

FEATHERS OF STUFFED PARROT STILL GROWING

Clippings Made During Past Thirty Years Now Measure Six Feet.

"Alex," a parrot born in Central America fifty-four years ago, sits in a glass case at the residence of his owner, Mrs. George Spellman at New Orleans.

"Tolly Alex" never stirs and he never talks.

The only sign of animation about him—and this is a slow process—is the feathers. They grow steadily. Every six months or so Mrs. Spellman has to trim them in order for "Tolly Alex" to fit in the glass case.

The parrot has been dead for thirty years. He was twenty-four years old when he died. He was given to Mrs. Spellman when she was a baby.

"I have trimmed the feathers, tail, wings and sides of Polly Alex at least once a year for thirty years," said Mrs. Spellman. "At first many persons were incredulous, so I have been saving the trimmings. In thirty years I have trimmed more than six feet of feathers from the bird."

Mr. Spellman is sexton of a cemetery near the Spellman home and he spoke with authority when he told of how half and finger and toenails of humans beings grow after death.

"I have seen very long hair and long nails on several bodies we disinterred," said Mr. Spellman. "I couldn't explain how or why they grow, but I do know they do just as I know about our bird."

"I am very fond of Polly Alex," chimed in Mrs. Spellman. "He's been dead thirty years, but because his feathers grow he still seems alive. He was a constant companion for twenty-four years. It was a great sorrow to my family when he died, but after he returned from the taxidermist very much lifelike he seemed to be still with us. After we discovered his feathers were growing he seemed more alive than ever."

"I don't know what I will do with Polly Alex. For a long time I have thought I would like to have him buried with me when I die, but perhaps I will give him to some museum. But if he's given to any museum, Mrs. Spellman indicated, it will be with the provision that his feathers are to be maintained at least once a year."

SAYS EXPLOSION OF ATOM WOULD DESTROY WORLD



Sir Ernest Rutherford of England, former winner of the Nobel prize for chemistry, and the world's leading authority on atomic structure, whose experiments, brought down to the understanding of the lay mind, mean that by firing an atom, which, like the rest of the world, is filled with hydrogen, the entire world will explode in a puff of smoke. However, have no fear—no atom has yet exploded. It is believed that Sir Ernest's experiments are so fundamental as to promise solution of many problems of physics which a few years ago seemed incapable of solution, among them actual transmutation of elements, or rather of some of the lighter ones, and the possibility of harnessing the stupendous energy at present locked up in the complex structure of the atom.

U. S. SLOW IN WAR CHEMICALS

Other Nations, With Japan and Germany in Lead, Excel America. Foreign nations are outstripping America in the development of chemicals for warfare, with Japan and Germany collaborating in secret, the American Chemical society charges. "We learn," said an official bulletin issued by the society, "that Italy has organized a chemical warfare service of twice the strength of our own; that Belgium also has organized a new chemical warfare service, and that both France and England continue active support of their services. In Germany the only official activity is the chemical warfare defense school. Japan has purchased from the German industries such warfare secrets as are wanted and the various contributions made by Japan for support of certain German universities are said to be one method of paying for the information secured."

Joker Pays \$1,251 Damages for Jest. A "practical joker" paid \$1,251 damages to Mrs. Mae Griffin of Des Moines, Ia., as settlement for her claim for an injured spine. The joker had pulled a chair from under her as she was about to sit down.

OWNS "NARROWEST FARM"

W. A. Dresser Property is Twelve Miles Long and Eighty-Five Feet Wide. William A. Dresser of Lafayette, Ind., owns one of the most unusual farms in the world from a topographical standpoint. The place is 12 miles long and only 85 feet wide and is located close to the Wabash river in the vicinity of the village of Amorion.

The ground formerly was the right of way of the Wabash and Erie canal, a waterway that connected the Great Lakes with the Mississippi river and was the chief avenue of transportation in western Indiana. It was abandoned as a canal, however, shortly before the Civil war and for most of its distance was converted into farm land.

Mr. Dresser bought the entire strip recently when it was offered for sale for taxes.

PORCUPINE FALLS INTO BOAT

Preacher-Fisherman Dives and Swims Ashore.

A full-grown porcupine, quills and all, dropped from an overhanging tree directly into the rowboat from which the Rev. Sidney Buck of Easton, Wash., was fishing in Lake Chelan. The Rev. Mr. Buck, better versed in black sheep and goats than porcupines, rather than take chances of knocking Porky off the boat with the oars, dived off the craft and swam to shore.

SCHOOL WILL SOON COMMENCE

Were your children backward in their studies last year? If so, it may be due to eye trouble of some kind. Bring them to Dr. Turner, National Bldg., Tillamook and have their eyes examined. If there is trouble he will correct it and if not he will tell you so frankly. You owe this to your children. Dr. Turner has all the latest up-to-date instruments and equipment, as well as a complete lens grinding plant, and he can grind your lenses and deliver them to you the same day they are ordered.

KOCH DRUG STORE BEING REARRANGED

E. E. Koch, the druggist, has just installed a fine mahogany wall display case and prescription case combined, over 15 feet in length, with plate glass mirrors, and up to date finishing that, has greatly added to the interior of his store. He has also moved his prescription medicines to the first floor. The whole store has been re-arranged.

