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HONG KONG KOLUM

Hard drinkers usually haven't any use for soft water.

Sir: Every inch of ground in Germany is planted with vegetables, I see by the news. Isn't it reasonable to presume that this "germination" should succeed?—B. B.

Says the Girl on the Film A man is "sweet" on a girl when he brings her not less than five pounds of candy a week.

Sir: My cousin works in the powder factory. The other night somebody asked him if it wasn't dangerous work. "Oh no," he replied. "I borrowed \$10 from the foreman and he naturally keeps me out of dangerous work."—Art.

Honest Holworthy placed a nervous ear to the key hole and listened to the plan hatch. (From a magazine serial.) Anything but a nervous ear.

As Harrigan would say, better be careful boys when your hearts are aflame and you are wearing celluloid collars!

Today's Beltinger "The young husband came home and sat down to wife's first dinner" relates Patricia Collinge, the stage star, "but when he got to the cake some discussion followed. "You may have made the cake alone, darling," he consoled his bride, "but who helped you lift it out of the oven?"

From the inscription on an Egyptian monument: The face of Ramses II here closely resembles that of his mummy.

In the Cradle of the Deep! (From the Southern England Daily Echo.)

Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, Commander in Chief of the British Grand Fleet, celebrated his second birthday yesterday in keeping watch over the enemy's vessels.

Sir: If it is correct to say "water the horse," why can't we say, "milk the cat?"—Inquisitive.

Well, How Does He Know? Little Eustace: Pa what do you do at your office all day? Pa—(Irritably): Oh, nothing! Eustace: Then how do you know when you are through?

Hi! Hi! Two chicks were scrapping with gloves on in a Medford club. "Come, brace up Jim!" urged the friends of one boxer who was getting the worst of it, "Sail in and stop more of his blows!" "Stop 'em?" yelled Jim, "you don't see any of 'em gettin' by me, do you?"

Sir: Last month I fell through the ice while visiting friends in Montreal during the exciting rescue scene, as they dragged me from the icy water, my host said: "You'll be safe in a minute old man—just try and keep cool!" Can you or it?—Orville.

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FOUR MILE LAKE

IN answer to a query concerning the size and depth of Four-Mile lake, from which the Rogue River Canal company will eventually take a sufficient volume of water to irrigate an immense territory, it may be said that it is three and a half miles long, three-quarters of a mile wide and more than 2000 feet deep. It is eleven miles from Fish lake, but the canal connecting it with the latter, which the company will complete this year, is seven miles long. It will tap Four-Mile lake thirty feet below the water surface at low stage. By constructing a dam, the company can secure an eighty-foot head of water.

The altitude of Four-Mile lake is 5800 feet, just 1000 feet above Fish lake. The dam at the latter lake is a massive structure, the rocks used in the base of the retaining wall being so large that they had to be handled with powerful derricks. The earth fill is very heavy. The tenacious clay for the puddle core was hauled a mile. The dam was built a quarter of a mile from the lake shore in a narrow depression practically on a level with the water surface of the lake at an average stage. It will store water to a depth of twenty-five feet, but will later be raised another twenty-five feet.

From the lake the water is carried sixteen miles in the channel of the north fork of Little Butte creek to the intake, at which point it is diverted into the canal system. Near Fish and Four-Mile lakes is Lake of the Woods, which lies too low on the Klamath side of the divide to be utilized for Rogue River valley irrigation. The greater part of its flood waters, however, can be utilized for Fish lake by diversion ditches.

These lakes, nestling in smiling valleys of verdure at the foot of forest-clad slopes, with snow-capped Mount Loughlin towering above, are surpassingly beautiful and ideal recreation spots for summer vacations.

CAUSE OF VICE

THE vice committee of the Illinois senate, in its report following an extended probe of the social evil conditions, finds that poverty is the main cause of immorality. The Portland Oregonian, with its own infallible logic, reverses this judgment and gravely announces "that poverty is not the cause of vice; vice is the cause of poverty."

Both statements are true in a measure—the latter in a more limited way than the former.

One might just as truly say that the drunkard is the cause of the saloon instead of the saloon being the cause of the drunkard.

It is true that poverty does not lure the strong female character to vice any more than the saloon tempts the strong male character to drunkenness. But both lure the weaker characters. Poverty produces most of the misery of the world. Indirectly or directly it produces mental, moral and physical weakness. The ill clad, scanty nurtured, poorly educated child of the slums, reared amid squalid and vicious environments, does not develop the strength of character necessary to withstand temptation, and their miserable offspring are even more poorly equipped without competent parental training or vigorous mentality.

All of us are products of heredity and environment. Most of the world's crime and vice is due to ignorance and feeble-mindedness, degeneracy and parental incompetence, due in turn to poverty. But a great deal of immorality, if not created, is at least perpetuated by wealth, for the idle rich also produce degeneracy and feeble-mindedness.

The real cause of immorality is social injustice, the great cause of poverty, to remedy which we must rebuild our civilization upon a foundation that gives to every individual that which he produces, and only that.

Tales of the Town

I went to Grants Pass, And on the train, I met Doc, Reddy, And stuck him, For my breakfast, And a seat in the Pullman, And I left him, When we reached, The Beet City, And after a while, I drifted back, To the Hotel Josephine, Where there was a big fire, In the fireplace, And my train, And there was nothing to do, In Grants Pass, But talk beet, And the "Club," Had gathered at the fire, In the Josephine, And there was Doc, Reddy, And Engineer Harmon, And Jack Harvey, And Bobie, And all, And I drifted in, I must have looked handsome, Or said, Or something, And they treated me nice, And said I didn't feel bad, Because Grants Pass, Is going to have the factory, For Medford, Is going to have one, too, And Doc, Reddy, Took me aside, And whi-pered in my ear, That he had seen, Col. Mundy, In Prison.

