious to secure possession of the Deschutes route as it seem to be the only natural outlet to the vast wealth of Central Oregon, which has been for years in need of a railroad. As rich wheat land as is cultivated, it is said, can be found in the western portion of Crook county, and the building of a road into that section promises to add considerable to Oregon's total output of wheat.

All right-minded boys will envy Mr. Roosevelt as never before now that he has a gold card entitling him to free admission to all baseball games in any one of the 200 American cities.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, County of Sherman.
By virtue of an execution and order of sale issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, county of Sherman, on the 18th day of June 1907, in a suit therein pending, wherein W. H. Moor and H. A. Moore are plaintiffs and J. L. Smith, Willie L. Smith and George Meader are defendants, to me directed, and commanding me to sell at public sale the following real property to-wit: The southwest quarter and the east half of Sec. twenty-five (25) and the west half of the northeast quarter and the west half of the southeast quarter of Sec. twenty-four (24), all in township two (2) north range eighteen east of the Willamette meridian, also lot two (2) and southeast quarter of northwest quarter and the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section thirty (30) and the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter and lots three (3) and four (4) of Section thirty (30) all in township two (2) north of range nineteen—19— east of the Willamette meridian; also the southeast quarter of Section twenty-six—26— township two—2— north of range eighteen—18— east of the Willamette meridian, all being in Sherman county, State of Oregon, and containing 1,095, one thousand ninety-five acres, more or less, to satisfy the sum of \$13,695.50, with interest thereon, from the 25th day of October, 1905, at the rate of eight per cent per annum, and the sum of \$500 attorneys fees, and the further sum of \$39.00 costs and accruing costs.

I will, on Saturday, August 3rd, 1907 at 2 o'clock, p. m., of said day, at the door of the court house, in the city of Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, sell to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all the above described real property.

Dated this 2nd day of July, 1907.
W. B. McCoy,
Sheriff of Sherman County, Oregon.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Sherman County.
In the matter of the estate of R. W. Brock, Deceased.

Notice of Sale.
Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of the above entitled court, duly made and entered on the 1st day of July, A. D., 1907, in the above entitled matter, the undersigned, the administrator of the said estate, will on and after Saturday the 24th day of August, A. D., 1907, proceed to sell the following described real estate belonging to said estate, to-wit: The north half of the northeast quarter and the north half of the northwest quarter of section fifteen, in township two north range seventeen east of Willamette meridian, at private sale, for the best price obtainable, not less than one thousand dollars of purchase price to be paid cash and if deemed advisable, the remainder may be paid in one or two installments, payable in one and two years, deferred payments to bear interest at not less than eight per cent per annum, purchaser to give notes therefor and secure same with first mortgage on said land.

Dated July, 12, A. D. 1907.
GEORGE A. BROCK,
Administrator.

Notice to Creditors.

In the matter of the estate of Capt. T. J. Miller, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Executors of the last will and testament of Capt. T. J. Miller, deceased; all parties having claims against said deceased, are hereby notified to present the same, properly verified to the undersigned at their place of residence at DesChutes, Sherman Co. Oregon, within one year from the date of this notice.

Dated Oct. 5th, 1906.
Mrs. Sarah E. Miller,
J. J. Miller,
T. J. Miller, Jr.

Estray Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has taken up the animal hereinafter described, found running at large and doing damage on his premises about twelve miles east of Wasco, Oregon, known as the Dick Ogle range, to-wit: One bay mare about two years old, having two white hind feet and white spot in face, no visible brand, and weighing about nine hundred pounds, and that unless sooner redeemed, said mare will be sold to the highest bidder for cash, at the barn on said premises, at 12 o'clock on Monday, the 12th day of August, 1907.
DICK OGLE.

Jumbo the Jack.

Jumbo, the Big "Mammoth" Jack, will make the season of 1907, as follows: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at Henry Stone's ranch, and Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Piedmont Stable, Wasco. Dan Deardorf, manager.
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