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A GREAT OREGON INDUSTRY.

The fruit industry of Oregon is making satisfactory progress. But it is as yet only in its infantile period, says the Portland Journal. The limits of its possibilities are practically boundless. Oregon can be the best and greatest fruit state in the union. Nothing less than this should be the goal of enthusiastic fruit-growers.

Many and a rapidly increasing number of fruitgrowers are deserving of unstinted commendation—even though acting chiefly in their own interest—for the reformatory, progressive work they have done and are doing. Many have acted not altogether or even chiefly from self-interest, either, but have broadly and patriotically worked, in some cases self-sacrificingly, for the expansion and elevation of this splendid industry. Their work ought to be recognized and appreciated in their several communities and in the state at large.

It is largely such men that comprise the State Horticultural association. They are doing a noble work and should meet with universal encouragement and support. It is due to this society that the war on fruit pests was inaugurated and is being carried on. And in various ways it has earned vastly more than the state has contributed to its support. The state should still extend its aid to the association and appropriate what it needs for carrying on its work, that will be, as it has been, of immense benefit to the state.

Oregon has already gained a very favorable reputation far and wide as a fruit state—or rather two or three localities have gained such a reputation as to some species of fruit—but this is only a beginning, a start. This reputation can and should be improved, extended and made to apply to all parts of the state and to more varieties. This can be done. The foundations for immense production and large and appreciated markets have been well laid.

Keep up the good work. Help this industry to expand and advance until it becomes of mammoth proportions. To this end stand by the Horticultural association, by local associations, by capable fruit inspectors, by all diligent, progressive and conscientious growers. Few people even yet realize what can be accomplished in Oregon along this line.

IS A WISE MOVE.

At a meeting of the city council held last night it was decided the city purchase an acre of land below the city on Bear creek on which to erect a septic tank. There may be some objection regarding the price the city will have to pay for the use of this land for this purpose, but there can be no question regarding the matter of the city carrying out the plan, and the sooner the better. Regarding this plan the Oregonian of recent issue has this to say:

The septic tank, the successful operation of which has been conclusively demonstrated, will do more than any one thing to improve the sanitary conditions surrounding country homes. The Country Life Commission would do well to encourage by its endorsement the general use of this means of getting rid of filth. The septic tank is a comparatively inexpensive receptacle for all the refuse of a home and has important advantages over the sewer as it is known to the city. The effectiveness of the septic tank has been proven by practical use at two large public institutions in Oregon, the Chemawa Indian school and the Asylum farm. All the refuse from these institutions flows into septic tanks and, after being purified by natural processes, goes out into open ditches, giving offense to no one. If farm homes were provided with this means of disposing of sewerage there would be no danger of contracting disease from infected well water and much less probability of disease germs being carried by flies to the kitchen, dining-room or milk-house.

ERA OF PROSPERITY.

That Medford has entered upon an era of unprecedented prosperity is abundantly attested by the many substantial improvements now under way. The new \$40,000 high school building will be completed within the next few weeks and will be one of the finest buildings devoted to educational purposes in this part of the state.

The erection of the Episcopal church, plans for which are now being considered, will also be a matter of civic pride, constructed, as it will be, of stone and of size and proportion to please the eye and accommodate the growing congregation of the organization. The paving of Seventh street to the bridge, the macadamizing of the same street west from the west school, and the laying of several thousand feet of cement walk are all matters that speak for the progress of the city and the enterprise of her citizens.



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This country has gotten so in the habit of dealing in big figures that one can hardly guess the limit to which all kinds of values will go. Fruit orchards at \$1000 an acre, business lots in Medford at from \$5000 to \$10,000 and all resident property in proportion; but these prices do not stop here. The mines in the surrounding hills command, without a stutter, five and six-figure prices. It was only a day or two ago that J. B. Wood, as agent, sold the Black Channel placer mine, owned by H. M. Latimer, to a Mr. Brown of Portland for \$102,000. The new owner will put men at work at once and develop the property to a greater extent than ever before. Mr. Wood is feeling pretty good over the transaction, more especially because of the fact that he turned the deal single-handed.

