

EXTRA PRIZE FOR BIGGEST PRIZE TAKER

Sweepstakes Prize Offered to the Man Who Takes Most Prizes in Spokane.

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 2.—"Kelowna sweepstakes prize" is the title of a handsome premium which the board of trade at Kelowna, B. C., has offered for competition at the second national apple show at Spokane, November 15 to 20. The cup is to be awarded as a sweepstakes prize to the winner of the most prizes of all kinds in the single box displays. There are 21 events in the single box contests, and in each there is a cash prize of \$10 first money and \$5 second money, also added premiums of from 50 to 200 1- and 2-year-old apple trees for various varieties.

The contests are under the American Pomological society rules, which recognize value of the variety for commercial purposes as first consideration; color, size and uniformity, second; condition, third; pack, fourth. The varieties for which competitions are opened are as follows: Yellow Bellflower, McIntosh Red, Winter Banana, Arkansas Black, Cox Orange Pippin, Sierra Beauty, Winesap, Spitzenberg, Newtown Pippin, Jonathan, Rome Beauty, Wagner, Grimes Golden, Golden Russett, Black Twig, Northern Spy, Ben Davis, Delicious and Baldwin.

"The offer of a cup by the Kelowna board of trade came unexpectedly," said Ren H. Rice, secretary, manager. "Mayor F. R. E. DeHart, who won many prizes at the first show, took the lead in advocating that Kelowna should assist in making the show a success and before the meeting adjourned it was decided that, in addition to encouraging growers to make exhibits, the board of trade would offer a trophy cup for competition, the premium to be testimonial of the sentiment of Kelowna toward the national apple show."

PREPARING FOR NEXT YEAR'S DRY CONGRESS

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 2.—With the return of the eastern Washington delegation from Billings, Mont., preliminary arrangements were begun for the fifth sessions of the International Dry Farming congress, which will meet in Spokane next fall. Frederick E. Goodall, president of the Spokane chamber of commerce, will appoint a committee of representative business and professional men in a few days to select a local board of control, which will devote its efforts to making the 1910 meeting strictly an agricultural and development congress. Experimental authorities and farmers will be invited to discuss subjects of vital interest to every part of this continent and the world, the chief purpose being to encourage the adoption and use of methods by which the actual productive acreage can be increased, also to study and compare methods to utilize the arid lands of this country.

OFFICIAL EXTERMINATOR WIPING OUT PRAIRIE DOGS

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 1.—More than 750,000 prairie dogs have been killed by J. W. Holman, the officially recognized government poisoner in the southwestern states. "I am going to kill at least 1,500,000 dogs during the next eight months," he says. Strychnine is mixed with wheat and about a teaspoonful placed at the entrance of a prairie dog hole. Each teaspoonful kills three dogs, says Holman. The government pays 1 1/2 cents a head.

GEOLOGIST FINDS REMAINS OF BUILDING 4000 YEARS OLD

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 2.—Dr. Otto Froodis, the geologist, has made an important discovery while excavating in the hill region near Lake Vettern, Sweden. He has come across the remains of a lake dwelling 4000 years old. This is the first instance of such a habitation having been found in northern Europe, although there is a well known lake dwelling in Switzerland. The Swedish lake dwelling contained primitive weapons and household utensils in stone, flint, bone and horn.

TO IRRIGATE THE ENTIRE WILLAMETTE

State Engineer to Conduct Campaign of Education in the Valley.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 2.—A campaign of education, to cost from \$5000 to \$8000, to be participated in by paid lecturers and every newspaper in the Willamette valley, is being planned by the Oregon conservation commission and State Engineer Lewis, with the avowed purpose of making the valley the most thoroughly irrigated section of the west.

