

BOB-WHITE'S SPRING CALL OF MORE-WET

In the February issue of the Oregon Sportsman is an article dealing with the introduction of the Bob-white quail in Oregon. There were some of these birds here more than 30 years ago and the Sportsman tells of how and when some of them were liberated. The story fails to tell how and when they were first to be seen in Multnomah county, and perhaps there are few who know.

Early in the year of 1891 the late C. E. Fritz brought several pairs here from Ohio and turned them loose on his farm near Beaver creek. From this starter they have multiplied until there are now several hundred of them in this part of the country. In some localities they are quite numerous, but they do not seem to have thrived as well as expected.

In telling of the Bob-white the Oregon Sportsman runs into a pleasing story, a portion of which reads as follows:

"The spring call of the male gave this bird its name 'bob-white.' It is the best known game bird throughout the United States, generally called quail through the north where the ruffed grouse is called 'partridge.' But Bob-white is often called 'partridge' in the southern states. It is a bird highly sought by the sportsmen, a bird that is a valuable friend of the farmer.

"In our Oregon country, Bob-white is loved by all. Since his coming many years ago, there has never been an open season in this state. No bird gladdens the heart of the Oregon farmer more than Bob-white as he calls from the top of an old rail fence, for the larger part of our farmers knew him in bare-foot days among the hills of the eastern states. He is the friend and companion about the garden and field. His call means gladness and satisfaction. To some of my farmer friends, he is always an optimist. If a shower is needed, one may hear Bob-white calling—'More-wet! More-wet!' After a dreary downpour, that has lasted for several days, Bob-white is sure to mount an old brush heap and sing just as confidently—'No-more-wet! No-more-wet!'"

DR. CALVIN S. WHITE INVESTIGATING MALADY

A baffling skin disease, so prevalent among school children in this vicinity, seems to be defying every effort to eradicate it. Mention was made in the Outlook concerning this unpleasant malady in the Gresham school, several months ago, and it was thought that it would disappear in a short while, but it seems not only to be infectious but is spreading to other schools.

Dr. Calvin S. White, of the State Board of Health, is making a study of what seems to be an epidemic and was at the Terry school yesterday for the purpose of examining several cases there. He treats the matter with considerable indifference and says it is not dangerous, although disagreeable.

The first signs of the disorder are small blisters on the skin which develop into scales when they break. A severe itching follows, but that seems to be the extent of the disease. It seems to be "catching," for so many have it, and it is evidently on the increase.

Probably the coming of hot weather and a diet of fresh vegetables will cause it to disappear.

HELPED THE CHRISTIE ORPHANS' HOME

As the city attorney was leaving his office on St. Patrick's day he was accosted by one of the women who were selling shamrocks.

"I beg your pardon," she said, timid like, "but would you care to help the Christie Orphans' Home?" The attorney looked at her kindly. "Sure," he answered, "where are they?"

Unselfishness gives us a wide sphere of usefulness and delight. What we do for others adds more to our happiness than what we get for ourselves. The greatest and purest being this world has ever known has said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Innumerable are the joys that come to the man who seeks to bless others.

Organized labor has established a national union-label mail order house.

HARDWARE MERCHANTS CONVENTION

CORVALLIS, March 11.—During the recent ninth annual convention of the Oregon Retail Hardware and Implement association at the Imperial hotel, Portland, Prof. E. M. D. Bracker, instructor in Farm Mechanics, Agronomy department, O. A. C., gave an address on the economic value of efficiency in business. This address was considered by the leading farm implement journals of the United States to be the prominent feature of the convention and has already been printed in full, approximately 6,000 words, in Farm Machinery and Farm Power, St. Louis, February 20; Farm Implement News, Chicago, February 18; and the Weekly Implement Trade Journal, Kansas City, February 20. Requests for complete copy were also received from the Hardware Age, New York, the Hardware Dealers Magazine, New York, and several journals of lesser prominence from different parts of the United States.

