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Ye Smudge Pot

There was a young girl at Eagle Point Who strangely twisted an arm joint. At a fly she did swat, And hit where it was not, And needs liniment with which to anoint.

Among the things unchanged by the war, as predicted, are the circus. These institutions remain as they were in 1914.

THE EXCITED REPORTER

Maybe you've never heard the gypsies sing. Maybe you've never seen a regimental band march off to a doubtful destination. If you haven't, you may from now on. More than that, you can hear the armies meet and part; you can hear the wild birds return to their old haunts in Belleau Wood and the Rouge Boquet; you can hear the swish of the water against the keels of the great painted ships as they bring the armies home again.

The Hun in his whining complains that the peace terms are "monstrous" and this is what the Belgians thought about the invasion. They are also looking to America for sympathy, under the impression that Bill Bryan and Henry Ford are in the saddle.

For Sale—Timothy. (Want ad Chico Enterprise). Can this possibly be our C. of P.?

The Salvation Army is worthy of support in their drive. They are one of two organizations in this world who can stand to give something away without a sermon.

Congressman James of Kentucky, proposes that the Plume question be settled by America acting as guardian of the burg. This is far enough away to prevent raids across the border a la Mexico.

SPRING FEVER

Following Colds, Grippe, Thin, Watery or Poisoned Blood

(By Dr. Valentine Mott.)

At this time of year most people suffer from what we term "spring fever" because of a stagnant condition of the blood, because of the toxic poisons stored up within the body during the long winter. We eat too much meat, with little or no green vegetables.

Bloodless people, thin, anemic people, those with pale cheeks and lips, who have a poor appetite and feel that tired, worn or feverish condition in the spring-time of the year, should try the refreshing tonic powers of a good alternative and blood purifier. Such a tonic as druggists have sold for fifty years, is Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It is a standard remedy that can be obtained in tablet or liquid form. Made without alcohol from wild roots and bark.

Occasionally one should "clean house" with castor oil or tiny pills made up of the May-apple, leaves of aloe and jalap, and sold by almost all druggists in this country as Doctor Pierce's Pleasant Pellets.

Los Angeles, Cal.—"I will gladly tell of the relief and cure Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery gave me. I was sick with all troubles of stomach, liver, etc., and La Grippe with all its attending ailments. When all else failed Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery did the good work. I also took 'Pleasant Pellets' for biliousness, with grand success. I write with gratitude to tell others of the relief that is in store for them. Do not delay but hasten to get the above remedies if suffering from any indisposition."—Samuel Keltoby, 973 Lucia Ave.

REGARDING IRRIGATION.

WE print today a communication from H. E. Conger opposing irrigation. We have no desire to enter into a controversy, at this late date, regarding the desirability of irrigation in Jackson County, but it is only fair to correct a few statements made in this communication. Mr. Conger declares any person of ordinary intelligence will grant you can't benefit grain by irrigation. We believe there are a number of persons of "ordinary intelligence" who will not grant this. Mr. Dillon Hill is one of them. Mr. Hill invites anyone who doubts the value of putting water on grain land to visit his ranch south of the city. "If I can't double my yield of barley with irrigation," says Mr. Hill, "then I know nothing about barley and nothing about water."

Mr. Conger blames district irrigation for the decrease in Oregon land values. If he will examine the government statistics once more he will find that the two western states where land values have increased most, are Idaho and California. These two states have ten acres under water where Oregon has one. In fact the districts where land values have increased most in Oregon are in Eastern Oregon where irrigation has been introduced, and they have decreased most where irrigation has not been introduced.

It is stated in the communication that fifty bushels of wheat have been raised per acre without water. This may be true as an isolated instance, but we don't believe Mr. Conger will maintain this is representative of the valley. The average grain production is about 15 bushels, whereas the average in irrigated districts runs as high as sixty bushels.

