

CARE FOR THE HUMAN MACHINE IN HARVEST

State Board of Health. Hiring help is easier than keeping it to the end of harvest! Breaking in a new worker takes the time of the foreman and usually involves expense for transportation from the railway. It slows down the output and often costs the loss of a part of the acreage.

The State Board of Health sends the following suggestions with the hope that Oregon's farmers may keep their harvesters at 100 per cent efficiency, and that they may save the state the expense of stamping out epidemics which frequently arise in temporary camps. The Board will issue a bulletin soon with suggestions for the workers themselves, which may be posted in camps.

LOCATION OF CAMPS—Should be on well-drained ground, and should be chosen after consultation with county health officer.

PURE WATER SUPPLY—Before water is to be used for drinking purposes it should be analyzed to determine its freedom from disease producing germs. Upon request the laboratory of the State Board of Health will send a sterile bottle and full directions for the collection and shipment of the water sample. There is no charge attached to this service; the only requirement being that the bottle must be obtained from the State Laboratory. Address all inquiries regarding the examination of water to the Director of the Laboratory, State Board of Health, 301 Fitzpatrick Bldg., Portland, Oregon. If the water comes from a well be sure there is no drainage back into the well from water used in washing hands, dishes and similar purposes. Drinking water should be supplied with 300 feet of each camp. All privy vaults and cesspools should be at least 200 feet from the water supply and so located that pollution is impossible.

PERSONAL CLEANLINESS—Make it easy for the worker to wash their hands often, and always before eating. A wash basin chained to the wall near a faucet, and the provision of soap will encourage cleanliness and may prevent the loss of many workers through illness. A camp sanitation expert says, "The chief cause of disease in camp is eating with unwashed hands."

WASTE DISPOSAL—Garbage of food leftovers should be placed in tightly covered receptacles and removed daily, and either buried or burned. Fly traps or water traps should be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition. Toilets for women should be provided in the fields. At least one caretaker should be employed by the management to keep the grounds in sanitary condition.

FIRST AID SUPPLIES—Increase the probability of health among your harvesters by getting from your local druggist a supply of bandages and simple remedies which he will suggest.

RAPIDS PROJECT NEED NOT WAIT

(Pendleton East Oregonian.) The report upon the Columbia basin project by Commissioner Elwood Mead and others is that the project is feasible but that it should wait for future development. The report points out the large acreage involved, the cost per acre and the very large sum needed to develop the project. The report offers no hope for immediate action upon the project.

Such being the case, the attention of the northwest may now properly be centered upon the Umatilla rapids project. An economic report upon this project has been prepared by Commissioner Mead and it is understood this will be made in the near future.

What the report will reveal remains to be seen. The project has obvious advantages over the larger Columbia basin project. The sum of money called for is much smaller, the project will cover land in both states, it will provide river improvement, which will serve Idaho as well as Oregon and Washington, and it calls for a giant power development. The power feature is a truly vital thing about the project because additional power is needed and here 420,000 horsepower may be provided at a remarkably low cost. In the meeting at Portland Dr. Mead expressed much interest in the power subject and the possibility that power development might be used to help make the project feasible from an agricultural standpoint.

There are three or four large federal reclamation projects where much of the success is due to the fact that power is developed and the surplus power sold.

Most practical men have long foreseen that the Columbia basin project must wait for future development. But there seems no occasion for delaying the rapids project. If the people of Oregon and Washington, and Idaho also, would pool together and exert in favor of this project one-tenth the energy and money that has been placed behind the Columbia basin we would be assured of results. It is time to get busy.

Pyramids Used as Gauge—The pyramids and the sphinx were more important as timepieces than as tombs, declare some scientists. Originally, it is maintained, the sphinx sat far below the level of the desert sand. By sighting across the asp on the head of the sphinx and the use of the notched stick to get the angle the season of the year could be told, from the relation of the stick to the sun. The science was so accurate that the exact day of the year could be told. Similarly by studying the length of shadows cast by the various pyramids other important seasonal facts could be ascertained.

Pork and Vegetables Staple Chinese Foods

Pork is the chief meat of the Chinese. It is used by practically all classes of people in all parts of China. A meal without pork is considered to be unusually simple, and with the exception of vegetarians is used by slaves or very poor people only, the North China News says.

Fresh pork is such a common food that wealthy people will not even touch it. During New Year festivals and birthday or wedding celebrations a whole dressed hog or a half of it is often purchased and consumed by the family and their guests.