Referring editorially to Professor Bracker's address, the editor of the Farm Implement News says: "An exceedingly interesting and valuable paper which no dealer can read without receiving suggestions that will be helpful to him." The editor of the Weekly Trade Journal says: "This address is worthy of close reading by every dealer for it sets forth more clearly than any other similar expression that has come to our attention, the dealer as an intelligent farmer would like to have him."

Some of the topics discussed by Professor Bracker which so interested the men in that line of business were briefly as follows: Benefits to the farmer of having reliable and intelligent retail dealers who not only understand their business but also the construction and operation of the machines which they sell. Importance of local dealers knowing their business well in order to really help the farmer and to keep his trade at home; necessity of local dealers developing qualities of leadership and interesting themselves in all problems of rural life, social, educational, good roads, proper rotations and cropping systems, marketing, etc. Beneficial results of frequent trips through tributary territory visiting and becoming acquainted with the farmer and his wife. In this way only can the dealer discover the needs of the rural population and the kind of service they have been receiving from previous investments. Importance of treating old customers in the same courteous manner as new or prospective ones.

GRESHAM BUTTE FOR CITY PARK

GRESHAM, March 17, 1915.—Editor Outlook:—I would like, through the columns of your semi-weekly to suggest to the good people of Gresham the advisability of purchasing ten or fifteen acres of land on the top of the Butte just south of our city, to be developed into a city park.

Those who are familiar with this location know there is no point in the county where such a varied scenery spreads out before the eye as from the top of the butte. With the coming of our hard surfaced road and the opening of the Columbia Highway eastern Multnomah county will attract all visitors to this section of the country and unless we provide for some attraction in or about our little city, they will pass us by and go on to enjoy the scenery and beauties of Columbia gorge, but with a park on the top of this butte, which might be arranged at little expense aside from the cost of the land, and an automobile road constructed from the city to the park, we will have an attraction almost within the corporate limits that will equal any in the country.

Push this matter along. I believe the people will see the advisability of taking some action with reference to it at once.

G. W. STAPLETON.

The state should appoint a detective to watch every married man who manages to keep out of debt. Such a fellow must have some secret, underground passage connecting him with Wall street.

Coming—new spring line of Lawn Mowers to Sterling & Kidder's Hardware Store.—Adv.

Utah Land Plaster, big stock on hand at warehouse in Gresham. Metzger Bros.—Adv.

POMONA SESSION MOST IMPORTANT AND SUCCESSFUL

Wednesday's session of Pomona grange, held in Gresham, was as predicted the most important and successful gathering of the grange ever held in Multnomah county. Over three hundred persons were present during the day and evening.

The morning session was devoted to business matters, the afternoon taken up with the installation of Pomona officers, the initiation of candidates in the third and fourth degrees for Gresham grange by the officers of Pomona and the Lents degree team, followed by a discussion of the rural credits resolutions under consideration and the road bonding act.

In the evening the fifth degree was conferred upon a class of 22 followed by a musical and literary program of rare merit and a presentation of the road bonding situation from both sides by competent speakers.

Gresham grange entertained the gathering with a bountiful dinner and supper and left nothing undone for the entertainment and enjoyment of the visitors.

The entire list of Pomona officers was installed by John D. Chitwood, of Damascus, the Lents degree team acting as a guard of honor.

Two resolutions were introduced bearing on the rural credit and farm loan questions. Both were adopted and referred to the state grange for further consideration. One by W. H. H. Dufur, master of Woodlawn grange, was given the most prominence and is given herewith. The other was somewhat similar and had been endorsed by the Masters' and Lecturers' association. Following is the Woodlawn resolution:

Rural Credits.