KLAMATH VISITORS WITH RELATIVES HERE

M. M. Stastny and family are guests of Glenn and Matt Terry and families this week. Mr. Stastny's wife is a sister of Glenn and Matt Terry of this city. His home is in Main, Klamath county. He states that the U. S. reclamation service is draining about 40,000 acres at Tule lake, and that wheat raised on the reclaimed portions of the lake have yielded from 40 to 50 bushels per acre. Mr. Stastny states that Tule lake is the greatest wild fowl resort in Southern Oregon, there being millions of ducks and geese there. Mr. Stastny is prominent in business in his section and states that the dairy industry is receiving attention, and that a cheese factory is in operation there.

PERSONAL MENTION

An event for the thrifty, one that will bring big savings to those who come to Morris Schnal's sacrifice sale—adv.

VALUABLE HERD SIRE BO'T BY WINNECK

W. F. Winneck of South Prairie has just bought a junior yearling bull for which he paid the sum of \$500. The youngster is a Jersey, and was sold to him by Clifford Reid of McMinnville of the Reid stock farm near that city. The bull bears the title of Goldie's King of Nehalem.

SO. PACIFIC AGENT YOUNGEST ON COAST

J. A. Ormandy, general passenger agent for the Southern Pacific, was in the city the latter part of last week. Mr. Ormandy recently received a promotion along with other of the railroad employees, and is said to be one of the youngest general passenger agents along the Pacific coast.

LOCAL DEER HUNTERS TO INVADE ROSEBURG

Bert Thayer, Art Case, Matt Terry and Ray Grate of this city left Saturday for Roseburg, and from that place will go into the mountains, where the deer are supposed to be thick. If the boys realize their expectations they will come home with a good share of the limit. A number of their friends are waiting with visions of venison, for their home coming.

CONCRETE TILING SHIPMENTS RESUME

A. T. Dolan, manufacturer of til-

ing in this city has 115 tons of drain pipe on the Lamb-Schrader docks awaiting shipment to Taft, a little town on Siletz bay, where it will be unloaded on the tide lands and later forwarded to the Warren Construction company who are building a stretch of the Roosevelt highway, the pipe to be used in culvert construction. The little gas schooner Siletz with a big barge is expected to arrive soon to take away the present supply of 115 tons. Mr. Dolan, the local manufacturer has been kept busy this summer filling tile orders for contractors on the Roosevelt highway in Lincoln county and employs a number of men at his plant.

OREGON FIRE RELIEF ASSN. OF McMINNVILLE

IRA G. NELSON RESIDENT AGENT 702 Second Ave E. Corner 7th

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lane of Ashland, Oregon, visited A. A. Pennington this week. Mr. Lane is a business man of Ashland. Miss Lura Bland accompanied them from McMinnville.

Henry Crenshaw went out into the mountains Tuesday and came home with a fine two-point buck that he

tumbled over with his rifle. C. E. Trombley and family left Tillamook yesterday for some part of the state of Washington where he may go into the newspaper business.

Workmen are plastering the new Beals building corner of Second avenue and Third street and expect to have it ready for occupancy by the middle of September. Every article in the house is reduced in Morris Schnal's sacrifice sale.—Adv.

J. A. Todd of Portland, a brother of Prince Todd of this city, came in Friday night to remain a few days and is at the Todd House. Joe states that since his former visit here last June he noticed great improvement in the Southern Pacific line between here and the valley. The S. P. Co. is shortening up its trestles and putting in concrete abutments at the bridge ends and otherwise improving the road. Mr. Todd also noticed many new logging spurs from the main road recently opened leading to logging camps. Joe still thinks Tillamook is a mighty good town.

Men's suits and overcoats for less at Morris Schnal's sacrifice sale.—Adv.

I. Labowitch of Portland is here for a while helping out in his brother's store.

Norton Bradford of the Federal Reserve bank of Portland, and his mother, Mrs. Bradford, and G. A. Recher of this city, left Tuesday for an outing up Wilson river, and the men of the party may do some hunt-

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ing, as well as fishing on the trip. Many autos of the different towns in this county are carrying big cloth signs calling attention to the coming county fair, and giving the date. Are you a fair booster? You ought to be, if you are not. Wm. Hartzell was down from his place near Nehalem on Monday last. Mrs. A. L. Bowers who has been very ill for some weeks past, was able to ride down to the beach last Sunday, and is improving nicely. Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Moon of Salem, were guests of A. L. Bowers and family Saturday, while on their way to Netarts beach. Come to Morris Schnal's sacrifice sale and save money on your winter clothing.—Adv. Mrs. R. W. Bennett and daughter left for a two weeks stay on Monday last at Rockaway beach.

PENNINGTON'S FOR REAL VALUES—BETTER QUALITY READY-TO-WEAR AS USUAL

1924 Models Are the Finest Big-Sizes Studebaker Ever Built. Includes images of cars and a price table.

Our Pet Peeve. A cartoon strip showing a man getting sunburned and another man laughing at him.

The Judge His Honor Misjudges. A cartoon strip showing a judge in a courtroom and a man being hit by a ball.