

CO-OPERATION SAVES JACKSON PEOPLE \$20,000

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Sept. 11.—That effective results have been accomplished in every phase of college extension service, in some instances meaning a saving to farmers of thousands of dollars, is indicated by O. A. C. records.

Demonstrations in household economy have resulted in the saving of thousands of dollars for individual counties. Co-operative buying and shipping have saved to the citizens of Jackson county in the period of six months \$20,000. The Burns chamber of commerce is authority for the statement that the co-operative work of the college, the United States department of agriculture, and the citizens of Harney county in exterminating grasshoppers saved a half million dollars to that county in 1919. In the single item of assisting farmers

to secure bacterial cultures for inoculating legume seed, some of the county agents have saved their constituencies many times their salaries each year.

In Wallowa county the silo campaign so successfully conserved feed and maintained the livestock of that great agricultural area that the local farm bureaus consider that in spite of rigorous weather during the past winter they achieved one of the most successful seasons in their history.

Whenever, in short, the local communities join hands with the extension leaders in carrying out a vigorous agricultural policy, notable gains have been made. Yet the movement is said to be only at the beginning of its career, and promises vastly greater things for the future.

Caves Always of Interest.

None of the peculiar formations of the earth are more interesting than caves, and many are the adventures that have been had by the explorers of these often mysterious caverns. The very word "cave" seems to have a strong attraction for everybody. Some of the best and most interesting stories have been written about adventures in caves, so they have always been well advertised on library shelves. And then we must remember that caves were the only homes of many people who lived in the undiscovered parts of the world thousands of years ago, and this in itself adds much historical interest to these natural tunnels under the surface of the earth.

Historic Building.

In the older part of the city of Kingston, Canada, is a small frame house which was occupied by Governor Simcoe in 1792-93 immediately after his arrival in Canada. Here he composed the proclamation calling the first parliament of Upper Canada (now Ontario) to meet in the summer at Newark (now Niagara). In that parliament he not only laid the groundwork of government but planned liberally for religious and educational work. The small "government house" has been modernized a bit by a cheap porch, but is still primitive as well as eloquent in historic interest.—Christian Science Monitor.

Miss Dorothy Cunningham, who has been appointed active head of the Republican women in India, is in the road contracting business.

In Denmark a bill was recently introduced to admit women to all public offices, including the priesthood.

LONG LACE-MAKING CENTER

Since 1665 Ypres Has Been Celebrated for the Excellence of its Manufactures.

It was in 1665 that the manufacture of lace, now known as Valenciennes, was begun at Ypres, and with other cities and towns and hamlets in Flanders the clink of the bobbins and the chatter of the lacemakers may once more be heard. Many a little village is re-establishing its industry and is finding as ready a market as it did before the war. Flemish laces have always been favorites in England from the time when Henry VIII in 1546 made a present of "kerchiefs fringed with Flemish work" to "his verrie deare wife," Catherine Parr. Lace making was part of the education of women in the Low Countries in the latter part of the fifteenth century, and Charles V ordered it to be taught in the schools, but in 1690 it was not only a flourishing industry in Belgium but, with the approval of Louis XIV, a Manufacture Royal de Dentelles was founded, and lacemakers from Flanders were brought to France, as Flemish lace was even more sought after than Italian lace. It was at this time that some of the most famous "points" first appeared and were developed. The "point de Bruxelles," which is made with the needle, and "Blinche" lace, the queen of all pillow lace, as well as "point d'Angleterre," in which pillow and needlework are mingled, all enhanced the reputation of the Flemish designers.

RABBIT PELTS IN DEMAND

Country Boys Have Opportunity to Make Some Money During the Coming Winter Months.

In recent years several kinds of fur, formerly of so little value as to offer no inducement to the trapper, have increased in price, and consequently collecting them has been made profitable.

Rabbit pelts, which are extensively used by hat makers, are among these products. Formerly rabbit skins were of virtually no value; country boys who eagerly sought the lair of the skunk and the raccoon and who were even able to sell squirrel skins, thought so little of the rabbit and made so little effort to dispose of the skins that they were seldom used except to form a pad on which they "knuckled down" in the marble game.

Now, however, rabbit skins are worth something, and the country boy who will devote this winter to saving and marketing the skins of the rabbits he kills should make a comfortable sum of money.

One big eastern firm has announced that it will need 10,000,000 rabbit skins. The skins are usually sold by the pound, which will contain seven or eight skins.

Bret Harte Slapped Him.
The man who knew Bret Harte was discovered in the lobby the other morning.

"I was a devil in the shop where the Overland Monthly was printed," he began, after being identified as James H. Barry, editor of the Star, San Francisco's only Democratic paper. "Bret Harte was employed in the mint. He sent over the manuscript of 'The Luck of Roaring Camp,' and they finally decided to print it despite the objection of a sensitive lady proofreader. Somehow the proofs had to be pulled in a hurry, and the only ink available at the moment was blue. I carried the blue proofs over to Harte. He said: 'What the hell is this blue ink for? I can't read it. Haven't they got any black?'"

"I was too scared to make any explanation and I got the usual reprimand administered to printers' devils in those days. Harte reached over and slapped my face. I always hated him after that."—Sun and New York Herald.

Find a 12-Pound Nugget.

