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WILL WE BECOME SPIRITUALISTS?
 Weston Leader

Every admirer of Sherlock Holmes is likewise an admirer of his creator, and few will regret the visit to America of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. It looks as though his campaign to convert this land of the free to spiritualism, however, will be wasted effort. Sir Arthur predicts an almost universal acceptance of spiritualism in the United States within ten years, but granting that he is right, who will be the gainer? According to the spiritualistic doctrine, as we understand it, the Protestant, the Roman Catholic, the Mahometan, the Buddhist—in brief, adherents of every faith—all have an equal chance for happiness in spirit land. The one essential here below is spiritual development, and the "heaven Chinese" is all right if he gets it from the book of Confucius, or poor Lo if he is properly inspired by legends of the Happy Hunting Ground. So why do not the spiritualists leave every one else alone, to work out their future in their own way? The answer is, of course, the universal human tendency toward proselyting, which now—thanks be to an all-wise Providence—take on a much milder form than the rack and thumb screw of the Middle Ages.

BULLSNAKES WORTH \$15 A YEAR
 How much is a bullsnake worth? Under certain conditions a full grown bullsnake is worth \$15 a year, answer specialists in the Kansas State College who have been observing the habits of captive bullsnakes for a period of several months.

Loss of alfalfa in the state due to gopher infestation is about \$2.50 per acre, or \$250,000,000 for all of Kansas every year. From six to eight is the average number of gophers in an acre of alfalfa land.

A large bullsnake, five feet in length, will consume four gophers a month, in addition to five rats during the same period. One of the snakes observed at the college devoured two gophers in 48 hours, although the snake had been fed the week before.

"A full grown bullsnake is capable of eating all the gophers on an acre of alfalfa in one month, and during the six warm months of the year is able to clear six acres of its infestation," said F. L. Hisaw, mammalogist.

"This would mean an annual saving of \$15 for every snake in a field. Alfalfa growers should take serious thought of the economic importance of these harmless snakes. By protecting them a great deal of time and money can be saved in trapping and poisoning gophers and other rodents.

"The bullsnake is the farmers' humble and unassuming servant. The only return requested for his loyal and valuable service is the right to live an undisturbed life.

"The pocket gopher is a serious pest. It is on the increase due to the extermination of its natural enemies and the increased food supply furnished by cultivated crops. Bullsnakes feed on gophers and ground squirrels in the fields and on rats and mice when around the barn or granary.

"There are only two kinds of poisonous snakes in Kansas—the copperhead and rattlesnake. All the other non-poisonous kinds are decidedly beneficial or indifferent. One of the most beneficial is the common bullsnake."

O. A. C. FARM REMINDERS

Large Pieces Needed
 Seed potatoes for June planting should be cut in large pieces not likely to dry out. Length of treatment for sprouted seed needs to be shortened somewhat.

Thistles Make Silage
 Bad patches of Canada thistles in grain may be cut out when the grain is in the milk or early dough stage and made into good silage. If then the patch is plowed up and kept cultivated off below the ground all summer the patch will be pretty weakened or killed out. Fall seeding of vetch and oats on these patches will help further in smothering out the stragglers that survive.

Cherry Slugs Are Busy
 Pear and cherry slugs are appearing on the foliage of these trees and are skeletonizing the leaves in characteristic fashion. Growers who experienced serious defoliation from this pest last season may control it by spraying the trees now with arsenate of lead, 2 pounds to the hundred gallons.

Bad Spud Plants Pulled
 Diseased, sick or weak potato plants should be dug out of the seed fields as soon as they appear. This practice will help prevent the spread of disease.

OREGON INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Industrial and business of the country picking up—Shipping over the railroads increasing even over record of 1920—Week ending May 13 shows 23,000 increase in number of loaded cars handled—Coal traffic for same week shows falling off of 82,000 carloads.

Highway ordered built from Neskokwin to Seltz river to cost \$500,000—Betzen—New \$25,000 shingle mill just completed.

Klamath county shipping in 10,000 head beef cattle for feeding. Coquille—S. P. Co. to rebuild present depot.

Bend—Shevlin-Hixon Co. cut over 11,000,000 feet lumber in April. Portland municipal paving plant has again been underbid on all proposed street improvements that are to be built this summer.

Dallas—All bids received for city sidewalk construction rejected and property owners to be allowed to do own building.

State has rejected two irrigation projects on plus cost contracts.

Dallas—Building several miles of new walks.

Bend has added new charcoal plant Hood River strawberry crop estimated at 95,000 crates.

Portland—\$75,000 permit issued for new Christian church.
 Wallowa—Union high school to be erected here.
 Astoria—Oil-bearing sands struck in well near here.
 Echo-Butter Creek highway contract let.

Toledo to get new \$35,000 hotel.
 Vernonia to get big sawmill.
 Bandon—Plant of Cedar Mfg. Co. installing machinery.

Silver Lake—\$14,000 received for 40,000 lb. wool clip.
 Attalia—Oil drilling operations resumed.
 Gresham—Improvements are being made at cannery.

Eugene—Bids being called for new \$70,000 hospital.
 Eugene—Bible university to build \$12,000 dormitory.
 Brownsville—Standard Oil making \$20,000 improvements here.

Toledo—Cheese factory starts operation in Siletz valley.
 La Grande—New buildings, approximating \$100,000 under construction.

Oregon City—New Odd Fellows hall completed.
 West Side Pacific highway being paved from Dayton to St. Joe.

Portland—Commercial Iron Works to erect new factory.

