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THE FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

Up to this time the foot-and-mouth epidemic has baffled scientific investigation. Such a condition as the present should stimulate Federal and State authorities to the utmost efforts to isolate the germ and to find means of protecting the stock-raiser and farmer from a plague which may sweep away in a week the profits of years of industry.

The sudden outbreak and the rapid spread of this deadly disease is a serious blow to cattle, and dairy interests, but whether it will prove so to the universal "goat," the ultimate consumer, will depend largely upon himself so far as it is a question of meat.

The first thing that happens when the food market is disturbed is the attempt to impose a fresh toll upon the consumer. If the disease continues to spread with the rapidity which has so far characterized it, the meat supply of most large cities must soon be affected, for large sections of the country are being sealed up by quarantine and cattle, sheep and hogs are being slaughtered in large numbers to stamp out the infection.

There is no good reason, however, why the consumer should not adjust himself to the condition. It will not hurt him to cut his meat rations down to half or even a fourth. The great majority of Americans eat far too much meat, authorities agree, and none of us would suffer in health, probably the majority would be benefitted, if we had to go without it entirely for a month or two.

The really serious result of further increase of the epidemic would be the reduction or loss of our milk supply, should dairying sections on which we are dependent be included in the quarantine zones.

So far, that danger does not seem formidable, but every effort should be made to avert it, because, although we can do without meat for a while, there are thousands of children and invalids who cannot do without milk.

The Federal and State sanitary boards seem to be showing great vigilance and activity, but they will be badly handicapped if they do not receive individual and community co-operation.

SOUTH AMERICA'S INVITATION.

Argentina has issued an invitation to America to come down and trade with her. It would seem the generally wide-awake American had either lost his grip or neglected an opportunity that this invitation had to be extended. Ambassador Naon, at Washington, gave out the invitation as follows:

"American manufacturers can occupy the places left vacant by European industry in all branches that have been served by it. The present moment offers to American manufacturers very appreciable advantages. In order to get these advantages, they must take the initiative themselves, sending at least small cargoes and agents. These boats would return with our products."

Heretofore, Germany has had the lion's share of Argentina's trade, and as it is perhaps the largest and best trade south of us, it is well worth strenuous efforts to pick it up. In fact, the same conditions exist throughout South America, and the same opportunity to establish trade relations with our neighbors. Once established, it will be a difficult thing to divert it back into its former channels.

Speaking of the big cannon recently tried out by the government, recalls the fact that there is another cannon of some calibre, but fortunately of about obsolete pattern, that has come to the front again. Of course, Joseph Gurney Cannon is referred to. Joseph is 80 years old and will cavort as gaily in the congressional pastures as any of his mates, though he may not kick so hard or high. His return to his old place is the result of the reflex action of the political extensors. It is of a piece with the "vindication" of that "great and good man" by the great state of Pennsylvania assisted by the strenuous Teddy or perhaps we should say: By Teddy, assisted by the state of Pennsylvania. Both these cases are flashes in the pan, the expiring twinkle of the great light of standpatism ere it winks out forever.

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"MADE IN SALEM" GOODS.

There is a good display of "made in Salem" goods at the Portland Railway, Light & Power company's building. It ought to be viewed by every resident in the city because a great many of them are not aware of the full extent of our home industries. When the people fully realize what is now being done in the way of home manufacturing they will not doubt find many things to buy that will tend to keep money here instead of sending it to other communities for something that is no better in any respect. We want more factories—every city does—but the best plan after all to get them is to patronize and encourage in every way, morally and financially, those we now have. Make our home industries, big and little, prosperous and that fact will encourage others to come if anything will; it is a better plan than to give bonuses to get factories, only to have them starve to death after they do come.

Let everybody visit the exhibition of "made in Salem" goods this week and next, and supplement it with an effort to help these industries to grow into bigger and better establishments.

