

A new biological station for the United States bureau of fisheries is to be built at Key West, Fla., where the conditions for investigation are especially favorable.

The government of British India has sent an expert to the United States to study American methods of cotton production and other agricultural questions.

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Gresham Outlook

How Ezra Moved His Well.

There is an old story about the man who pulled up a well and took it to a more desirable location and another about the men who took up a well, sawed it into sections and used one of the sections for a land roller, says Youth's Companion. They were exaggerations, but the experience of Ezra Tetlow proves that a well cannot always be classed as a permanent fixture. Ezra had a well in front of his house. It had never been a success as a well. Ezra wanted it filled up. One way would have been to haul stones or earth and use the material to fill it. But Ezra had no team.

So he went at it with a shovel. Working on the side of the well next to the road he began to dig and to throw the dirt into the well, which was not a difficult job as the well was rather shallow.

But when the task seemed finished Ezra found that he had made a new hole by the side of the one he had been filling. There was but one thing to do—he proceeded to fill it in the same manner. Of course this resulted in still another excavation, which in turn received similar treatment.

As all of Ezra's digging has been on the side of the well nearest the road the result was that the hole in the ground was finally moved out to the highway.

Judson Tolliver was commenting on the exploit one day down at the corners. "Queer thing Ezra did," he remarked. "You know that old well that stood in his front yard? Well, sir, he moved it clear out into the road!"

"How'd he do it?" inquired another representative citizen.

"You'll have to ask Ezra," replied Judson. "But he did it, sure enough. I saw the well in the road yesterday, and I saw the track he made moving it. The thing plowed a furrow four feet wide all the way."

The fire-throwers now used by the German armies are far from new. Similar contrivances were used at the siege of Constantinople by the Turks five centuries ago, when sheets of flame vomited through long copper tubes.

Among the odd epitaphs to be found on the grave stones in an old English burying-ground is the following: "Here lies the body of Hamilton Burke, who lost his life while dodging work."

It is said to be possible to judge of a baby's subsequent height by multiplying the length of its legs by five, of its arms by four, of its trunk by three and its head by two.

The Duchess of Portland, the Duchess of Westminster and the Countess of Dudley are the possessors of the three finest diamonds worn in the United Kingdom.

Many of the leading newspapers of Denmark have been forced to suspend publication because all of their employes have been called out for military service.

It is just half a century since the first Bessemer steel rails made in the United States were turned out at Johnstown, Pa.

GRESHAM PEOPLE AND HAPPENINGS

Miss Olive Merrill returned Sunday to her studies at the Monmouth Normal.

B. A. Eldred and wife of Clatskanie, Oregon, visited over Thursday night with D. S. Johnson.

Mr. Skerlinger of Sycamore station, who is ill, is being nursed by Mrs. Alta Truitt in her home.

Mrs. Lena Deedham, of Newport, is visiting with her sister, Mrs. C. Humason and other relatives.

E. C. Lindsey has returned from a visit at Warren with his daughter, Mrs. Oscar Erickson and family.

Frank Gibbs and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Gibbs' mother, Mrs. M. Morgan and family near Troutdale.

The Gresham Rebekahs and Odd Fellows will hold a joint installation of officers at their hall on Saturday night.

Mrs. I. McColl is planning to go tomorrow to Newport for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Belt and family.

Mrs. C. Humason and Alex. Gullickson entertained over Sunday their brother-in-law, T. J. Hayes, of Newport.

A. W. Metzger has begun excavating for the basement of his new building which will be erected at the corner of Roberts avenue and Powell street the coming spring.

Among the Oregon Agricultural college students who have returned to their studies after the Christmas vacation, are Misses Laura Davis and Marguerite Volbrecht, Floyd Metzger and Roy Gibbs.

Mrs. Clara Blair, of Portland, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Bates. Mrs. Blair is still suffering from a badly sprained ankle, the result of a fall several weeks ago. She is able to go about with the aid of crutches.

"One Night in a Police Station" will be the subject of a lecture tonight in the M. E. church by Ex-Chief Slover of Portland, assisted by Robert G. Miller in southern melodies. It will be an evening of edifying entertainment. All are invited.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union will meet in regular session at the library on Thursday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock. A full attendance is desired, as plans will be made for the county institute to be held in Gresham all day Thursday, January 18.

The Women's Home Missionary society will meet with Mrs. A. C. Brackenbury at the parsonage next Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Elmer F. Goodwin is the leader and the topic will be "Spain in America." Mrs. Goodwin and Mrs. C. M. Zimmerman will serve.

Mrs. C. H. Lane, who suffered a stroke of paralysis on Friday morning, is reported to be somewhat improved, although still seriously ill.

Bert Thomas of Toledo, Washington, is visiting relatives here and will be here and in Portland for several weeks.

Several members of the Hoss family have been sick with grip during the past two weeks, but are now about recovered. Mrs. Hoss, Bert, Fred and Miss Helen spent the holidays fighting the disagreeable disease. Miss Mamie Hoss was absent from her desk at A. W. Metzger's store for a few days, but is able to be at work again.

Robert Long of Mulino, Oregon, is visiting at the home of A. G. Anderson. Mr. Long expressed considerable surprise at the rapid growth and improvement of the town, which he had not seen for fourteen years. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Long were minors together, twenty years ago at Marysville, Montana. Mr. Long was here in 1882, when he worked for the late J. W. Shattuck, who was then road supervisor. The town then consisted, according to Mr. Long's recollection, of Metzger's store, the postoffice, two churches, a sawmill and a few houses.

