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HONG KONG KOLUM

My wife has everything she needs to make her happy—that's why she is so unhappy. Cacho!

Q, What's One Wheel? (From the La Grasse, Wis., Tribune) LOST—On St. Joseph's Ridge, find wheel of Ford automobile.

Sir: Speaking of mind wanderings, our family dog placed his stethoscope to my chest during a recent siege of the grip and absent-mindedly said, "Hello central."—H. B.

Smuck! (From the Illinois State Register.) Married, Jan. 5, in Diverson, Harry O'Connor and Miss May Smuck.

P. H. Kohlbraker is a mine superintendent with the Susquehanna Coal company.

Sir: Near Norwich, Connecticut, a tombstone bears the line, "He Did His Best." Then some wag comes along and adds, "friends."—J. M.

Today's Bellringer The story is related of a Boston contractor who was startled one morning when his foreman rushed in with the news that one of their new houses had tumbled down in the night.

"What caused it?" asked the boss. "Why, the workmen made the mistake of taking down the scaffolding before they got the wall paper on!" said the subordinate.

The Girl on the Film Many women who dress like fashion plates look more like platters. While some folks are optimistically "looking for better things," the real guy has got his sleeves rolled up working for them.

Get Out Your Hanky! Pinkie dipped a sad-sad into the murky waters and pulled toward the bathhouse. From the popular serial, "What so sad as a sad, sad car?"

Train kills woman at crossing in East Orange, N. J., but doesn't even break one of the two dozen eggs she carried in a basket at the time of the accident.

Dave's a Devil! (From the Rogers, Ark., Democrat.) There are lots of long faces and tear dimmed eyes among the Pleasant Side girls since Joe Higginbotham took David Hakes, Jr., to Oklahoma.

Sir: Note reference to absent-minded people. My brother, a conductor, called on some friends the other night. When he entered the parlor, little girl runs in, "Little girl," he says, quickly, "how old are you?"—H. B.

Cysters and movies he says lured W. F. Park, former governor of the Igorotese, from the Isle of Pines to New York.

Sir: I told "her" that the last box of candy I brought cost me my last cent. "It cost like it cost about one cent," she came back.—Art.

EUGENE GUARD IN RECEIVER'S HANDS

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 24.—The Eugene Daily Guard, which has been under the control of E. J. Finnoran for the last three years, was placed in the hands of a receiver today, through an action brought by Hollenbeck and Midgley, owners of the building occupied by the paper, for \$626.99, for rent. E. J. Adams, a local attorney and president of the Harbor Sound Investment company, was named receiver. The indebtedness of the concern is alleged to be in excess of \$20,000. A statement of assets was filed.

OF NARROW VISION

THE attitude of some of the land owners of the valley towards irrigation is much the same as that which greets innovation the world around. In the progress of the world, prophets have been stoned and inventors burned at the stake.

Labor riots greeted the invention of labor-saving machinery, yet the machinery increased the wage of labor, multiplied jobs and increased output. But it was years before labor realized it.

Threshing machines eased the labor, cheapened the cost of production and enlarged the field of operation for the farmer, yet it took years to popularize the threshing machine.

Though scientific methods have revolutionized farming, made unprofitable farming profitable and increased yields, few farmers in the valley have adopted modern methods. Though the farm tractor has superseded the horse plow in entire sections of the country, we only have four in the valley. Though Oregon boasts of its progressiveness along a few lines, it is in reality one of the most reactionary and unprogressive states in the Union.

Most of humanity lives in a rut and resents any proposal to get out of the rut, even though it means material benefit. People don't like to be disturbed. They see only the sides of the rut and have no view of the great world outside their narrow horizon. They drift for the present without vision of the future.

Everyone knows that irrigation is essential. Everyone realizes that it must come. Everyone admits that it will increase production, stapleize and increase land values and attract population. That with water there will be a ready market for land now unsaleable. Yet the vast majority will take chances on again losing the cost of water in one year of drouth, rather than help make irrigation possible.

A year ago the idea of an irrigation district was broached, wherein the land owners of the valley would construct, own and operate their own system. Indignation meetings were held in many sections and one would imagine that the destruction of the valley, instead of its salvation, was proposed. Persons never known to turn out for a constructive enterprise lost no time in parading for a destructive one. Had these objectors had the power, the district proposers might have met the fate of Galileo.