It requires a rather strong imagination to create a real patriot out of a Mexican, and yet if the dispatches are correct, Villa may prove to be the one Mexican with this trait developed to such an extent as to be noticeable without a microscope. According to the reports, Carranza made it a condition preliminary to his resignation that Villa be sent out of Mexico. The convention replied that this would not be done, but that Villa would be given command of the forces of President Gutierrez, elected by it. When Villa learned of the conditions imposed by Carranza, and the action of the convention, he voluntarily offered to leave Mexico, saying he would do anything, even to expatriate himself forever, to bring peace to his unhappy country. This would be indeed a patriotic act, and if Villa keeps his word, which remains to be seen, the title of "patriot" cannot well be withheld from him. It would be pleasing indeed to be able to chronicle the discovery of a Mexican who placed his country or even his God above himself. Let us indulge the hope, for a short time anyway, that this rare specimen has at last been discovered, and that it may become indigenous to Mexican soil.

The department at Washington intimates that the officials in charge of the immigration business would not be disposed to scrutinize lightly such Belgian immigrant as were helped to reach our shores. This being true, it might be a good thing for Oregon and especially for Salem if a few of the flax growers and linen workers could be assisted to locate here and show us how to grow and manufacture flax. A hundred or so thrifty Belgians taken from their devastated homes and brought here would be not only an act of charity, and for that matter, duty, but it would in the end do much toward making Salem and the Willamette valley the new center of the linen trade of the world. Would not some effort along this line be the proper thing for us as a community to make?

The value of anti-typhoid vaccine has been demonstrated beyond all doubt. It has been tried on thousands of soldiers in our own army, and the French have also demonstrated its efficiency, as perhaps have most of the other nations. It is not known yet how long the vaccine will render the person it is used on immune, but this time is at least a year and probably much longer than that. Typhoid germs can exist but a short time in soil or water nor can they long resist exposure during warm weather. It follows then that with humanity made immune even for a year the germs of the disease would cease to exist. Along this line lays the hope of finally making this dread disease only a matter of medical history.

The eastern papers are practically unanimous in their optimism over the results of the regional banks. They all predict that the words "financial panic" have been obliterated from the American business world's vocabulary. It is pointed out that Wall street or other money centers can no longer corner the money and cinch the balance of the country. Secretary McAdoo is greatly pleased with the banks' first two days operations, and like the newspapers, is enthusiastically optimistic as to the immense good these banks and the system will accomplish.

While the cry is ascending to the skies from certain sources bewailing the unpreparedness of the United States for war, suddenly the country is told that Uncle Samuel has just completed a sixteen-inch gun with twice the penetrating power of the best German gun in existence. Let the timorous and cautious now take a rest from their worrying, for it is probable the country is better prepared for war than they imagined. It might be possible Uncle Sam failed to notify them as to what he was doing in the war-preparation line.

Vera Cruz has for some months been the one peaceful and orderly city in Mexico. It remains to be seen whether it can maintain its reputation after Uncle Sam removes his forces. If it does, the money expended in showing it how to behave will not have been spent in vain.

GERMANS IN AFRICA ON PORTUGAL GROUND

London, Nov. 18.—Confirmation was received from Lisbon today of earlier reports that Germans had invaded the Portuguese African possession of Angola. A skirmish, with casualties, was said to have occurred between German and Portuguese forces at Oshamato October

17 and October 31 it was stated that the Germans attacked Ouaniger. Portuguese Angola garrisons, it was announced, had been strengthened by an expedition which left Lisbon in October.

Some persons, of course are born foolish, but there are others who will attempt to argue with a policeman. But of course a woman thinks she can play the piano well enough to entertain the kind of neighbors she has

THE ROUND-UP

Lake county, anticipating a "white" winter and consequent moisture, is sowing an extra large acreage to winter wheat. The early coming of the infallible weather prophets, the goose gave them the hunch.

Mrs. E. L. Distro, of 724 Madison street, Portland, was held up and robbed of her purse containing \$1.45. The robbery took place at East Thirty-fourth street and Hawthorne avenue, the robber being described as "a man about 21 years old."

Eugene is now getting its water from wells on Patterson island, north of the city. A chemical analysis shows the water to be as pure as any in the state.

At a special election in Florence Saturday, George W. Evans was recalled as mayor, and C. W. Morey was elected to the place by a vote of 104 to 78.

