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SUFFRAGETTES PUT LID ON ROOSEVELT'S LONDON PROGRAM

LONDON, June 11.—Fears of suffragette activities have caused the withholding from publication in London of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt's engagements during his approaching visit to England.

Sir Edward Grey, secretary of state for foreign affairs, is to give a luncheon in honor of Colonel Roosevelt June 15 and on that occasion most of the leading members of the Liberal party will be present.

Before this, however, immediately after the arrival of Colonel Roosevelt from the continent, Walter Hines Page, the American ambassador is to entertain him at luncheon.

The colonel is to spend the week end at Chequers Court, the country residence in Buckinghamshire of Arthur Hamilton Lee, a Unionist member of the house of commons, who is to be the host of the former president of the United States all the time he is in England.

PARADES, DRILLS ROSE CARNIVAL

FORTLAND, Ore., June 11.—Crowds gathered early today to witness the parade and drills of over 5000 Portland school children, whose program opened the third day of the Rose Festival.

Northwesterly winds prevailed during the forenoon and this agitated long flights inland, leading the committee in charge to hope for a new American balloon record.

Kansas City II, piloted by John Watis of Kansas City, Mo.; Uncle Sam, piloted by H. E. Honeywell of St. Louis; Springfield, piloted by Roy Donaldson of Springfield, Ill., and Million Population Club, piloted by Captain John Berry of St. Louis.

NITRATE OF SODA CAUSES \$200,000 BLAZE, ST. LOUIS

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 11.—Fire that started in the ether house of the Mallinckrodt Chemical Works, early today caused damage to the plant estimated at \$200,000.

PRINCE ALEXANDER'S WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT IS DENIED

LONDON, June 11.—The reported engagement of Prince Alexander of Battenberg and Countess Zia Torky, elder daughter of Grand Duke Michael Michailovitch of Russia, was denied today.

SHOULD GET TOGETHER

IN the opinion of a majority of citizens the council made a mistake when it arbitrarily raised the water rates of those outside city limits to a prohibitive figure.

Many of those affected are already paying meter rates which are sufficiently high and which yield proportionately a much greater revenue for the water consumed than is yielded by the same amount of water sold within the city.

That there exists inequality in rates outside the limits is no fault of the people concerned and no reason why all should be punished because the city council has neglected to establish a uniform selling system.

Medford needs every dollar of revenue her water can produce. She needs the money, trade and the friendship of those outside her limits. More than all else, she needs community harmony and good will.

In its recent telephone decision, the railroad commission refused to grant the increased rates prayed for, holding that the "rates would be so large that the same would exceed the value of the service to the patrons and would be unreasonably high, and the company would in consequence lose so many subscribers that neither its gross nor its net revenues would be increased."

Were it possible to submit this water rate question to the commission, a similar decree would be forthcoming, for the new rates are so "unreasonably high" that they "exceed the value of the service to the patrons," and the city will lose so many water consumers that revenues will be diminished, instead of increased.

In all fairness, the council should set a date to hear the protests of the suburban water-users and try and arrive at an amicable adjustment that will be fair to both parties.

Local Experimenting in Fertilization

In a recent issue of your paper appeared a valuable and interesting article by Professor F. C. Reimer, director of the Southern Oregon Experiment station, Talent, Oregon, calling attention to the elaborate series of fertilizer experiments that the station has been conducting during the past three years and giving special mention of recent tests on alfalfa where applications of material containing sulphur, either alone or in combination with recognized plant-food gave marked increase in yield.

The writer read the article with much interest not only for the information therein but also because he has been rather closely in touch with the work of the station under Professor Reimer's regime and appreciates that the fertilizer work is only one of the many lines of valuable research work in progress at the station that will develop results of immense importance to the valley.

At the same time many of our farmers perhaps do not realize the dollar-and-cents value to themselves of the experiment station work and it is with the hope of emphasizing the value of the fertilizer tests that the writer would like to make some additional comment on the article in question. In no respect, however, should this comment be taken as disparagement of the tests described which the writer has seen and which seem to be the only field trials ever made on alfalfa with sulphur and phosphorus-sulphur combinations.

Recent experiments by French and German agricultural scientists along lines somewhat parallel to those followed by Professor Reimer but with different crops are confirmatory so far as the results are comparable. In 1910 experiments reported in the Deutsche Landwirtschaftliche Presse demonstrated the value of sulphur as an agent in checking potato diseases like scab and also showed that it increased the yield of potatoes and mangolds. Its value was greatest when used in combination with commercial plant-food.

The following year experiments were reported in the Journal d'Agriculture Pratique involving the use of sulphur in combination with phosphorus, potash and nitrogen on beets and potatoes. The amounts of sulphur used varied from 225 to 450 pounds per acre. These trials were also in line with the local trials in showing an increased yield in almost every instance.