Lamb, however, may be substituted for pork, but beef is considered more or less sacred and is very seldom used for food. The quantity of meat eaten is small; it is usually served cut into small pieces and mixed with vegetables in a great variety of ways.

Vegetables are used much more freely by the Chinese people than by Americans. In addition to the common ones, such as potatoes, spinach, cabbage, radishes and the like, many plants and weeds are eaten which are not usually considered as food in America. Thus, radish leaves, shepherd's purse, bamboo sprouts and a large number of sea weeds are used as food.

Believed Evil Spirit Lurked in Watch Case

Until comparatively modern times the wearing of a watch was considered a proof of the owner's gentility, though the invention can be traced back to the fourteenth century. Watches were worn attached to a chain suspended around the neck, a fashion which still survives with women.

From the following story of one Mr. Allen, a reputed sorcerer, who died in 1830, watches must have been very uncommon in his day.

Being, Holme Lacey, in Herefordshire, Allen happened to leave his watch in the chamber window. The maids entered his room to make the bed, and hearing a curious ticking sound coming from a case, concluded that it was their master's devil. One of them took it up with tongs and threw it out of the window into the moat.

The string attached to the case caught on the sprig of an elder that grew out of the moat, and this confirmed their belief that the case contained an evil spirit.

Over-Long Sentence—Edgar A. Bancroft, the famous Chicago lawyer who has been appointed ambassador to Japan, said at a Blackstone luncheon:

"A good diplomat can couch the truth, even the most unpleasant truth, in diplomatic language. He is like the young beauty.

"I told Gobsa Golde," said the young beauty, "that, despite his great wealth, he was too old for me, and so I wouldn't marry him."

"What?" said her mother. "You told him to his face he was too old? My, but he must have been mad."

"Oh, no," said the young beauty, "he wasn't mad. You see, I used diplomatic language. He said he'd love and cherish me till death, and I told him he was too young."

Her Memory Reversed—Lady Arabella was the daughter of Thomas, earl of Lincoln. She married Isaac Johnson, who left his native land for New England from religious motives. Lady Arabella cheerfully accompanied him, and they arrived at Salem, Mass., in April, 1830. Her acerbic character and gentleness gained her universal esteem, but she died in the September following her arrival. Mr. Johnson survived her little more than a month. He is regarded as the founder of Boston, and though his time was brief, yet the good work he accomplished will never be forgotten by the people of New England. But dearest still is the memory of Lady Arabella.—Denver News.

Play Had Little Part in Puritan Training

"It is not inconsistent even with the American mind, that myths should flourish among us," says Caroline E. MacGill in Scribner's Magazine. "Perhaps the subtlest and most widespread of all our myths is that myths cannot exist in the freedom and vigor of the 'great open spaces.' It is a peculiarly dangerous myth, because of its mind-closing tendencies, blinding us to the better concealed of the popular fables.

Many of our myths center around liberty and freedom, until one would suppose that they were something indigenous to the soil of this western world. Yet we know that 'freedom,' except for the few, was about the last thing the original settlers wanted. An examination of the records of the northern colonies show how exceedingly little freedom there was of any kind from the ordinances of Plymouth to the famous statute of 1636, which removed the last vestige of freedom from children above six, compelling them to be employed, even doubly employed, after that age. It is very well to talk about the stern economic conditions which made it necessary for each child to be so far as possible self-supporting, but the statute itself, alas! makes it quite clear that the real thorn was the slight of children presuming to play. Such lawlessness on the part of the innocents was utterly at variance with the puritan temper."

"City" of El Dorado Nothing But a Myth

Some time ago, when the ruins of an Aztec city were discovered in the Amazonian forest, they were popularly supposed to be those of El Dorado, the golden city to which Raleigh and many other adventurers were said to have been lured, some to their death, and a few to fortune. In Elizabethan times, when the wildest stories of the New world found credence.

El Dorado sounds like the fanciful names which the Spaniards and Portuguese gave to the cities they established, such as Buenos Aires, Santiago, Los Angeles, and so on.

But the fact is that El Dorado is not a city at all, and never was, although it would make a fine sounding name for some new capital.

The story goes that Orellana, the lieutenant of the great Pizarro, pretended he had discovered a land of gold between the Orinoco and the Amazon, but when these high hopes proved delusive, the ruler was smeared with oil and rolled in gold dust, and dubbed El Dorado, the gilded man. Whether there is truth in the story is difficult to determine.

