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Prof. Charles S. Sargent, the director of the Arnold Arboretum, makes an announcement which will be of particular interest to fruit growers. It seems that in 1879 a distinguished German botanist, Dr. Bretschneider, then in China, sent to the Arboretum some stones from peaches which he had gathered from trees growing wild in the mountains in the neighborhood of Peking. The trees raised from these seeds have grown in fine shape, and have proved so hardy that for several years in succession they have not failed to produce abundantly. This is a highly important result, says the Boston Herald, as may be perceived from the fact that our New England climate is so capricious that a new crop of peaches is not obtained here, on the average, oftener than once in five years. These Chinese peaches are said to be of good quality, and there is little doubt that skilled horticulturists will, by hybridizing, be able to secure strains of hardy peaches first-class in every respect. It is, therefore, probable that just as the introduction of the Satsuma orange from Japan promises to push the orange belt so far north as to include North Carolina and, possibly, Tennessee and southern Virginia, so this Chinese peach will carry the peach belt far to the northward of its present limits, so as to include the better part of New England. Fruit growing interests cannot fail to be greatly benefited thereby, for extensive peach orchards will be possible throughout that part of the country, with the best of markets close at hand. Fine native peaches will be particularly appreciated in Boston. This is one of not a few valuable services which the Arnold Arboretum has already rendered in a practical way to the horticultural gardening and arboricultural interests of the country, and others may continually be expected with the growth and development of that important educational and scientific institution.

Samples of a very beautiful onyx were shown in Tacoma Monday from a deposit recently discovered near the base of Mt. St. Helens. The ledge was discovered accidentally by a horse knocking off a piece where it protruded through a trail that has been traveled from the time of the earliest settlement of the valley. It has been prospected far enough to show that there is enough there to supply all possible demands for some generations, one ledge being nearly 30 inches thick and very prettily veined. Samples have been sent to New York and Philadelphia and the replies returned are to the effect that it is worth from \$4 to \$20 per cubic foot, provided it can be got out in blocks 8x12 inches square. It can be got out in blocks of almost any size wanted, not only by square feet and inches, but by square yards. The finders put off one blast in the ledge that loosened seventy-five tons of it, which is now ready for shipment.

The Herald says that when work is resumed on the A. and P. R. R. it will be commenced at Astoria and the road built to the tunnel, cars put on and communication had by rail with a large section of Clatsop county. This will be of great benefit to Astoria. If the Clatsop road had been built from Astoria instead of the middle of Young's bay, the profits from business it never has had would have paid for the construction.

The government crop report, issued on the 10th, makes the state wheat yields per acre from six to twenty-two bushels, averaging thirteen. New York, 14.3; Pennsylvania, 14.4; Texas, 12.6; Ohio, 13.2; Michigan, 14.7; Indiana, 14; Illinois, 14.7; Wisconsin, 11.5; Missouri, 12.1; Kansas, 17; Nebraska, 13.5; South Dakota, 12.5; North Dakota, 12.2; Washington, 18.4; Oregon, 15.7; California, 12.8.

Speaking of the columns liberally sprinkled with odes to Tennyson, mostly inferior and devoid of inspiration, the Review says: "Poetry differs from clothing. It is seldom worn much when made to order. It has the hum of the machine about it, and resembles true poetry about as the dull piece of shale resembles the glowing fire of the opal."

Since the republican party placed a protective tariff on wool in 1861, domestic production of fleeces and American manufacture of woollens have increased 500 per cent, as shown by the statistics compiled by the government. If the Sun is foolish enough to call for free wool and protected woollens in the face of these facts, let it sail in.

Wherever a school is established, even in the most remote sections, Columbus day will be observed. Throughout the entire Northwest great interest is being taken by the children in the coming celebration, and the 21st of October will be long remembered by them.

**TO BRIDGE THE ENGLISH CHANNEL.**

One of the most recent of the many large projects advanced by modern engineers is a proposition devised by two Frenchmen, Messrs. Hienant and Schneider, for the bridging of the English channel. Schemes for traversing that bit of agitated brine have not been rare. The idea of the tunnel has been suggested repeatedly. Boats which would overcome the sickening pounding of choppy waves have been peculiar opportunities for winning fame by flying over the difficulty. The bridge plans of the French engineers are believed to be at least possible of completion, but numerous objections have already been advanced. First of these is the moral certainty that the bridges would be constructed at immense cost of life. During the construction of the Forth bridge, where caissons had to be sunk to a depth of only twenty-four meters, many workmen died and many more became decrepit for life. Compressed air is not good for steady inhalation. It begets anemia, paralysis and congestion. The depths where the caissons in the channel would be sunk are far greater than at Forth, and the treachery of the ill-famed channel waves would make bridge-building still more precarious. It would be an immense convenience to travel from Paris to London without a dose of mal de mer. Mercantile interests might also gain from the shortening of the time of freight between the two capitals. But it is questionable whether the advantages to be obtained would repay the world for its trouble.

The Illinois Pentagraph last week, before the election which "snowed Weaver under" in Georgia, commenting upon the inevitable, said: "General Weaver must be aware of the fact that when the people's party orators want to speak anywhere in the North they are given a respectful hearing, although the republicans of this section fully realize that the only effect of the populist ticket, if it carries any Northern state, will be to throw the next election of the next president into the democratic house. The difference in the treatment accorded the populist candidate in the republican North and the democratic South must be apparent to Weaver and must convince him that he is playing into the hands of his worst enemies in seeking to carry any of the states of the Northwest. The thing then for Weaver to do is to come home and withdraw his name from the race and take the stump for President Harrison. It is only when the principle of free debate and honest ballot is fully established in the South that any other party than the democratic will have a ghost of a show, and it is only by keeping the republican party in power that this principle can be eventually established in all sections of the country."

