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HE DIED WHILE SERVING

Last Thursday evening at 7:30 the Death Angel hovered over the Palace hotel in San Francisco and summoned Warren G. Harding, president of the United States.

In a few moments the news had been broadcast throughout the nation. From the rural districts to the more populous sections of the United States heads were bowed and hearts were heavy. Political differences and opinions were forgotten; all were touched by a common sorrow.

The flag of our country is at half mast wherever it waves and other tokens of respect are shown. Mourning is universal in the land for he was our president. He died while on a trip through the west, believing it his duty as chief executive to visit the "Land of the Setting Sun."

He did not fall by an assassin's bullet as did Lincoln and McKinley, and yet he was a martyred president. The strenuous duties of his office were responsible for his sudden death. He died while on the line of duty.

The greatest eulogy or tribute that can be paid to a man in the west is to state that he died with his boots on. Perhaps, to an easterner this expression is a bit slangy, but the west has its customs and to its own inhabitants means more than the greatest oration ever delivered over the bier of a mortal being. This can be said of Warren G. Harding.

LET'S BE CAREFUL

The vacant lots of Hermiston with their crop of dead weeds present a real fire menace.

A match thrown thoughtlessly on these lots may be the means of starting a fire that will be costly to our city.

It would be a public spirited move and reflect credit to the owners of these lots if they would see to the cutting of these weeds. It would not only do away with the fire hazard but greatly improve the appearance of the town.

A neighboring city has just suffered an \$80,000 loss by fire. Let's be careful.

In this issue of The Herald the city council of Hermiston is publishing an ordinance. It will be well for you to read it over carefully. In this way you are better able to aid and assist the council in bettering traffic conditions.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Mrs. M. E. Harrison and Miss Mildred Showalter, sister and niece of J. G. Lawler, are visiting the Lawler family from Walla Walla this week.

Ralph Davis and son Junior were in town Wednesday from Boardman.

L. M. Berry, of Portland, was in town Thursday. Mr. Berry is trying to trade a ranch in the vicinity of Lebanon for a tract of land on the project.

Ada Sanderson left Saturday for Seaside where she will spend a short vacation. Mrs. Richard White accompanied her.

Mrs. Hogan Miller left for Portland Tuesday.

F. B. Swayze and family left the first part of the week for a short vacation at the beach.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reynolds, an eight pound boy, July 9th.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Herschel M. Her, of Umatilla, an eight pound girl, July 31.

A message was received Saturday from Portland to the effect that Frank Aulsebrook, who at one time was a resident of the project, was confined to a hospital in the above named city with rheumatic fever.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Eli Winesett, August 10, a ten pound girl.

Mrs. Gertrude Sanders left Tuesday for her home in Eagle Creek, after spending several weeks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simmons, and friends.

PLANTS THAT ARE POISONOUS

Many of Those in Common Use Are Capable of Producing Mild Irritation of the Skin.

Although poison ivy is one of the worst offenders, it frequently is blamed for poisoning caused by other plants, says Dr. W. W. Stockberger of the United States Department of Agriculture. The department has a list of more than 100 such plants that grow in this country, and it is probable that there are others that may be poisonous to some persons. Not all of these plants are equally poisonous, and, too, there is great variation in the susceptibility of persons.

Because some of these common plants are used for ornament in the home is no reason to fear them, as most persons are not affected by them and in the great majority of cases the irritation of the skin is mild. This would probably hold true of such plants as the tomato, geranium, daffodil and many others that are known to cause skin poisoning. Such plants, though, as the nettles are irritating to most persons.

In the long list of plants having these toxic properties are the following, which are well known, but not all of them generally known to be poisonous: Aconite, allantherus, asparagus, catalpa, dog fennel, lady's slipper, wild carrot, hop, lobelia, oleander, nightshade, oxeye daisy, parsnip, pokeweed, smartweed, primula, buttercup, poison elder or poison dogwood, bloodroot, mullein, cocklebur and the mustards. The pollen of the Easter lily has been known to cause irritation of the skin, but this is probably as rare as poisoning by leaves of the geranium or the carrot. Some of these plants are poisonous when taken internally, but the list has been made out on the basis of being irritating to the skin.

SAVED BY PRESENCE OF MIND

Few Men Would Have the Nerve and Patience of George, Though the Emergency Was Great.

Julius E. Ditterman, the millionaire fruit importer, said on the Aquitania: "The Germans charge the foreigner 4,000 marks for a theater seat that costs a German 300 marks. Oh, they're tricky. A new trick every minute."

"The Germans are like the chap who attended a hooch and poker party and didn't get home till 3 a. m. As he noiselessly opened the front door his wife called down in a sleepy voice: "Is that you, George?"

"Quick as a flash George drew himself up, and, standing there stock still in the dark hall, he rattled off in a metallic voice two bedtime stories, an oration against communism and the market quotations for the day. Then he sang 'Old Black Joe' and three selections from 'Tosca,' winding up with the stentorian announcement: "It is now 10:41 o'clock by Arlington official time."

"His wife, convinced that she had forgotten to disconnect the wireless receiving set, went to sleep again, telling herself that it was still early, and the up-to-date deceiver slipped off his shoes and made bed in safety."

