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ELECTRICAL CHANGES

We hear much these days about the changes which electricity have brought in the lives of the people. The standard of living has been raised to undreamed of heights; drudgery has been eliminated from the home; the farm is being turned into a miniature industrial plant, and what not.

At the same time we hear, every once in a while, the changes being made in the lives of domestic animals and even insects. Cows prefer the electrically operated milking machine to the old-fashioned hand power. Hens set about their business an hour earlier and stick closer to the job in coops well lighted with the well known incandescent bulb. Bees gladly start the honey making season a month or two ahead of time if by electricity is judiciously applied to their combs. It is even possible to raise "bigger and better" silver foxes on electrified fox farms.

A NEW TYPE OF ACCIDENT LEGISLATION

The demand for unconditional compulsory automobile insurance, which led to the famous—perhaps the infamous—Massachusetts law, seems to have diminished in its place has appeared a new viewpoint which has produced such laws as those in effect in California, New York and a few other states.

In general these laws provide that a motorist, in case of an accident caused by his own carelessness, must pay all judgment against him and provide a bond or an insurance policy against future accidents before again being allowed to drive. This is not compulsory insurance in any sense. The careful, competent motorist has nothing to fear. The legislative and financial burden is placed where it belongs—on those who cause accidents.

The constant increase in driving accidents has apparently made some sort of legislation necessary and these laws, while comparatively new and untried, would seem fair and reasonable. There is no room on our highway for the reckless, the incompetent or the ignorant. No should others pay for their mistakes. Unconditional, compulsory insurance, such as exemplified by the Massachusetts ordinance, overlooked this simple fact and came immediately to grief. Every citizen who drives a car will await with interest the results of this newer type of accident legislation.

KEEP TOGETHER

After all the hocus-pocus, rigmarole and fiddle-faddle we come back to the fact that men and communities should work together. The community and your merchants belong together. Their success, their interests, are identical. They should keep together, work together. I there is any chip-on-the-shoulder play or high-hat behavior, let us all discourage it. It has become the vogue lately to jump on the "middle man." Once in awhile a merchant will get the grandiloquent idea of buying direct from a mill and cutting out the "middle man." That's like sending to California for a nickel's worth of oranges. The nickle gets lost, the oranges never come, and what's a nickle to an orange grower?

If the wholesaler were removed, the merchant would have to stop business until he was restored; because the merchant must have immediate service on a variety of merchandise, and he must have credit for the prompt dispatch of business. The "middle man" needs the merchant and the merchant needs the "middle man." The community needs the merchant, and the merchant needs the community.

For the essential correctness of this viewpoint, study any recent text book on economics.

Doukhobors arrested when nude parade is staged—Headline. The only difference we see between this religious sect and the modern flapper is the fact that it is colder in Canada and to stage such a parade would be a real sacrifice.

The Indiana speed law prohibits the driving of an automobile at a "too fast" or "too slow" a speed. Hell either way; the driver who creeps along incurs our ire while the speed demon endangers our life.

Probably the best place to escape the heat is on the golf course. If there is any breeze you get it there. Good golfers, however, sometimes "get hot" and shoot in the 70's.

Nothing is needed quite so badly as the spread of intelligence among those who think they know it all.

A man who is wrapped up in his own self-importance is apt to be mighty thinly clad.

Whoop-ee—Ride 'em, Cowboy. Typical scene at Pendleton this week.

Cattle, hogs, sheep, poultry and agricultural exhibits; a typical scene at Hermiston October 4-5.

KWITCHURBELYAKIN.

STUDENT DEATH UNSOLVED CASE

Detectives Unable to Clear Up Mystery of Harvard Man's End.

Hartford, Conn.—Despite all efforts of County Detective Edward J. Hickey and his corps of assistants, the death of Walter Treadway Huntington, young Harvard student, appears now as though it will never be solved.

Huntington's body was found May 8 on a lonely road between Windsor and Tarrifville, ten miles north of this city. A bullet had pierced the boy's brain and his shirt and back were saturated with blood, as were several handkerchiefs found in the hip pockets of his trousers. No weapon was discovered, though magnets and metal detectors were used, and the bullet which killed him could not be located.

