



Wanted: Teachers of Humor

I once had some correspondence with the alumnae secretary of a woman's college, an estimable lady seeking to raise more money for her institution, which it well deserves.

lish the comment, and to add this firm conviction: that the world does not need more knowledge as much as it needs more humor.

Do you remember the famous session of the Cabinet at which Abraham Lincoln presented the Emancipation Proclamation? He preceded it by reading one of the humorous essays of Artemus Ward.

He laughed until the tears came and then, looking around at his associates and finding them all solemn, he exclaimed: "Gentlemen, why don't you laugh? With the fearful strain that is upon me night and day, if I did not laugh I should die; and you need this medicine as much as I."

Do you recall the passage from Stevenson in which he points out that it is the little differences, not the big issues, on which marriages are wrecked? To look across the table and see a blank expression on your wife's face, when you are conversed with laughter—that, he says, is a test that few marriages can stand.

I was in Mexico with Ambassador Morrow when Will Rogers arrived. I saw how wonderfully his humor disarmed the suspicions of the Mexican officials and opened the way for all the good work that the Ambassador did later.

Having all this in mind, I offer two constructive suggestions: 1. That the President make the following appointments: Ambassador to England, Will Rogers; Ambassador to Germany, Bugs Baer; Ambassador to France, Irvin S. Cobb.

2. And that John D. Rockefeller or Edward Harkness establish and endow at each leading college a Professorship in Humor.



REFRESHMENT

In my New England boyhood a sign frequently seen on country taverns was "Refreshment for Man and Beast." You could feed your horse and yourself at the same time. Horses have given place to the automobile and the filling station takes the place of the wagonshed, while the food obtainable along the highway varies, as a rule, from bad to worse.

Ask any motor tourist how many places he found to eat where the food was really palatable. He'll remember them all; it is no tax on the memory! With everything else becoming standardized, the movement to standardize food stations so that the motorist can be sure, before trying his luck, of what he is going to get, is bound to come. One of the big oil companies, operating its own gasoline filling stations, has made a deal with a large restaurant organization which operates a chain of eating places in many parts of the country. Light lunches of good quality and real coffee are served at the filling stations. I can think of nothing better calculated to encourage motor touring.

AMERICA

While the "Star-Spangled Banner" is the official national anthem of the United States, many more people can sing "America," the familiar song beginning "My country 'tis of thee." That was written just 100 years ago, in 1832, by the Rev. Samuel Francis Smith, who was then a theological student. He discovered an old German tune in a collection of hymns, and in half an hour had written the words which are still sung, to fit the tune. It was not until some time afterwards that the same tune was adopted in England for the national anthem, "God Save the King."

GOLD

With their money depreciated and their nation off the gold standard, the people of England are showing their patriotism by turning in their gold jewelry and ornaments to be melted up for money. One noble duke gave up his coronet, worth \$50,000 in coin but many times that in sentimental association. Of course, the people who are doing this get the bullion value of their gold in the form of bank notes, but it strengthens their nation's financial position because it puts the gold where it can be weighed and counted as a basis for currency, which is impossible when it is in private hands.

Gold is useless except as a basis of money. The debate on the Glass-Steagall bill, just enacted, disclosed the fact that only a part of America's gold reserve, the largest in the world, was available for monetary purposes, owing to a defect in the original Federal Reserve law. The new law remedies that defect, and we won't have to give up our coronets, yet awhile, to keep our currency issues up in sufficient volume for business needs.

SILVER

Talk about restoring silver to its place as a basis of money is being heard everywhere. The latest move in this direction is the introduction in Congress by Representative

Somers of Brooklyn of a resolution for an international conference on silver.

I am not sure that I agree with my friend Rene Leon, regarded as the foremost authority on silver, that the demonization of silver by the British government in India in 1926 is at the bottom of all of the world's present economic trouble, but I do believe that the legalization of silver, up to a reasonable percentage of gold, as a basis for currency, would help to stabilize finance and business. At any rate, as I have often said before in this column, silver is something interesting to watch.

DUCKS

It looks as if the Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States would be one which would change the date of Presidential inaugurations and eliminate "lame ducks" from Congress. As things are now, we elect a new President and Congress in November, but their term of office does not begin until March 4 the next year. In the meantime, the old Congress holds a session in which defeated members, known as "lame ducks," still sit.

This is a hangover from the old stage-coach, horseback days of slow travel. It used to take three or four months to get to Washington. Both houses of Congress have agreed to submit a Constitutional amendment making January 3 the date for Congress to meet with only the newly-elected members sitting, and the new President to take office on January 20 instead of on March 4.

This probably cannot become effective before 1938, as it is not likely enough states will ratify it to put it into force for 1932.

Early Chick Hatchings Greater Than Last Year

Oregon State College, Corvallis, March 9.—Significant happenings in the past week's farm market news listed by the Oregon State college extension service were the reported increase in baby chick production, the arrival of a cargo of Swedish butter at San Francisco and the opening of the new lamb market with a California shipment.

Although government reports indicate that more chicks were hatched in January by commercial hatcheries this year than in January 1931, the information is not particularly important with respect to pullet production, says the report just issued by the college.

The total number of chicks hatched in January is relatively small compared to later months and are used to a considerable extent for broiler production. Fewer chicks were hatched in western states in January this year than a year ago.

Bookings of chicks in the entire United States for delivery by large commercial hatcheries during February and later was reported slightly below the bookings of a year previous.

Pacific coast egg production, although showing a normal seasonal increase, is still about 25 per cent below a year ago.

Lambs at Portland, during the closing days of February, hit the \$5.50 mark for the first time since December 1. Some new crop lambs from southern California reached San Francisco and sold at \$8 per hundred weight.