Klamath county is petitioning the department of the interior at Washington to open the Williamson and the Sprague rivers for log driving. The streams were closed to protect the fish for the Indians, but this has bottled up all the timber along those streams or adjacent to them.

Joseph Blake, aged 57, was suddenly stricken blind while eating his breakfast in a Portland restaurant Saturday morning.

The dairy and hog show at Hermiston, ending Saturday night, had splendid weather and an exhibit equally splendid.

Master Charles Randall, aged five, after covering 2300 miles alone, being looked after by the Pullman porter, reached Portland in good shape Sunday night. By an error, the little fellow's picture was shown in the Oregonian Monday night with the descriptive matter under it transposed from under another cut, making him out a Chinese man.

It is claimed seven penalties will be provided by the coming legislature for bootlegging and for druggists selling liquor for any purpose other than those specified in the laws.

STATE PRINTING PLANT MAKES BIG SAVING

An interesting comparative statement was issued by Secretary of State O'Leary last evening which showed that while the State of Oregon paid out an aggregate of \$5,871.02 for the paper, printing and binding of 300,000 copies of the official pamphlets for the recent general election there is some consolation to the taxpayers in the knowledge that the taxpayers of the sister state of Washington will be obliged to foot a bill of \$11,231.11 for 400,000 copies of pamphlets of a similar nature for the last election.

The great difference in the cost of publishing these pamphlets, involving the same nature and class of work, is accounted for by the cheaper system of printing in practice in Oregon and demonstrates the economy that has been worked out through the adoption of the state owned and operated printing plant as compared to the old system of privately owned plant and state printer's fees. In Oregon the secretary of state collected the sum of \$1,501.72 for arguments submitted for publication leaving the net cost of printing the pamphlets to the state at \$4,369.30, while in the State of Washington \$2,354.00 was collected for arguments leaving the net cost to the state for paper, printing and binding, \$9,355.42, or more than twice the net cost to Oregon for only one-third more pamphlets printed. In Washington \$156.98 was collected for each page for arguments and in Oregon but \$31.74.

LOTS AND TRACTS TO BE SOLD IN SILETZ

We are advised by the United States land office that on November 27th there will be a public sale of lots and small tracts in the townsite of Siletz, Lincoln county, in the former Siletz Indian reservation, Oregon. My information is that this sale embraces the disposal of 112 lots and 24 five-acre tracts; also a three-acre tract for public school purposes. The lots are appraised at from \$20.00 to \$185.00, an average price of \$67.90. The five-acre tracts range in price from \$315.95 to \$520.70, an average of \$400.00 per acre. We are informed that the sale of this land will be the entering wedge to the opening and development of a very fertile country on the Siletz river. The Siletz is about 100 miles long and traverses a very beautiful valley, intersected by hundreds of internal valleys, more or less mountainous.

Additional information may be secured from Mr. Carl S. Davis, at Siletz, Oregon, or from Mr. L. L. Sharp, chief of the Field Division, Department of the Interior, Customs House Building, Portland.

AUTO TRUCK KILLS PORTLAND OFFICER

Portland, Or., Nov. 18.—As a result of the death of Traffic Officer J. R. White, who was struck in the back by an automobile truck last night, knocked to the pavement and crushed, Alfred Mergens, the chauffeur of the car, is being held in the city jail today pending the verdict of the coroner's jury. A witness in the accident, which occurred at a busy East Side street intersection, declared that Mergens drove the car forward after being halted, without the signal to proceed while the patrolman's back was turned. Mergens claims the officer gave him the "go ahead" signal.

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COMPLETE OFFICIAL ELECTION RETURNS

Vote on Amendments to Constitution and Bills As Well As Candidates Is Shown—County Favored Death Penalty by 375.

The county canvassing board, which is checking over the tally sheets of the 73 precincts of this county for the official returns, has practically completed its work, and with the exception of a few justices of the peace the vote is now complete. In some of the outlying districts where there was no official candidate the names were written in on the ballot and caused considerable work for the canvassers.