It's going some for better streets when a banker gets out with a hoe and cleans the mud from street crossings. That's what Banker Whitehead did yesterday, and in all probability it was a voluntary act on his part inasmuch as the chief of police was not superintending the work. As to Mr. Whitehead's qualifications as a banker, The Morning Mail knows nothing more than that there is a big balance on the easy side of the bank ledger and that school, county and city warrants are always his at command, and we know him to be "a man with a hoe" worthy the name.

William Howard Taft will be the only president with a middle name since Chester A. Arthur. All but seven of the nation's twenty-six presidents have been blessed with but a single baptismal name.—Ashland Tidings.

What about Stephen Grover Cleveland, eh?

As an ex-president, Mr. Roosevelt says he will go "quietly to work." That cannot be, of course, until he has killed a few lions abroad and pilloried numerous nature-fakers in the Outlook's pages.

Though eminent geologists assure us that the coal supply will last three thousand years yet, there is hope that the millenium will come along and put the coal trust out of business.

"For fifty years," says Mr. Rockefeller, "we have been prepared to hear the fire alarm day and night." Which is evidence that the big trust was nearer the hereafter than we imagined.

In Europe Carrie Nation says "there's no place like Kansas." But Castro is in Europe, and he might be induced to give a howling good imitation of it.

Mr. Carnegie is not faring so well in the house of his friends, but he valiantly protests that he is in no danger, and doesn't need protection.

Perhaps Germany thinks it is fortunate for the country that the emperor's cold will not permit him to talk above a whisper.

A war of words is cheaper than the real article, and yet they have called down the Kaiser, Lord Roberts and our own Hobson.

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CONGRESS CONVENES.

Annual Message of the President is Presented.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The business of both houses of congress was confined today largely to listening to the reading of the president's message, but in addition a few bills were introduced in the senate and house, and in the house a number of bills were sent to the conference. In addition, the speaker announced the appointment of Higgins of Connecticut on the committee of judiciary in place of Littlefield, and Martin in place of the committee of Indian affairs in place of Parker, deceased. For the first time during the pres-

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ent congress there was a call of the committees of the house, but no measure was reported by any of them. The miscellaneous work of the senate consisted in the main of reference in the executive session of about 1500 recess appointments which were today sent to the president, and the adoption of resolutions of regret on account of the death of members of the house who have passed away since the adjournment last May.

The senate adjourned for the day at 2 o'clock and the house at 2:35.

Taft Turns Down Glass.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 3.—Comment was made at a small dinner Saturday night on the fact that Mr. Taft's wineglass was turned down. "Yes, and it is going to stay turned down," he said. "I am not going to drink again ever."

"You never did drink enough so that any one could notice it," said a boyhood friend.

"What is the matter with the people?" the president-elect exclaimed. "Do they think I am going to be any different after I am inaugurated?"

STREET RIOT IN KANSAS CITY

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 8.—In the very shadow of the city hall in this city and less than half a mile from the business center, a riot in which religious fanatics and police took part, and in which a hundred shots were fired this afternoon, resulted in the death of one policeman, the fatal injury of two and the slight injury of three others. The dead:

ALBER O. DALLBROW.

Fatally injured: John Sharp, known as Adam God, a street preacher; Michael Mullane, policeman; Police Sergeant Clark.

Slightly injured: Harry Stege, policeman; George N. Hoyt, probation officer.

The trouble occurred about 4 this afternoon while the street was crowded with persons. While the battle was in progress the participants traversed the entire block, the final stage of the fight being enacted directly across the street from the entrance to the police station. Hoyt went to investigate the case of an alleged abduction which had reached him. He came upon Sharp, who was surrounded by companions and was exhorting to the crowd of street loafers.

