

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

C. S. Taverner to Martha D. Taverner 84 acres of land all situated in Douglas county, Oregon. Consideration \$1.
 John Standley to E. V. Hoover 25 acres of land all situated in Douglas county, Oregon. Consideration \$6,500.
 W. L. Cobb to Glendale Land and Irrigation Co., SE 1/4 of Sec. 30, Twp. 20, S. R. 6, W. 127 acres. Consideration \$1,000.
 Jas. Mabre to J. W. Robertson lots 2, 3 and 4, of Sec. 4, Twp. 30, S. R. 5 W. 127 acres. Consideration \$2,000.
 J. W. Robertson to James Mabre lots 2, 3 and 4, Sec. 4, Twp. 30, S. R. 5 W. 127 acres. Consideration \$2,000.
 Herman Althaus to Fannie Woodard lots 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, block 22, Roseburg. Consideration \$10.

MYRTLE CREEK NEWS

E. Young who sold his ranch on South Myrtle a short time ago, and Mr. Brown, of Oklahoma, a recent arrival, shipped their stock of goods to Junction City Friday. Mr. Brown had contemplated starting a blacksmith and wagon shop here but finally decided to locate elsewhere.
 Vernon Redifer was in town the last of the week from Roseburg.
 Mr. and Mrs. E. Denton made a business trip to Eugene Monday and Tuesday.

B. J. Howland was a Roseburg caller Monday.

E. M. Lyons went to Gants Pass Wednesday on a business trip.
 The funeral of Eva Pearl McClain the seven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. McClain, near the depot, who died Thursday morning of tonsillitis did not take place until Sunday p. m. The father was in Eastern Oregon and could not reach here any sooner.

E. L. French is here superintending the finishing up of the packing at the packing house which will be all done by Wednesday.

A new moral wave has struck the town, the city council has been holding some special meetings revising the ordinances and drafting a new charter for the town. The license on near beer saloon has been raised to \$200 a year; \$100 on billiard tables, cigars, etc., so high that these three places will very likely have to close.

Mrs. Clark, a returned missionary from China, lectured in the Methodist church Wednesday evening. Mrs. Clark was accompanied by Mrs. McCausland, of Seattle, wife of former Presiding Elder McCausland.

Friends of Mrs. R. A. Knipp, a resident of this place, three years ago, now living at Tiller, will sympathize with her in the death of her little two year old son, Peter, Sunday, October 24.

TREBIN.

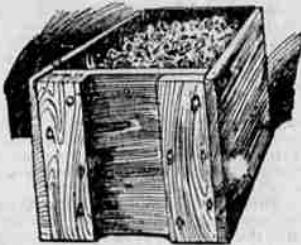
There are several ways to break a colt, but don't let a man do it with a club.

Farm and Garden

IMPROVING CORN CROPS.

Germination Test and the Crossing of the Seeds.

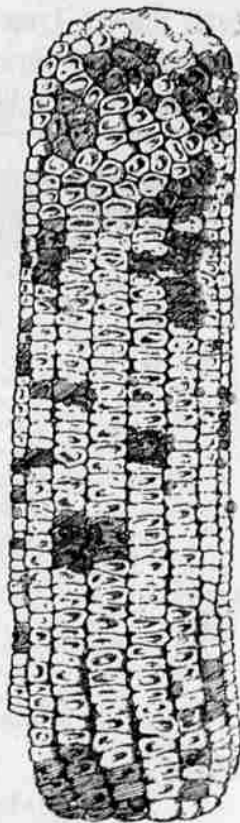
Experience has taught farmers that ordinary seed corn selected in the spring from the crib stock does not all come up, so they plant more than is wanted or would do well on the land, expecting to thin to the desired stand. A better way is to plant seed, all of which will germinate and give strong, healthy plants, using no more seed than is necessary. The methods commonly practiced do not give satisfactory corn even after it is thinned, and replanted corn seldom amounts to anything except to furnish a little fodder. A little time spent in counting the missing stalks and hills in



GERMINATION BOX.

some fairly good fields of corn will soon convince any man that poor stands are responsible for a loss of 10 to 15 per cent of our corn crop. All the equipment that is necessary are a shallow grocery box, three to six inches deep, and some blotting paper or pieces of cloth. The box is filled to within an inch of the top with wet sand or sawdust. Over this is spread a piece of muslin that has been marked off in checks an inch and a half square. The checks may be numbered, or by marking one corner it is easy to count in regular order to any particular check. The size of the box depends on the number of ears to be tested. A box 18 by 30 inches is large enough for 240 ears. In order to save time and trouble the ears of corn should be laid out in a regular row side by side, where they need not be disturbed for a week or ten days. Then, starting at one end of the row, take up each ear in order and with a small knife blade pick out six kernels. Place these kernels on the check in the germinator corresponding in number to the number of the ear in the row of corn. The kernels should be selected from different parts of the ear and not from one spot. Cover the corn in the germinator with some wet blotting paper or thick cloth and set the box in a warm place for a few days. If left well moistened and kept warm the corn will germinate in five or six days.

There is much to be learned from a germination test. Usually the kernels from some ears do not have the power to germinate at all. Others, although sprouting, show a lack of vitality, giving weak, sickly plants, while some grow vigorously from the start. Those ears lacking in vitality and germinating power should be discarded. Such



SPECKLED EAR, ETC.

ears are largely responsible for poor stands of corn, and they make it necessary to plant more seed than is needed, thus making thinning compulsory. It is natural for the corn to cross. There is even an interval of two to four days between the time of silking and the shedding of the pollen of the same plant. If the laws of inheritance holds true in plants as in animals—and all experiments lead us to believe they do—it is just as important for us to know the character of the plants that furnish the pollen, or, in other words, the male parents of our seed corn, as to know the character of the plant that bears the ear—the female parent.

THINGS WE THINK.

Newspapers will soon be made out of corn stalks. In some cases this will be an awful waste of good cow feed.

Very few married men play football. They don't want to take the chances of letting their hair grow the required length.

We momentarily expect to hear that Harriman has secured a controlling interest in the road that is paved with good intentions.

Those who wish to use strictly up-to-the-minute language no longer say a person "went up in the air." He or she "aviated" is the correct form.

While part of the world is longing for luxuries it could enjoy, many of those who have them would be willing to give them back to be able to enjoy them.

Scientists still persist that money carries disease germs. Country newspapermen are a healthy bunch of people.

A scientist tells us that metals get tired—but who ever saw a lazy man on his mettle.

You can not be a pioneer in any movement if you wait to climb on the band wagon.

Some more of the nudest styles in women's dress are on the way over from France.

There has to a nigger in the woodpile to give color to some of the stories we hear.

Take time to put a quietus upon rattling windows and banging shutters. They are not tranquillizing winter evening sounds.

When the cake receipt calls for two eggs and eggs are scarce and high, use one egg and sift one tablespoonful of cornstarch with the flour.

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