Whereas: There has been a general revision of our National Currency system, resulting in what is known and called the Regional Banking law;

Whereas: The people were expecting and had reasons to expect great and immediate relief from the financial stringency by the passage of this act, assurances having been given them by the administration and those interested, that it would be of great and lasting benefit to the great majority of the people;

Whereas: No such relief or benefit has been had or is likely to be had, but that money is becoming more and more scarce and stringent in the business world; and that the rate of interest remains the same;

Whereas: The people and the farming interests of the country have been asking for the enactment of a common sense Rural Credit law, by the National government;

Whereas: Nothing has been done nor no definite action taken by congress, on this great public need, nor is there any likelihood of favorable action being taken;

Be it resolved: By the Pomona grange of Multnomah county, that we favor and demand the enactment by congress without delay, of a Rural Credit or longtime loan law, whereby by the majority vote of the people of any state, bonding the

state for a certain amount of non-interest bearing bonds, to be used as longtime loans on the individual farm lands of the state; the secretary of the treasury shall be instructed to issue to the state, the full amount in currency less 2 per cent discount, to be set aside by the State Land Board, and used only as a Rural Credit loan; and to be loaned to, and direct to, the farmers of the state upon proper application filed with the Land Board, and approved by the State Board's attorney, from said county from which said application is made. The Board shall honor said application by issuing the loan applied for, not to exceed 60 per cent of the assessed valuation of the said loans. All expenses to obtain said loan shall be borne by the applicant, and the said loan may and shall be made at the stated periods of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 or 35 years, as per application. Mortgage and note to be drawn on or before at a rate of interest not to exceed 3 per cent to be paid semi-annually.

Resolved: That we ask the subordinate granges of this county, to take this question in hand, and carefully investigate and discuss this most important matter. And that we ask that the state grange take it in hand at its next regular meeting as it is of the utmost importance to every citizen of this government—that through the grange, and the co-operation of the farmers of this nation (of which there are about 12,000,000) can we expect to obtain needed legislation, we must work as a unit, if we would succeed.

And be it further resolved: That we will not support any man for congress, or the United States senate, who will not pledge himself unqualifiedly to vote and work for a common sense Rural Credit law, along the lines indicated.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be furnished the press of the state and a copy each to our members of congress.

Pomona Membership.

The last biennial report of the secretary, made in March, 1913, showed 482 members of Multnomah County Pomona grange. During the two years there were initiated 126 new members, reinstated 4, admitted by card 4. In the two years there have been 14 deaths and no suspensions. The addition of 22 members at this meeting increases the total membership of Pomona to 610 at the present time.

County Granges.

Reports from the secretaries of the ten subordinate granges were read, showing a membership as follows:

Columbia grange	61
Evening Star grange	236
Fairview grange	42
Gresham grange	64
Lents grange	138
Multnomah grange	57
Pleasant Valley grange	65
Rockwood grange	65
Russellville grange	62
Woodlawn grange	81
Total	871

MORE SAWDUST FROM ROCKWOOD RIPS AW

Some of our most prominent grangers have been Pomonaing this week over in Gresham.

After Rockwood grange had installed a second-hand stove in its kitchen one of the members of a rival lodge referred to the grange hall as "an old stove in affair."

Our leading merchant will sell axes, picks and mattocks to anyone with two handles, cheap for cash or for produce taken in trade.

Two of our citizens had a quarrel the other day. One of them referred to the other as a Base Line fellow.

When official papers are filed what do they do with the filings?

"Do you know," said Blifkins the other day, "what good a disinfectant does—does it kill anything?" "Yes," answered Smasher, "it makes a bad smell ex-stinked."

Italian opera singers in America are afraid to go home this year on account of the war. The same reason does not apply to the hand organ artists.

Use Calol Liquid Gloss on your polish mops. Costs less, at Sterling & Kidder's.—Adv.

