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GIVE OUT DAHLIAS ON SATURDAY

The civics section of the Greater Medford club will distribute the last of the dahlia bulbs on Saturday morning at the public library, beginning at nine o'clock.

All those who registered last week but failed to call for their bulbs must come early as none of the bulbs will be reserved.

Anyone, whether they registered or not may secure some of the bulbs, so long as the supply lasts.

There are about a hundred and fifty of the bags each containing five bulbs. Please write your name and address on a small strip of paper to hand to the chairman of the civics section, so an accurate count may be kept of the number distributed—also that special literature on dahlia culture may be sent you.

ENGLISH BIRTH RATE STEADILY DECREASING

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Startling facts and deductions concerning England's steadily decreasing birth rate are contained in the annual report of the registrar general, published today. The rate has been gradually declining since 1876, when it was 36.3 per thousand. It is now only 23.8 per thousand.

REX SPRAY COMPANY SHOWS FAITH IN VALLEY

The Rex Chemical company, with headquarters at Omaha and branch factories all over the United States and Canada, is demonstrating its confidence and faith in the future growth and prosperity of Rogue River valley, by erecting a \$10,000 plant at Phoenix for the purpose of manufacturing the celebrated "Rex" solution of lime and sulphur and other tree sprays.

The advantage of being able to secure the best quality of spraying materials, fresh from the factory, right here at home will be a boon to orchardists and it is safe to say that every fruit grower will welcome such an enterprise.

The plant at Phoenix has been under construction since October and the company expects to begin operation in January, in ample time for the early spring spraying.

ASHLAND VIEWS OF ROAD TAXES

ASHLAND'S two newspapers take divergent views of the road tax decision of the supreme court upholding the clause in the city charter exempting the city from county road taxes.

McMdford has one bridge on a county road, and under agreement with the county, hereafter maintains this bridge. If McMdford wants to refrain from co-operation with the county in road construction, all that the city has to do will be to amend its charter with an exemption clause similar to Ashland's.

Ashland's road tax for 1913 was approximately \$9000. Half of this went to the city treasury, the other half, \$4500, to the general road fund. Much more than this has been expended in Ashland's vicinity.

The legal status of that section of the charter having now been established, the issue of whether the voters of the city of Ashland will continue that method of exempting the city taxpayers from county road levies will no doubt be placed before the voters at an early date.

The Record believes the majority of the citizens of Ashland are thoroughly in accord with the road program now in vogue and will in due time prepare and submit an amendment that will be fair to all.

The Menace of the Rat

(Continued from Yesterday)

(By P. J. O'Gara.)

Rats Carriers of Human Diseases. While we most often think of the rat as merely a destroyer of food products, we must not forget that he is a factor in the transmission of several diseases, the most important being plague. Rats are attacked by a bacterium known as bacillus pestis, a minute microscopic organism which causes the dreaded plague.

Aside from the fact that the rat has such bacterial diseases as plague, leprosy, pneumonia, pseudo-tuberculosis and a large number of other bacterial troubles, he is subject to the attacks of a large number of animal parasites, including at least three species of protozoa, one trematode, twelve species of cestodes, thirteen species of nematodes, one species of acanthocephalids, eight species of arachnids or mites and fourteen species of insects, such as lice, fleas, etc.

Four are found in America—the common house mouse (mus musculus alexandrinus); the brown rat (mus alexandrinus); the brown rat mus norvegicus; also known as the gray rat, barn rat, wharf rat, sewer rat and Norway rat; and the old English black rat (mus rattus). The black rat has been known in Europe since the twelfth century, and was brought to America about the beginning of the eighteenth century.

CALUMET STRIKE DISTRICT IS QUIET

CALUMET, Mich., Dec. 12.—With both sides apparently exhausted by the fury of the past two days' rioting in the strike-bound copper district about, quiet reigned today in the mining country.

John A. Perl UNDERTAKER. Lady Assistant 28 S. BARTLETT. Phones M. 47 and 47-J2. Ambulance Service Deputy Coroner.

Christian Missions in India

(Minneapolis Tribune.) Editor of the Tribune: I have never heard of Dr. Shastri till I read of the discussion his remarks caused at the Purity Congress, but having lived many years in India and while in no way disparaging missionary work there, I am obliged to endorse the most of his statements from personal observation and experience, as well as that of friends.

ly lived that way and have more thorough than some of the British conferees. With regard to the lower class of Hindoo converts it was the common opinion of myself and friends there that they just became Christians for what they could get out of it.

OUTPOST SKIRMISHING REPORTED, OJINAGO

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 12.—Outpost skirmishing was reported today at Ojinago, where the federal garrison of Chihuahua took refuge after its flight across the desert to the border. A battle was expected before Sunday.

JURY BOX FILLED IN WESTERN FUEL TRIAL

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 12.—With the return of the special venire of forty men ordered by the court, the Western Fuel company conspiracy trial was resumed here today before United States District Judge Dooling.

MONTE CARLO AERIAL RAID IS ORGANIZED

PARIS, Dec. 12.—An international aeroplane race to be called the "Monte Carlo Aerial Raid," is being organized for next spring by the International Sporting club of Monaco. The race, which will be divided into seven parts, will be run as follows: (1) London to Monte Carlo, stopping at Calais, Dijon and Toulon (beginning of the water-plane stage).

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