With Sharp was a woman and five children ranging in age from 14 down to 3. The officer's suspicions were aroused by the manner in which the woman attempted to secure money contributions from the crowd, and Hoyt decided that she and her male companions were not the proper persons to have the custody of small children.

the eye and Mullane in the back. In the meantime a riot call was sounded and the police appeared from all directions. Officers crowded in on Sharp and his followers, shooting as they went, but taking care not to injure the children. When the firing ceased Adam God laid fatally wounded through the head and body.

The children were taken in charge by the police. Sharp's companion, Louis Pratt, father of the children, was taken into custody. He was not injured. Part of the children were taken in charge by the police. The women and some of the children escaped to a houseboat on the river. The police, 50 in number, followed. The women barricaded the houseboat, where they defied the officers. The boat was but a few feet from the bank, and the police rushed it, the woman dropped her gun, and, taking two of the children, ran to the back of the boat, cut the boat loose and began to row to the middle of the river.

The officers called to her to stop, but she only applied the oars more vigorously. Without further warning the police poured a volley into the boat, one bullet striking Lula Pratt, aged 13, tearing away the greater part of her face. She died from the wounds tonight. The woman then surrendered. She said she was Pratt's wife and the mother of the children.

NEW GAME LAWS.

State Association Proposes Several Amendments.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 5.—Officers of the Oregon Fish and Game association will propose extensive amendments to the existing game laws of the state at the coming session of the legislature. A committee, representing the association, of which A. E. Gebhardt is secretary, is revising the various sections of the code with reference to the protection of fish and game. It is the purpose of the committee to simplify the state's statutes on this subject so that the average citizen by reading the law will be able to place an intelligent construction in its provisions.

"The committee expects in about two weeks to complete the first draft of the law as we will seek to have it amended," said Mr. Gebhardt yesterday. "We are taking considerable pains and devoting a great deal of our time that laws which will protect our fish and game may be formulated for the consideration of the state's lawmakers. A mistaken impression prevails that those laws in the past have been framed in the interest of the city sportsman exclusively rather than for the protection of the fish and game. In its work the committee is doing everything in its power to dissipate that idea. What is needed in this state is legislation that will protect and multiply the state's fish and game, regardless of any selfish interest. What is more it is the intention of the committee to suggest uniform laws that shall apply in all counties alike. Endless confusion we find has resulted from the laws as they are now constituted from the fact that different restrictions are imposed in practically every county of the state."

In response to a general demand alike from the hunters and the farmers, the committee will recommend a law establishing a closed season of at least two years for the protection of the Chinese pheasant. Another law will be suggested prohibiting the killing of elk for a period of five or six years.

The legislature also will be asked to provide a bounty fund on crows, wolves and cougars. Between crows and the animals named it is asserted by members of the committee that more birds and other game are killed annually than by the sportsmen. It is for that reason the committee believes the state should make provision for this sort of protection. Under the present law the county courts are empowered, if deemed expedient, to provide such a bounty fund, but the members of the committee feel that the expense should be borne by the state directly rather than by any one county or group of counties since the benefits following such a policy are state wide and not confined to the community in which such a tax is levied.

As a result of considering several bills amendatory of the state law relating to trout at the 1907 session it was discovered after the legislature had adjourned that the provision for

a closed season for trout had been repealed. The result has been that trout fishing has been legal during any month since February, 1907. This defect in the law for the protection of trout will be corrected this winter if the recommendations of the committee of the Oregon Fish and Game association are adopted.

There is a demand from many sources that the law which forbids the sale of ducks in the market be repealed. It has been suggested to the committee that in arranging for the sale of ducks in the market the limit that can be taken any week be reduced from 50 to 35. In recommending this legislation, the committee will propose that dealers in game be required to keep a record of all purchases, the number of ducks bought, together with the date and the name of the man from whom they were bought. This record shall be open to inspection by the state game warden.

