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Demonstrated Burner

A new stump burner method of land clearing was shown in the Oregon Agricultural college display at the Pacific International livestock exposition in Portland recently, says the Benton county Courier. A huge stump with its complicated root system, appliances, and explanations or the method were on exhibit. This method has been under investigation by the Oregon experiment station for the past seven years. Many inspected the exhibit and the many questions asked have shown the interest aroused.

The stump exhibit showed the massive root system hidden below ground, and the method of applying the Zysset burner in destroying the stump and roots complete. A series of illuminated photographic transparencies showed each step in the process and the conclusions of the experiment station regarding the cost and practicability of the method. H. D. Scudder, professor of farm management at Oregon Agricultural college, prepared the exhibit and has conducted the investigations of the method.

"The stump alone weighs nearly 4000 pounds and is typical of those found on thousands of acres of agricultural land in the Pacific northwest, which now may be successfully cleared with this new burner method," says Professor Scudder.

George W. Kable, of the O. A. C. extension service, will start demonstrating the new method some time this month in the stump land counties of Oregon.

CUSTOM SET BY PROMETHEUS

Fire-Stealer's Punishment Credited With Having Established the Fashion of Wearing Rings.

There is a legend for most things, a story kept going by repetition. There is one concerning the Greek tale of the way men came to wear jeweled rings. These ornaments commemorate an important advance in the climb up from savagery, since they mark the bringing of fire to the earth, or rather the punishment of Prometheus is commemorated.

Prometheus stole the sacred fire and brought it down to earth so that savage man could have fish fried instead of raw and have something to see by at night, a New York Sun writer recalls. This fire stealing was a terrible crime in heaven, so for his audacity he was sentenced to spend 30,000 years chained to a rock.

He started to serve the sentence, but in a few weeks Jupiter was in a better temper and wanted to pardon him. Somebody with a legal mind figured it out that Prometheus could wear a link of his chain on his finger and a piece of the rock could be fastened to it. So he came to wear the first set ring. To keep him from feeling peculiarly ornamented others started to wear rings.

IN FAR COUNTRIES

When it was noised about a certain Maine town that Lizzy Norton was going clear to Nova Scotia to teach, everybody had something to say, and a few shook their wise heads over it.

"A little different, I guess, she'll find it from teachin' here," prophesied Mrs. Boggs darkly.

"Don't you worry about Lizzy," said Lizzy's grandmother. "Mebbe she'll have to study the European languages on the sly, but Lizzy can do it!"—Philadelphia Ledger.

IN THE WRONG CAMP

The American Legion in Mexico City, Mexico, recently received a request from a man who expressed his desire to join the organization; but when his army discharge papers were examined, he was identified as one of the bravest soldiers who ever received an iron cross during the World war. The German explained that he thought the Legion was an organization for all soldiers, no matter for whom they fought.

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