Citizens of Gresham and vicinity have reason to be proud of the variety and quality of work done by Maxwell Schneider. Mr. Schneider has all the characteristics of a true artist and is progressive enough to equip his gallery with the most modern photographic apparatus so that he can compete in every respect with the best galleries of the larger cities. His work is highly satisfactory to persons of most discriminating taste. Those who desire to encourage bringing the best things to Gresham will accord Mr. Schneider loyal and generous support.

Mrs. Lulu Strebin was given a miscellaneous shower at the home of her niece, Mrs. Allen Lane, at Wellesley Court, Portland, last Friday afternoon, when a number of intimate friends and relatives gathered to do her honor in anticipation of her marriage, in the near future, to Ed. Osburn, a leading business man of Gresham. A merry afternoon was spent, at the close of which a cafeteria lunch was served. Mrs. Hoyt, mother of Mrs. Lane and sister of Mrs. Strebin, assisted Mrs. Lane in entertaining.

Automobile Thieves.

A generation ago, when the middle west became so thickly infested with horse thieves that every community was suffering and the authorities seemed powerless to cope with the situation, numerous vigilance committees sprang up and protective associations were formed by farmers in many localities. These volunteer law and order league through their increasing activity and co-operation made horse stealing such an unhealthy pursuit that the once common practice became sporadic and then died out altogether save for occasional cases. The thieving had been carried on systematically and its growth to alarming proportions was made possible by means of clearing houses maintained in different cities for the disposal of the stolen property. Much the same situation prevails today in automobile stealing. A few years ago thefts of motor cars were infrequent. Today they are more numerous than horse thefts ever were. In the large cities the daily list of cars stolen is startling. It is evident that the practice has become systematized and that organized gangs are at work pilfering automobiles and disposing of them at central stations where the stolen cars are repainted and disguised before marketed. It is easier to steal an automobile than a horse, and for that reason owners of cars should take every possible precaution to guard against theft. Another essential in dealing with the comparative new police problem is the infliction of a severe penalty for such crimes. The punishment should be made severe enough to impress upon the criminal mind the fact that no mercy will be shown him if he steals and is caught. A prison sentence should be the penalty for stealing an automobile. And legal doses in the proportion of severity would also go a great way in safeguarding life and limb from reckless driving of motor cars.

All readers of the war dispatches are familiar with such names as Hill 60, Hill 87, the historic 305 at Verdun and so on, but few know and why the hills are so named, or rather numbered. The numbers refer to the height in metres as printed in the French military maps. Thus Hill 60 is 60 metres (about 185 feet) high and Hill 305 is 305 metres in height.

Few people are aware that the houses of parliament have their own prison. Yet situated high up in the Clock tower of St. Stephen's is a prison suite consisting of several bed chambers and sitting-rooms. One of the best-remembered occupants of the prison was Charles Bradlaugh, who was sentenced by the speaker to imprisonment in the Clock tower for refusing to withdraw when requested to do so.

Britain has many possessions which "no money could buy." Perhaps the most priceless of them are the Great Charter—an old parchment enclosed within a glass case in the British museum and the stone under the coronation chair in Westminster Abbey, on which centuries of kings have been crowned and which is said to have served as a pillow for Jacob, son of Isaac and Rebekah.

A foot should equal in length one-seventh of the height.

The Habit of Taking Cold.

With many people taking cold is a habit, but fortunately one that is easily broken. Take a cold sponge bath every morning when you first get out of bed—not ice cold, but a temperature of about 90 degrees F. Also sleep with your window up. Do this and you will seldom take cold. When you do take cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and get rid of it as quickly as possible. Obtainable everywhere.—Ad.

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The year about to begin will mark the 75th anniversary of the death of Samuel Woodworth, author of the popular song, "The Old Oak-leaf Bucket."

In the search of a source of supply of potash it has been said that a ton of banana stalks will make five pounds of pure potash.

Kansas City, Mo., finds it has only 1,006 school pupils with perfect teeth. Of 17,024 pupils, 15,000 never use toothbrushes.

Elephants have no front teeth and no need for them, since they never eat flesh or any food that requires tearing apart.

For more than 100 years the supreme court of the United States has never handed down decisions except on Mondays.

Bessie Arnell, a Chicago nurse, recently received a \$500,000 bequest in the will of an aged woman she once nursed.

The Cuban government has established nine wireless stations on the Island of Cuba and one on the Isle of Pines.

New York may prosecute property owners for cost of fighting fires where fire prevention laws have not been obeyed.

As many persons are employed in the electrical industries as are found in the entire state of Colorado.

Paper covers to protect automobiles in storage have been invented.

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Arthur Languth, agent of the State School Land Board in Portland, with offices at 606 McKay building, announces that he has plenty of farm money to loan in sums ranging from \$250 to \$5000, on approved security at 6 per cent.

One liner recently left Tacoma for Vladivostok with a cargo valued at \$7,000,000, which is said to be the most valuable ever booked on the Pacific coast.

A machine has been invented that plants from 10,000 to 15,000 forest tree seedlings in a day when operated by three men and two horses.

Succeeding With What You Have

is the title of a book recently published of which Chas. M. Schwab is the author. He says:

"Nothing is so plentiful in America as opportunity. There are more jobs for forceful men than there are forceful men to fill them," but they must be men who have been successful.

SUCCESS MAKES SUCCESS.

They must be men capable of managing their own affairs, otherwise they can not hope to be employed to manage the affairs of others. They must have acquired habits of thrift and economy. Must have been able to save a portion of their income.

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Watch this space for the announcement of the successful contestant in the problem announced here last week.

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