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It might be a surprise for some of our young farmer readers to know that at the first meeting of the state fair, which was held at Oregon City in the fall of 1861, that in making his annual address delivered by J. Quinn Thornton, who was a pioneer of 1846, that he advocated the rotation of crops. One would have hardly thought that the rotation of crop theory had been suggested at so early a date. We quote this paragraph of his address: "To be a successful farmer one must understand the philosophy of the rotation of crops which is built upon a knowledge of the laws of vegetable nutrition."

A drive over the city will surprise many of the improvements that are now under way. Several new houses are just receiving their finishing touches and several new foundations are in course of construction. There will be a number of new homes built in La Grande this year. It is a good year to build; material is much cheaper than at any time for several years, and labor is a little lower than last year. A number who intended to build last year, but reconsidered, will build this season. La Grande is rapidly becoming a city of homes.

HOME FOLK "OUGHT TO KNOW."

Eberhard Vigorously Replies to Col. Ivanhoe's Statements.

Concerning the attack made upon him recently, Colon R. Eberhard of Joseph, candidate for the republican nomination for joint representative, this morning issued the following statement:

"Being the protege of no one, and having no political God-father to write fake interviews costing so much per line, I am compelled to do my own talking, just as I do my own thinking and acting. Nor have I been working under the 'instructions' of any one for two years, am now working under none, and will be under none, if nominated and elected.

"Colonel Ivanhoe pictures his protege as a mighty enforcer of the law and also says I was elected city recorder of Joseph as a 'reformer.' Mr. Rusk was a candidate on the other ticket for councilman, being badly defeated, so that his great pretensions to law enforcement at this time measure up with the record he has made. Col. Ivanhoe also says I imposed fines for gambling on a monthly basis. This assertion he is probably not prepared to prove; and, besides, if it were literally true, would it be any more reprehensible in my official action than it was for Colonel Ivanhoe, when city attorney of La Grande, to officially countenance the monthly fining of women?"

"In one breath Colonel Ivanhoe's candidate is a 'law enforcer'; in the next, a great 'fighter.' But he was assaulted," say the sponsor; and because he offended some lawbreakers, gamblers. How does he know WHY the assault took place, if in fact, he was assaulted? And, if assaulted, is it a necessary part of self-defense, when the bottom man 'squels' and those near are engaged in taking off the 'assaulted' man, for the same man on top to kick in the face, the man who is down? This, I charge Rusk did, in the case of Col. Ivanhoe himself introduces into the matter. Further, it is a fact that the man with whom he was fighting is 59 years of age, while the other, to use an extract from the advertisement, 'is yet a young man.'

"From this screed used by the col-

onel when he 'presented' his partner and protege, one would think that his ideas of the qualifications for a member of the legislature are that he be a 'scrapper,' a married man, and above all, an owner of real property. Some people have an idea that fitness and other personal qualities which at least give them the confidence of their neighbors have something to do with measuring a man to represent the people. Concluding, after posing as a special advocate for his man, he then assumes the character of an adviser, evidently thinking that people have more confidence in the judgement of one interested man, than they do in that of the neighbors and townspeople of BOTH candidates. I submit THEY 'ought to know,' even if the colonel thinks he does.

"As to the statement that the law-abiding citizens of Joseph are going to support Rusk, I pronounce that as maliciously false, and will prove it by publishing a later statement over the names of the leading citizens of Joseph. Incidentally, will Colonel Ivanhoe deny that his protege cannot carry his own precinct?"

"I am willing to rest the matter with the people upon my merits as to 'what I am and what I have done. To best determine this in any case, I claim the home folks know best."

FOURTEEN HELP IRELAND.

Supervisor of Blue Mountain Reserve Will Have More Help.

To manage 1,100,000 acres of range land and to see that it is equitably distributed among the sheep and cattle men of eastern Oregon, is the task which falls to Henry Ireland, supervisor of the eastern division of the Blue Mountain reserve who is now here.

With him this year Mr. Ireland will have a force of 14 rangers whose duty it will be to patrol the reserve and to see that the regulations of the forestry bureau are complied with. With that force of men he says that better service can be rendered than was given last year, for his crew will be both larger and better than in the past. One reason for this is the fact that the fear of hard times has tended to drive good men into the government service where they may find jobs that are sure and steady though the salaries are small.

For 11 years Supervisor Ireland has been in the forestry service and during that time he has advanced from a ranger drawing a salary of \$50 per month, to supervisor of a great reserve. He entered the service in 1897 when the forestry service was conducted with the department of the interior and when Binger Herman was commissioner general of the land office.

