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No Cause for Excitement

SPIDERS believed to be the black widow, poisonous member of the arachnida family, are reported showing up in various parts of the state, including, we are told, Medford and Pendleton. Possibly residents of many communities, if they knew what the bug looks like, would find it lurking in rock walls or elsewhere as the reward of a little searching.

This indicates that these bugs, whether they be the poisonous black widow or not, have lived in Oregon for some time. Publicized, they are identified in greater numbers than before, and chances are they are here in greater numbers than before. There is reason to believe that in past years, severe winters have restricted their numbers with only those surviving the winter in sheltered spots. Last winter was mild, hence the increase in the numbers of the spiders.

There is considerable controversy about the spiders. One phase of it centers around the question as to whether they have been residents of the area in past years. Reports of local physicians indicate that they have. As to the effects of the bite, the physicians' report would indicate that it is not always serious, and no fatalities have resulted.

Someone has hinted that possibly health authorities started the black widow talk for personal publicity purposes. This is unfounded and foolish. Public attention was first called to the spiders by the county agent's office, after a considerable number of specimens had been found and called to the agent's attention. Once the spider was identified as the poisonous kind, it was the sensible thing to warn against it, whether it had been here in past years or not. Rattlesnake bites are infrequent, but certainly no one would question the advisability of spreading knowledge of that danger.

There is some concern lest black widow publicity is going to keep people away from the Klamath country. It is noted that states and areas long known to be the home of these spiders and other poisonous and creepy things, play host regularly to large numbers of visitors.

It appears very probable that next winter will freeze out most of the spiders, as usual. That prospect and the evidence that they have been here and other places in Oregon in the past without causing disaster is good reason for not getting excited about the matter. The warning has now been well spread.

Places to Go

MEDFORD is staging a celebration. Eugene is making plans for a pioneer pageant this summer. La Grande has scheduled a celebration in July commemorating the coming of the railroad to Eastern Oregon in 1884. Portland's rose festival is coming up. Pendleton, of course, will stage its great round-up this fall, as will Lakeview. Klamath Falls and Astoria plan boat regattas.

Those are few of the outstanding crowd-magnets offered in Oregon. There is the possibility that if they become too numerous, outside attendance will fall off. But no one can deny that for those who prefer crowds and scheduled programs to lonely wanderings for their holidays, Oregon has something to offer this year.

Editorials on News

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Alaska a few years ago, was stranded for a few hours on a dock at Juneau, waiting for the boat to leave. On the same dock was an old, white-haired man. He had a story in his system, and he told it freely—probably was used to telling it.

He had camped, about 1896, on the very spot where the first strike was made in the Klondike in 1898—was moose hunt-

ing, and had built his fire on the gravel of the creek bed where the first gold had been discovered.

There was gold, undoubtedly, in the ashes of the fire where he had cooked his moose meat.

But HE hadn't found it—had wandered on, instead, and so had missed one of the great romantic opportunities of all time.

HIS voice dripped gloom, and tears of disappointment stood in his eyes, after all these years, as he told the story.

It wasn't altogether the riches he had missed that left that sear-

SIDE GLANCES—by George Clark



"Nothing but conferences and directors' meetings. I used to have more time to myself."

ing wound that pained still after more than 30 years—it was the thrill, the MISSED thrill, that is, of the raw gold that he might have been the first to find, but wasn't.

There's no getting around it; gold is strange stuff.

A lottery is all right in Spanish-American republics, but I don't think this country wants to go along such a line in raising revenue.—Speaker Henry T. Rainey.

About 175 different types or species of holly are found throughout the world.

Some People Say

What we want is not clerical domination, but a state ruled by the Christian spirit.—Chancellor Dollfuss of Austria.

American minds are electric, taking on new ideas much more quickly than English ones.—Phyllis Bentley, British author.

We are not destined either to salvation or destruction, regardless of what we may do ourselves.—Norman Thomas.

WASHINGTON

News Behind the News

The Inside Story From The Capital
 By PAUL MALLON
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WASHINGTON, June 7.—There is no drought of explanations for the Midwest drought. If the afflicted area were as wet as most of the explanations are, it would be having a flood.

The most fantastic tale being passed around is the one about the Japanese current. It is whispered that this source of Northwest and Midwest rains has changed its course. Its moisture now is deposited further east, thus explaining the heavy winter of snow and rain in the North Atlantic states.

Those who tell this yarn predict that the Northwest and Middle West may eventually become as dry as the Sahara.

The main trouble with this explanation is that the Japanese current has not changed. The best experts have measured it to an inch. What did change was the flow of Arctic winds. They

came down the Hudson Bay route this year, instead of farther west. That happens about once every forty years. At least, it occurred in 1889 and in 1894.

It is not likely to happen again until 1975, which is certainly nothing to worry about now.

FACTS

Many of the absurd explanations are based on the superstition of heavenly wrath. Those need not be answered in the face of scientific proof that the phenomenon is only a forty-year quirk of nature.

But there is one other more sensible theory. It is that vast public lands in and near the Northwestern Rockies have been so closely grazed by sheep that there is no grass left to retain moisture. Hence, this moisture flows off to the sea instead of being absorbed by clouds, which would ordinarily deposit it in the drought region.

If there is anything in this theory, it is certainly not more than a bucketful. The best scientists here say the drought region would never miss the rain it loses from this source, if it loses any.

The rain for the drought area normally comes from three sources—the Pacific, the Gulf of Mexico and (during the summer) re-precipitation in nearby areas.

The failure of re-precipitation is what caused the drought several years ago, and was a contributing factor this spring. That is, the clouds failed to suck up moisture from the ground and deposit it elsewhere in its usual rotating system. Don't ask a scientist why. That is one of the things he has not found out yet.

However, as long as there is any water left in the Pacific and the Gulf of Mexico, the Middle West and Northwest can expect the rainfall which has made it the food-giving center of the world.

DAMAGE

The bald truth is the drought story has not been told and cannot be told. A different local situation exists on every farm and a continuing situation. The havoc may not be evident for weeks or months.

There is no way to reduce such a condition to headlines which would convey a striking idea to the public mind. For one thing, you cannot tell accurately how many people are affected or how much relief money is needed. Neither can you take a news picture of a drought.

One thing is certain. The administration is thoroughly aroused, inside and out. It has enough

money and enough power to handle a dozen droughts.

This will unquestionably minimize the full effect of conditions on business.

WAR DEBTS

The inside excuse for the existing stalemate in war debts is that President Roosevelt planned it all out with a purpose.

Those nearest the big swivel chair in the White House explain we had to get into the situation we are in now before we could collect more than mere token payments. Also, that Mr. Roosevelt had to let congress force a default so it could get the "hate" out of its system. That is why he approved the Johnson amendment. Now, when the fact sinks in that we are not going to get a dime, he can get somewhere with negotiations for readjustment of the debts, so that we can get as much money as possible.

You may have to stretch your imagination to believe it was all planned out that way in advance, but you can be reasonably sure it will end in accordance with this explanation.

Negotiations will be resumed in the future, and we will get as much out of the debts as we can. However, ultimate settlement is a long way off, probably years off.

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