

**Castle-Shortridge Wedding**

On Christmas day, at high noon, occurred the wedding of R. W. Castle of Bay City, Ore., and Miss La Velle Shortridge at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Shortridge. There were about sixty invited guests. After the beautiful ring ceremony, used by the Christian Church and given by Rev. Harry E. Tucker, the officiating minister, the bridal party and guests marched to the dining room and ate a Christmas wedding dinner. The best wishes of the community go with this young couple.

Geo. and Emmett Illingsworth of Garibaldi, cashed in on two cat hides Tuesday and Geo. S. Brooks of upper Wilson river, got a warrant for another one the same day.

J. E. Sperry of Mohler was in the city Tuesday.

James, Ernest and Elmer Hines came home Monday to visit at the home beside.

**Lays 324 Eggs in a Year**

"Lady Dryden," a hen at the Oregon Agricultural Farm, entered by the college at the California laying contest, has laid 324 eggs from December 14, 1920, to December 14, 1921.

This is believed to be a new world egg-laying record for Barred Rocks.

**A MIGHTY SMART OTTER**

A Willamina barber who was over in this county last week, became the owner of a half grown pet otter which was secured by the Kellow family, near Hebo, when a puppy and raised on a bottle, with milk. It is now thoroughly domesticated, and shows rare intelligence. The barber, whose name is Gene Barber by the way, allows the pet to follow him down to the barber shop, where it amuses his customers while they wait for their "turn." The other day while there were no customers present, Barber was surprised to see the otter climb into the barber chair, and lean back expectantly. Just to carry out the farce, Barber placed a towel around the animal's neck, and lathered its face, the otter grunting complacently. He then pretended to shave the animal's whiskers, finally wiping off the lather, and combing its short silky hair. He then took off the apron and the otter jumped down, went over to the glass, looked over the bar critically and apparently satisfied picked up a paper and made a bluff at reading the sporting page.

E. M. Condit and wife returned from the valley the latter part of the week, after spending Christmas with relatives in Salem. Mr. Condit encountered quite a bit of snow the road near Amity.

Mrs. Lucretia Barrett and son of Hillsboro returned home the latter part of last week, after visiting relatives in the city.

**TOO MUCH IDLE TIMBER**

From U. S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture

Portland, Oregon, Dec. 31. shrdl PORTLAND, OREGON, DEC. 31. —"The United States produces more than half of the entire lumber cut of the world, and uses 95 per cent of that amount right here at home," said Col. W. B. Greeley, Chief of the Forest Service, who passed through Portland today from the forest fire conference at Mather Field, California.

"The exhaustion of our timber supply is coming about, not because we have used our forest freely, but because we have failed to use our timber growing land. The problem in a nutshell is the enormous area of forest land which has been so logged and burned that it is producing little or nothing. We have more than 80,000,000 acres, an area greater than all the forests in France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, Spain, and Portugal, which have been denuded to the point of absolute idleness so far as the production of any timber of commercial value is concerned.

We have other enormous areas of cut-over land now growing but a fraction of the amount of timber which they might produce. And we are adding to these areas of idle or largely idle land from 10,000,000 to 15,000,000 acres every year, as destructive logging and still more destructive burning process. In western Oregon and Washington alone it is estimated that there are 1,500,000 acres of denuded land which but for fire would be producing timber.

"This situation," the Forester points out, "cannot long continue without grave consequences. If we are to remain a Nation of wood users, we must become a Nation of wood growers. By some means or other we must see to it that forest lands not needed for agriculture use are not to lie idle, but are kept at work growing timber.

In 1920 Washington led all other states in lumber cut with Oregon second, these two states producing over eight and a half billion feet board measure. If the Pacific Northwest is to maintain its lead in lumber production it must keep out fires and put its idle forest lands to work growing timber.