Our correspondent claims the grain and alfalfa farmers who own sixty per cent of the land within the district are opposed to the bond issue. And yet according to the records the owners of only 4,000 acres have protested and asked exemption or approximately 16 per cent. Not only this, but it is a matter of record that several property owners who originally opposed irrigation, are now among its strongest advocates. In fact irrigation sentiment in the valley, has been steadily growing the past few years, and is undoubtedly stronger today, than it has ever been before.

We repeat we have no desire to revive the irrigation controversy. To our mind the facts supporting irrigation are literally overwhelming and a paper could be filled with convincing argument. But let any one who doubts take a trip into the Applegate Valley, or a trip through Northern California, or confer with any rancher in Southern Oregon who has irrigation, Messrs. Hopkins, Burrell or anyone else. What do they say about it?

If Mr. Conger is correct then every rancher in Southern Oregon who uses water is inviting bankruptcy. Yet we have received no imposing list of irrigators who are going out of business or abandoning their water rights. Judge Dunn of Ashland has the reputation of being a fairly practical farmer and a fairly successful one. He considers his water right worth as much as his farm, and he has been an irrigator for nearly as many years as Mr. Conger hasn't been.

We have always maintained an open mind regarding irrigation. For unless a person is a practical farmer himself, he must base his opinion upon the evidence of others. But we have yet to hear an argument against irrigation in Jackson County which has been convincing. There is just one individual who has had in our opinion a valid protest, that is the large property owner who secured his land for a song, and who, because of these two facts, the volume of his acreage and the small investment per acre, can make a living, during his lifetime, without diversifying his crops, renewing his soil, or increasing his per acre production.

But in this controversy as in every other, where the selfish interests of a few conflict with the interests of a community as a whole, it is the latter interest that must receive first consideration. And ultimately it is our conviction that with the establishment of a comprehensive irrigation system, the large property owner will share with the small land owner, the increased community prosperity and material benefits, which irrigation has brought elsewhere and will bring here.

Add horrors of war, two members of U. S. Third army assessed for French champagne they didn't drink.

COMMUNICATION.

Why He Opposes Irrigation

To the Editor: In a recent editorial, I notice you state that under the new management, the paper will welcome communications from any person signing their name. This is good news to the people who oppose district irrigation, especially so since the paper's policy heretofore seems to have been "pages for those in favor, but not one word in opposition." Since we now have the opportunity, I wish to give a few reasons why the grain and alfalfa farmers who own approximately 60 per cent of the land in the Medford irrigation district are opposing this bond issue.

There are two crops that may on the general farming lands of this district, and they are grain and alfalfa. Any person of ordinary intelligence knows you could not benefit grain by irrigation because when seeded at the proper time, it matures before the dry part of our season arrives. Also the fact that many of these farmers are threshing 50 bushels of wheat per acre during the driest seasons this valley has ever known, proves to most people that this valley does not need anything to make it a good grain section.

Then, as to alfalfa: the thing that makes this section famous as an alfalfa country is the permanent character of the crop. Near Jacksonville there is a piece of land that has produced good crops of alfalfa for

30 years without reseeded. Also I am informed that in the Griffin creek country that is a piece of alfalfa that has been cropped for forty years without replowing. This is easily explained. Wherever you find sub-irrigated land, with the water table standing from six to eight feet from the surface, you have an ideal alfalfa field, and your alfalfa will live and produce good crops indefinitely. The only reason all of the good land of this district does not produce this permanent alfalfa is because the water table stands too near the surface. Given proper drainage so as to lower this water table to six or eight feet during the dry part of the season, the whole floor of the valley except the hard pan sections will produce this same permanent alfalfa.

Now then, put in a good system of irrigation and what do you do? You raise this water table nearer the surface, forever ruining this section as a permanent alfalfa producer. I admit that for the first year, or possible two years, there may be an increase in production, but if you want to see the effect of irrigation on alfalfa after the first or second years, drive out to the Fred Hopkins ranch.