A drawing prepared by Mr. Lewis shows the comparative rainfall in various parts of the United States during the months of June, July and August. The Willamette valley, including Portland, which has more than the rest of the valley, has an average of about 2 1/4 inches; Denver, Colo., has 4 1/4; Cheyenne, Wyo., has a little more than 5; Santa Fe, N. M., 6 1/4; all these points, not including the Willamette valley, are in the so-called arid region, but all have from two to three times the moisture in the growing season that the Willamette Valley has. In the humid region, Chicago has 10 inches, New York 12, New Orleans 18, and Charleston, S. C., slightly less than 20. All these results are obtained from government reports.

KLAMATH IS HAVING IMMENSE GRAIN CROP

KLAMATH FALLS, Oct. 2.—For the first time in the history of the Klamath Falls basin, the grain production is too large for home consumption. The wheat yield this year was exceptionally good in every part of Klamath county. The area seeded to this cereal was greatly increased over any previous year and the natural consequence is that wheat is being exported to coast markets.

Klamath land is too valuable to be used for grain only; especially does this apply to irrigated lands. The profit in production of wheat is small compared with the returns yielded by alfalfa and dairying. While the dry lands in this section will probably always be utilized for the production of grain, the alfalfa acreage under the ditch is doubling every year and the smaller farmers are working into dairying.

ECZEMA LODGES IN THE SKIN

Not a Blood Disease—Cured by Oil of Wintergreen Compound

For many years eczema was supposed to be a blood disease and was erroneously treated as such, but now the best authorities agree that eczema is only a skin disease and must be cured through the skin. The eminent skin specialist, Dr. D. D. Dennis, first discovered the eczema germ and his discovery was quickly taken up in both Germany and France.

To kill the eczema germ and at the same time heal the skin, Dr. Dennis compounded oil of Wintergreen, thymol, glycerine, etc. The remedy is a liquid, not a mere salve, hence it sinks right into the pores of the skin. Washing with this oil of wintergreen compound seems to take the itch away at once; soon the scales drop away and the disease disappears. The prescription has now been used so long as to have proven its absolute merit and we do not hesitate to express our confidence in D. D. D. Prescription, Medford Pharmacy "3

Struck a Bargain.

An old woman recently entered an optician's shop and asked to look at some spectacles. Choosing a pair, she asked the price. "Five shillings," was the answer. "And how much are they without the case?" "I could not sell them for less than 4s. 10d.," said the tradesman, who was determined to get all he could. "Do you only take off twopence for the case?" queried the woman. "That is all. The case is worth no more than twopence," was the reply. "That is good news!" ejaculated the old lady, with a sigh of relief. "It's the case for mine which I have lost." So saying, she laid down the twopence and marched off with the coveted case before the astonished shopkeeper had time to interfere.—London Mail.

Striking manners are bad manners.

—Hall.

Pretty Strong. "Is the baby strong?" "Well, rather. You know what a tremendous voice he has?" "Yes." "Well, he lifts that five or six times an hour."

Methusalem. Hoax—It's a good thing Methusalem wasn't a woman. Hoax—Why? Hoax—The world would never have known how old she really was.—Philadelphia Record.

PLANING ROAD FROM EUREKA TO KLAMATH

Terms Proposed by Capitalist Show Big Men Are Behind Him.

EUREKA, Cal., Nov. 2.—George Henderson, the well known Eureka railroad man, will at the next meeting of the city council apply for a railroad franchise through this city. He has interviewed the different councilmen on the matter and it looks like everything is clear sailing for the road.

That there are big interests behind Mr. Henderson is evident from the fact that the gentleman wants it stipulated that every bidder for the franchise shall put up a forfeit of \$25,000.

As near as can be learned the Henderson road is to be built up the coast to the Klamath river, along which it will travel east into Idaho, it need be, reaching points on the road where many advantageous connections with other roads can be made.

There is a strong belief that Mr. Henderson is being backed by the Hill interests, and it is also said that the proposed road will be able very easily to make a junction with the Western Pacific.

