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**EDITORIAL**  
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## Beautiful Willamette

"The castled crag of Drachenfels frowns o'er the wide and winding Rhine whose breast of waters broadly swells between the banks which bear the vine."

Thus wrote Lord Byron in his Tale of Childe Harold's Pilgrimage. Many other lines tell of the beauty of the famous river. Beautiful, indeed, is the Rhine, and yet, apart from the historical romances and the ruins of once renowned fortresses, we venture to say that it has nothing on our own beautiful Willamette. By the courtesy of Henry G. Kreis, Ye Editor and his family enjoyed a trip up and down a portion of the river in Mr. Kreis' new power boat, The Ethelyn, last Sunday afternoon. The day was perfect. A warm sun kept the atmosphere comfortable and brought out the beauties of the river to the full extent. Up and down the river for miles on miles the banks are lined with bushes almost impenetrable except where some resident has cleared a space to make his home place like a veritable park, these bushes made rich in color by the approach of fall, while just behind them in towering majesty rise the native forest evergreens clothed in their garb of deepest green. The river winds with many turns and ever as you make the turn there is disclosed a vista of rare beauty, while here and there one glimpses through a rift in the foliage a snow-clad mountain, a picturesque bungalow or a stately residence erected by the beauty lovers along this charming stream. Comparatively few Oregonians, though they have lived here many years, know or realize what wealth of beauty is to be found at their very doors, but the time will come when the banks of the Willamette will be lined with summer homes, and full many a swain in years to come will court his Jane amongst the shadows which line the banks on a starry summer night.

## Warned Against Government Ownership

It is a matter of public record that during the 26 months of government operation of the railroads, from January 1, 1918, to March 1, 1920, the Government operated them at a loss averaging \$45,000,000 per month.

This occurred, too, with freight and passenger rates the highest ever known. It also occurred in the face of the fact that during this period deferred maintenance aggregated several hundred millions of dollars.

What became of the revenue from these high freight and passenger rates and what, exclusive of inefficiency and under maintenance, caused an average monthly loss of forty-five million dollars, are also matters of public record.

Most of it was benevolently assimilated by railroad employees in the subtle scheme of politicians to anesthetize the public and capture the railroad vote. In 1917 labor received 43.33 per cent of the revenues, while in 1920, following the close of government operation and largely as a result of it, the amount given to labor was just sixty times more than the amount received by stockholders.

In other words, before the Government began tinkering with wages and working conditions of railroad employes, the bill of the railroads in 1916 was \$1,468,576,394, while in 1920, after twenty-six months of Government operation, it was \$3,698,216,351, an increase of \$2,229,639,957 or about 152 per cent.

That is where most of the money went, and it explains why with the

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heaviest tribute ever levied on the shipping public—the highest freight and passenger rates ever charged the American people for transportation service—the Government operated the roads at a loss of forty-five million dollars per month while yet failing in normal maintenance to a large extent. What is there in the experience of the American people with government operation of the railroads—what is there in the experience of any other people or country with government ownership and operation of the railroads—that does not warn against Government ownership in the United States? In spite of Government tinkering and of all the handicaps thereby imposed the fact stands out boldly and unchallenged that the American people enjoy the best transportation service at the lowest cost of any people in the world.—Industrial News.

## Aid the Children's Home

Portland, Oregon, Nov. 5, 1923. Who will present cow No. Three to the Children's Home? Have you ever stopped to think what an absolute necessity milk is for the growing child and have you ever realized how much milk it would take to properly nourish forty-six children? This is the number now being cared for at the Children's Farm Home. They must have all the milk they need for the mothers of the W. C. T. U. have entered into a solemn compact with themselves that the children placed in their care shall have the real necessities of a simple home life.

Suppose you sit down and consider the quantity of milk required for this big family. The answer to this is cows, cows and then more cows for there will be twenty-five more children in the Home in a few weeks. Realizing this the Orangenheim of Oregon City asked 50 cents of each member and with that purchased a fine Jersey with \$150.00 and sent a delegation to present her ladyship to the Farm Home. A few days later Mrs. C. S. Jackson of the Portland Journal who was interested in the Home to the extent of a big heart and one thousand dollars invested in the Portland cottage now under construction, visited the Home and realizing the barrels of milk needed told the big Journal family on her return and a second cow found its way through their gifts to the Farm

to the delight of the boys, who have each and all a big ambition to learn to milk. That these cows will be groomed to a queen's taste goes without saying.

There are little children there who did not know the taste of milk when they arrived. The complexions of some vied with strong coffee, which had been their daily beverage. These are fading out into attractive blonds under the use of milk. Not only this, but their tired, hungry eyes are flashing with vigor and their muscles hardening with health with this child's necessary food. Who wants to send another cow? It will be welcome and receive such care as cows seldom have.

Annual Marion and Polk County Corn Show, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 22, 23 and 24, '23, will be held at the Salem Armory. Premium List at Observer office. Wanted—Every corn grower in both counties to both exhibit and attend. No entry fee for exhibits.

## OLDEST OF APPLE ORCHARD.

It is in the Mountains of New Mexico and Probably Was Planted in 1635.

America's oldest apple orchard, so far as known, is a group of trees in a remote hamlet of the Manzano mountains of central New Mexico. The origin of this orchard is lost in antiquity. How it came there, whence the seed, who the planter, are questions that go unanswered.