He says that the separation of the forestry bureau from the interior department was hailed with joy by those in the service.

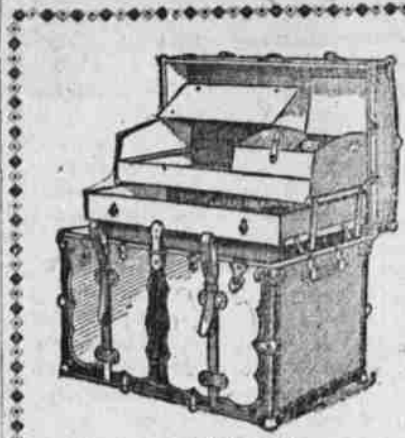
At present the headquarters for the eastern division is at Sumpter which town lies close to the reserve. However, it is off the main line and because of its isolation is objected to by sheepmen generally. However, Mr. Ireland says, no change in headquarters can be made this year.

Bryan an Issue in New York.

New York, April 13.—William J. Bryan will be the principal issue in the democratic state convention of New York, which meets tomorrow in Carnegie hall. Most of the members of the democratic state committee, practically all of whom have gone on record for an uninstructed delegation, arrived in the city today and will hold a meeting tonight, when final plans for the convention will be decided upon. In many of the up-state counties the delegates to tomorrow's convention have been instructed to vote for the indorsement of Bryan, and a hot fight is expected.

It is understood that no attempt is to be made to oust Chairman Connors, of the state committee, and that he will be in charge during the campaign. Connors is the leader of the anti-Bryan forces and favors an uninstructed delegation, although he is a supporter of Governor Johnson. In regard to the action to be taken by tomorrow's convention, the chairman is quoted as saying:

"So far as I know, there is no question but what the delegates from this state to the national convention will go uninstructed. I know many democrats who used to be bughoused for Bryan who are now opposed to him and believe that it would be bad politics for the party to again nominate him for president. I believe that the real democratic sentiment of this state is for Governor Johnson of Minnesota as the candidate, but we will send an



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uninstructed delegation to the national convention.

It is believed that the anti-Bryan men will choose Chairman Connors, Alton B. Parker, Leader Murphy and John B. Stanchfield as delegates at large from New York to the Denver convention.

Carload of Trees for Park.

A carload of trees and shrubs was received by the park commission today from the nursery of Storrs & Harrison, of Painesville, O., the largest in the world, and a large force of men is engaged in planting them in the park this afternoon, says the Walla Walla Bulletin. Many of these trees and shrubs are of varieties never seen here. The carload cost \$1000 f. o. b. and the freight amounted to \$255, making it cost \$1255 laid down. This shipment is in addition to \$1,000 worth of trees and shrubs bought of the Walla Walla valley nurserymen.

The park commission bought from local dealers all of the stock they had on hand of the kind wanted, but some new varieties were needed and an order was sent east. The local dealers said that before there had been no demand for these varieties and consequently they had not been carried in stock.

Bryan Not to Speak.

New York, April 13.—William J. Bryan will not attend the Jefferson Day dinner of the National Democratic Club, to be held at the Knickerbocker hotel tonight, according to the latest reports. In view of the widespread discussion as to whether the invitation was to make a speech, or merely to get a meal, Mr. Bryan has announced that it would be embarrassing both to the club members and himself to be present in either capacity.

The Nebraskan is spending the day in Trenton, N. J., and will be given a reception by Governor Fort, who has been prominently mentioned as Taft's running mate. New Jersey democrats are divided in their allegiance to the commoner and a portion of them will attempt to make his visit as inconspicuous as possible, while other democratic leaders are determined to bring about a contrary effect.

Try to Oust McClellan.

New York, April 13.—The right of George B. McClellan to the office of mayor of New York city, which is contested by William Randolph Hearst, McClellan's opponent in the last municipal election, will be determined by a trial commenced today in the appellate division of the supreme court. A special panel of 100 justices was called from which to select a jury. The trial follows a legal contest of two years, as a result of which Hearst finally secured an order of the court granting the right to open the ballot boxes in disputed districts for the purpose of counting the ballots. It is Hearst's contention that wholesale frauds were perpetrated in the election and that he is rightfully the mayor of the city.

To Reduce Express Rates.

Austin, Texas, April 11.—A hearing will be held tomorrow by the Texas railroad commission on the readjustment of the merchandise rates of express companies. It is proposed to make a reduction of 20 per cent in the present rates. The commission will consider an amendment to the passenger tariff under the head of "party rates," by eliminating "animals" as baggage or by prescribing a limit of 10 as the number of such animals that may be handled as baggage.

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