In order to reach the Klamath from this city it would be necessary to tunnel the Bald mountain ridge between Redwood creek and the Klamath river. It is said that the route has been surveyed for several years.

The road will open up a vast territory rich in undeveloped copper deposits, valuable timber holdings and a fertile agricultural section.

A One Volume Man.

A curious example of generous obstinacy was a stout English countryman who inquired for a nice book to read—"one with a story in." On several being placed before him, he examined them attentively and picked out the middle volume of a "three decker" with the remark: "This 'ere's my sort. What's the price?"

"Oh," was the reply, "this is only the second volume. The story goes through three. The set is half a crown."

"Have a crown! Well, I'll gie ye that for that one book. It's a pretty one enough."

"But won't you have the other two as well? You'd better."

"Naw. I don't like th' beginnin' of a story. I can't get forrard w' it. An' I don't like th' endin'. I don't know as 'ow it's comed about. But in th' middl' un I'm into th' thick of it right off. No, I'll tak' th' middle un. I'll set me up for a month." And, cramming the book into his pocket, he put down his half crown and disappeared with a "Good night" before the other volumes could be given to him.—Chambers' Journal.

The Diamond Remains a Mystery.

As a substance the diamond is one of the mysteries of nature, one of the despairs of science. Nobody knows whence it came or how, whether it is a spark from a comet's tail or a crystallized drop squeezed in some horrible intensity of fiery convulsion from the white hot insurgent heart of the earth. Nobody knows much about it at all, except that it doesn't belong to this world. Some known black diamonds literally were from the skies. They came imbedded in meteorites cast upon Arizona and Chile by an unidentified star. One does not prospect for chips of stars. As well search for the end of the rainbow. Neither is it practical to hammer all sorts of eruptive rock and conglomerate wherever come upon. Earthquake or volcanic upheaval districts are not necessarily the most promising, for often diamonds that seem to have had volcanic origin occur thousands of miles from the probable place of extrusion, carried thence, it is assumed, by glacial drift in some far back geological time.—Franklin Clarkin in Everybody's Magazine.

Safe.

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Thought Astor Was Crazy.

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ADVOCATES THE USE OF CATS AS INSANITY CURE

CHICAGO, Nov. 2.—That the care of animal pets, especially cats, has a quieting and beneficial effect on the insane, was the statement made in an address before the Berensford Cat club by Mrs. Clinton Locke, president of the organization and vice-president of the Cat association.

"I firmly believe that the care of animals, particularly such decorative lovely pets as cats, will soothe the troubled minds of the insane," said Mrs. Locke.

"For that reason, and because this opinion is advanced by friends of mine interested in the care of the insane, I have sent one of my finest animals to an asylum in Pennsylvania, where a test is being made of this use of pet animals and birds.

"Cats are better than dogs. They will stay at home and do not need constant watching. They are more useful and are so much quieter."

Travel in 1760.

In these days of rapid transit a paragraph from a Yorkshire paper of 1760 is interesting. It is an account of a London merchant's journey from London to Dublin and back. Leaving London on Monday evening, the traveler reached Liverpool on Wednesday morning, in time to catch the packet for Dublin, which city he reached on Thursday. During that day he transacted his business in the capital, and next morning sailed for Liverpool, arriving there on Saturday. Monday saw him back in London, and his journey was complete, having taken only eight days! "And," concludes the writer, "there is every reason to believe that it will be possible to beat even this performance in the near future."—London Family Journal.

A Kitchen Martyr.

Even the kitchen can boast its martyrs. Chief among these was Vatel, the chief cook of Conde, who ran himself through the heart with a sword because the fish had not arrived in time for a banquet which his master was giving Louis XIV. Vatel's panegyric is to be found in the concluding volume of the "Almanach des Gourmands." "So noble a death insures you, venerable shade, the most glorious immortality! You have proved that the fanaticism of honor can exist in the kitchen as well as in the camp, and that the spit and the saucepan have also their Catos and their Decuses."

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