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JOLTS AND JINGLES By Ad Brown

Colliers Weekly, exponent of T. R. but fair to Wilson, decries as cowardly and small the practice of dubbing Gov. Wilson, "doctor."

Grasshoppers jumped in the instruments and put the kibosh on a little street band in Atchison, Kansas. Who dares say grasshoppers are pests.

Among those who live in memory only is the houn' dawg.

William Taft, history will, Record you as Veto Bill.

We favor busting the moving picture trust. There's a business that, for a long time, have been run in the dark.

East Side people who daily climb the creek banks are beginning to see that the old bridge had its good points after all.

When the new bridge is opened, why not have a celebration and invite Benton Bowers to be the first man to walk across?

Contractor says he is no pirate, but he is sure making Medford people walk the plank.

BUD ANDERSON TO COME BACK TO MEDFORD

The much talked of boxing match between Bud Anderson and Red Watson which failed to materialize some time ago due to the failure of both principals to come to a satisfactory agreement, may be pulled off after all as word was received yesterday from G. M. Anderson, the millionaire moving picture magnate who is Watson's manager stating that he is now willing to match Watson against Anderson for Labor Day, September 2.

Anderson who has been on a hunting and fishing trip in the vicinity of his home town, Vancouver, Wash., the past three weeks has been notified, but as yet no word has been received from him.

If the Anderson-Watson match can be secured Manager Frankie Edwards will cancel the several other matches he has had in view, as the Anderson-Watson bout would prove a great attraction and would no doubt be a record breaker in point of attendance.

Watson is a high class youngster and is rated as one of the best, his last appearance in the ring being a month ago when he met Frankie Burns in a hard 20 round bout. Abe Label who lost a ten round decision to Bud Anderson was knocked out in eight rounds by Watson several months ago.

BROTHER OF MEDFORD MAN MARRIED ON DEATH BED

Word was received yesterday that Luther Smith, 45 years old, brother of S. S. Smith of Medford, died in his home at El Dorado, Kansas, Friday morning at 1 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Smith left last night for El Dorado to attend the funeral.

The sickness and death of Mr. Smith was characterized by an unusual romantic incident he being married to a former sweetheart, Mrs. Coggeshall of Chicago, Ill., when the doctors had given him hope of recovery. Though very sick he was removed to his new home and had been there with his new wife a few days when stricken.

Mrs. Coggeshall was a girl sweetheart of Mr. Smith's and was left a widow several years ago. When she heard of his illness she left for El Dorado and for six weeks watched and nursed at his bedside.

Mr. Smith's death was not unexpected. He has been in a serious condition for two years and was forced to give up his position on the Chicago Record Herald where he was employed as a proofreader.

Besides S. S. Smith of this city he leaves one sister, Mrs. H. R. Bechtel of Wichita, Kansas.

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DARROW'S ACQUITTAL

THE acquittal of Clarence Darrow of the charge of bribing a jury, was to be expected from the evidence presented in the case. The testimony given against him was not of a character to warrant conviction and the prosecution was unable to convincingly prove a motive.

The case had all the earmarks of having been trumped-up to discredit and besmirch the defendant and to bring odium upon the cause of organized labor which he represents.

For years a bitter fight has been waged in Los Angeles by organized employers to deny their employes the right to organize. Blind partisanship and inexcusable violence has characterized both parties. Persecution and starvation were the tactics on the one side and violence and dynamite on the other.

So bitter has the struggle been that it is doubtful if those concerned are able to view the situation except through the highly colored blinders of prejudice. Mere accusation was accepted as fact and found implicit belief among those whom passion had blinded.

The state made rather a poor case. The unsupported word of a confessed accomplice and crook, evidently secretly employed as a spy to betray those whom he pretended to serve, was the main reliance of the prosecution—and it was not difficult to discredit such testimony. The boasted evidence Detective Burns loudly asserted he had gathered, like much of the great detectives brag, proved bluff and bluster.