Various other provisions of the game laws of the state will be revised purely in the interest of protection.

WOMAN SUFFRAGISTS.

Make Wild Demonstration Against English Chancellor.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The gulf between the suffragists and anti-suffragettes, the latter being the term generally used to the desirable militant section of the woman agitators who believe in street riots and the attacks on the cabinet ministers as the quickest means of obtaining the ballot for their sex, was further widened this afternoon through the fierce demonstration by the suffragettes at Albert against David Lloyd George, chancellor. The chancellor was addressing a suffrage meeting, but had hardly started when he was interrupted by cries, "We want deeds, not words."

The stewards of the hall, there being about 350 on hand to deal with anticipated disturbances, at once started to eject the women. They found the latter chained to their seats. This confused the struggle, but finally the chains were cut and the suffragettes expelled. Numbers of the disorderly persons seemed to increase rather than diminish.

Some of the women were armed with whips and they repelled every attempt to eject them. There were fierce struggles in every part of the hall every few moments and every time George made an attempt to speak his voice was drowned by groans and hisses.

When the uproar was at its height and when dozens of suffragettes who had been recently released from prison, discarded their outer wraps and appeared in their jail garb. These exhibitions acted on the sisterhood like a red rag on a bull. Megaphones and bells were brought into use and the noise was deafening. The stewards at length lost their tempers and as they continued throwing out the disturbers, the clothing of many was torn off their backs.

Finally, after half an hour of opposition they became exhausted, and George was allowed to proceed without further interruption. He assured the audience that the majority of the cabinet favored woman suffrage and that suffrage clause would be included in the government's franchise bills.

CHLOROFORM CASE.

Physician Uses Novel Means of Rupturing a Holdup Man.

PORTLAND, Dec. 7.—Dr. William Elsen, whose offices are in the Alliskey building, cured a hold-up man this morning of what ailed him—a desire to stick the doctor up—and did it neatly and effectually. He chloroformed the footpad.

The repulse of the robber is unique in the annals of the Portland hold-ups. Dr. Elsen was returning about 6 o'clock this morning from a professional call, when, at the corner of Seventeenth and Overton streets a man dressed like a workman and carrying a small black dinner pail, suddenly loomed up out of the fog with the demand that the doctor put up his hands.

But Dr. Elsen's hands failed to be elevated. Instead, he dropped his medicine case and snatched a bottle of chloroform from his pocket. With all his force he dashed this into the footpads face. The bottle broke and the burning fluid ran down into the hold-up's eyes. That was enough for him. Abandoning all idea of frisking the doctor's pockets, he ran screaming into the street and disappeared once more into the fog whence he had emerged.

A good description of the man was given by Dr. Elsen to the police, who are looking for him.

ELEVEN KILLED IN EXPLOSION.

Twenty-Six Others Are Injured and Are Not Expected to Survive.

CALCUTTA, India, Dec. 8.—The explosion of a magazine at the military station yesterday killed 11 men and wounded 26 others, most of whom will die. A few of the dead and injured are natives, but most of the list are British soldiers. The accident is the worst of its kind for several years. The origin is not known, but there will be an investigation made. At first suspicion was laid upon the natives, who are opposed to English rule, and all magazines and forts are watched closely.

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LOST—November 9, on the road between Medford and Perry Foster's, on the road to Trail, a black pocketbook, day book or journal, with the name of Austin Green, Eagle Point, in it. The finder will please return to Austin Green, Eagle Point, and receive a reward. 164-1t-w.

FOR SALE—Ranch of 811 acres, 100 acres plow land, 100 more capable of being cleared and plowed, balance pasture and timber; good fruit land, plenty of water, buildings worth \$3000; hay, grain, stock and implements go with the place; will take small ranch or town property for part or all; "dry" town preferred; correspondence solicited. Frank Wixson, Myrtle Creek, Or. 4t

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