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Portland Paper Pays High Tribute to C. C. Cate

A Jackson county orchardist last year spent 30 cents a tree for fertilizer in his orchard, and increased his output \$3.30 a tree. His orchard was peared. He used nitrate of soda. It was bought from the government direct by carload at \$92 a ton, or at a saving of \$30 per ton. The investment paid for itself many times in increased output.

Jackson county orchardists and farmers are highly progressive. They have organized a farm bureau under the plan suggested by the United States department of agriculture. The carload of nitrate of soda is example of the work of the farm bureau. The membership in the bureau costs a dollar a year, and includes subscription to the Farm Bureau Monthly, of which Claude C. Cate, county agricultural agent, a graduate of the Oregon Agricultural college is editor. The membership in Jackson county comprises 400 families.

Meetings have already been held in practically every school district in the county. A program of work suitable to each community has been adopted. Work for each neighborhood is planned, and this is called a project.

The main projects for the county are as follows:

Rodent control, dairying, cow testing associations, silo campaign, poultry, egg circles, feeding and housing, livestock improvement, cooperative livestock shipping, crop demonstrations, farm record keeping, child welfare, food conservation, household account keeping, home study tour and three phases of boys' and girls club work, including livestock, crops, canning and sewing.

From three to seven of these projects have been adopted in every community, and committee men have been named to take charge of the respective work for each project.

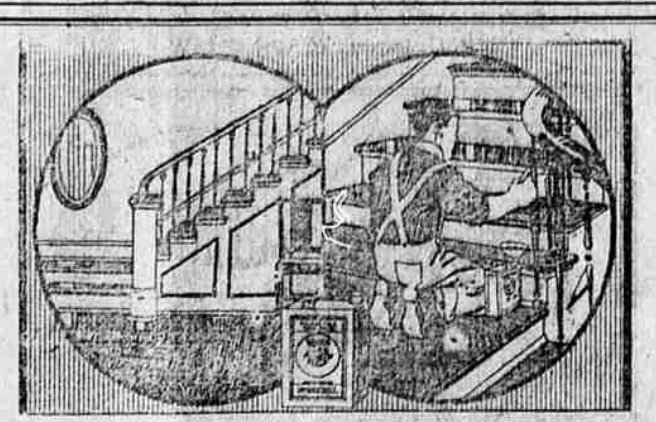
The policy of the bureau is co-operation, a policy universal to near-

ly all endeavor except farm activities. In cooperation with the Northern Short Horn Breeders' association, the bureau recently conducted a public sale of purebred cattle, which was described in the Journal at the time. Seven bulls sold at an average of \$386. One brought \$850. Nineteen females brought at auction an average of nearly \$248. One sold at \$425. It was the first sale of its kind ever conducted in Southern Oregon. Its success makes it certain that other auction sales of livestock will be held under the direction of the county farm bureau.

Jackson county farmers have found out that their country is not only a wonderful fruit country, but that it has enormous resources for the livestock business. Almost inexhaustible summer ranges in the nearby mountains and big crops of alfalfa and other feeds for winter use are full of big possibilities for a profitable livestock industry. Dairying is included in the program, and in addition to heavy purchases of best dairy stock already made, the farmers of Jackson are looking for other animals to place at the head of their herds.

Claude C. Cate, county agricultural agent, is a capable leader in all these growing farm activities. The county agents are an influence for advancement in all the counties in which they are employed. There is no question of the advancement to come from such organizations. They spread information and diversify farm activities. They interest the communities in farm problems and soon bring to bear upon those problems the best available information. The Jackson county orchardist who spent 30 cents a tree for nitrate of soda and increased his output \$3.30 a tree is example of the profit to come from such organizations. —Portland Journal

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Thirty days after any such delinquency the property will be sold for the amount of such delinquency together with penalty and costs of such sale, in accordance with the provisions of Section 148 of the city charter.

Dated at Medford, Oregon, this 15th day of May, 1919.

MARY A. HASWELL, Treasurer of the City of Medford, Oregon.

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