A nugget of almost pure gold, weighing 12 pounds, was recently discovered near the Chariera Tower mine in Queensland, Australia. For years the Towers of Queensland, which up to the seventies was a desolate tract, too poor and seedy for sheep, has boasted a premier position among Australian gold fields. Levels are worked at a depth of nearly half a mile. This particular find is worth \$4,000. A 12-pound nugget is no record; but in most nuggets all is not gold that glitters; a 12-pounder of "almost pure gold" is rare. The world's record nugget came from Ballarat in 1858—2,217 ounces, worth \$5,000.

Rail-Creep on Railroad Bridges.

The chief engineer of the Madras railway has something to say regarding rail-creep on railway bridges in India. In a recent issue of Indian Engineering. In the case of the Godavari bridge, where the creep amounted to as much as three to four feet a year, a special cast-iron sleeper was designed to suit the 75-pound flat-footed rail, with a jaw large enough to receive a lock-fast steel key. This reduced the creep to insignificance, and generally the author is confirmed in the conclusion reached by him in 1887 that "creep" can only be remedied by effective anchorage.—Scientific American.

Japan's Shipbuilding Future.

"Japan will take the greatest place in ship construction of the future," says Lord Pirrie, world-famed shipbuilder; "her labor is cheap, she can obtain plenty of steel and her coal reserves are almost inexhaustible."

HAD TO HAVE AN ARGUMENT

Old Yankee Was Sick to Death of Atmosphere of Peacefulness Which Surrounded Him.

An old Yankee was station master, telegraph operator, ticket agent and baggage man at a small town in Maine. A passenger bought a ticket to New York. Then he walked round to the baggage room to have his trunk checked. The whiskered little ticket agent met him in his new character as baggage man. "Wun't check it!" he said.

"Why not? That's a perfectly good ticket. You just sold it to me. The ticket permits me to check baggage on it."

"Said I wouldn't check it an' I wun't check it."

"But you have to check it. I—" "Don't talk big to me, young man. I'm boss here. Said I wouldn't check it, an' I wun't."

Then followed 15 minutes of heated dispute. Then the distant whistle of the approaching train was heard. The old man peered down the track and then returned to the passenger. "Changed my mind," said he. "I'll check it."

"But why all this row? Why wouldn't you check it in the first place and save all this argument?"

"Young fellow," responded the railroad functionary, without even a twinkle in his eye, "I'll tell you how 'tis. For a spell, nobody's been a-comin' down here like they used to. Hang 'round th' postoffice drivellin' 'bout peace an' politics 'n sich. Been lonesum. 'Hain't had enny argumint with nobody in three months, an' 'b'gum! I wuz gon' to hev one or bust!"—New York correspondent in Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

FORCED REMOVAL OF EDICT

Londoners in Riotous Mood When Monarch Threatened to Close City's Coffee Houses.

All England was up in riotous defense of the right to pursue happiness and coffee when, in 1675, Charles tried to close the coffee-houses as "the great resort of idle and disaffected persons," hot beds of political intrigue. So loud were the protests against the prohibition that the king was forced to revoke his proclamation. To save his dignity, he said that "out of his princely consideration and royal compassion all and every retailer of the liquor aforesaid shall be allowed to keep open until the four and twentieth day of June next." The arid date came and went—and the lid didn't go on. The London coffee houses still flourished, champions of free speech when the press was controlled and parliament unreliable.

Of all the literary and political meeting places, the most influential was one popularized by the patronage of the poet Dryden. Literary aspirants of the day paid dearly merely for the privilege of entering the room the great man usually occupied. There it was that Pepys saw him, center of an admiring throng, having "very witty and pleasant discourse." Dryden's chair always was placed by the fire in the winter and on the balcony in summer.

Lucky Even to Get That.

"The president of the stone bank was kidnaped by a robber," relates the landlord of Petunia tavern. "He was in his own yard, in his shirt sleeves, mowing the lawn, when the villain 'dri' up in a snorting car and compelled him, at the point of a pistol to get in, and then went roaring off with him in a southeasterly direction. The supposition was that the scoundrel expected to hold him for ransom. Just at dusk last night the bank president came back in the car. He was wearing a vest and a pensive smile, and also pants and coat. In a pocket of the coat was a pistol, and there was a bundle of clothes in the bottom of the car. When asked about the fate of the bandit he sorter yawned and said he presumed likely the villain found a barrel somewhere."—Kansas City Star.

Tying the Knot.

The performance of the marriage ceremony is often spoken of as "tying the knot." The expression may be of comparatively recent origin, a figurative phrase referring to the fact that the contracting parties are united or bound together in wedlock. Quite as reasonable a supposition is that it has come down from the ancient Babylonians.

At any rate it was the custom in old Babylonia for the priest who officiated at the wedding to take a thread from the garment of the bride and one from a garment of the groom. He would then knot the two together and present them to the bride, a symbol of the matrimonial tie joining her and her husband.

Weighing a Perfume.

It was the Italian physicist Salvioni who devised a microbalance of such extreme delicacy that it clearly demonstrates the loss of weight of musk by volatilization. Thus the invisible perfume floating off in the air is indirectly weighed. The essential part of the apparatus is a very thin thread of glass fixed at one end and extended horizontally. The microscopical objects to be weighed are placed upon the glass thread near its free end and the amount of flexure produced is observed with a microscope magnifying 100 diameters. A note weighing one-thousandth of a milligram perceptibly bends the thread.

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8-13-39

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