For the first time this season foreign butter entered Pacific coast markets last week. Twelve thousand pounds of Swedish butter sold at San Francisco at 23 1/2c, despite a 14 cent tariff and 2 1/2 cent freight rate.

Dallas—The advisability of eliminating all low producing cows from all herds so as to hold down the total volume of milk production was emphasized by County Agent J. R. Beck, speaking before a recent meeting of farmers in the Elkins community.

FOUR-H CLUBBERS PROGRESS RAPIDLY

Annual Report Shows More Members, Clubs and Profits; Lane Has Highest Enrollment.

Despite the difficulties adult farmers are experiencing in "making ends meet," some 19,119 4-H club members of Oregon during the past year carried on work with a gross value of \$227,901.20, which, after deducting operating expenses, left them with a profit of \$91,543.84, according to the annual report just filed by H. C. Seymour, state club leader.

The club boys and girls of the state have evidently already absorbed a truth which many adults are just beginning to recognize—that the only way to make money during low price periods is to lower production costs. While the gross value of the club work done last year was \$11,393.85 less than the previous year, the net profit was increased \$3,361.67.

Club enrollment, too, picked up nearly 25 per cent last year, increasing from 1711 clubs with 15,355 members in 1930 to 2109 clubs including 19,119 members in 1931.

Lane county again led the state in number of clubs organized, with a total of 276, followed by Marion with 182, Douglas with 176, and City of Portland with 174. Clackamas, Washington and Multnomah were other high ranking counties, while Wheeler was the only county with no organized clubs.

Sewing clubs appeared to be the most popular of the 33 different kinds of projects carried, followed

by cookery, health growth, and dairy calf clubs. Other projects carried, include swine, sheep, beef calf, dairy record, goat, poultry, corn, potatoes, garden, wheat, canning, homemaking, room improvement, home beautification, rabbit, bee, farm accounting, farm mechanics, rose and flower, forage, marketing, pigeon, colt, art, nursery, handicraft, cucumber, orchard care, and the newly standardized forestry project.

The greatest total value above cost was realized by the dairy calf clubs, followed by cookery and poultry clubs.

Livestock Research Work Centered at Two Points

Livestock experimental work in Oregon will hereafter be concentrated at two stations—the Eastern Oregon branch station at Union and the central station at Oregon State college. It was announced following the arrival of Dale E. Richards, new superintendent of the Union station. Richards succeeds the late Robert Withycombe. Under the coordinated plan the Union branch station will be devoted largely to study of problems of the owners of range cattle and sheep, the type of industry that predominates through the Blue mountain region and along the eastern slope of the Cascades. At Corvallis will be concentrated practically all work with farm flocks of sheep, goats and hogs. Officials believe this will meet the needs of the entire state at reduced cost.

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EARLY SPUDS LOOK BETTER THIS YEAR

Little Promise Seen in Late Crop Opportunity in Grass Seed, Clover, Corn, Flax.

It used to be said that the way to grow high priced potatoes was to plant cheap ones—as most farmers do just the opposite—but such doesn't appear to be the case this year, warns E. R. Jackman, crops specialist at O. S. C., in reviewing this season's farm crops outlook. Every indication points to poor prices on late potatoes again next year, he says, provided normal crops are produced.

"Farmers who normally grow a certain acreage year after year

may well continue to do so," says Jackman. "But this is a poor time for a new man to jump into the business."

"On the other hand, there appear to be much better prospects for fair prices for early potatoes," Jackman believes. "The early crop in California promises to be greatly reduced so that it would appear to be a good bet for the potato grower to devote more of his acreage than usual to varieties to be dug as early in the summer as possible."

Jackman does not stop with telling what not to plant, but also lists a number of seed crops that give good promise, particularly in western Oregon. Red and alsike clover are the "backbone" of the seed industry, and despite present low prices, Jackman believes conditions are right for an upturn in this business.

"The market still looks good for Austrian winter peas," Jackman continued. "Drouth in the south had as much to do with poor demand last fall as the poor farm prices. The acreage for next year is way below requirements."

"Forget about the common Italian rye grass, as there is too much of it for present conditions, but we could grow some English rye grass, English rye grass, orchard grass, tall oat grass, chewing fescue and meadow fescue all offer good returns and are cheap crops to grow. There is no reason why Oregon couldn't be producing these crops at the rate of some \$300,000 a year."

Corn and seed flax also provide possibilities of profitable expansion in many sections. Corn could replace potatoes or spring grain on thousands of acres without danger of oversupplying the local northwestern market. Seed flax has an assured market in Portland and will do well when properly cared for on much western Oregon land.

IRRIGON

MRS. W. C. ISOM.

A surprise party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Grabel Saturday night, honoring Mrs. Grabel, it being her 73rd birthday. Besides home relatives and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Grabel, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Grabel, Mr. and Mrs. Smith Jordan and Mr. and Mrs. J. Berry, all of Umatilla, were present. Mrs. Grabel was the recipient of many lovely presents. A delicious luncheon was served. The guests departed at an early hour after best wishes were expressed for many happy returns of the day.

Roscoe Williams has taken charge of the Tum-A-Lum lumber company's office at Umatilla for an indefinite time.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Horner and daughter, Mrs. Horn, from Enterprise, arrived here Friday and have taken possession of the Glenn Woods place.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Horner moved onto the Jack White place Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Browning left for Vancouver, Wash., where they will make their future home.

Jess Oliver and Fred Markham are shearing sheep in the Echo vicinity.

Mrs. Gerald Land, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Wilson for several weeks returned to her home in Portland Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ash of Umatilla were in town a short time Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Chapman of Umatilla were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Stegmiller of Walla Walla were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Williams.

Mrs. Clara Smith and Mrs. Frank Fredrickson were calling on Mrs. W. C. Isom Saturday.

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