A Colt .32 caliber automatic shell was found near his body. Detective's Theory. Medical Examiner Henry N. Costello of Hartford county rendered a verdict of homicide to Coroner J. Gilbert Calhoun. The latter has not yet announced his findings as the law sets no limit to the length of his investigation. But even if Calhoun declares the death a homicide his decision will add but further mystery to the already intricate case.

Detective Hickey, the man who successfully trailed and brought to justice Gerald Chapman, declares the youth committed suicide. He adheres to this opinion despite Costello's repeated statements Huntington could not possibly have taken his own life. Costello bases his findings on, first, the absence of any powder marks on the youth's head; second, the absence of any weapon and, third, the blood-stained handkerchiefs which he says Huntington could never have placed in his pockets after the shot was fired. Costello says Huntington became unconscious immediately following the shot and that he would have been physically unable to dispose of the gun in any manner.

No Powder Marks. Hickey explains the fact that there were no powder marks as due to the age of the bullet which killed the boy. Shell identical with that found by Huntington's head were found in a box in the dead boy's home. Fired by Hickey into a wad of cotton at a distance of seven inches they failed to reveal powder marks, he said. They were 20 years old, his investigation showed.

The detective has two theories regarding the missing gun. He believes it was either picked up by some one now afraid to come forward for fear of implication in the boy's death, or that it was hurled into a swamp a few yards distant by Huntington in his death agony.

Hickey disagrees flatly with Costello regarding the handkerchiefs. He insists the youth was conscious after the shot was fired and that he replaced them in his pockets after wiping his wound. He bears out this theory in two ways.

He discovered on the boy's right cheek evidences that he had become ill. Nothing was found on the left cheek. On the ground, to the youth's right, were further evidences of his illness, Hickey said. This indicated to the detective that Huntington had struggled to a sitting posture after he shot and accounts for the blood on his shirt and back, which would not have been there had the boy remained prone after the bullet entered his brain.

Course of the Bullet. The right hand of the boy was clenched, the detective says, in a manner indicating a "conscious act." His thumb was tightly pressed between his first and second fingers. Reflex action, the detective believes, could account for the closed fist but could not account for the position of the thumb. This, he says, was caused by agony.

The course of the bullet also indicates suicide, Hickey said. It entered the left side of the head, back of the temple, two inches above the hair line. It came out through the top of the skull through the brain. He says it was fired from a point below the boy's head, by Huntington himself and that the youth used his left hand.

Huntington was last seen at about 11 p. m., May 7. At that time he told his mother he was going to a nearby drug store for some cigarettes. He never reached the store. At 5:30 a. m. a laborer going to work found his body a mile and a half from his luxurious Windsor residence.

No Motive Found. Every available clue has been run down, Hickey says. The detective states he has found no possible motive for murder. Indiscretions on the youth's part at Harvard provide ample motive for Huntington to kill himself, he says. Efforts to link up romance with the death have also failed. Hickey has investigated several "women angles" but all have been fruitless. Unless further evidence is discovered the case will go down into the records with the police calling it suicide and the medical testimony homicide.

Noodles by Mile. Bakersfield, Calif.—"The old noodle" is about to bring fame and fortune to W. F. Agnew, Bakersfield machinist. He has invented a simplified machine that turns out noodles at the rate of 30 miles an hour; 21,728 noodles a minute.

Astronomers to Fire Rocket Toward Moon

Paris.—A rocket to the moon no longer is a fantasy and one may be fired from the earth before another year, according to members of the Societe Astronomique of France. German, American, Austrian and French scientists have been collaborating with such effectiveness that a voyage by rocket to the moon, to Mars and to Venus at last is considered theoretically practical.

Girl Lands Her Plane Despite Fear of Mice

Longmont, Colo.—When the medals are being passed around save one or two for Miss Blackwell, Longmont aviatrix.

Miss Blackwell, a student flyer, was taking lessons from her brother, Clyde, a licensed pilot. Miss Blackwell was at the controls as the plane skimmed along at about 2,000 feet when Clyde noticed his sister acting queerly, but she kept the ship on an even keel and headed for the landing field.