They were loud in asserting that they did not oppose irrigation, but merely the plan whereby the people would own the system and equitably distribute its cost. But the opposition was really to irrigation, for now that a private corporation stands ready to construct an irrigation system and supply the water to those who want it, many of these objectors are opposing it, refusing to use any water and blocking rights-of-way that enable others to secure water.

The attitude of many land owners, who in opposing irrigation are retarding their own welfare and the valley's progress, is much like that of the school trustees of the Lancaster, Ohio, school board who in 1828 refused permission to hold a debate upon the question of whether railroads were practical, as shown by the following minutes:

"You are welcome to use the school to debate all the proper questions in, but such things as railroads and telegraphs are impossibilities and rank infidelity. There is nothing in the word of God about them. If God had designed that His intelligent creatures should travel at the frightful speed of fifteen miles an hour by steam, He would have clearly foretold it through His holy prophets. It is a device of satan to lead immortal souls down to hell."

But the irrigationists have not even this excuse, for irrigation was universally practiced by the ancient Israelites and is mentioned in the bible in many places and is therefore "a proper subject."

MINERAL WATERS MIGHT EASILY BE PIPED TO MEDFORD

Those who heard Professor Chas. G. Anthony lecture at the library last night learned how easily possible it is and how valuable it might be to pipe the mineral waters and the gas from the cluster of springs above Ashland to Medford. In fact, they learned that it would not be necessary to pipe the waters and the gases separately, as is being done from the springs to Ashland. A 42-pound pressure is sufficient to hold the gases in the water in transit. From the springs to Medford we would have about 300 pounds pressure. The lecturer suggested that mineral water piped in its natural condition is much better for the uses to which it is being put commercially and better also in a curative sense than it is where the waters are recarbonated.

Professor Anthony proved a thorough master of his subject. Indeed, he is an eminent authority on mineral waters, the development of their sources, their uses commercially and in a sanitary way and the entire economy of their adaptation to general uses for the benefit of mankind.

The lecturer regards the waters of the springs so far developed in this valley of greater value, both commercially and for sanitary purposes, in the form of external bath. As a drink they are enervating and excellent in many ways, but should not be taken unless needed by the system, but the greatest measure of good may be obtained by the bath. Carbonic acid gas has proven to be of very great value commercially. The lecturer gave it as his opinion that carbonic acid gas may be found in many places in this valley by sinking wells for it.

He has acquired knowledge of the peculiar geological formations of this entire region and from them he draws his conclusions. Time and heat are two of the great factors in its formation. The other necessary elements are found here in abundance.

Aside from their humanitarian uses, the lecturer declared that men are making millions out of the development of this gas, and his auditors could not escape the conclusion from his references to the local field that he expected that result to follow the development of those resources of this valley.

Professor Anthony left this morning for Grants Pass, from which place he will return east at once.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 23.—More than 160 firemen were overcome by smoke and gas fumes today while fighting the most stubborn blaze Detroit has had in fifteen years. The drug store of E. C. Kinzel, at Griswold street and Michigan avenue, in the heart of the business district was burned out. The total damage was about \$200,000, practically covered by insurance. Explosion of chemical liquids which were being tested, is believed to have caused the fire which started during the middle of the forenoon.

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\$10,000 SAVED IN FRUIT INSPECTION FOR 1915 OVER 1914

During the year, from January 1 to December 31, 1914, the total expense for fruit inspection in Jackson county amounted to \$16,717.98. This amount does not include the three months' salary of Professor O'Gara, but it does include the \$2000 which was certified to the state for the office of pathologist.

During January there were employed 13 inspectors; February and March, 13; April to July, inclusive, 11 men; August, 7; September to December, inclusive, 6 men.

Under Allen's Regime During practically the whole of 1914 the fruit inspection work was in direct charge of the chief inspector, the pathologist having practically nothing to do with the inspection.

Late in December, A. C. Allen was appointed commissioner for this district, and during January went over the situation and made radical changes in the office work and methods of inspection.