Commenting upon the recent rich discoveries of minerals northwest of Mt. Adams, a cotemporary says: "Mr. Golden's discovery is located eighty miles from Goldendale, on the northwest side of Mt. Adams and in the northeast corner of Skamania county. It can be reached in two days' travel. Of that distance sixty miles can be made by wagon and twenty miles by pack train over a good trail. A saw mill is on the way in, and a hotel is to be erected. Job Angell, an expert, who has recently examined the prospect, left for Portland to order a quartz mill and smelter. One hundred claims have been taken. Many good prospects remain that have not been covered by claims. No claim I ever saw in California in the fifties," said Mr. Golden, "presented the prospects of this find. My claim is 600x1500 feet, and I believe from appearances there is valuable mineral all through it. I have immense timber on either side, and water power sufficient to run any machinery I may desire to put in."

Henry Watterson is responsible for the remark that "Mr. Cleveland, in his letter of acceptance, drives straight to the root of the tariff question." If so why did Mr. Watterson at the Chicago convention ruthlessly set aside the free-for-all plank of Major Jones and others on the tariff and demand an out and out free trade plank? And why does Mr. Watterson insist that any democrat who is not a free trader had better leave the party and join the republican? Mr. Cleveland's letter says that its author is not a free trader, then how does he "drive straight to the root of the tariff question?" It appears to us that Mr. Watterson is endeavoring to hedge.

An old farmer up in Polk county, who has been voting the democratic ticket for forty years, tells the Valley Transcript that he thinks the time has come to turn over a new political leaf. He finds that the products of his farm bring him more money now, on the average, than ever before; and at the same time the money goes farther in purchases. This is the kind of oppression that the farmers throughout the country are heartily in favor of.

Owing to the wet spring Minnesota, North and South Dakota raised this year only 100,000,000 bushels of wheat, a falling off of 60,000,000 from last year's phenomenal yield. In the winter wheat states, except Nebraska, the yield has been reduced by drouth. Nebraska will yield 22,000,000 bushels.

The West Coast Trade, published at Tacoma, has the following under date of October 13, regarding the wheat outlook: "The wheat market is strong and active, with fairly steady tendencies. Dealers are bidding with more alacrity, and the result is very satisfactory. One sale at Oakesdale last week of 25,000 bushels on board cars to Tacoma buyers at 50 1/2 cents, caused considerable excitement and forced up prevailing prices 1 1/2 cents immediately. Receipts continue large at Tacoma elevator, averaging 60,000 bushels daily, which is being handled with dispatch. There are over a dozen wheat ships in the harbor, and two have so far completed their cargoes for Europe, while three others are being loaded."

Let us hope that fifty years hence may accomplish for The Dalles all that a century past has for Buffalo. Commenting upon the centennial the Courier says: "Buffalo, too, may join the hoary-headed centenarians. It was in 1712 that the Holland land company first acquired a title to the site on which this city stands today; moreover, just a century ago today a solitary white man lived on all this region, his cabin being on the spot now occupied by the Mansion house, a stone's throw from the Courier building." Buffalo is now a city of nearly 300,000 population. Inland commerce and manufacturing has made the city what it is.

A terrible hurricane is raging along the entire coast of the Gulf of Mexico. Many vessels lying in the port of Vera Cruz dragged their anchors, and the steamship St. Germain is in imminent danger of becoming a wreck. It is rumored that one ship sank. Many buildings along the coast were destroyed by the force of the gale Saturday night.

In the match for the LaCrosse championship of the world at Montreal the Shamrocks of Montreal won three games out of five from the Capitals of Ottawa and carried off the championship.

The Chicago election commissioners have decided that women are entitled to register and vote at the coming election, but for trustees of the state university only.

M. Laland, French consul at Messina, is appointed to represent France in a similar capacity at San Francisco, Cal.

The 2-year-old colt Americus, by Onward, dam by Dictator, has been sold to C. J. Hamlin of Buffalo for \$15,000.

**Needed Inspection.**  
 West Shore. Postmaster Grant, of Dallas, who is inspecting all the post-offices in the county, reports one office where he found un-called-for letters as far back as 1869, which the postmaster had never advertised, and not knowing what to do with them, had an apple box full under the table. He bundled them up and sent them to the dead letter office.

**A Cholera Scare.**  
 A reported outbreak of cholera at Helmetta, N. J., created much excitement in that vicinity. Investigation showed that the disease was not cholera but a violent dysentery, which is almost as severe and dangerous as cholera. Mr. Walter Willard, a prominent merchant of Jamesburg, two miles from Helmetta, says Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy has given great satisfaction in the most severe cases of dysentery. It is certainly one of the best things ever made." For sale by Blakeley & Houghton, druggists.

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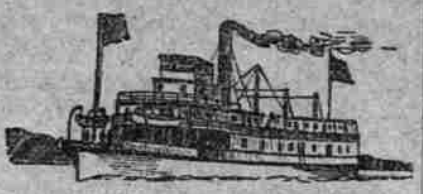
**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.**  
 In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Wasco County.  
 In the matter of the estate of Abner B. Smith, deceased, notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Abner B. Smith, deceased; all persons having claims against said deceased are notified to present them to me, with proper vouchers therefor, at the office of Meys, Huntington & Wilson, The Dalles, Or., within six months from the date of this notice.  
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