Darrow was employed to save the lives of the McNamaras. This he accomplished, evidently without having had to resort to bribery. But it does not excuse him for deluding the people of the country into a belief in the innocence of the McNamaras and reaping thereby an immense defense fund from the pennies of the poor.

Cover Crops for Orchards

Introduction By Prof. P. J. O'Gara

The time is near at hand when those who wish to grow cover crops in their orchards should be considering the matter. It has been shown during the past two or three years that cover crops are not so difficult to grow as had always been supposed. It has been found that the great secret of success in obtaining a good cover crop depends upon the time and manner of seeding. In the past, cover crops have been put in too late in the season and broadcasting the seed has been the regular practice. It has been found that to get results one should drill the seed as early as the latter part of August or the first week in September so as to take advantage of the usual early September rains. If the seed is drilled in the ground to a depth of two and a half to three inches, there is less danger of the germinating seed being injured by the drying of the surface of the soil as would be the case in broadcasting where a great deal of the seed would not be placed at a uniform depth. If the first rains are heavy enough to reach somewhat below the drilled seeds, germination is assured, and a rapid penetration of the roots to a greater depth will take place. Furthermore, the deep root system secured by drilling will place the roots at a safe depth so that they will not be affected by the cool and frosty nights of the fall and early winter. This latter factor alone is of very great importance, and should not be overlooked.

Why Cover Crops Are Needed

With the system of clean cultivation practiced by the fruit grower, there is a constant demand upon the soil for plant food, but nothing is ever permitted to return. The humus content of the soils becomes depleted and, in time, the trees are unable to secure the requisite amount of plant food necessary to produce a crop. Of course, commercial fertilizers may be added, but they are always expensive. Under our conditions it is impossible to secure barnyard manure in sufficient quantities, therefore there remains but one method to pursue, namely, to grow the humus in the form of cover crops. After all, this is nature's method of improving the physical as well as the chemical condition of the soil and it is certainly the most economical one. Since cover crops may be grown during parts of the year when the trees are not using the available plant food, the land may be made to grow two crops annually—cover crops and fruit crops. These crops are not competitors, but rather co-operate in the production of the main crop, namely, fruit. In the true sense of the word, a cover crop is one which should be returned in its entirety to the soil. It is a mistake to think that a cover crop may be grown between the trees and then harvested as a hay crop. Of course, there is some return to the soil through the stubble and roots of the cover crop, but under our conditions a practice of this sort not only removes plant food but has a tendency to remove too much moisture from the soil.

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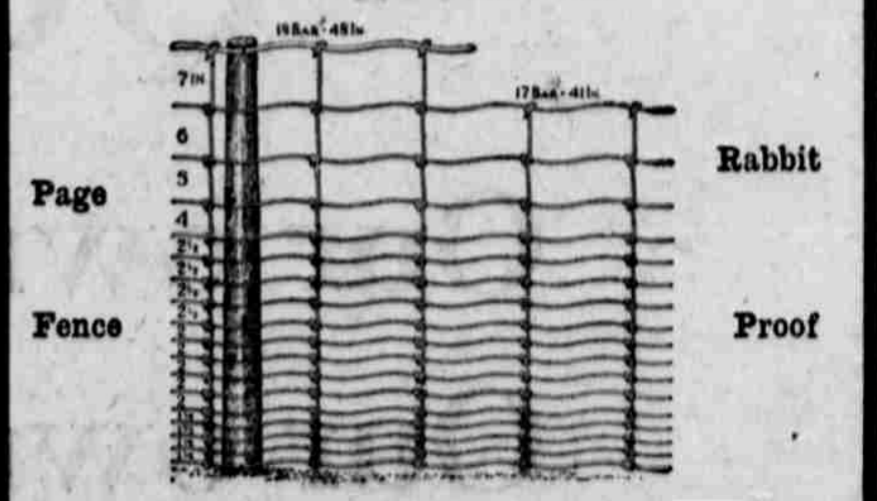
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