As far as could be found, there was not on record anything to show for the expenditure of the money appropriated other than the regular report of the inspectors embodied in their claim for compensation. This was not a fault of the inspectors or the county, but was due to the unbusinesslike system which at that time prevailed.

Old System Discarded Believing that more efficiency could be obtained and greater amount of work done for less money and with fewer inspectors, by the proper administration of the inspection system, the old system was discarded entirely and the inspection placed on an entirely different footing.

The first step was to put the new pathologist in direct charge of the inspectors and the entire force was cut down. The expense money allowed the inspectors was cut down to a reasonable figure and the valley cut into districts.

January, 1915, saw five inspectors on the roll, and this was cut to three in February, by which time the policy of the newly organized force had been determined.

Pathologist in Charge This policy consisted in making the fruit inspectors policemen only. They were not allowed to give out any advice except such as was approved by the pathologist in charge. Records were kept of each inspector's work and the whole filed under the proper heads in a filing system kept in the pathologist's office.

As stated, January, 1915, saw five inspectors on the roll, February had but three and from April to the end of December the work was done with four men.

Over \$10,000 Saved

The total expense for fruit inspection for the year 1915 amounted to \$6528.74. This included \$2000 for the pathologist and every item of expense attached to the fruit inspection. This shows a saving of \$10,189.24 to the county for the first year's operation under the new administration.

Unaware of these figures, perhaps, a committee of the Jackson County Taxpayers' league recently made a report recommending "greater efficiency and economy in the fruit inspection."

The year 1916 opened with four inspectors on the rolls, and our new pathologist, Claude C. Cate, in direct charge. The men have been instructed to see that a thorough clean-up is made and it is hoped that before the advent of the blossoming season every case of hold-over blight shall have been removed.

Up to the Growers

The proper and economical administration of the fruit inspection depends to a very large extent upon the growers. It is absolutely impossible for the county to expect economical or satisfactory results unless the growers themselves give their hearty co-operation.

The horticultural laws of the state were made by the people and were made with the intention that they

would be enforced. If each grower will immediately carry out the instructions of the inspectors as to the eradication of disease from their orchards the inspection work would be very easy and could be done at small expense. But it is in the tardiness and, in a few cases, the refusal to obey the clean-up orders that the expense and trouble lie.

Growers Now Co-operating

During the year just passed the growers of the county, with but few exceptions, did co-operate with the office, and as a result the large saving in expense was made possible. But still there were some who were a little dilatory, but it is to be hoped that in the coming year such prompt and hearty co-operation will be received from all concerned that the office can continue to do its work even better than before.

A record is being kept in the office of the pathologist of each inspection. These records show the date of inspection, name of orchard visited, location, time the inspector entered the orchard, time he left, character of the work undertaken, condition of orchard, both as to appearance, diseases, care, etc., the efforts made to control pests, inspector's recommendations, the signature of the inspector and of the person on the ranch who receives the duplicate. Therefore, it can be seen at a glance by referring to the files in just what condition each orchard in the valley was in at the time of inspection.

DIED

CHISHOLM—At Gold Hill, Tuesday, January 25, Margaret Rebecca Chisholm, wife of Dr. W. P. Chisholm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Hammersley, aged 38. She was born at Springfield, Or., August 26, 1877, and came to Gold Hill with her parents in 1889. She leaves to mourn her death, her husband, eight children and five brothers. Interment at Rock Point cemetery.

GRAVES—G. E. Graves, residing at No. 913 Boulevard, Ashland, died suddenly on Friday, January 28, after a brief illness. He was 72 years of age and had been a resident of that locality for a number of years, retired from active business. He leaves a wife and one son, the latter a resident of Portland. He was a member of Ashland lodge, No. 23, A. F. & A. M. His remains will probably be taken to Portland for cremation.

MAMMA! DON'T YOU SEE YOUR CHILD IS SICK, CONSTIPATED

Look at Tongue! Move Poisons From Liver and Bowels at Once.

Mother! Your child isn't naturally cross and peevish. See if tongue is coated; this is a sure sign its little stomach, liver and bowels need a cleansing at once.

When listless, pale, feverish, full of cold, breath bad, throat sore, doesn't eat, sleep or act naturally, has stomach-ache, diarrhoea, remember, a gentle liver and bowel cleansing should always be the first treatment given.

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