THE SPELLING CLASS RECITES AGAIN

"The spelling class will now stand up," said the teacher of the 'steenth grade yesterday. John, the new boy just from England was at the head of the class and spoke in the cockney dialect. "John, you may spell 'saloon.'" "A hess, a hay, a heif, two hoos and a hen," spelled John. "You seem to be correct, but those letters are not in the American alphabet. I think I'll have to go over to London to complete my education. 'Sam, spell stovepipe.'" "X-t-o-v, stove, p-y-p, pipe; stovepipe." The teacher fainted.

Union High School Topic.

State Superintendent of Schools Churchill will speak at the grange hall at Orient, on the evening of April 10, on the subject of union high schools. An effort will be made to interest the Orient school and those of adjacent districts in the formation of a union high school district.

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CEILO CANAL TO BE OPENED WITH GAIETY

By W. R. STRUBLE.
PORTLAND, March 18.—Special.—Unique features are planned by all the communities of the Columbia river valley the week of May 3-8, 1915, in honor of the official opening of The Dalles-Celilo canal. The occasion seems more and more to be taking on the character of a gala outpouring of the people, wherein seriousness will be intermingled with gaiety.

At Lewiston, Idaho, on Monday, May 3d, the program will deal with the historical development of the Columbia river country, featuring the growth of the northwestern states from the time of the discovery of the Columbia river by Captain Robert Gray, the coming of the explorers and the missionaries, down to the present time.

At Pasco and Kennewick, Washington, May 4th, similar historical features will be presented, with the addition of allegorical tableaux illustrating the slogan "Where Rail Meets Sail." Mammoth mogul engines of the Northern Pacific railway will unite with a fleet of river steamers in emphasizing this feature. A great country-side barbecue, in which visitors from the Yakima and Upper Columbia regions will unite with the river cities, will be given.

At Wallula, Washington, May 4th, the city of Walla Walla, assisted by the cities of Garfield, Columbia and Walla Walla counties, will stage a distinctive good roads meeting, interspersed with historical features in honor of old Fort Wallula and the pioneer railroad of the Inland Empire, built by Dr. D. S. Baker.

At Umatilla, Oregon, May 4th, in addition to a great day-time celebration in which all Umatilla county will participate, there will be given at night a splendid marine spectacle, with fireworks and general illumination of the city and waterfront.

At Maryhill, Washington, May 5th, the citizens of Goldendale will meet the good roads enthusiasts and excursionists from the Pacific Northwest and whirl them in automobiles over the completed sections of the Central Washington Highway (a link of the Pacific Highway) to the marvelous Klickitat Valley, famed as the "Garden of Eden" of the northwest.

At The Dalles and Big Eddy, Oregon, on May 5th, the exercises in honor of the formal opening of the canal will be given, preceded and followed by historical parades, auto trips to orchard districts, and marine features. Special boats and trains will bring to The Dalles on this occasion the greatest crowd in its history.

On May 6th celebrations will be held at Vancouver, Washington, and Portland, Oregon. The latter as the metropolis of the Columbia Valley, will be host to a multitude of people from the Columbia and Willamette valleys. Distinctive features are being prepared for the occasion, among the number being a banquet and reception in honor of distinguished visitors by the commercial, business men's clubs and other societies.

May 7th the celebrations will continue at Kalama, Washington, and Astoria, Oregon. At the latter city the visitors will be shown the government jetties and dredgers, the great railway and municipal docks and the other attractions of the Columbia harbor, together with side trips to the seaside resorts of the Oregon coast.

She Told Her Age.

A new voter appeared at the registration window and asked to be registered but declined to give her age. The clerk insisted that he must know and she refused to tell, but finally let slip the information that she had a twin sister.

"How old is your sister?" asked the clerk.

"Thirty-one," answered the new voter.

Other counties in Oregon are engaging agricultural experts. In this county the granges, all but Rockwood, voted a year ago that such an expert was not necessary. Pomona, next Wednesday, will probably reverse that decision.

A German consul at Seattle was arrested on Wednesday, charged with some underground business—or was it only submarine business?