A few minor errors only were discovered, and none of the general results was changed. The following is the complete vote, with the exception of the county officers, which was given in this paper when it was completed last week:

Constitutional amendments—
Providing votes—must be citizen. Yes, 5043; no, 3490.
Creating office of lieutenant governor. Yes, 5080; no, 9146.
Making city and county boundaries coincident in certain cases. Yes, 3543; No, 7324.
Permitting state to lend credit to build roads. Yes, 2232; no, 9357.
Omitting requirement that all taxes shall be equal and uniform. Yes, 2870; No, 5184.
Authorizing levying taxes under classification system. Yes, 2556; no, 8519.
A bill to levy a tax for normal school at Ashland. Yes, 3180; no, 8761.
Amendment to permit cities to merge. Yes, 4617; no, 6143.
A bill to aid normal school at Weston. Yes, 3488; no, 8479.
Amendment to increase pay of legislators. Yes, 1873; no, 9072.
Universal constitutional, eight-hour day amendment. Yes, 2052; no, 10,911.
Eight-hour day and room ventilation law for female workers. Yes, 4316; no, 8178.
Non-partisan judiciary bill prohibiting party nominations for judicial officers. Yes, 3907; no, 7254.
\$1,500 tax exemption amendment. Yes, 2665; no, 9415.
Public works and water frontage amendment. Yes, 3000; no, 7780.
Municipal wharves and docks bill. Yes, 2964; no, 7752.
Prohibition constitutional amendment. Yes, 7961; no, 6414.
Abolishing death penalty. Yes, 5936; no, 6311.
Specific personal graduated extra-tax amendment. Yes, 2501; no, 8599.
Consolidating corporation and insurance departments. Yes, 3443; no, 7530.
County officers' term amendment. Yes, 4579; no, 7212.
A tax code compilation bill. Yes, 1397; no, 9662.
Abolishing desert land board and reorganizing certain state offices. Yes, 2111; no, 8948.
Proportional representation amendment to Oregon constitution. Yes, 1886; no, 9149.
State senate constitutional amendment. Yes, 3599; no, 7946.
Department of industry and public works amendment. Yes, 2514; no, 8030.
Primary delegate election bill. Yes, 10311; no, 9833.
Equal assessment and taxation and \$300 exemption amendment. Yes, 2249; no, 8208.
Representative in Congress.

Curtis P. Cog, 2145; W. C. Hawley, 7088; Frederick Hollister, 3805; Fred W. Mears, 316; W. S. Richards, 600.
Senator in Congress.
R. A. Booth, 5905; Geo. E. Chamberlain, 6403; William Hamber, 1140; B. F. Ramp, 488; H. S. Stine, 703.
Governor.
F. M. Gill, 274; Will E. Parry, 113; C. J. Smith, 5571; W. J. Smith, 594; W. S. U'Ren, 245; James Withycombe, 7909.
State Treasurer.
Thos. B. Kay, 8075; B. Leo Paget, 4209; B. J. Sloop, 743.
Justice Supreme Court.
Henry J. Bean, 7752; Henry L. Benson, 7053; C. J. Bright, 2876; T. H. Crawford, 3415; Wm. Galloway, 5007; Lawrence T. Haisis, 6934; Addison W. Hotchiss, 882; Thomas A. McBride, 7164; Chas. H. Otten, 729; Wm. M. Ramsey, 4234; David Robinson, 829; W. T. Slater, 3596.
Attorney General.
George M. Brown, 7732; J. E. Hoemer, 1289; John A. Jeffrey, 3273; Wm. P. Lord, 1055.
Superintendent Public Instruction.
A. H. Burton, 3080; J. A. Churchill, 8303; Flora I. Foreman, 978.
State Engineer.
John H. Lewis, 11,233.
Labor Commissioner.
O. P. Hoff, 10,501; Stannard MacDonald, 1422; August Nikala, 850.
Railroad Commissioner.
Frank J. Miller, 11,536; I. O. Peurrah, 1070.
Supt. Water Division No. 1.
James T. Chinnock, 10,447.

NAVAL LOSS IS LIGHT.
London, Nov. 18.—British naval losses, First Lord of the Admiralty Winston Churchill told the house of commons today, had amounted thus far, since war began, to 252 officers and 3435 men killed and 377 officers and 428 men wounded. Five officers and one man were said to be missing.

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