And, according to Clyde, the faster his sister squirmed the faster the ship traveled until it finally reached the landing field. Miss Blackwell landed the airplane, almost dived from the pilot's seat and extricated two field mice from her flying costume.

Although having a natural aversion to mice, Miss Blackwell endured the horror of having the creatures crawl over her while she brought the plane to a safe landing.

The mice apparently had built a home in the plane while it was stored in its hangar.

Fortune in Ambergris Found Floating at Beach

London.—The greed of a whale which died from acute indigestion has provided London with the largest lump of ambergris yet seen by dealers.

It weighs about 225 pounds, and is worth nearly \$50,000. For perfumery purposes it is worth anything up to \$25 per ounce.

This record lump was found on a New Zealand beach by two brothers who will make a small fortune by the discovery.

Ambergris is the product of the sperm whale's fondness for cuttlefish. He cannot digest the beak of the cuttlefish, so the beaks accumulate and set up irritation, which causes the ambergris to form. Eventually the whale distends, becomes ill and blows up. The ambergris floats away and it may be years before it is washed ashore.

Waiter Famous as Poet Dies in Genoa

Genoa.—Giovani Giorgi, the poet-waiter and Dante scholar of Milan who would improvise you a sonnet on the back of your luncheon bill, or quote a page of Dante while serving glasses of beer, is dead.

Giorgi was a well-known figure of Milanese Bohemian life, and for many years the small restaurant where he served as waiter was the rendezvous of students, writers, artists and even professors of Dante studies and literature.

The poet-waiter had an amazing memory as well as an excellent literary taste. He could recite the entire "Divine Comedy" from beginning to end, and make comments on the works of the great Florentine poet which delighted learned professors of the university, who often gathered in the restaurant to hear and see the phenomenon.

Toil, Trouble Come to Pair Even in Prayer

Red Bluff, Calif.—Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Bishop, ranchers of the Los Robles section near here, feel that they have had more than their share of trouble.

Two years ago Mrs. Bishop sprained her ankle and was forced to use crutches for a year. Then her husband cut a deep gash in his foot with an ax while cutting wood. Before he had recovered from this injury he was severely hurt when his machine skidded off the Dibble creek bridge and was wrecked. The frost recently wiped out the Bishop's prune crop, and now Mrs. Bishop has been forced to bed with a broken rib as a result of falling while rising from prayer at the Cone church.

Latest Fad in Paris Is Gambling Dance

Paris.—The gambling dance has arrived as the latest Parisian fad. The floor of the dance hall is marked out in numbered squares, like a roulette table. A roulette wheel spins on the wall. When it stops spinning the dance ends and the dancer who happens to be standing on the square corresponding to the number on the wheel wins. Money, dolls and other souvenirs are given as prizes.

Save Tinfoil

Kansas City, Mo.—Redcaps at the Union depot here are out to pass their record made last year of picking up more than \$300 worth of tinfoil. The tinfoil is saved for charity, the amount last year having been equally divided between two Roman Catholic and two Protestant orphanages.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Former Minister's Wife Visits. Mrs. Gallagher, former Hermiston minister's wife, who has spent the summer in Washington, visited here last week. She was accompanied by her two sons. She intends spending the winter at Corvallis, Oregon, where the boys will attend school.

Visits At Irrigon. Mrs. Ed Rensel visited Mrs. Isom at Irrigon, Friday.

To Portland. Marda Hanna of Columbia district, has returned from Portland where she underwent a tonsil operation.

Returns To Hermiston. James Garner returned to Hermiston after an absence of eight years. He has moved into his home on the west side of town.

Stated column location Queen Esther chapter O. E. S. next Tuesday 8 P. M. Social and refreshments-adv.

C. C. Gignoux Visits. C. C. Gignoux, who is assistant supervisor of agriculture of the Union Pacific company, visited Hermiston last Friday. He was looking after railroad and other business. Mr. Gignoux put in a good word for the poultry development of this section. He was accompanied by J. I. Purdy special agent of the Union Pacific at Pendleton.

Leaves For Portland. W. W. Falthouse accompanied Ralph Albraith to Portland Monday morning.

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