EARLY SPRING TONIC FOUND BY INDUSTRY

In these days of early spring, when even spinach greens don't taste good, a person needs a tonic. How to get and what to get is the puzzle which is found to be solved in a little story taken from the Hardware Age, and credited to Charles Truitt in the Dutch Boy Painter:

A man whose bread and butter and motor cars were earned by work largely of a routine kind came to consult a physician who to his knowledge of medicine added a rich understanding of human nature.

The doctor-psychologist looked with keen inquiry tempered with sympathy at his new patient.

"Bored?" inquired the doctor.

"And then some!" exclaimed the patient.

"Don't care whether you live or die?"

"You've hit it; there's no zip in anything these days."

"Been doing the same old work day in and day out, seeing the same people, reading the same newspapers, eating pretty much the same food, cooked in the same old way, in the same old surroundings?"

"You're a mind-reader, Doc!"

The doctor shook his head. "Not that," he protested, "but only that I've had a similar experience myself and recognize the symptoms. I'm going to prescribe for you the same tonic I took—change!"

"A vacation in Europe, I suppose!" snapped Mr. Tired Business Man, with sudden irritability. "That suggestion isn't exactly soothing to a man who can't spare a day from his business."

"I expected something of that sort," rejoined the doctor in his calmest tone. "It was the same with me. I could not leave my patients—my business. But change I had to have and a lessening of friction, the smoothing-out of the mental road, as it were. The train of thought jarred and rumbled and clanked as it ran along in the old grooves. All its wheels were flat!"

"Flat! Flat! Flat!" echoed the patient, dismayed.

"And so," continued the doctor, "I sat me down to plan to obtain the effects of change where apparently change could not be had. Curiously enough, the mental dullness and physical weariness began to lift from me that moment. The mere effort to think along a new line had lifted the train to other rails."

"Get to it, Doc! What did you do?" "Well, first I got some new clothes. Unthinkingly I had permitted my clothes to reflect my mental and physical seediness. Even the heels of my shoes were run down. Perhaps you don't realize now for a lopsided heel can assist in the slumping process."

The patient glanced at his own heels and grinned appreciatively.

"Brand new, from heels to hat," said the doctor, "I stood on the stoop to give the neighbors a treat. Perhaps my own gorgeousness made me critical of all imperfection or disrepair. I saw that the hedges were not so well groomed as I was, that the fence was not so young as it used to be, and that the house itself looked more than a little dingy. Everything had gone downhill with its owner. Or had the owner but unconsciously reflected his surroundings?"

"It was a fine opportunity to take the tonic of change. For the next week my little place fairly buzzed with industry, and I was butting into everything. The workmen were good-natured about it, and I was as interested and stimulated as a boy on Christmas morning. I had often wondered why some rich men were always either building new houses or having their old ones redecorated. Now I understood that in their way they had been seeking the same relaxation that I in a humbler way was trying for."

"I could not go to new surroundings, therefore I brought new surroundings to me. Outdoors we were so resplendent that we aroused emulation in our neighbors, whose houses seemed drab by contrast. Painters were busy in our block for the next two months. Indoors we changed pictures about and shifted furniture and ornaments. Friend wife brought into use some tableware that had been laid aside for years. Incidentally she bought some new clothes herself and did her hair up in the latest style. It made her younger and took me back to the honeymoon days."

"The wife's feminine ingenuity suggested a dozen improvements—new tints for walls, new tones here, new touches there. Expensive? Not if you see the subject as a whole. It cost less than a physical or mental breakdown. I was able to stay on the job amid surroundings the freshness of which would stimulate eye and mind for a long time to come."

"Doc, you've got me going!" exclaimed the patient, vibrating at the thought of a new interest. "It's me for the tailors and the decorators. But don't I get any Big Black Bitter pills from you?"

"Try the other tonic first," said the doctor-psychologist. "And a doctor's bill is a bitter pill—you'll get yours," he added, laughingly.

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