Alaska Cares for Its Pioneers.
In a recent series of illuminating articles on the territory Sherman Rogers said that poverty as it is known in the States is unknown in Alaska. This is largely true. But the territory enters into the work of relief of destitution, care of minors, etc., more lavishly, comparatively speaking, than almost any individual state. Its welfare work is varied and broad in scope. The most important single undertaking of this nature is the pension system and home for aged, needy residents. Between July 1, 1916, and December 31, 1922, for this purpose there had been expended \$432,270.71. Pensions were paid amounting to \$112,011.23.

The institution where pioneers are cared for, located at Sitka, was maintained and operated during the same period at a cost of \$276,926.56, while construction of new buildings, which included an infirmary equipped with up-to-date conveniences and appliances on a small scale, cost about \$30,000.

Normandy's Cows.
The Content cattle of Normandy, which their owners believe to be the best milkers in the world, are long, angular, big-framed and unprepossessing in appearance, with heavy heads, necks and shoulders, and white, crumpled horns. In color they vary. Brown, roan and red are most numerous, but there are many piebald and brindled. An American investigator says that it was proved to him beyond doubt that these cows will produce 40 pounds of butter a month during the greater part of the period of lactation, without any pampering in food or treatment. All attempts to improve them by crossing with other breeds have failed so far as milk-producing capacity is concerned.

Putting It Up to Aunt.
Aunt Mildred, of marriageable age but unattached, took her nephew, Robert, downtown on a shopping expedition.

They stopped at a large clothing store and, while Aunt Mildred was interested in a contemplated purchase, one of the young men clerks undertook to entertain the small boy by playing tag with him.

Finally tiring of the game, Robert ran up to Aunt Mildred and breathlessly called out: "Now you chase the man, Aunt Mildred."—Chicago Tribune.

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NEVER TOO OLD TO LEARN

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Did he let a change of occupation bluff him out of a real career? Not much.

He started a music journal and he has lived to see it enjoy a far larger circulation than any similar publication in the world.

Until mid-life, E. H. Harriman knew no more about the details of railroad operation than he knew about the inside of a battleship. He was a stock broker.

"I'm at the wrong end of this game," said he, and in short order, but in defiance of age limit, or dead-line rules, Harriman stepped quickly into first place among American railway chieftains.

The Union Pacific might build a monument dedicated to the idea that no man is ever too old to learn a new game, provided he has sand and brains.—Chicago Daily News.

SUPPLY OF TIMBER ASSURED

With Proper Management, Coeur d'Alene National Forest Can Furnish Millions of Feet Yearly.

Fifty million feet of sawlogs can be removed annually for all time from the Coeur d'Alene national forest, Idaho, according to the prescriptions of the management plan approved by the forest service, United States Department of Agriculture.

The net area of forest is about 600,000 acres, of which about 550,000 acres is considered as productive forest land. The great share of the timber, as usual, is in two age classes, the mature and overmature class and the very young, 0 to 20-year, class.

The main problem of management is that of making the mature timber last for a sufficient period to enable the youngest and intermediate classes to reach maturity. This average period is estimated at 80 years, during which time a total of 4,000,000,000 feet will be removed, or an average of 50,000,000 feet per year.

Bad Name Is Undeserved.
Living for more than a century under the stigma of being cannibals and without religion, the Yaggan Indians of Tierra del Fuego, or "Fireland," the southernmost inhabited land of the globe, have been revealed as a moral people, never guilty of cannibalism and possessing a highly developed religion and a beautiful language. This knowledge was obtained through the investigations of Father William Koppers and Father P. M. Gusinde, vice president of the Philological museum at Santiago, Chile. Ironically, the true story of the Yaggan's civilization comes as they are about to join the world's extinct peoples. Fifty years ago the tribe numbered some 2,000. Today it does not exceed 70 persons. It was Darwin who gave the Yaggan their bad name.

Scientists Discover New Animal.
Add a new animal to the list of those known to man. Prof. L. L. Woodruff of Yale university is the discoverer. His find is one of the one-celled forms known as protozoa, which are so small that they cannot be seen without the aid of a microscope.

This tiny form is about one two-hundredths of an inch long and less than one-fourth as wide, and Professor Woodruff has named it Paramoecium polyacryum. It moves about rapidly in a drop of water by means of hair-like projections, called cilia, over its body; these cilia beat the water with whiplash strokes. Paramoecium's food consists chiefly of bacteria and smaller protozoa.—Science Service.

Land for National Forests.
The National Forest Reservation commission has authorized the purchase of 11,457 acres in eight eastern states for national forest purposes at an average price of \$3.95 an acre, according to the forest service, United States Department of Agriculture.

The most signal purchase consists of ten parcels with a total area of 5,309 acres in McKean, Forest, and Warren counties, Pennsylvania, within the Allegheny National forest. The area now being acquired by the government on the headwaters of the Allegheny river is nearly 110,000 acres.

Whale Steaks Become Popular.
Canned North Pacific whale steaks are the newest delicacy in England, France and Italy, and virtually the entire pack of last season has been disposed of, according to word received at Tacoma by packers from jobbers in the European centers.

Cooked perfectly in the can to a great degree of tenderness, the tinned sea-beef is making friends with epicures wherever introduced. This season's pack will consequently be a heavy one. Packers who have investigated now anticipate a good whale crop.

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