

ASTERS.

"Surely there is some mistake in the statement that the aster crop is too short to furnish material enough for a show this fall, the writer evidently had not seen the gorgeous beds of the veteran aster man, Samuel Deal, of South La Grande," remarked a local aster lover today in regard to the possibility of canceling the show this year.

"His product is a galaxy of beauty and has almost all the colors of the rainbow. Here are the long-haired sort, of Japanese origin and many others which must be seen to be appreciated. He ought to take them to the fair if there is sufficient encouragement offered to such exhibitors."

SOCIETY.

Mrs. Richard Jones entertained the Five Hundred club this week at her home on O avenue. Honors were won by Mrs. H. C. Grady.

The Milet club girls were entertained at a "Slumberless" party this week at the home of Mrs. H. M. Bay. Refreshments were served early in the evening and breakfast.

At the B. M. B. 12-13 society may be seen and

A CIPHER TELEGRAM

By JANE PINCKNEY BENNETT

When the Russo-Japanese war broke out Anna Zarenski, who had just become betrothed to Captain Paul Mickellenoff, was obliged to part with her lover, who was ordered with his regiment to Manchuria. It was a love match between them, and Anna suffered tortures at the approaching separation.

"Paul, dear," she said to him, "can you not send me a telegram every day instead of a letter? Any letter I may receive from you will be several weeks old."

"My darling! A telegram every day? Do you suppose the government would permit the wires to be put to such a use? Suppose all the lovers in the army were to have such a privilege accorded them. There would be no time for military dispatches. Besides, a telegram is open for others to read."

"Can't you telegraph in cipher?" "A cipher telegram over a government wire? Such a thing would send us both to Siberia."

But Siberia was better than the deprivation of two lovers to send loving words, and the young officer said that he would try to bribe an operator and send her just one little message by telegraph. But they must have a code.

So together they arranged a very simple one. If a sentence began with the letter A, it meant "I love you as ever;" if it began with B, "I am well;" C, "I am ill;" D, "Wounded;" E, "I am lonely without you;" F, "A thousand kisses;" G, "I have escaped being injured in the recent battle;" and so on to the end of the alphabet.

The captain left her, promising to do all he could to get her telegrams through, though he must use a large bribe fund. Money is a potent weapon with Russian officials, and he was sending a number of messages.

But when the telegrams came, they were all placed in a box and when he opened it he

found "Take the key," said the emperor "and interpret the dispatch."

"I beg your majesty to direct some one else to interpret it."

"Obey the order," said the czar sternly.

Anna began the interpretation. "A bird in the hand." She hesitated.

"I love you as ever." "Every dog has his day." "I am lonely without you." She was too mortified to go on.

"Proceed," said the czar. "Fortune favors the brave." "A thousand kisses." "Keep off the grass."

"Goodby, my angel." The czar's features relaxed. Calling for the key, he assured himself that the interpretation was correct.

"You are forgiven," he said, holding out his hand for her to kiss.

Drooping on one knee, she pressed her lips to it in gratitude for the pardon.

"And your lover is included in the boon," added the czar. "For your sake I shall order him home on government business, and I trust your reunion will be very happy. But do not again use the government wires for love messages."

With a smile, he dismissed her.

The Explanation.

Robert Henri, the artist, said in New York of a Logos "old master."

"Some of these experts must be very ignorant, judging from the facility with which they are duped. They must be ready to swallow anything. It's like the Velasquez story."

"An auctioneer, you know, put up the picture, saying:

"Here we are, ladies and gentlemen—this exquisite Velasquez—'Battle of Waterloo.' What am I bid? One million nine hundred thousand—"

"But," interrupted an expert in a puzzled voice—"but I thought Velasquez died before the battle of Waterloo?"

"So he did, sir," explained the auctioneer, "so he did, but this, you see, is one of dear old Velly's posthumous works."—New York Tribune.

Fishing For Sheep.

When sheep were first introduced into Cornwall, England, a flock which had strayed from the uplands on to Gwithian sands were caught there by the tide and ultimately carried into St. Ives bay during the night. There the floating flock was observed from the St. Ives fishing boats, whose crews, never having seen sheep, took them for a new kind of fish and did their best to secure them both by hooks and netting. Those they secured home triumphantly to which even

TRACK HORSES

(Continued from page 1.)

George McLelland of Jordan Valley owns Study who is entered for the running races.

George Blanton owns Hero and Elmer's Boy.

Four Montana horses are on the way and all are said to be fast nags.

The above are all running horses, but the harness stables are many, and all stalls are filled, with more animals coming, including the wonderful Bland's.

Harness Horses Are Fast.

Park Wood, owned by Mrs. Kimmel, is here from Fergus Falls, Minn., with a mark of 2-14 1-4 and the lady owner is confident of getting in on the money.

Bill Hanley and Z. Wilkes hold the second and third stalls. Arenga, a 2:21 trotter, Tamarack the Red, Montezona, a trotter, but green, and Royal Meath, also a green entry, are owned by Charles Butcher of Baker.

El Reno, a 2:19 1-2 horse, owned by E. C. Query, of Boise, comes next along the line of stalls.

California Horses Here.

Jim Kenney, owned by Philip Green of Chico, and Delmas owned by W. V. Granite of Chico make two entries from California.

College Gent is owned by F. S. Heard and hails from Haines while General Heures, a 2:09 3-4 animal, is owned by J. H. Anderson of Weiser.

Magnate, sired by Allerton, a 2:00 1-2 animal, Bobby F., a colt sired by Bob Fitzsimmons marked at 2:07 3-4, are owned by W. H. Williamson of Kuna, Idaho.

Nortewood and Ruthie A., sired by Red Cloud, are owned by J. H. Leonard of Lewiston.

Union County Horses, Too.

Grace Lillierap, Sonora Maid, Little Red, a 2:24 3-4 animal, Colson Phonso Buffard, the last two being greens, are here under the tutelage of Hank McGoldrick of Imbler.

H. Meyers of this county owns Red-bacca, with a mark of 2:19 3-4.

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AT THE THEATRES.

President Taft is now walking with a crutch as the result of an ankle sprained while he and a friend were playing golf on the links near his home. The injury, while not serious, is rather painful. There is no danger of a similar accident happening to

anyone who will attend the Elite tonight. Helen Gardner can be seen tonight for the last time in "The Heart of Esmeralda."

STRAW VOTE ON TRAIN.

Passengers on Yesterday's Train Pick Colonel for President.

A straw vote was taken on the train out of Portland Thursday, all passengers voting. The result was 51 for Roosevelt, Wilson 43 and Taft 30.

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