Had Wrong Willie

It's sometimes startling to be called to the telephone by an unknown person. A youth in a downtown office was called to the phone recently. "Are you William G. Smith?" a voice asked. "Yes, sir," replied meek Willie, who is just sixteen and is not at all sure of himself. "Well, this is Mr. Buzzwizz, lawyer. Don't you know that you owe your wife ten months' alimony? When are you going to pay it?" "But I ain't married," pleaded Willie.

"What's that—lying out of it? We'll send some one to arrest you right away." "Mister," Willie almost cried, "honest, I ain't married. I'm only sixteen, and my mother wouldn't let me."

"Only sixteen?—I guess I must have the wrong number," the lawyer declared. "There are too many Smiths in the world."—Philadelphia Record.

Outclassed Solomon

Solomon has generally been regarded as the world's most married man, but King Tchirnekundian, who lived thousands of years before Solomon's time, had him beaten. He ruled over the land of Bheila, had 3,000 ministers and ruled over 90 little kings. In addition he had 500 wives of noble lineage, 500 wives endowed with great riches and other 500 perfectly beautiful wives.

This inventory is given in one of three Tibetan "Mysteries" translated from the French of Jacques Bacot. These dramas are played in the Tibetan monasteries during the cooler weather of the sixth moon and the costumes and wigs are very accurate. There is not much "action" in the plays, but the dialogue is interesting.—Family Herald.

Treasures in Ocean

The ocean appears to the traveler to be a vast expanse of salty water valued chiefly for transportation and source of rainfall. Yet it is veritably teeming with plant and animal life, and its depths hold un-

told treasures. Its saltiness has caused much inconvenience, for many, as Coleridge's Ancient Mariner, have had parched throats with "Water, water everywhere, nor any drop to drink." Although apparently a nuisance and worthless, sea salt is Nature's storehouse of treasures to the chemist, for it contains all the valuable constituents of the earth's crust that have been leached out by the countless rains of former years.

Hum of Telephone Wires

The humming noise made by telephone and telegraph wires is caused by vibrations of the wire set in motion by the wind and other air currents. The intensity of the humming is determined to some extent by the tightness of the wires and the distance between the poles. The greatest noise is heard at the poles, the wood being set in vibration by the wires.

Baby Useless Gift

"Yes, Rupert," said mother, "the baby was a Christmas present from the angels."

"Well, mamma, if we lay him away carefully and don't use him, can't we give him to somebody else next Christmas?"

Cutting the "Gordian Knot"

This expression has its origin in the tale of Gordius, a Phrygian peasant, owner of a yoke of oxen who became king. He dedicated his oxen and oxen to Zeus, and the knot of the yoke was tied so skillfully that an oracle declared that whoever should untie it would be ruler of Asia. When Alexander the Great came to Gordium he cut the knot in two with his sword and applied the prophecy to himself.

Its Origin Uncertain

The phrase "Lynch law" has been variously traced to a Virginia soldier and to a Virginia farmer of that name, to one Lynch, who was sent out from England about 1687 to suppress piracy, while yet another tradition refers it to Lynch creek, in North Carolina, where the forms of a court-martial and execution were gone through over the lifeless body of a Tory, who had already been precipitately hanged to prevent a rescue.—Chamber's Encyclopedia.

"Wasted" Medicine

The particularly well-known man entered the doctor's consulting room and took a chair.

"Well, what can I do for you?" asked the doctor.

"I don't think much of that cough medicine of yours," answered the man.

"Oh, I'm sorry to hear that," was the reply. "What is the reason?"

"Why," said the other. "There's so much dead waste in it, I hadn't taken more than a quarter of a bottle when my cold disappeared, and there is the other three-quarters just thrown away."

Maasryk Diligent Reader

President Masaryk of Czechoslovakia is an industrious reader. His reading room is piled with books, newspapers and periodicals of which he reads regularly nearly five hundred.

These include the Prague newspapers, many Czechoslovakian newspapers, several newspapers from neighboring countries, including Russia, also English and American dailies. Thus the Czech President keeps informed of world events. Despite his seventy-five years, he rides two hours nearly every day.

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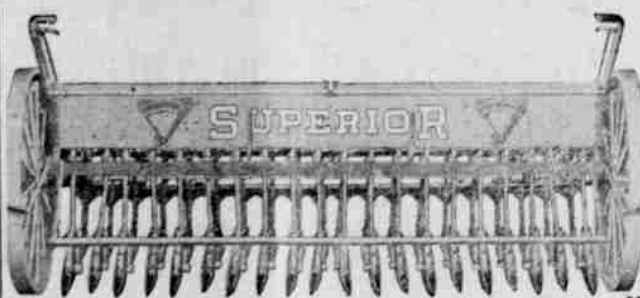
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