And the Col, Had it all fixed, For a sugar factory, At Medford, And it was all settled, And everything, Because Col. Mundy, Told him so, And I felt fine, And nearly broke my neck, Trying to get home, So I could tell George, So he could print it, In his paper, And I did, And George, Only said: "Dull!" And I don't know, What he meant, As I was talking beet, Not beet.

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COMPARISON OF YIELDS ON SAME QUALITY OF SOIL

Fifth of a Series of Articles on Farm and Orchard Problems of Rogue River Valley, Written by a Soil Expert—Four Acres Properly Handled Exceed Many Improperly Farmed.

BY W. W. WATSON Practical demonstrations of the difference between crop yields on land on which the growing plants are irrigated and on land adjoining it and of precisely the same type, without irrigation, during the past year, are numerous. They may be found in all parts of the valley. Many of them will be cited in the course of this discussion.

A typical instance is that of former Road Master Joe C. Smith, who resides at 505 Beatty street, telephone 482-R, this city. Mr. Smith owns ten acres of land two miles north of Medford. It was cultivated by a partner last year. Books were kept on every nickle's worth of produce raised. Mr. Smith received his third of it:

Four acres of this ten-acre tract were irrigated. On it were raised beans, tomatoes, strawberries and loganberries. The harvest yielded \$620. The yield last year was, therefore, 37 1/2 percent interest on a value of \$400 an acre. It amounted to \$155 per acre. That is what irrigation did.

The Unirrigated Lot Six acres of this same tract, planted to corn, beans and melons, produced nothing. Not only did the soil refuse to yield a penny's worth of harvest to help pay the taxes on it, but it cost the renter a season of work for which he received no reward. Had it been irrigated, thus softening the soil grains, by chemical action, to produce plant food for the growing crop, it should have yielded a harvest of \$950. The renter and the owner lost that amount of money through inability to water the land during the crop-growing season.

The problem is, therefore, resolved into this simple proposition: The water necessary to irrigate this six-acre tract was worth \$920. Had it been obtainable from a convenient irrigation ditch, it would have cost a trifle only, compared with the loss sustained without it. In the face of a scientific demonstration like this, what must necessarily be the conclusion of any intelligent farmer? Would he turn away serenely and mutter: "They haint no sich animal!"

Beginning With a Loss The farmer in this valley began to count his loss on this year's harvest when he should have begun to plow his field last fall, but couldn't. That is one of the most important periods in the year's work. Viewing the situation from every possible angle, the loss is serious. Fall plowing is necessary because of its beneficial effect in the physical manipulation of the soil. It is necessary for the use of the field for a growth of cover crop, or for the proper germination of grain or other seed that require the process in the autumn. It is profitable for the millions of crop pests it destroys. It is absolutely necessary for the production of the proper "cushion" to hold the moisture that falls during the winter months. If the soil is compact, the downward movement of the moisture is slow. Much of it, therefore, is lost in evaporation. That was the condition of

the soil in this valley last fall. That explains why what little moisture we do receive from a limited rainfall does little good.

The Moisture Required For the purpose of profitable fall work in the field, the farmer should have at least 18 percent of moisture to a depth of five feet in September. Including the loss in evaporation and transpiration, this 18 percent saturation would require at least 14 inches of water in the soil in September, owing to the extreme aridity of the ground in this valley at that time. Instead of that, we had less than one inch!

It is not meant that this 14 inches of water should have been added by irrigation or precipitation in rain during that month. Irrigation should have been begun in August gradually to bring it up to that point; or the rains should have begun in that month and continued throughout September in order to supply the desired saturation.

We cannot command the rain. Normally, it doesn't fall in that quantity in this valley in the months named; in fact, we were not blessed with that much rain during the whole period of last year. So far, we have less this year than we had last year at this time.

Hence, what must the farmers provide to overcome that dismal prospect? There is no substitute for water in this case. Nature doesn't deal in substitutes in the production of the original package. So, we must have the water.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor: Dear Sir—No doubt the attention of the public has been drawn to the movement which has recently been inaugurated in Portland dealing with the present policy of the picture theaters. I feel sure that we in southern Oregon entertain ideas akin to our northern neighbors. I believe this is an opportune time for us to demand a change in the policy of the local theaters. Anyone reading the advertisements would come to the conclusion that the different houses were competing as to which one could procure the most suggestive titles and scenes. Do the "movie" men think these morbid productions appeal to us? Have they found that we are so morbid that only such pictures attract us? I hope not.

Occasionally we see notices informing us that children under a certain age will not be admitted. Now I maintain that a picture which is harmful to a child of ten years is even more injurious to a youth of sixteen, because the latter is more capable of interpreting the suggestive scenes.

The "movies" can be made either helpful or harmful to a community. I believe I am voicing the opinion of the great majority of people in the valley when I say, let us demand pictures of a higher standard. I take the liberty of suggesting this motto to the Medford theaters, "to interest, to elevate and to amuse." If this motto is adopted and such pictures procured as will be in harmony with it, no one need be forbidden to enter. We can all get with the assurance that a wholesome production awaits us. Yours truly, "ROALHU," Jacksonville, Or.

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