The word "manzano" is Spanish for apple tree, and "manzano" means apple. It is believed that the New Mexico orchard was started by one Fra Gerónimo de la Llana, a missionary from Mexico who in 1635 came to Quari, five miles below the present hamlet of Manzana. There was at Manzana, it is said, a wonderful spring, says the American Forestry Magazine, and it is believed that the Spanish priest planted the orchard near the spring.

Although this early settlement was abandoned for more than a century because of Apache raids, the orchard grew on. As it stands today it is in two groups, one of fifty trees, the other of sixteen trees. The trees are of "sprout" growth, many of them in groups of two or three starting from a common center. They still bear fruit, although the apples are small.

The guardian of the orchard today is the Rev. Jose Gauthier, a French padre who has served the Manzano township for the last twenty-five years. The orchard is the property of the local church.

## BETLE EATS MOSQUITO GRUB

Insect Found on the African Gold Coast Helps Reduce the Number of Pests.

A beetle on the African Gold Coast has the useful habit of eating the "grubs" of mosquitoes. The bug, a tiger beetle with the imposing name of Cicindela octoguttata, goes to the edges of ponds where the grubs are swimming, and fishes them out of the water. It helps very materially to reduce the number of mosquitoes in any area which it inhabits.

One of the great problems of modern tropical medicine is the killing of mosquito larvae, consequently it is probable that an effort will be made to cultivate the new beetle extensively. At present one method of the same sort is in use in most malaria countries. This consists in putting shoals of a tiny fish known as "millions" into mosquito ponds. The "millions" feed on the grubs.

Science is beginning to take a very deep interest in these "balances of nature," for it is probable that, by making a judicious use of them, both health and crops can be improved. The ravages of the "green fly," for instance, are controlled by the "ladybird." In a poor ladybird year the green fly becomes a serious pest.

## Raising the Dead.

He kicked off his wet shoes, slid his tired feet into a pair of carpet slippers, lit his pipe, sat down with an air of relief and declared that wild horses couldn't get him out of the house before morning. "Henry," said his wife, "you posted that letter I gave you this morning, I suppose?" "I did, my love," he replied unblushingly.

"I asked mother to postpone her visit for a while," his wife continued. "You see—"

Henry did see, his wife saw, too. What she saw was a tired man jump from his chair, kick off his slippers, put on his shoes and get out into the mud as though he liked nothing better. And when, a few minutes later, he came back with the remark that he had been to see how the thermometer stood down at the post office, his wife smiled.

## A Modest Hope.

Sometimes the hopeful natives expect miracles. The American school at Sholapur, in India, got a letter from a native whose son had been sent to study.

"If you will kindly try to read his phrenology," the dotting father wrote, "his physiognomy and graphology, you must discover as those of the sons and daughters of Emperor Godalgo, who was banished to Okl Island by Ashikaga, the usurper, 584 years ago. The Emperor Godalgo dispatches his sons to nearby provinces to raise recruits for his campaign against Ashikaga and their tombs are scattered around the country. The Imperial mausoleum board is making a search for ancient graves, with the hope that discoveries will be made which will help in the study of the history of the country."

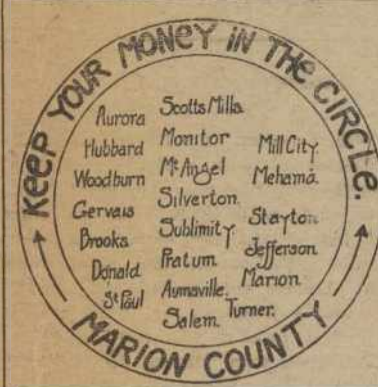
## Ancient Japanese Tombs.

Tombs of six imperial ancestors have just been discovered in obscure spots in the suburbs of Kyoto. They have been identified as those of the sons and daughters of Emperor Godalgo, who was banished to Okl Island by Ashikaga, the usurper, 584 years ago. The Emperor Godalgo dispatches his sons to nearby provinces to raise recruits for his campaign against Ashikaga and their tombs are scattered around the country. The Imperial mausoleum board is making a search for ancient graves, with the hope that discoveries will be made which will help in the study of the history of the country.

## Good Stuff.

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## Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that by an order duly issuing out of the County Court for Marion County, Oregon, on the 18th day of August, 1923, the undersigned were duly appointed executors of the last Will and Testament of Charles Kref, deceased, and that thereafter the said undersigned duly qualified as such executors. All persons having claims against said estate must present same duly verified as required by law to said executors at the office of their attorney, Elmo S. White, 402 Masonic Temple, Salem, Oregon, within six months from the publication of this notice.

Dated this 8th day of November, 1923.

Carl Kref, Albert Kref,

Executors of the estate of Charles Kref, deceased. Elmo S. White, 402 Masonic Temple, Attorney for Executors. 44-5

## Notice of Hearing Final Account

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Marion.

In the Matter of the Estate of Jacob Kuckelberg, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the final account of Leona Kuckelberg, Executrix of the Estate of Jacob Kuckelberg, deceased, been has filed in the County Court of Marion County, Oregon, and that the 28th day of November, 1923, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., has been appointed by said Court for hearing objections to said final account, at which time any persons interested in said estate may appear and file objections thereto in writing and contest same.

Leona Kuckelberg, Executrix. Thos. Brown, Atty. for Executrix, 210 Oregon Bldg., Salem, Oregon. 43-5t

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