"Where Americans need more forests," states Col. Greeley, "is largely on these 80,000,000 timber-denuded acres which could be made productive again with proper attention and protection against fires." Some of the chief reasons why these forests are needed are as follows:

"Our manufacturing centers are drawing an enormous rate upon our timber supply—from two to four times as fast per capita as the country at large.

"Our railroads require 125,000,000 wooden cross ties annually to maintain their roadbeds in fit condition and take care of new construction.

Our average American uses 125 pounds of paper a year made largely from wood—and the growing circulation of our newspapers and magazines is increasing that very generous per capita allowance.

"Our average well-kept farms, using the upper Mississippi Valley as an instance, require 2,000 board feet of lumber annually for repairs and improvements.

"The fruit shipments from the Wenatchee, Yakima and Hood River valleys alone, for marketing, take 25,000,000 boxes of five board feet each every year."

**Freak Crops Costly.**

Time and money are lost by Oregon farmers each year through promotion of freak crops by dealers who sell seed at high prices by misrepresentation, says G. R. Hyslop, chief of farm crops at the O. A. C. Experiment station. The station invests money every year in investigation of these freaks and has established a service to keep growers informed of the results of trials. If the crops are not profitable, the station finds it out and will tell any grower, who may thus save the loss of money and crops that comes from failure. Alaskan, Titanic, durum and Polish wheats, emmer, and Buraka clover are some of the "wonder" crops generally found unworthy.

**Farm Management Important.**

"Management of the farm has more to do with its earning capacity than methods of production or marketing," says H. D. Scudder, professor of farm management at O. A. C. "Farmers have been thinking more of better production methods than better farm business. Better production methods must always be considered, but organization methods have more to do with success of the farm enterprise." Size, quality and diversity of business, layout of farmstead, labor efficiency, rotation of crops, machinery equipment, are named as factors of success in farming.

Considerable lumber is being hauled over to Netarts of late for use in improvements now going on at that popular camp.

**THE PRIDE OF BILLY GOAT HUMBLED BY CHITTIM BARK**

"Yeh," said the goat owner, who lives just over the Tillamook line in an adjoining county, "I can see now that goats and chittim bark don't mix to the best advantage," and he chewed a splinter of frayed fence rail reflectively.

The county agent nodded affirmatively. Here was the end of a mystery, the flooding with sunshine of a recondite matter that had bothered the rancher for weeks past, and who with despair that almost bordered on temporary insanity, had sent for the county agent, 50 miles away, to unravel the pastoral riddle.

"All you have to do," said the county agent, lighting his briar pipe and puffing a few whiffs with evident satisfaction, "is to turn the herd into a new pasture, and be sure that there are no chittim trees in it."

The rancher nodded in turn, as his eyes strayed to a bunch of the worst emancipated goats ever seen—lank, humped up, and cadaverous, and hardly able to stand.

"Now, take a squint at that old billy! A week ago, he was the meanest brute I ever saw. He chased Jimmy out of the lot, time and again; and once he nearly butted Isaac to death. And them nannies—why many's the time I've found the whole caboodle roostin' on the top of the hen house, as big as life, and no ladder anywhere near. And yesterday, Isaac walked up to that old billy and spit tobacco in his eyes, three or four times, and the most the old pirate did was to hang his head and shed tears—plumb tee-totally humiliated!"

"Chittim has its uses in the medical world, all right, but evidently your goats were not up on dosage," smiled the county agent. "It is the nature of the tribe of Capricornus to butt into difficulties without reasoning, and that's where they got in trouble."

"Yeh," answered the rancher, "them goats is like a passel of fool boys a-playin' poker; they fail to pass the 'buck' when they don't get a decent hand!"

"Ba-ah," came a weak voiced assent from the wabbling billy.

