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REMEMBER FEATHERED FRIENDS

In the winter season the public requires constant reminders to reduce suffering among our winged friends and all domestic animals. Snow and ice on the ground and on running streams cuts off the supply of natural food and water from the winged and four-footed denizens of the great world and causes incalculable suffering. It is a kind and generous act to make food and water available to creatures deprived of it by winter weather. Every family will derive pleasure and satisfaction by aiding in the humane cause.

Farmers of the Malheur county have been feeding game birds for weeks and last week when the need became more pronounced, the Vale game league began systematic feeding in this locality with approval of the state game commission.

FASHIONS OF 1880

In a recent radio address in which fact and humor were delightfully commingled, Dr. Julius Klein, assistant secretary of commerce, described the "good old days" of 50 years ago. His description of some fashions of the time were both interesting and amusing.

Recalling the basques, polonaises, hoopskirts and bustles of a former day, reference was also made to an incident which occurred in Lyons, N. Y., in 1880. While trying to fit a customer into a new dress embodying the "wasp waist" effect so popular at the time a dressmaker broke a lady's ribs.

In the homes of the period were seen wax flowers, embroidered mottoes, horsehair sofas, tatting tidies, "what-nots" adorned with conch shells, kerosene lamps and "family albums" replete with tintypes portraying Aunt Sally with her head carefully held in position by a cast iron prong.

In 1880 the telephone was a new toy, and a European newspaper described Edison's reported invention of the incandescent lamp as "the latest American humbug." Few believed that man would ever fly; the X-ray and radio were undreamed of, and there were no automobiles. Most men wore beards and nearly everyone had appendix and tonsils intact.

Perhaps those who look back upon us from the vantage point of 50 years hence will find us as interestingly amusing as we behold the folks of 50 years ago.

Old Dobbin, of revered memory, wasn't so bad. His starter didn't refuse to work nor his radiator freeze when the mercury got to flirting with 30 below.

An Indian girl winner of a beauty contest was called "Pretty Bear." Some Atlantic City ones were that way, too.

Our greatest fear concerning the matter is that too much argument about peace may lead to war.

To err is human; also to hatch up an alibi about it.

The Crime Commission finds that there is much crime commission.

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These turkeys were shipped to distant markets, which makes it difficult to detect who were responsible for the "bunco game," but plans are under way to bring the guilty parties to justice. They will find that this system of fattening turkeys on rocks comes high.

For genuine "thriftness" these Emmett turkey raisers take the whole bakery, bag and baggage—dog and all.

OREGON TAXES SHIFTED

Oregon taxpayers have been reading headlines that state taxes have been reduced a million dollars and that automobile fees have been materially cut for 1930. It might be more correctly said that the burden has been shifted—to relieve the load on real property to some extent.

Last week Malheur county and all Oregon taxpayers received a blank on which they must make out an "Intangibles Tax Return" provided an income from securities, life insurance dividends, bank deposits, etc., is over the sum of \$200. In this way it is expected to provide an amount of money equal to or more than the million dollars cut in state taxes.

Automobile licenses are lower but the gasoline tax has been increased from three to four cents a gallon. In this way the motorist who makes the most use of our good highways will pay more than the car owner who drives less miles.

"Tax reduction," as it has been termed quite generally, was tax shifting but if the load is less on farm and real property, some advance has been made.

INTERESTING NOTES

More than 1,200 immigrant families from England and the continent were settled on Canadian farms during 1929.

The first retail establishment corresponding to the American 5 and 10 cent stores has just been opened in Paris.

Bertha Cleavenger of Detroit was awarded a verdict for \$450,000 in her breach of promise suit against a wealthy real estate man.

Judge J. H. Light, former attorney general of Connecticut, is taking a course in philosophy at Columbia University at the age of 74.

It is said that the first official intercollegiate sporting event in the United States was a boat race between Yale and Harvard in 1852.

Jacob Litven, who knew no English eight years ago, recently represented Drury College of Springfield, Mo., in a state-wide oratorical contest.

Railroad men say that 25 per cent of the hoboes beating their way south this winter are women.

The famous one-cent British Guinea postage stamp is valued at \$50,000 by collectors.

To correct a surveyor's error, a strip of land one-half inch wide and 100 feet long was recently sold in New York City.

Forward passes on a sharp highway curve are also frequently incomplete.

A short cut to fame as a writer is to first become President of the United States.

And then there was the one so dumb she thought all racketeers were tennis players.

Washington has had a "panther" scare. Maybe it was the Tammany tiger nosin' around.

Anyway that royal wedding has served to remind the world that Italy still has a royal family.

Correct this sentence: "I have no trouble in dealing with women because I understand them."

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CREW FINISHED JUNTURA HIGHWAY WORK

The state highway survey crew, under the supervision of Jack Weaver, was transferred to work at Hermiton for about six weeks. Location of the Central Oregon highway between Harper and Juntura was completed and if work is let, it is probable the crew will be returned to Malheur county this spring.

DEPUTY SHERIFF IMPROVING

A mild concussion of the brain resulted from the severe injuries sustained by Charles F. Leavitt, deputy sheriff, last Thursday, when he was struck on the back of the head by Russell Boston, who escaped from the county jail. Boston struck Leavitt three blows with a piece of steel and considering the circumstances, Leavitt was lucky that he was not more seriously hurt. Dr. C. R. Walker reports that he is recovering and all that is required is a few days more of rest and quiet.

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