BURSTS AND DUDS

Sharp Practice
 It was in the dining room of one of the smaller steamers that travel between Chicago and Duluth. The few passengers who had the courage to descend from the cheerful deck to the stuffy little dining saloon where a table d'hote meal was served were hurrying to get through eager to be out in the open air again.

Suddenly the rattling of dishes in the galley ceased. The chef appeared, clad in a none-too-immaculate apron. "Keep yer knives, everybody," he bellowed warningly, "we're gonna have pie for dessert."

Then He Got Busy
 She stopped him as he turned to go, and said: "Since I'm to be your sister."
 It's not good form, I'd have you know To say good night until you've kissed her."

The Diagnosis Was All Right
 "You'll have to take less strenuous exercise and sleep more," said the doctor to the dejected looking man who appeared before him.
 "That's my idea exactly, doc," exclaimed the other, brightening a trifle. "Would you mind coming up to the house and telling that to the baby?"

The Silver Lining
 "I sentence you to die in the electric chair," pronounced the court.
 "Well," soliloquized the prisoner.

as he was being led back to his cell. "That ain't so worse. The doctor told me electricity would be a fine thing for my gut."

The Way They Look at it
 Cit: "Why didn't you arrest that woman for murder?"
 Cop: "Oh, it's all right—it was her own husband that she killed."

That's Why He Got There
 Bilkens, much aggrieved, was before the court for speeding.
 "What have you to say for yourself?" demanded the magistrate.
 "Tisn't fair," remonstrated Bilkens angrily. "Why don't you arrest that motor cop there? He was going faster than I was."

Force of Habbit
 "Was that man who passed the distinguished Colonel Nutt, who had such a brilliant war record?"
 "Yes," sadly observed the tradesman. "Unfortunately, he has carried his war methods into civil life."
 "How is that?"
 "He orders everything charged."

AMERICAN LEGION NEWS NOTES

Wasco—Wasco Legionnaires traveled forty miles south of their city to install a post of The American Legion at Grass Valley, Oregon. This makes the 111 post in the department. It was named Hanley-Baker post after the only two Grass Valley men killed in action in the world war.

Bandon, Oregon—The old school building overlooking the city of Bandon will be the future home of Bandon Post American Legion.

The post is expending approximately six thousand dollars in finishing the lower floor for an assembly hall, building a stage; fitting up a kitchen. The exterior of the building is to be painted and a new roof is being put on.

The central location of the building makes it ideally situated for a community home and will be a distinct asset to the community, both in point of service and appearance announced Chas. B. Loop, post commander.

North Bend—The North Bend Legion home which has been under construction for the past three weeks will be ready for dedication about July 4th, stated L. B. Chappell, post commander. The building will be of concrete. A heating plant and men's smoking room will be located in the basement. First floor will be located the dance hall, 80X90 feet.

Ladies rest room will be located on the balcony floor. The roof is supported by five large trusses. A big entertainment program is being arranged, heralding the opening of the new home.

Heppner, Oregon—Members of Heppner Post American Legion were hosts to members of the legion posts of Boardman and Ione and all ex-service men of the county, at a big entertainment program and a chicken dinner given at Heppner last week. The occasion was a get-together meeting of the former service men. During the entertainment program, members were called upon to relate unusual war experiences, and some very amusing war stories were told the crowd.

A ROMANCE

THIS happened MANY years ago. TWO fond couples WERE to get married. IT was to be THE same day. AND they ordered SOME announcements PRINTED.

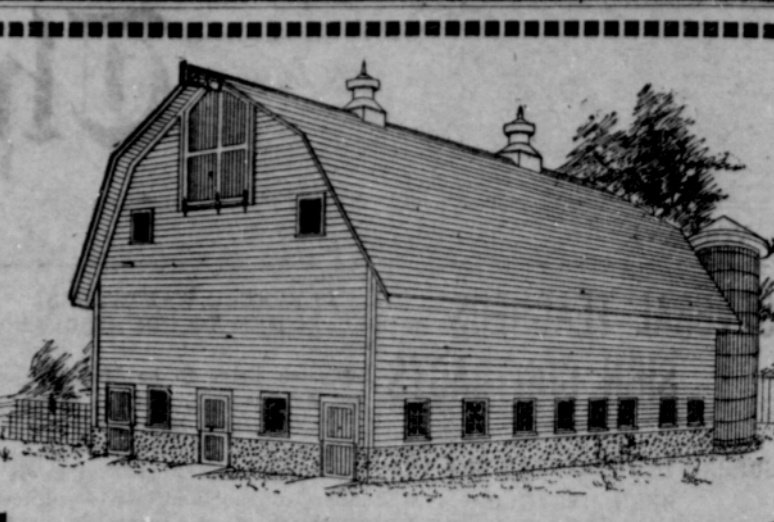
AND warned the printer NOT to get THEIR names mixed. BUT he did and THE right girl WAS put on the ANNOUNCEMENT WITH the wrong man. AND the right man WAS pretty sore ABOUT it. AND came right over TO see the printer ACCOMPANIED BY THE right girl. BOTH all out OF breath. BUT it was A hoax.

FOR on the real ANNOUNCEMENT the RIGHT girl's name APPEARED with the RIGHT man's name. AND the right man didn't LICK the printer, NOR the messenger WHO took him the BOGUS proof. AND they all LIVED happily EVER after. FOR IT happened MANY years ago. "YIS, Mum."

FREE METHODIST NOTICE

Our pastor, Rev. J. K. Mumma, will be with us Sunday, June 11. Sunday school at 10. Preaching 11, class meeting following.

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