Sulphur as Bacterial Stimulant. After these experiments Boullanger and Dugardin made an elaborate series of parallel tests involving the use of sulphur and sulphur combinations on sterilized and unsterilized soil. The yield on sterilized soil was very much less. This led the experimenters to conclude that sulphur acts as a bacterial stimulant rather than as a plant-food. Their conclusion was given to the French Academy of Sciences in the following words: "The fertilizing value of sulphur is due to the influence it exerts on the ammonifying bacteria as well as on the nitrifying micro-organisms. In the presence of sulphur the plant finds larger quantities of directly assimilable ammonium salts and this favorable modification of nitrogenous plant-food is followed by important increases in crops analogous to those following the use of ammonium sulphate. Nevertheless it is a matter of importance to be borne in mind that the ammonia thus formed by the bacteria is produced exclusively from

Sargent Defends City Council

To the Editor: Since passing the new ordinance increasing the water rates to users outside the city the Medford Tribune in an editorial has characterized this legislation of the council as "An Outrageous Action," and the Medford papers have published a number of articles, mostly from parties living outside the city, endorsing this editorial of the Tribune and protesting vehemently against this ordinance. Our action is pronounced by these parties to be unjust. Is it so? Let us see.

To begin with, this water belongs to the city of Medford—to its citizens and to no one else, and we are councilmen elected by the citizens of Medford and by no one else. And, of course, as councilmen it is our first duty to look after the interests of these people who elected us and who are the ones furnishing the money for pavements, lights, cleaning the streets, etc.

Thousands upon thousands of dollars have been spent by the citizens of Medford for pavements. The lighting of the city costs the citizens of Medford about \$700 a month. The cleaning and repairing of the streets, though now done much cheaper than formerly, costs the city about \$650 to \$700 a month. And not a penny do the people living outside the city (unless of course they have property in the city) pay for these and other benefits which they are constantly using. They use the streets day and night. Many of them living just outside the city limits and coming daily, often several times a day, to the business district use these well lighted streets on an average much more than the citizens living inside the limits. But these outsiders pay no taxes for these city improvements.

The fact of the matter is that these outsiders have heretofore been obtaining from the city of Medford a great deal for nothing and now that the council with an eye to justice and square dealing, has increased somewhat their water rent in order to make things a little more even, a strong protest by these outsiders has gone and is going up against the council's action.

As I see this matter, justice to those who elected us to the council, requires that we look after their interests and not the interests of the outsiders who while reaping the benefits want our constituents to bear the burdens.

H. H. SARGENT.

Use Commercial Fertilizer only on Lawns

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 11.—In the late spring, about a month after active grass growth has commenced on the lawn, it is desirable to apply a grass stimulant to keep the lawn in first-class condition. Nitrate of soda is a good fertilizer and will make the grass grow thickly with a rich dark green color that will show itself promptly after the application. The landscape gardener of the U. S. department of agriculture advises that those who use nitrate of soda should apply it at the rate of 50 pounds per acre once a month throughout the summer beginning about the middle of May in the latitude of Washington, D. C.

The nitrate of soda should be applied just before a rain or a sprinkling with the hose. Under ordinary conditions it will keep the lawn a vivid green during the period when the vitality of the plant is low. The application of this fertilizer combined with careful watering (described in a previous article) will prevent the parched appearance of the lawn during the dry hot summer season.

Care in Using Fertilizer During Drought. When nitrate is applied during any dry period it should be used carefully. It can, however, be applied at any time if the nitrate of soda is powdered up fine before using but it is safest to dissolve it in water. Because of a generally prevailing fear that this fertilizer will ruin a lawn if used carelessly, the department has been experimenting to see just how much nitrate of soda would have to be used in order to kill grass. These experiments seem to show that nitrate of soda can be used fairly extensively without causing injury, for attempts to kill grass with it were unsuccessful except when such large quantities as 400 pounds to an acre were used.

Although fertilization is a splendid thing for the upkeep of a lawn it will never entirely make up for a lawn soil that was poorly prepared in the beginning. It is only when a lawn soil is properly prepared in the first place and enriched with stable manure, lime, and bone phosphate

that a lawn may be maintained in the best condition. Unrotted Manure May Menace Good Lawns. Unrotted stable manure should be kept away from a lawn at all times, the opinion of many to the contrary notwithstanding. Stable manure contains weed seeds and particularly after the early growth of grass these weed seeds will be encouraged to sprout, for at this time the grass is weakened by its spring growth and the weeds have additional impetus to spread. A weed has been defined as a "plant of place." Weeds are certainly out of place on a well-kept lawn. Fertilizing materials have a great advantage over stable manure as they contain no weed seeds.

There are other fertilizers beside nitrate of soda that are most valuable for the lawn but their use is more especially adapted to the fall. Later the department will issue advice regarding the application of such materials as ground bone, phosphate rock, potash, dried blood, fish scrap, and sterilized sheep manure. The dissolved rock in particular should not be used in the spring.

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