**LOCAL HOLSTEIN REDUCES 29 LBS. BUTTER IN 7 DAYS**

Lella Tulip Gem Butter King, a full and Holstein cow, owned by F. R. Beals of Tillamook, recently finished the milk and butter fat test under official supervision. This cow is reported in the latest official bulletin of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America as having made at the age of eight years and four months, a record of 711.9 lbs. of milk and 23,639 lbs. of butter fat in seven days, equivalent to 29.5 lbs. of butter. Her thirty day record is 2948.9 lbs. of milk and 99,398 lbs. of butter fat, equivalent to 124.2 lbs. of butter.

The state Championship in the full aged class is credited to Stanhope Belle Johanna, whose seven day record is 859.7 lbs. of milk and 27,361 lbs. of butter fat, equivalent to 34.2 lbs. of butter. This record was made at the H. G. Mullenhoff Farm, Gresham, Oregon.

**Agriculture Needs Stability.**

Agriculture must be stabilized so that the farmer may depend on reasonable profits, President W. J. Kerr of the Oregon Agricultural college told a conference of farmers at Farmers' week. Agriculture being the basic industry, the prosperity of the nation rests on it. The farmer must meet the agricultural needs of the world.

**Farm Flock Need Care.**

The farm poultry flock to be profitable must have careful attention in selection of stock and care of the birds, reports O. C. Crum, of the O. A. C. Experiment station. Very little neglect, he says, may result in weakened vitality. The male bird is half the flock, he considers, and must be of right stock and good vitality.

**Chinooks Matured in Fresh Water.**

J. H. Brunson, superintendent of Fisheries for Montana, has been conferring with Bureau of Fisheries officials at Seattle in regard to hatchery experiments which he has recently conducted. He states that a number of Chinook salmon planted in Montana lakes, and cut off from the ocean by impassable falls, have reached maturity in fresh water and spawned, attaining a weight of 30 pounds. He has brought a lot of the eyed eggs to be handled by the government hatchery. He also reports that Sockeye salmon have matured and spawned in land-locked lakes in Montana, reaching normal size.—Ex.

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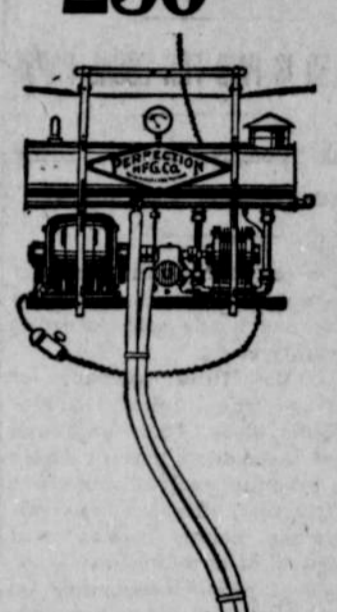
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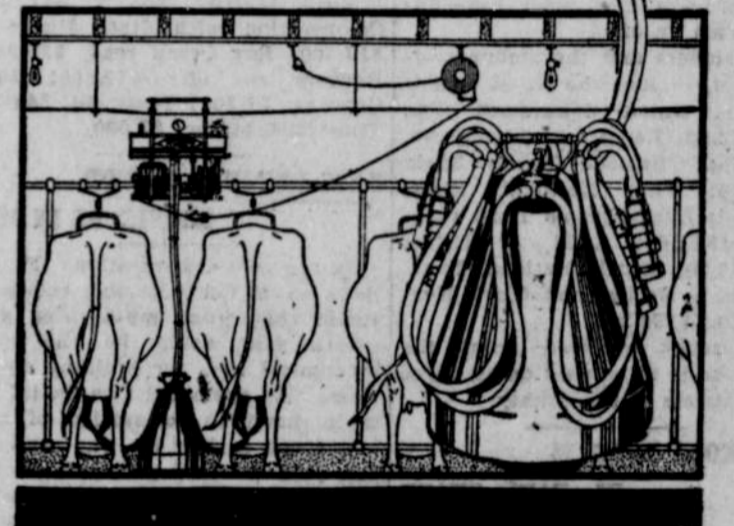
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